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## Canton library getting major facelift

By Darrell Clem  
Staff Writer

After saving money on a decade and riding out an economic storm, Canton Public Library officials have revealed plans for the second-biggest renovation since the building opened in 1988.

The \$361,733 project is expected to force a two-day shutdown Feb. 3-4 while the Plymouth-based contractor, Library Design Associates, conducts interior demolition work. Afterward, certain sections of the facility face temporary closures and patrons will be diverted to alternative entrances.

"We should be substantially done by the end of February," library Director Eva Davis said.

The renovation is set to usher in a more patron-friendly, modern, streamlined configuration that marks the biggest project since the library at 1200 S. Canton Center received an addition in 2001.

"It's very exciting," said Laurie Golden, marketing and communications department head. "It's going to be really nice when it's done."

Here's why:  
 » A circular service desk near the front entrance will serve patrons, offering check-out counters, reference help and one-on-one assistance with Kindles and other digital devices.  
 » The remodeled space, amounting to 7,800 square feet of the \$3,000-square-foot building, will better accommodate patrons with disabilities and

improve traffic flow for all visitors.

» New furniture and additional seating will adorn the section where a fireplace is located.

» The remodeled area will get new carpet and vinyl plank flooring.

» The business center featuring copiers, fax machines and printers will become more accessible by being moved to what is now the library area.

» More self-check-out stations will be added.

Davis said the remodeling project reflects a supportive library board that has saved money for the last decade to accommodate the changes, though officials delayed moving ahead amid an economic recession that hurt tax revenues.

"We were being very frugal," Davis said.

The project isn't expected to have any major impact on areas where books and other materials are kept. Moreover, the bulk of disruptions are expected to last no more than a month.

The library, which has been hailed as Michigan's busiest single-branch library, has 90,000 card holders, 65,000 of whom live in Canton. It has materials in numerous languages to serve the township's diverse population.

For more information about the renovations or to see the floor plan, go to [www.cantonpl.org](http://www.cantonpl.org).

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The Plymouth-Canton Board of Education has hired a consultant to help examine how the district delivers transportation services to more than 10,000 students a day. BILL BRESLER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

## FIRM LOOKS AT DISTRICT TRANSPORTATION ISSUES

By Brad Kadrich  
Staff Writer

Plymouth-Canton administrators have said the district is responsible for transporting more than 10,000 students some 1 million miles a year with its 124-bus fleet.

On Tuesday, the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education approved the spending of some \$44,000 to hire a transportation consultant to come in and help district officials figure out the best way to deliver those services.

The consultant, Annapolis, Md.-based School Bus

Consultants, is expected to be on the ground as early as this week looking at every angle of the district's transportation operation.

By the time the group is finished — a final report is expected by the end of March — the district could make decisions ranging from changing or eliminating bus routes all the way to finding a new contractor to provide transportation services.

"They're going to provide us some recommendations around evaluating our current operation," said Brodie Killian, the district's deputy superintendent for

business and operations. "We're going to look at everything — route locations, the organizational structure, the contractor, our contract. The goal here is to create a state-of-the-art, technologically advanced program that's cost-effective and broadens services."

Superintendent Dr. Michael Meissen told board members transportation was one of the areas looked at in the recent systems analysis that was done in the district.

The consultant costs will be paid from the transportation budget and from other money identified in

the 2013 bond proceeds, Meissen pointed out. Hiring the consultant, he said, would help the district figure out how best to make the operation more effective.

"The spotlight is on in that area," Meissen said. "We're looking at how can we get kids to and from school and other kinds of expanded services."

The firm's first order of business, according to Killian, is to help the district complete a fleet management review. As part of its work, the consultant will

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## Local leaders split on Snyder's speech

By Brad Kadrich  
Staff Writer

Gov. Rick Snyder Thursday used his annual State of the State speech to paint a rosy picture of a state on the comeback trail.

In the final address of Snyder's first term, the governor talked — in less specific detail than some observers would have liked — about improvements for schools, municipalities, veterans and the environment.

And much of his speech was spent on improvements in the state's economic status since he was elected in 2010.

"We had a broken system in Michigan," Snyder said. "We've become the comeback state, but our work is not done. It's about keeping your foot on the gas."

Snyder cited gains in employment, personal income and population growth, among other measures in his hour-long speech.

State Sen. Patrick Colbeck, R-Canton, said the governor's speech "provided clear evidence" Michigan is on the comeback trail, after what he said were "years of decline known as the 'lost decade'."

"Our residents are now finding more and more well-paying job opportunities... As a result, more of our family members are now staying in Michigan, to the delight of many parents and grandparents," Colbeck said. "Our population is finally growing again. Property values are up. New home sales are up. Our spirits are up."

Among other things, Snyder pledged:

» An extra \$65 million for the Great Start early childhood education program to eliminate the waiting list for low-income kids.

» Expansion of Meals on Wheels and in-home programs for seniors, with more measures aimed at seniors to be announced in a special message this year.

» Requiring more financial information from local governments and school districts as a way of providing early warnings of local units heading into financial distress.

» Funding to fight invasive species, particularly the Asian long-horned beetle, which is heading north toward Michi-

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## Price: Wayne County veers toward EM

By Darrell Clem  
Staff Writer

Sinking deeper into a \$200 million budget hole, Wayne County is sliding toward state intervention and likely faces an emergency manager unless drastic measures are taken to shrink spending, a local official said.

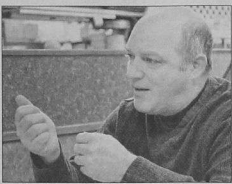
"I think it's going to be very difficult to stave off an emergency manager," said 10th District Wayne County Commissioner Shannon Price, who

represents Canton, Plymouth and Plymouth Township. "Are we heading there? Yes. Can we stop it? Possibly."

Wayne County faces a situation similar to Detroit, barring a willingness to slash spending, restructure collective bargaining agreements and sell off assets such as a wastewater plant, Price said — issues that are contentious, at best.

His blunt assessment

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Wayne County Commissioner Shannon Price says the county could be facing an emergency manager. BILL BRESLER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



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comes midway through his first two-year commission term. Price, R-Canton, shared his views with the Observer during an interview at the Canton Coney Island.

Price said efforts to make the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department more accountable, partly by creating a new three-county authority, could begin to reel in spending.

"I think the new authority will help stabilize rates and give more representation to suburban communities," he said.

Price also said halting a county jail project and saving on costs — and finding an alternative plan — should help.

Price's forecast wasn't entirely gloomy. He said strides have been made to improve financial transparency, return more parks millage dollars to local communities, force county elected leaders to become more frugal and secure much-needed money for 10th District road improvements.

On the campaign trail, Price had pushed for a spotlight on Wayne County spending. He said strides have been made by placing much financial data on [www.waynecounty.com](http://www.waynecounty.com).

prompting Sunshine Review, a nonprofit pro-transparency group, to raise the county's letter grade from D-minus to B.

"We're not where we need to be, but to go from failing to a B is a huge accomplishment," Price said.

On other issues: Despite criticism from officials such as Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy, a new state legislation hailed by Price means Worthy and other officials would have to file lawsuits demanding more funding through the Court of Appeals.

Critics say the measure lessens the chances of victory by elected officials and hampers their depart-



Wayne County Commissioner Shannon Price says the county could be facing state intervention. Bill Hessler | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

ments from doing their jobs. Price disagreed: "It's one way to try to reel in spending that is out of control."

Price vowed to push for a larger share of parks millage dollars for local communities, saying the 10th District gets only \$192,000 a year, or 15 percent of the taxes it pays. He has chosen to divide the money proportionately among Canton, Plymouth and Plymouth Township, allowing local officials to choose projects rather than having him pick "winners and losers."

Price said he fought to restore \$75,000 a year for a Wayne County therapeutic recreation program that serves disabled residents from 11 communities at Canton's Summit on the Park. Canton Township Treasurer Melissa McLaughlin has called it "a very effective program."

Price, working with local officials, said funding has been secured for road projects, including the widening of Beck Road to three lanes between Warren and Ann Arbor Road in 2015, a traffic signal this year at Beck and Saltz and the impending widening of Cherry Hill west of Canton Center to accommodate two new schools.

Price also pledged he is working with county officials to try to improve road-clearing efforts after a recent snowstorm fueled widespread complaints.

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evaluate enrollment trends and route locations and help the district evaluate the type of technology it wants to have on the buses.

"The biggest things we're interested in are safety components, but we also want to make sure we get the right video and global positioning systems," Killian said.

"Maybe we move toward that digital era, but it may be cost-prohibitive. We will be exploring all new technologies."

The move does not mean the district will change its policy of privatizing its transportation system. While the district will likely con-

tinue to own its buses, Killian said the consultant will also evaluate the current delivery model, up to and including the quality of the contractor, Michigan Educational Transportation Services.

The district has had some problems with the company since it privatized a few years ago, including a recent death of drivers.

"Part of their evaluation is going to be to see the current delivery model of an outsourced driver the right one or is there a better model out there?" Killian said. "We believe it's time to re-evaluate. It's beyond just the contractor ... Is our routing software up to date? Is our technology in the bus garage up to date? Is the utilization of GPS and cameras and other new technologies?"

If a change in contrac-

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**BRODIE KILLIAN**  
deputy superintendent

tors is made, Killian said, a premium will be established on keeping Plymouth-Canton bus drivers on their routes, with whatever vendor has the contract.

"A big part will be the whole delivery model and in that is an evaluation of METS," Killian added. "It is possible METS won't be with us. Our bus drivers are well-valued and provide a critical service. Any driver who is truly committed will be able to stay with us."

Killian said the

\$44,000 cost of the consultant can be more than justified — and more than offset — by the potential savings that could be included in the final analysis.

With a transportation budget of some \$6.5 million, each of the district's 124 routes costs some \$53,000, according to Killian.

"We want to strive for a better, safer and more efficient system and that alone justifies the expenditure," he said. "(But) considering declining enrollment, shifting population and what we hope are efficiencies, normally you'd find some sort of (bus route) consolidation. If we save one route, the relationship pays for itself."

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gan and threatens the state's hardwood trees.

"Those are all part of what state Rep. Kurt Heise, R-Plymouth Township, called a "very upbeat, positive speech."

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State Rep. Dian Slaves, D-Canton, poses with Canton resident Sommer Foster before Gov. Rick Snyder's State of the State speech Thursday.

more detail.

"It's nice to hear he wants to focus on public education, roads and jobs," Slaves said.

"Those are his main goals, but he didn't get specific about it. It's one thing to say, 'I believe we need to fund schools,' but how's he going to do it?"

With nearly a \$1 billion surplus, Snyder talked about limited tax relief for Michigan families, but said it must be part of a broader plan that includes reducing the state's debt and adding to Michigan's Rainy Day Fund.

demonstrated that the days of responsible governance are not gone," Colbeck said.

"Our state government consistently balances our budgets in a timely manner. We consistently demonstrate relentless positive action on behalf of those we represent."

At the start of his speech, Snyder called for more civility and recognition that "differences are a positive." Although he didn't use his name, Snyder was apparently talking about recent anti-gay and anti-Muslim remarks made by Republican National Committee member Dave Agema. Snyder said Michigan residents should "work to bring people together, not divide them."

Slaves thought it was important for Snyder to make the point.

"We all were very happy he talked about staying positive and being kind to one another," Slaves said.

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**WHAT'S NEW IN RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS**

In this case, what's new is something old. Moreover, the innovation does not depend on the discovery of another drug, or a recent insight into what causes rheumatoid arthritis. Rather, this treatment takes medications already used in rheumatoid arthritis and arranges them in a different way.

At the moment, the usual standard for treating rheumatoid arthritis is to start with methotrexate and if that doesn't help enough, add an anti-TNF medication such as Enbrel, Humira, or Simponi. In most instances, methotrexate alone does not control joint inflammation, but in combination with an anti-TNF works fine. Drawbacks to the regimen are 1) the cost is high, and 2) the risk exists of infection with unusual organisms such as tuberculosis, histoplasmosis, legionella and listeria.

The new regimen uses three old medications: hydroxychloroquine (Plaquenil), methotrexate and sulfasalazine (Azulfidine). The advantages of this regimen are 1) the low cost; a year of these drugs is less than the cost of one month of methotrexate plus an anti-TNF; and 2) the effect on the immune system is smaller than with an anti-TNF.

The drawback is obtaining patient compliance. Taking hydroxychloroquine means 2 tablets a day, methotrexate requires the patient to take up to 8-10 tablets over a 24-hour period once a week (in pill form exists), and the usual dose of sulfasalazine is 4-6 tablets daily. Quite literally that is a hard regimen to swallow.

However, European patients have done very well for ten years, which shows it is possible and that in treating rheumatoid arthritis the approach works.

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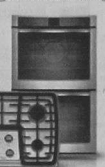


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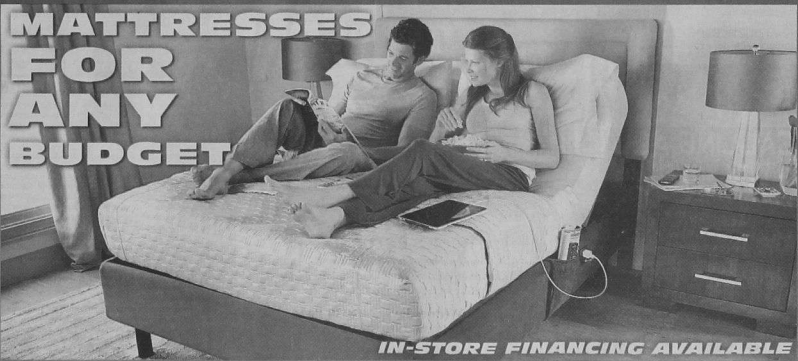
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## Canton senior wins STARS award

By Brad Kadrich  
Staff Writer

Canton High School senior Claudia Montgomery just wanted to help people. Needing a community service project for her National Honor Society program, Montgomery found a perfect partner and a satisfying way to help.

Montgomery used her winter break to collect coats, hats, boots and other items and worked with PBJ Outreach, a metro Detroit outreach program, to get those items delivered to homeless people in Detroit, where PBJ does a lot of work.

For her efforts, Montgomery, daughter of Colleen and Tom Montgomery of Plymouth, was honored Tuesday by the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education with its Students with Tenacity Achieving and Reaching Success award.

"PBJ goes to Detroit and gives people food, clothing and a smile," Montgomery said. "I really enjoyed seeing how much they appreciated it."

Soliciting other NHS members for donations and distributing some 250 fliers asking for help, Montgomery managed to collect, among other things, 103 winter coats, 143 pairs of boots, 35 wind breakers, 34 pair of pants, 30 hats, 20 pairs of gloves, a dozen sweaters and 42 tops.

She donated it to PBJ, an ecumenical group of people volunteering their time



Canton High School senior Claudia Montgomery was recognized Tuesday by the school board, surrounded by (from left) board President Judy Mardigian, mom Colleen Montgomery, PBJ spokesperson Fran Crowe and dad Tom Montgomery. PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

and services to provide food, clothing and basic social services to homeless people as well as those who are below the poverty level, living in the depressed and impoverished areas of metropolitan Detroit. PBJ Outreach goes every Saturday morning to provide food, cold and hot drinks and clothing to approximately 250-350 homeless people.

PBJ spokesperson Fran Crowe told board members Tuesday she was "wowed" by Montgomery's effort. Crowe called Montgomery's donation was "the largest student donation ever done for

PBJ."

"She blew me away," Crowe said. "When she pulled up with four carloads of items, I almost fell over."

Board members were suitably impressed.

"I am in awe," new board President Judy Mardigian said. "They say it takes a village, but sometimes it takes one person. This was amazing."

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## ON CAMPUS Marquette University

Jessie Ronayne of Plymouth was named to the Dean's List for the fall 2013 semester at Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wis.

Ronayne is pursuing a bachelor of science degree in speech pathology and audiology.

Marquette University is a Catholic, Jesuit university that draws its more than 11,500 students from all 50 states and more than 75 different countries. Find out more about Marquette at marquette.edu.

## Baldwin Wallace University

Kayla Eyster of Canton was named to the Dean's List for the fall semester 2013 at Baldwin Wallace University, according to Stephen D. Stahl, provost.

Students who receive at least a 3.6 GPA for seven or more graded hours in a single semester are named to the Dean's List.

Baldwin Wallace University, founded in 1845, is an independent, co-educational university of 4,500 students in Berea, Ohio.

## 17 vie for Distinguished Young Woman honor

A group of women from throughout Michigan will be in Saline this week to compete in the 56th Annual Distinguished Young Women of Michigan Scholarship Program.

The program will be at 6 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 25, at Saline High School. The 17 contestants will compete for more than \$8,000 in college scholarships and the chance to represent Michigan at local events throughout the state and at the national finals in Mobile, Ala., in June. The scholarship program is based on academic scholastics, leadership, physical fitness and talent.

At the state program, contestants will perform an opening number and compete in a performing arts talent routine, a physical fitness routine and

self-expression. Contestants are also evaluated based on academic scholastics and interviews.

A final performance by the current Distinguished Young Women of Michigan, Anna Dai, also will be part of the event. Dai was selected as the top five talent and scholastic winner at the Distinguished Young Woman of America national program in last year's national program.

"This is one of the largest and most talented group of contestants that we have had and we are so excited for the public to come and support these accomplished young women," said Angela Bobo, Distinguished Young Women of Michigan state director.

Competing this year are:

Jordyn Boitos and Hailey Dotter from Wayne-Westland; Kayla Fryz and Chinese Mbanugo from Plymouth-Canton; Tori Hubbell, Alysha Ausmus and Carly Petersen from Irish Hills; Cassidy Nugent from Washtenaw County; Karyna Smith from Inkster; Caitlin Borke from Alpena; Akshaya Rajkumar from Oakland County; Claire Martin from Huron County; Ashley Peper from Northville; Alyssa Blight from Wyandotte; Mianna Gonczar from Romeo; Cionna Orr from Flint; and Stephanie Robinson from Detroit.

Tickets are \$18 and can be purchased at Saline High School the day of the event or by contacting the Michigan State Committee by email at Michigan@distinguishe-



Distinguished Young Women of Michigan's Class of 2014 include Cassidy Nugent (back row, from left), Kayla Fryz, Mianna Gonczar, Hailey Dotter, Caitlin Borke, Jordyn Boitos, Chinese Mbanugo, Alyssa Blight and Stephanie Robinson and (seated, from left), Ashley Peper, Claire Martin, Alysha Ausmus, Tori Hubbell and Cionna Orr. Not pictured are Carly Petersen, Akshaya Rajkumar and Karyna Smith.

dy.org. All proceeds go toward scholarship awards.

The Michigan State Program is part of the Distinguished Young Women of America, the largest and oldest scholarship program for high

school seniors in the country.

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# Canton officials revise street repair policy

By Darrell Clem  
Staff Writer

Canton residents who petition the township to create special assessment districts for street repairs are expected to have better cost estimates—and a potentially longer payment plan to ease their financial burden—under new rules adopted by township officials. The changes, approved Tuesday by the Canton Township Board of Trustees, come as four more subdivisions—Bi-Parkview Estates, Carriage Park condominiums, Windsor Park and Meadowbrook—have indicated a possible interest in

fixing streets, officials said. Road projects already are moving ahead in the Wethersfield condominium complex, southwest of Palmer and Haggerty, and in Lexington Square, a subdivision southeast of Cherry Hill. Municipal Services Director Tim Fans said the revised policy contains the following components:
» Subdivisions would pay a \$2,500 engineering fee to obtain a more precise estimate of costs before they begin to circulate petitions, rather than after.
» That's always been a concern when you ask someone to

sign a petition not knowing what the cost will be," Faas said. "This takes some of the uncertainty out of it."
» Canton could initiate road projects after receiving petitions for \$500,000 in work rather than \$1 million. That is expected to result in a shorter wait for subdivision street repairs due to the lesser amount for bonds.
» Subdivisions could have a 15-year payment schedule, rather than 10 years, if the amount they owe for work exceeds \$10,000 per property owner.
» The new policy adds more involvement in the process

from the township's bond counsel, finance staff, treasurer's office and assessor. Supervisor Phil LaJoy said the last policy was adopted in 2008, but talks about revisions emerged last year as the Wethersfield and Lexington Square projects came to the forefront. Faas said the aim is to help subdivisions have a better handle on their expenses prior to circulating petitions. That way, he said, residents could make more informed decisions about supporting or opposing projects. A majority of property owners had to sign petitions supporting a special assessment

district, or SAD, before the process can begin. Faas said the bulk of SADs pertain to street repairs, especially in aging subdivisions. However, residents also may petition the township for projects such as water mains and sewers. The township is expected to revise pamphlets that are given to subdivisions and residents seeking a special assessment district, so they will better understand the process going into it. dclcm@hometownlife.com 313-222-2238 Twitter: @CantonObserver

# Hopeful hosts forum on 7th Senate district

By Brad Kadrick  
Staff Writer

Plymouth attorney John Stewart, who spent six years in the state House of Representatives representing the 20th District, feels as though not enough voters have enough information about the newly redrawn boundaries of the state Senate 7th District. This dearth of information is of particular importance to Stewart, who plans to run for the 7th Senate seat this fall (he'll have to get through an August primary first). The seat is currently held by Republican Patrick Colbeck of Canton. So Stewart, term-limited out of the state House in 2006, has organized a community forum later this month at the Plymouth District Library. The forum is scheduled for 5-6 p.m. Monday, Jan. 27, at the library, 223 S. Main. "It's just an informational meeting on the new 7th state Senate District," said Stewart, who ran for the seat as an independent in 2010 and lost to Colbeck. "It's not a debate, it's an informational meeting." The meeting will be moderated by John Creasy, a public school teacher from Living-

ston County and vice president of the Citizens Against Government Overreach. Stewart said he invited Colbeck and Canton Democrat Dian Slavens, the current state representative for the 21st District who has announced she'll also seek the 7th Senate seat. The state Senate 7th District has included, until now, the cities of Belleville, Flat Rock, Gibraltar, part of Northville, Plymouth, Rockwood, Trenton and Woodhaven, along with Brownstown, Canton, Grosse Ile, Huron, Northville, Plymouth, Sumpter and Van Buren townships. The district has since been redrawn to include the Plymouths, Canton, part of Northville, Northville Township and the cities of Wayne and Livonia. Slavens said Thursday she was forced to decline Stewart's invitation because of a previous commitment. Colbeck said he's heavily involved in budget work. "I'm focused on problem-solving, not politicking right now," he said. bkadrick@hometownlife.com 313-222-8999 Twitter: @bkadrick

# Woman killed in one-car freeway crash

By Matt Jachman  
Staff Writer

An Ann Arbor woman died Thursday from injuries suffered in a one-car crash on M-14 in Plymouth Township. Kimberly Bauer, 53, was pronounced dead at Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills after being rushed there Thursday, said Lt. Mike Shaw, a Michigan State Police spokesman. Police are awaiting autopsy results and a final report on the accident in-

vestigation. The crash occurred just before noon on eastbound M-14, just west of Sheldon, Shaw said. The subsequent investigation and crash reconstruction closed a stretch of the freeway until about 3 p.m. Bauer, Shaw said, was driving a Toyota Prius and was apparently going too fast for road conditions when she lost control. The car went into the ditch in the freeway median, he said, and rolled over sever-

al times. "She wasn't belted in at the time, so she was ejected from the vehicle," Shaw said. There were no passengers in the Prius and no other vehicles were involved in the crash, he said. There were no preliminary indications that drugs or alcohol played a role in the crash, Shaw said. mjachman@hometownlife.com 313-222-2405 Twitter: @mattjachman

# W-W trustees pick Walker to lead school board

By Sue Mason  
Staff Writer

The Wayne-Westland Board of Education has picked Shawna Walker to serve as its president for 2014. A member of the board since 2008, Walker replaces Carol Middel, who decided to step down. Walker moves up from the job of treasurer, which she had held for two years. "This is a new seat for me. I'm sure I'll make some mistakes along the way," the Westland resident said during the board's organizational meeting last week. "Thank you for trusting me to lead you."



Walker

Middel, who had indicated at the board's December meeting that she would not seek a third term as president, replaces John Goci as secretary. "I served 2½ years as president, some days were diamonds, some days were rocks," the Canton resident said in vacating the president's seat. "However, more days were diamonds." The board also decided to keep Thomas Buckleaw of Wayne as vice president and tapped Frederick Weaver of Westland as treasurer.

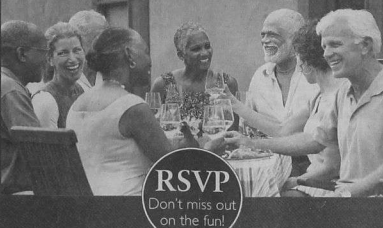
Trustee Charles "Trav" Griffin, who opted not to seek a board office, congratulated the new leadership team, telling officers that he looked forward to working with them. "We're here to work together, we're here to do that," he said. "I'm looking forward to working with the board and school officers for the betterment of this district." Goci also offered his congratulations to the new officers, telling them, "You have a huge task ahead of you." Obviously disappointed after failing to win the president's seat, he and Trustee Sally Madison had cast dissenting votes for the four nominees.

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## Schools search for alumni nominations

Wayne-Westland's John Glenn and Wayne Memorial high schools are putting out a call for nominations for their respective alumni awards.

The Faculty Council at John Glenn is seeking nominations for the recipient of the Distinguished Alumni Award. The graduation ceremony now includes the presentation of the award to a graduate who has gone on to achieve excellence.

People can nominate a John Glenn graduate who has earned distinction in their field of endeavor or following graduation by contacting Karen Duhl, counseling secretary at John Glenn High School, in writing at 36105 Marquette, Westland, MI 48185 or by phone at 734-419-2332. The deadline is Feb. 21.

The Faculty Council will review all applications and select the nominee to be honored with this year's commencement ceremony May 31. Wayne Memorial also is looking for nominations for its Distinguished Alumni Medal.

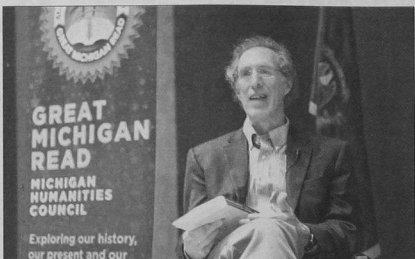
"We have had many outstanding people graduate from Wayne Memorial," Principal Kevin Weber said. "Many have contributed significantly to the betterment of society on a local, state, national or international level. The Distinguished Alumni Award is our way of honoring an outstanding graduate on an annual basis."

This award also has become a part of the annual commencement ceremony of Wayne Memorial High School. Each winner is awarded a medal with the school seal.

"This is an opportunity for our current graduating class to hear first-hand from a former alumnus who has made his/her mark on society," Weber said.

Nominations can be sent to Pam Rawson, secretary to the principal, at Wayne Memorial High School, 3001 Fourth St., Wayne, MI 48184 or by phone at 734-419-2206.

An announcement of the winner will be made in mid-May and the recipient will then be honored at commencement May 31. Nominations are due by Feb. 24.



Steve Luxenberg, the author of "Annie's Ghosts," will be at Schoolcraft College on Thursday, Jan. 30, as part of the Great Michigan Read. DAVE TRUMPER

## Schoolcraft's Pageturners host author Steve Luxenberg

Pageturners, Schoolcraft College's book discussion club, will host a special Meet the Author event, featuring the author of *Annie's Ghosts: A Journey into a Family Secret*, the book selected for the 2013-14 Great Michigan Read project.

Detroit native and associate editor of the *Washington Post*, Steve Luxenberg, will discuss *Annie's Ghosts*, what inspired the book and his insights into the writing process with students, faculty, staff and the community during his visit at 1:15 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 30, at the Vis-Tech Center on the college's main campus on Haggerty, north of Six Mile, in Livonia.

*Annie's Ghosts* is part memoir, part detective story and part history. As the author tries to understand his mother's reasons for hiding her sister's existence, Luxenberg takes readers on a journey into his mother's world of the 1930s and 1940s, where he explores how a poor immigrant family manages life with a child who has special needs.

*Annie's Ghosts* is a story about family secrets, personal journeys, genealogy, mental disability and illness, poverty and immigration. It is a story of re-framing one's self-understanding once a family secret is revealed, providing insight into how our identities are shaped by learning something shockingly new about our history.

Two additional student-led book discussions will be held at 4 p.m. Monday, Jan. 27, and at 1:20 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 28, in the Bradner Library on the main campus. Pageturners also will host a movie screening of *Stories We Tell* at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 29, in Liberal Arts on the main campus.

*Stories We Tell* is a documentary by Sarah Polley that explores her family's secrets - including one related to Polley's own identity - and looks at the relationship between Polley's parents, including the revelation that the filmmaker was the product of an extramarital affair.

Upcoming Pageturners book discussions

and events will focus on *The Great Gatsby* in February and *Picking Cotton* in March. All Pageturners events and activities are free and open to the public. Copies of the selected books are available at the Schoolcraft College bookstore at a discounted price.

For more information about Pageturners, go online to sites, [google.com/site/scpageturners/](http://google.com/site/scpageturners/).

The Great Michigan Read is a biennial program of the Michigan Humanities Council that creates partnerships with schools, libraries, museums, religious organizations and other organizations in Michigan for a statewide reading discussion, focusing on a single literary title.

The program is intended for young adults to senior citizens with a broad goal of making literature more accessible and appealing while also encouraging residents to learn more about the state of Michigan, its history and future. Visit [michiganhumanities.org/programs/tgmrf/](http://michiganhumanities.org/programs/tgmrf/) for more information.

## Wayne-Westland offers in-district Schools of Choice for 2014-15

Wayne-Westland Community Schools will offer district residents a Schools of Choice program for the 2014-15 year for students in kindergarten through 12th grade.

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

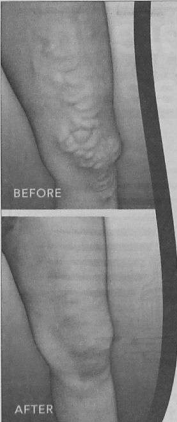
School district residents who would like their child to attend an elementary, middle or high school other than their school of residency must submit a 2014-15 Schools of Choice application, which will be available in every Wayne-Westland school by Friday, Jan. 31. The applications will be accepted in the Pupil Accounting Office at the Board of Education, 36745 Marquette, Westland, between Jan. 31 and March 3.

Applications received according to the time lines will permit, if space is available, selected students to begin the 2014-15 year in their school of choice. If more students apply for a grade/building than there are openings, a random selection process will be used to select students. The names of students not selected will be placed on a waiting list for 2014-15.

Current Schools of Choice students must reapply to remain eligible for the program next year.

After the deadlines, Schools of Choice applications will be accepted until Aug. 28 at the elementary or middle school the parent/guardian would like the child to attend. These names will be added to the 2014-15 school year waiting lists on a first-come, first-served basis. Building principals will use the waiting lists to notify qualified students of an opening. Building principals will be allowed to place Schools of Choice students only through Sept. 19. No Schools of Choice placements will be made after this date.

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



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# W-W STUDENTS SCORE BIG WITH AUTO SHOW POSTERS

By Sue Mason  
Staff Writer

The graphics design program at Wayne-Westland's William D. Ford Career Technical Center is continuing its winning ways in the North American International Auto Show high school poster contest.

Three students at the center took home four of 16 awards given out in the annual contest, which drew a record 989 entries from 73 high schools from around the state.

The William D. Ford students swept the 12th-grade awards, taking first, second and third place. Jennifer Tigani, a senior at John Glenn High school, had a first for the contest, winning first and second places in the 12th-grade awards. She received \$750 in prize money. Ron Malmsten, a senior at the Tinkham Alternative Center, received \$100 after placing third in the 12th-grade awards. Veronica Peterson, a junior at John Glenn, received \$250 for her second-place finish in the 11th-grade awards.

"I was very happy with the entries we submitted this year," instructor Steve Paulsen said. "We submitted about 25 posters, all of which were well-designed and could have been winners. Many of the posters were also entered in Scholastic Art Awards and I'm sure they will do well as a strong addition to students' portfolios."

The NAIAS 2014 chairman Bob Shuman, a General Motors automotive designer, a College for Creative Studies instructor and a State Farm Insurance representative judged the posters. All winning entries are posted on the official NAIAS website, [naias.com](http://naias.com), and are on display at the auto show at Cobo Hall in Detroit now through Jan. 26.

The prizes ranged from \$1,000 for the Chairmen's Award, which went to Lindsey Simon, a 12th-grade student at Romeo Engineering and Technology Center in Washington, to \$100 honorable mentions at the 10th-, 11th- and 12th-grade levels. There also were awards for Designer's Best of Show-Digital, Designer's Best of Show-Traditional, Most Creative, Best Use of Color and Best Theme awards. Shuman selected the winning entry, which is in the official NAIAS program.

"The record number of entries speaks volumes about interest in NAIAS and global auto industry," Shuman said. "What is especially important is that these students exhibited the creative talent that is so critical to the success of



Jennifer Tigani of Westland shows off her posters that won first (at left) and second in the North American International Auto Show high school poster contest.

this industry. We congratulate the winning artists."

**'Visually pleasing'**  
Tigani's first-place poster displays the likeness of the auto show in a "colorful and simplistic yet visually pleasing way."  
"The winning poster was really fun to create with the colors and alignment," the Westland resident said. "It took some time to perfect the idea I was trying to portray, but the end result was very satisfying."

With the second poster, Tigani wanted to do something different from the "sleek and clean automotive posters" she has seen in the past. She decided to create a poster with a "real grungy look."

Tigani plans to pursue a career as professional graphic designer and illustrator. She plans to apply to the College for Creative Studies in Detroit, as well as various other art and design schools.

"I want to work to improve my skills," she said. "I want to do something great with my art and be happy doing it."

As for the prize money, she plans to use it to either buy a better computer to do more graphic design work and digital art or add it to her college fund.

Paulsen works with students, making suggestions to improve their entries. According to Tigani, he advised her to experiment with color in her posters. He also worked with Peterson, guiding her through the technical process.

"I'm new to graphic design and still learning

the software," Peterson said.

Her winning poster has a contrasting color scheme against the black background, making it attractive to the eye. It was created in Adobe Illustrator and is completely vector art.

The Westland resident is hoping to attend a visual arts college for traditional illustration and graphic design "to help my talents grow and flourish."

"I want to be successful in the future while still doing what I love," she said, adding that she plans to give a portion of her prize money to her family and put the rest in her college fund.

### Play on numbers

Malmsten's poster played off the numbers 2 and 5 for the 25th annual NAIAS and was paired with the show's logo. It was created using Adobe Illustrator and Photoshop. I grouped together the 2 and the 5.

"I used two raster technical drawings of an engine to add some detail in the background," the Belleville resident said. "I went through at least five different color studies and used the selected one out of popular outsider opinions."

He added that Paulsen provided a reference image that he used for inspiration.

Malmsten hopes to start his own design and printing business. He wants to make and sell various objects from home, including clothes, posters, 3-D printed sculptures, as well as do client work.

The prize money, he said, he will "probably stuff it in a hole in a wall and seal it up for some-

one to discover sometime in the future when paper money may be obsolete."

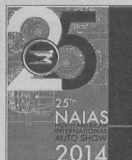
Paulsen has had his students enter the contest pretty much from when it started. He has described it as the best contest there is for students of their age.

"The prize money is very generous and the recognition the students receive is a real ego-booster," he said. "I really want to express my gratitude to the Detroit Auto Dealers Association for sponsoring the contest."

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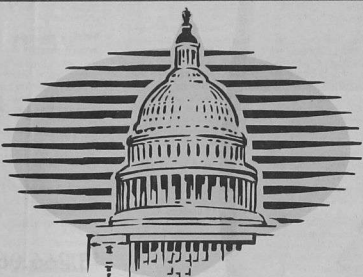


Veronica Peterson's winning poster has a contrasting color scheme against a black background. It was created in Adobe Illustrator and is completely vector art.



Ron Malmsten's poster plays off the numbers 2 and 5 for the auto show's 25th year and the NAIAS logo. It placed third in the 12th-grade awards.

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# Demmer Ford proud to be a partner

By Jay Grossman  
Staff Writer

Jack Demmer Ford is right across the street from the Michigan Assembly Plant, in the heart of Ford country.

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Located at 37300 Michigan Ave., the dealership has been part of the Wayne-Westland community for over 60 years. Heading into 2014, Faust sees a bright future.

"We've had increases every year the last four years in a row—and the momentum is still going," he said. "Ford has a tremendous product lineup... we've got a newly designed Mustang coming out in 2015, we've got the 2015 F-150 that's going to have an aluminum body."

"Six of our models have aggressive sign-and-lease" we've got the Fusion, the Focus,



The all-new Mustang was on display at the Detroit auto show. DAVID BLOOM

the Edge, Escape, F-150 and the Taurus. We also have an early bird program between now and May 31 in which we'll pay the last three lease payments on selected models."

It's turning into another banner year for the entire auto industry. Faust said the fact that Ford Motor managed to make it through the tough times on its own makes the recovery even

better. "Obviously they've been in a position where they didn't have to be given the government bail them out," he said. "Mr. Mulally has done a tremendous job turning the

company around—that's helped to hire a lot of people across the street. "The biggest problems we faced in this area are unemployment and people moving out of state, and that seems to have

come to a halt. Unemployment is gradually inching downward and people are no longer leaving to relocate elsewhere. I only see good things—there's no reason to think we're going to go backward."

As for the success of Jack Demmer Ford over the past six decades, Faust said the answer is found in the staff and the products.

"We've got an incredible amount of experience in sales and service," he said. "Our average seniority on the sales floor is 17 years, and because of that we get a ton of repeat business and a lot of referral business. We're a President's Award Winner—that's the highest honor Ford Motor can bestow on a dealership for service and customer satisfaction."

"But most of all, we have a real family environment here, and everyone who comes here is treated like family."

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## Detroit Lions' Joique Bell wows the fans at auto show

By Jay Grossman  
Staff Writer

With apologies to Joe Biden, it was Detroit Lions running back Joique Bell who stole the spotlight at the North American International Auto Show on Thursday.

Appearing at a Comcast business reception, Bell signed autographs for a crowd of fans, took photographs and talked about his future with the Lions.

"I'm a hometown guy and I love playing in Detroit. I think we have the best fans around in the league," said Bell, who played his college ball at Wayne State University and bounced around the NFL for several years before joining the Lions in 2012.

He's now one of the top production players on the team. Heading into restricted free agency, Bell said it's his desire to stay with the Lions.

"We really have some talent on the roster. I think we can go a long way," he said, adding the team needs to cut down on penalties if it wants to take that next step into the playoffs.

Bell, 27, who was born in Benton Harbor, was signed by the Buffalo Bills as an unrestricted free agent in 2010. While in college, he earned extra money working as a security guard for the Lions.

"I'd watch the other players coming into practice and told myself one day that's going to be me," he said. "And here I am."

That rags-to-football story had a positive impact on Bell. He's a



Lions running back Joique Bell hopes to return with the team in 2014.

hard-nosed player on the field, but a regular guy when the game is over. On Thursday, he was joking with the fans and practically begging them to ask him more questions.

He's looking forward to the upcoming season and is familiar with new Lions coach Jim Caldwell, having played for him in Indianapolis.

His least favorite place to play is Green Bay, and he's picking Seattle over Denver to win the Super Bowl this year.

He thinks the team's secondary will play much better next year, providing the players can stay healthy. His all-time favorite running back is the legendary Walter Payton.

Bell said he'll always appreciate former coach Jim Schwartz for believing in him and giving him a chance to run the ball. "It's an emotional time seeing him go because he's the one who brought me in," he said. "But he wished us the best and said he'll be cheering for us—unless he's across the sidelines."

## Time-traveling DeLorean on display at auto show

Film buffs heading to the North American International Auto Show will want to check out the iconic 1981 DeLorean DMC-12 that was used in the movies *Back to the Future* and *Rocketeers* by Brian Koppelman.

The car is completely restored and on loan from Universal Studios. It's making its appearance at an auto show and is located at the Covisint display along the front lobby of Cobo Hall.



"Back to the Future" is here at the auto show.

Fans will want look for the famous "flux capacitor" on the car, which we now know is the key to time travel.

## Comcast connects to industry

By Jay Grossman  
Staff Writer

Mobility is king when it comes to communications, and nobody knows that better than Comcast.

"We're growing tremendously and we're really expanding the product set, both from a data perspective and from a data perspective," said Jim Tyrrell, executive director of voice product management for Comcast. "We're building out a complete Wi-Fi network—having fast Internet speed in an office is great, but again a lot of people are going to be mobile."

Comcast hosted several receptions at the North American International Auto Show throughout Industry Week to tout its ever-growing presence in the business community. Comcast Business reported about \$2.4 billion in revenue last year, up from \$256 million in 2006.

"Comcast Business has over 5,000 employees today. We grew in seven years from nothing to 5,000 workers—that's a pretty big commitment to the business segment," said Tyrrell, who flew in Thursday from Philadelphia to spend the day at the auto show and meet with customers.

### Faster speeds, more data

Comcast Business is the senior vice president of the company's Heartland Region that serves 1.7 million customers in Michigan, Indiana, Kentucky and Arkansas. The headquarters are in Plymouth.

"Comcast Business is the focal point of our presence here at the auto show," said Collins, a former Northville resident who now lives in Birmingham. "It's the fastest-growing part of Comcast, yet most people just consider us a residential TV company. We're so much more than that."

By Nathan Mueller  
Staff Writer

Japanese automotive supplier Denso confirmed its commitment to North America with the announcement Tuesday at the North American International Auto Show of a \$10 million expansion to its North American headquarters in Southfield.

The investment, which also calls for the creation of 176 new jobs, includes the purchase of a new 120,000-square-foot office building on its current campus that will increase the company's research and development operations.

It was just last year that Denso used the North American International Auto Show to announce plans to invest more than \$150 million in facilities and add more than 400 new jobs to the state.

"As you can see, we are committed to the North American market, the most competitive and challenging market in



Jim Tyrrell, executive director of Voice Product Management for Comcast, talks about the cable industry at the Detroit auto show.

Consider these three markets that Comcast is targeting:

► The automotive industry, which Collins describes as incredibly "data-centric" in how it operates. "The industry is a very complex network of manufacturers, designers, vendors and dealers—there's a lot of linkage together and data is what links it all together. That's really the key."

► Governmental, universities and colleges: "Again, generally far-flung facilities that they need to stitch together with data pipes and video services."

► The medical industry: "Every hospital has doctor offices all over," said Collins. "And now they're getting into remote medicine where an X-ray diagnostic technician might be sitting in New York somewhere. You have an intense image that you need to send."

Along those same lines, there's the Affordable Care Act, which has a mountain of requirements for doctors in terms of record-keeping.

The Plymouth headquarters has around 550 employees and another

200 technicians that are staged out of the building. Comcast also recently opened a retail store in Plymouth where customers can check out the latest gadgets.

"This gives our customers a hands-on experience with our latest products," said Collins. "These are things people want to see and feel—they're not going to make a decision over the phone."

### The future is here

"By the end of the year there are going to be more mobile devices than there are people in the world," said Tyrrell. "I've heard from some analysts there are actually more mobile devices connected to the Internet than there are toothbrushes in the world."

As for the future, Tyrrell believes the data bandwidth is going to continue to explode. "He anticipates there will be a lot more connectivity from machine-to-machine, especially with cars."

He also believes there will be much more targeted advertising in the future, where customers will walk into stores and products will "recognize" them based on their mobile device.

Collins said the company sees itself as "standing between the intersection of media and technology... and it's dramatically changing the way we communicate and relate to each other."

He also said companies need to understand the difference between one generation and the next. "Consider the Millennial generation," he said. "Ten years ago if you saw someone in an office wearing headphones and listening to music while they were working, you'd throw them out of the office. You try doing that today and you're going to lose every Millennial you have in the building."

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## Denso plans \$10M expansion to Southfield headquarters

the world," said Terry Helgesen, senior vice president of industry and government affairs for Denso. "No one would have said this five years ago, but it is a great time to be in the automotive industry."

It is apparently a great time to be Denso as well, as they are exceeding expectations when it comes to the four-year plan of investing \$1 billion and creating 2,000 jobs in North America, including 1,200 in the United States.

In fact, they have already created more than 1,100 of the 1,200 jobs with 425 of them in Michigan.

The Southfield expansion will help with the development of next-generation technologies focused on improving fuel economy and safety, and will also support the development of components for electric hybrid vehicles, gasoline direct injection systems, high output alternators and infotainment and connectivity products.

"The city of Southfield has gone through some difficult economic times in the last five years, however, we are beginning to see some positive indicators of a strong economic comeback," said Mayor Brenda Lawrence.

"We are so pleased that Denso has their North American headquarters in Southfield, as they continue to grow with a \$10 million investment and expansion in the city."

"As we celebrate the auto industry resurgence and the 2014 North American International Auto Show, I am so very proud, excited and energized by Denso's continued growth which will help to fuel the economic comeback of the entire region."

### Making cars safer

The company also has formed the Advanced Human Factors Evaluator for Automotive Distraction consortium with the Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Agelab and Touchstone Evaluators to "develop new perspectives and methodologies for a holistic approach to measure driver demand," he said. "Ten years ago, senior manager of body control systems."

Initial partners include Honda and Subaru research and development, and Jaguar Land Rover.

Addressing safety issues as it pertains to teenage drivers is one of Denso's top priorities.

And instead of just asking drivers, they are studying them.

"We watch their eyes, we measure their heart rate, we measure their skin conductance and then we build a model around that understanding," he said.

The ultimate goal is to create a Human Machine Interface that will "manage and connect the sensors and hardware in the vehicle while know what impacts the driver inside and outside the vehicle."



# Bells and whistles: Luxury rides rule at the Detroit auto show

Most people go to auto shows to look at vehicles they might be inclined to buy one day.

Not me. I like to sit in cars I can't afford. And that's exactly what I did Wednesday while walking around the North American International Auto Show. Pass on the Civic, show me the Bentley.



Jay Grossman

I started with the 2014 Lincoln MKS, which tops out at around \$55,000. It boasts a great stereo, cockpit interior, all the latest technology, a terrific suspension system and a relatively new featured called the Lincoln Drive Control.

If the MKS is true luxury, the Ford F-350 King Ranch is all muscle and leather. The pickup truck offers plenty of leg room, second-row seating for three people and a stampele of amenities. It sells for around \$65,000. I don't need a pickup to cart my laptop, but I'll gladly cruise Woodward in the King Ranch.

From there, I hopped over to the 2014 Mazda 6 Grand Touring sedan that sells for around \$33,000. Very expensive looking, lots of detail, a very fine ride.

"I has all the bells and whistles of a luxury car," a company spokesman said. "The only thing it doesn't have is a luxury price."

Well, too bad, mister. I'm looking for a luxury. I kept moving.

Then I came upon Jaguar. They know what I'm talking about when I say "luxury equals big price tag." I was shown the Jaguar XJR, the company's flagship sedan that sells for around \$116,000.

The Jaguar spokeswoman started naming all the features, from supercharged engines to really nice tires. I felt like I had been there/done that — until she spoke two magic words: massage seats.

Yes, the seats give you a massage while you're driving. Or just sitting in your driveway, alone and happy. The family can wait. I need a massage first.

I left the XJR promising to return one day. Fickle me, I never gave Jaguar another thought as I came upon the 2014 Corvette Stingray, a.k.a. the North American Car of the Year.

It sells loaded for around \$74,000. Instead of me describing the car, here's what a woman standing nearby had to say about the Stingray: "People smile when they sit in that car. They feel hot. Their testosterone is going."

You want to feel hot?



Everybody loves a Bentley.

You want your testosterone to get going? Keep your massage seats, friend. I want the Corvette.

A rare Lexus LFA was on display nearby. The car sells for \$375,000 and only 500 were made. Jay Leno has the only convertible Lexus LFA ever built, while Paris Hilton owns a pink one.

I asked who owned the car, my friend, but they wouldn't give me a name. I asked if this unknown person would mind if I sat in their car and they said yes, the person would mind. I moved on.

I saw (but couldn't



Sitting in a Stingray Corvette will make you smile.

touch) the Porsche Panamera Turbo's executive series that sells for \$229,610. Same for the new Mercedes S-Class

Coupe that sells for around \$220,000 and the Bentley Mulsanne that sells for a smooth \$300,000 — look but don't



The new Mercedes Benz S-Class Coupe

touch. I checked out the Chrysler 300C John Varvatos Luxury Edition that starts at \$41,415 and was impressed with the "dark mocha wood interior accents." Actually, anything that makes me think of hot chocolate is impressive.

I wanted to end the day in old-school style and I found it in the all-new 2015 Escalade that comes out in October and will sell for upward of \$65,000.

Painted black, the Escalade felt fabulous in every way possible. All the gears are easily adjustable; the console doesn't overwhelm you with gadgets and the digital dashboard can bring up a 3-D GPS navigation system. It's a four-wheeled cruise ship for the rich and famous. I just want to come along for the ride.

Jay Grossman is a staff writer for O&E Media.



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# DIA director talks bankruptcy, museum changes at Town Hall

# Livonia library to show film on human trafficking

By David Veselenak  
Staff Writer

Detroit Institute of Arts Director Graham W.J. Beal told Livonia Town Hall members Wednesday morning of a story of a famous painting that was taken down for examination last year. It appeared workers picked the wrong day to take it down.

Beal said the painting was to be examined with some new technology the museum had. The only problem was, it was the same day it was determined the DIA could be forced to sell some of its collection to help pay Detroit's debt as a result of the city's bankruptcy filing.

"The day that it was announced that the collection was under threat because of the bankruptcy, we had some new digital photography and some new equipment," he said. "People said, 'Oh my goodness, they're actually selling (the art).'"

Beal spoke to several hundred people as a part of the Livonia Town Hall series at St. Mary's Orthodox Church. It was the third forum for the series, which brings in prominent speakers to talk about issues.

In addition to touching on the issues the DIA has had with the bankruptcy case, Beal spoke about the efforts the museum has made to make the facility more friendly to those who are not as well versed in art.

One effort, Beal said he employed, was to get more than just the curators involved in placing artwork around the museum to provide a different perspective.

"Rather than opening doors for people, we were actually putting up a screen for most people," he said. "I put to-



The crowd listens to DIA Director Graham Beal at Livonia Town Hall. BILL BRESLER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

gether teams, drawn from across the whole staff and for 18 months, in addition to their day jobs, people from PR development worked with curators and educators to learn about each collection and to draw out the stories of interest to them, not what was interesting to the curator.

Hearing more about the museum re-informed Pat Gransee's feelings that the DIA is a very important part of south-east Michigan and should be kept around no matter what happens with the bankruptcy case in Detroit.

The Novi resident said she had confidence area residents will rally behind the museum and do what they can to protect it.

"I think people will be in uproar," she said. "I think people will come back to support it."

The museum began looking at alternate ways of funding its projects several years ago after

much of its state aid was cut. It was decided to ask Detroit Metro voters for a millage to support the DIA. The millage was approved in 2012 by citizens in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties. That millage provides roughly \$23 million a year to the institution for operational costs.

"That makes us stable," Beal said. "Most American museums get that much from their own unrestricted endowment and that's what we're aiming for."

Beal, who came to the DIA in 1999 after serving at other museum in Los Angeles, San Francisco and Omaha, said he wanted to get patrons out of the habit of something he calls "gliding," something museum visitors do that gets them through the museum but only touches on the artwork's surface.

"After 45 minutes, you basically have 'done' the DIA," he said. "You haven't actually seen anything. You haven't



DIA Director Graham Beal speaks. Behind him is a slide of "The Wedding Dance" by Pieter Bruegel the Elder. BILL BRESLER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

actually likely experienced any sort of important feeling."

Livonia resident Helen Galindo said she could identify with Beal's description of how patrons walk through the facility. The most recent time she visited the museum, however, she was unable to walk as much, allowing her to take in more of the artwork on a detailed level that she hadn't before.

description of the museum shuffle, because that's always been the way it's been for me," she said. "For the first time, I was just able to sit and enjoy certain things that I hadn't had time to focus on while I was there.

"It was a wonderful experience."

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The Michigan Abolitionist Project will sponsor the free showing of a short movie Thursday at the Livonia Public Library to help teach youth and adults about the tactics of human traffickers and how to protect themselves.

The 20-minute film "Chosen by Shards: Hope International, is appropriate for those age 13 years and up. It will be shown at 7 p.m. in Room 8 of the Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile Road.

Chosen tells the story of two teenage girls decedved into trafficking. Eighteen-year-old Brianna was an honor-roll student and cheerleader and worked at a local cafe. Thirteen-year-old Lacey was a member of her youth group and a volunteer in her community.

Both were manipulated. Both were exploited. Both were chosen.

January is National Slavery & Human Trafficking Prevention Month.

Each year in the United States, more than 100,000 children are exploited in the commercial sex industry (National Center For Missing and Exploited Children). Because sex trafficking is an issue rarely discussed at home, in school or in church, parents and children are often unaware of the dangers that face America's youth.

MAP invites the community to learn what they can do to protect youth and to prevent human trafficking.

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The Contracts will consist of the following principal items of work and appearances as specified herein and shown on the Contract Drawings.

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The project scope consists of the necessary excavation, channel grading, placement of four (4) concrete pedestrian abutments and surface restoration including guard Turf Reinforcement Mat and Turf Restoration.

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Plans and Specifications may be examined at the Clerk's Office, Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170 on or after Monday, January 20, 2014. To obtain a copy of the plans and specifications they can be downloaded from the Michigan Inter-Governmental Trade Network website at [www.MITN.info](http://www.MITN.info) on Monday, January 20, 2014.

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Signed:  
Nancy Conzelmann, Clerk  
Charter Township of Plymouth

Published January 19 and 26, 2014.

# 'Camp Rock' eyed as another local hit for area kids

By Joanne Maliszewski  
Staff Writer

On the heels of last fall's *TARZAN The Stage Musical*—drawing young cast members from 31 schools who performed to sold-out audiences—the Farmington Hills Youth Theatre is counting on another Broadway favorite to continue riding the wave of success.

Auditions for *Camp Rock* are coming up and Mel Sheatley, youth theater director, urges kids throughout the area to jump on the bandwagon—as they did for *TARZAN*.

Auditions are scheduled for noon to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 25-26, at the Costick Center, 28600 11 Mile, in Farmington Hills.

"The auditions are very comfortable and easy," said Nancy Coumoundouris, Farmington Hills Cultural Arts Division supervisor. "We were so proud of the kids' performances in *TARZAN*. The feeling of camaraderie with the kids was exceptional."

And she wants kids to know they don't have to have previous theatrical experience. The youth theater program is designed to be fun. "We have had kids who never had any experience for *TARZAN* and we had some who had," Coumoundouris said.

No doubt about it, Sheatley said, auditions are not high pressure. "We try to make it fun. We play with the kids

before they audition. If they are not ready at a certain moment to audition, we tell them to take their time."

All audition materials are available online at [www.fhgov.com/youththeatre](http://www.fhgov.com/youththeatre).

Not that anyone is interested in auditioning has to practice in advance. "They can come in blind. There are people who will be there to help the kids," Sheatley said.

## A kid show

*Camp Rock*, a Disney production, is about the adventures of a group of talented kids who had planned to spend the summer jamming at the camp. Then they find out there is actually a newer and flashier camp in town. The focus of the musical is how the kids fight to keep their *Camp Rock* open.

Performances of *Camp Rock* will be at 7 p.m. Friday, April 25, 2 p.m. Saturday, April 26, and 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. Sunday, April 27. The show will run again the following weekend: 7 p.m. Saturday, May 3, and 2 p.m. Sunday, May 4. The show will be at the Costick Center Stage.

To give as many kids as possible stage time, Sheatley will have two casts for *Camp Rock*. She plans to cast 160 kids for each group.

"In this show, which is not normal, we have 22 speaking parts," Sheatley said. "But that's what makes *Camp Rock* so much fun."

Kids will have the



The Farmington Hills Youth Theatre draws cast members from surrounding communities. In last fall's "TARZAN The Stage Musical," West Bloomfield resident Joe Rankin played little Tarzan.

opportunity to sing, act and dance. There are also some roles, such as camp counselors, for adults.

Unlike *TARZAN*, which was filled with life messages, *Camp Rock* offers contemporary music and dance and is more about just having fun. The set and scenery, meanwhile, will also be what Sheatley called "upscale" with bleachers and the whole area painted in white. The stage for *Camp Rock* also will be extended some six feet.

Costumes will be made by Rachelle Williams, who also worked on the *TARZAN* attire. She measures the kids for the costumes so they fit.

As a mom whose two daughters grew up in youth theater, Sheatley encourages parents to let their kids give theater a try. It's fun and helps kids form long-lasting friendships while learning an art form, she said.

"From my perspective as a mom, it really helps build their confidence and self-esteem and ability to talk to anyone. It's also a fun experience to meet all kinds of kids in all age groups. It is neat to see the older kids mentoring the younger kids and the younger kids working to be like the older kids."



Costumes play an important role in the Farmington Hills Youth Theatre's productions. Hills resident Rachelle Williams takes charge of all on-stage attire for the shows.

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# Local actor takes canoe trip down memory lane in movie

By Beth Jachman  
Staff Writer

It was a joyous trip down memory lane for actor Robert Cicchini. That's how the Redford native describes his work on *WaterWalk*, a movie with a distinct Michigan and Midwest flavor. Soon to be released to video, the movie was made by actors and crew mostly from Michigan ranging from Cicchini, who grew up in Redford, to his friend cinematographer Bruce Schermer, who graduated from nearby Redford High School in Detroit, to Michigan natives producer Roger Rappoport and actor Chase Maser. "For that reason all the players took a lot of pride and joy in shooting this movie," Cicchini said. "For me personally, it was just kind of a joyous trip down memory lane. Cicchini, who attended St. Hilary Elementary and graduated from Redford Bishop Borgess,

now lives in Los Angeles pursuing his acting career. Cicchini has appeared in starring, co-starring, or supporting roles in more than 25 feature films. He also appeared in more than 50 guest-starring or recurring performances on television series programs *CSI*, *CSI NY*, *Desperate Housewives*, *NCIS*, *24*, *The Closer*, *Without a Trace* and *Coldcase*. His longtime friend Schermer, whom he met while both were attending Wayne State, recommended Cicchini for the part of laid-off newspaper editor Steve Faulkner. Cicchini also ended up directing the film, which tells the true story of Faulkner, who after he loses his job, goes on a 1,000-mile-canoe trip with his 17-year-old son Justin. Based on a book by Faulkner, the father and son reconnect during the journey. Rowing on the river Together they travel along Lake Michigan's



Robert Cicchini and Chase Maser on location for the film "WaterWalk."

northern shore, through Green Bay, up the Fox River, down the Wisconsin River and finally to the Mississippi River. The total shooting was around 30 days, but was split up over two summers, Cicchini said. "The film was very, very difficult physical-

ly," Cicchini said. "We had a skeleton crew so everyone had to wear more than one hat." "It was a difficult process," said Schermer, who was in town this week shooting a commercial for Detroit Mayor Mike Duggan and was on his way to the North American International Auto Show. "I had done some work on the water before and anything done on the water is difficult to do," Schermer said. They would get the canoes in the water on location, shoot, come back to shore and then move on to the next location, he said. And Cicchini and his co-star Maser, who played Justin, had very little experience in a canoe before filming. The crew went on location in the Upper and Lower Peninsula, Wisconsin and Iowa. "We were on the water everywhere we went," he said, including Lake Michigan, Lake Muskogean, the Huron River, Fox River, the Mississippi River and Lake Winnebago. "Shooting on water in and of itself is very difficult," Cicchini said. "The whole thing was on water." It was a low-budget film, so it was very taxing, he said. "The shoot was a lot of fun," Cicchini said.



Robert Cicchini and Chase Maser play a father and son in "WaterWalk."

## Memory lane

The places he went reminded him of childhood trips up north to "areas so dear to my heart." "It was a mix of love and joy," he said, of working in Michigan. Cicchini's parents now live in Bloomfield Hills and his wife is from Dearborn, so he returns home twice a year and brings his 10-year-old daughter, who also loves Michigan, he said. He even maintains a close bond with about a dozen friends from the now-closed Bishop Borgess High School. "There's a main crew of guys I hung out with," he said. They got together over the holidays. Also, during that time *WaterWalk* was featured at a special showing at the Redford Theater, which brought out about

400 people, Cicchini said. On Feb. 4, the film will be released nationally in video stores and other retailers for purchase and rental. It will also be available on Amazon and on demand via YouTube and Vudu, according to producer Rappoport. *WaterWalk* is currently available from [waterwalkthemovie.com](http://waterwalkthemovie.com). It has just been released through the end of January via video On Demand on 17 cable channels across the country, including Comcast, Cox, Time-Warner and Charter. A complete list is at [www.indemand.com](http://www.indemand.com) on the ordering information screen. "We continue to screen the film in theaters and there will be more showings this spring across the Midwest," Rappoport said.

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PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**Goodfellows fundraiser**

**Date/Time:** Tuesday, Jan. 21, noon to 10 p.m.  
**Location:** Carvel, 41990 Ford Road, Canton  
**Details:** The Canton Goodfellows and Carvel are partnering for a fundraiser 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.  
**Contact:** Email Kay Hartman-Kuck at khartma1@ford.com

**Scam prevention**

**Date/Time:** Wednesday, Jan. 22, 10:30 a.m.  
**Location:** Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, Plymouth  
**Details:** The Plymouth Council on Aging will host a "Scam Prevention Seminar." Melanie Duguesne, CEO of the Better Business Bureau, will discuss the latest scams targeted at the senior population. Attendees will learn the red flags of fraud and scams, the most recent and prevalent scams, how to avoid becoming a victim of a scam, the dos and don'ts of dealing with aggressive sales people and scammers, how to report scams and what to do if you are scammed and important resources for seniors.  
**Contact:** Contact RSVP to 734-453-1234, ext. 236.

**Jazz @ the Elks**

**Date/Time:** Tuesday, Jan. 28, 7-10 p.m.  
**Location:** Plymouth Elks Lodge, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth  
**Details:** Features the Nuevo Jazz Detroit Latin group with Duncan Jones on keyboard, Don Lewandowski on bass, Patrick Fitzgibbons on vibes, Chuck Golemba on drums and Jerry LeDuff on congas. Jazz @ the Elks happens on the last Tuesday of each month. There is a \$10 donation at the door which includes hors d'oeuvres.  
**Contact:** For more information, call 734-453-1780 or email plymouthelks1780@yahoo.com.

**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 Makenzi Ryder as well as the Plymouth Fife 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.plymouthhistory.org/event/A-Night-For-the-Museum\\_ET18.html?sa=Boaz201402](http://www.plymouthhistory.org/event/A-Night-For-the-Museum_ET18.html?sa=Boaz201402) 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 "Socks and Feet 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). Other new or gently used clothing will also be accepted. All donations are tax deductible.  
**Contact:** For more information, call 734-634-6837.

**Colbeck hours**

**Date/Time:** Monday, Jan. 27, 10-11 a.m.  
**Location:** September Days Senior Center, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township  
**Details:** State Sen. Patrick Colbeck and his district manager, Penny Crider, host a district office hour. Colbeck will be on hand to answer questions and respond to concerns any residents of his district may have. This will be an opportunity for local residents to meet with Colbeck to address issues related to state government. No appointment is necessary.  
**Contact:** For more information or to contact Colbeck, visit [www.senatorpatrickcolbeck.com](http://www.senatorpatrickcolbeck.com) or call 734-335-0673.

**West blood drive**

**Date/Time:** Wednesday, Jan. 29, 2:30-4:30 p.m.  
**Location:** West Middle School, 44401 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth  
**Details:** The West Middle School National Junior Honor Society hosts a Red Cross Blood Drive. Appointments can be made, and walk-ins are welcome.  
**Contact:** To get an appointment,



Cast members from Forever After Productions youth theater company take a break from rehearsals for "Shrek the Musical," opening Jan. 23 at the Village Theatre at Cherry Hill in Canton. Cast members include (from left) Brett Moore, 16, a student at Canton High School who is a Shrek understudy and will perform in Sunday's noon show; Sara Garczynski, 18, from Salem High School, who is one of three Fionas in the night cast; C.J. Hayes 18, of Schoolcraft College, who plays Donkey in the night cast; Connor Rhoades, 21, from Schoolcraft College, who is Shrek for all shows; Kaiti Szczepanik, 18, from Plymouth High School, one of three Fionas in the day cast; and Dante Hill, 18, of Skyline High School in Ann Arbor, the day-cast Donkey. Performances are 7 p.m. Jan. 23-25, 2 p.m. Jan. 25 and noon and 3 p.m. Jan. 26. Tickets are \$17 and are available at [www.Show1ix4U.com](http://www.Show1ix4U.com) or at Forever After Productions, 50429 Independence, in Canton.

ment, log on to [www.redcross-blood.org](http://www.redcross-blood.org) (sponsor code: pcc2) or call 734-751-3848.

**Interfaith Family Movie Night**

**Date/Time:** Friday, Jan. 24, 6:30 p.m.  
**Location:** Geneva Presbyterian Church, 5834 N. Sheldon, Canton

**Details:** Geneva Presbyterian hosts a Plymouth-Canton Interfaith Group Family Movie Night for all ages, featuring the film *Live Above All* (PG-14). Discussion and conversation will follow. Cartoons and games for elementary-school ages.

**Contact:** RSVP or ask questions via email at [pymouthinterfaith@yahoo.com](mailto:pymouthinterfaith@yahoo.com)

**Medicare/Medicaid counseling**

**Date/Time:** Feb. 5, 1-3 p.m.  
**Location:** United Home Health Services, 2200 N. Canton Center, Ste 250, Canton  
**Details:** United Home Health Services offers free individual counseling with a certified MMAP (Medicare/Medicaid

Assistance Program) counselor. The counselor can help you understand your Medicare/Medicaid eligibility and the various plans, apply for Medicaid, research and enroll in Medicare Part D drug insurance, understand Medicare supplemental plans, find pharmaceutical assistance programs, identify and report Medicare/Medicaid fraud and abuse. No appointment necessary.

**Contact:** United Home Health Services at 734-961-8802 or visit the MMAP website at [www.mmap.org/page/about.html](http://www.mmap.org/page/about.html)

**Blood drives**

**Details:** The American Red Cross sponsors blood drives at a variety of locations during January. Walk-ins are welcome, but appointments can also be made.

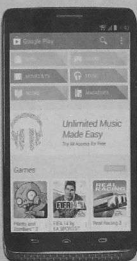
**Dates/Times/Locations:**  
 • Monday, Jan. 20, 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., Biggys Coffee, 44601 Five Mile, Plymouth  
 • Thursday, Jan. 23, 11 a.m. to 7:45 p.m., Gardner White Furniture, 39453 Ford Road, Canton  
 • Friday, Jan. 24, 1-4:45 p.m., Central Middle School, 650 Church, Plymouth  
 • Monday, Jan. 27, 1:30-7:15 p.m., Trinity Presbyterian Church, 10101 W. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth



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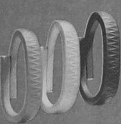


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# SPORTS

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Plymouth's Ben Yang leads the way in the 100-yard butterfly Thursday night against Canton. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

## DEEP POOL

Talent, depth, continuing to spark Wildcats

By Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

Whoever Kenn Forbes inserts into his lineup is capable of scoring points for Plymouth's varsity boys swimming and diving team, which is pretty much what happened Thursday night against Canton.

The Wildcats rolled to a 120-63 victory in the KLAAs South Division match-up at Canton High School's natatorium.

"We had a lot of fun," Forbes said. "We swam a lot of off-events, didn't really lead a lot up, we just wanted to see what kind of depth we had."

"It turns out we had some pretty good times, too."

Examples of Plymouth's supreme depth were all over the score sheet. In the 100-yard butterfly, for example, junior Ben Yang won with a time of 58.74 seconds. But right behind in second and third places, respectively, were teammates Bran-

don Burger (1:04.47) and freshman Michael Wischer (1:04.69).

The Wildcats went 1-2 in the 100 backstroke (sophomores Garrett Beauprez and Keegan Kendall with times of 1:00.61 and 1:05.23) and in the 200 IM, with sophomore Aniketh Visai topping the field (2:17.22) followed by sophomore teammate Bronson Knowles (2:18.30).

In the 200 free relay, the quartet of Wischer, Visai, junior Burger and senior captain Alex Johnson won in 1:39.15.

Plymouth also came in second (1:39.20) for another four points, with the tandem of junior Ryan Heinze, Knowles, freshman Matt Weiner and junior Ben Yang.

"Beauprez, he's solid, Heinze, Ben Yang," Forbes said, listing Thursday's standouts. "Alex Johnson, our senior captain. He comes out of nowhere all the time. He's the one that



Canton sophomore Cole Malhotra keeps pushing to shave seconds off his time in the 200 free. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

won our 'B' 200 relay for us (as anchor).

"And then Matt Weiner and Michael Wischer are freshmen, they're really picking it up. All the freshmen are doing really well, actually."

Beauprez was stellar throughout, winning the 200 free with a time of 1:55.65, edging Canton sophomore Gerard Niermann (1:55.79).

In the 100 backstroke, Beauprez got off to a fast start against the competition and cruised to a first-place finish.

Other Plymouth victors included Heinze (50 free, 24.21), junior Thomas Huang (diving, 114.25 points) and the 400 free relay team of Johnson, Bur-

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## Seniors key Plymouth shutout, set record

Rocks closing in on KLAAs Central tie

By Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

Plymouth's varsity wrestling team had a perfect night Wednesday.

The Wildcats routed visiting Livonia Churchill 72-0 in a KLAAs South Division dual meet and, as a bonus, the record-breaking careers of seven standout seniors were honored.

Head coach Quinn Guernsey said seniors Daniel Ahearn, Sam Campbell, Jon Conn, Sofus Nielson, Joey Shaver, Tarek Tamimi and Mohamad Youssef will finish their prep careers having helped the Wildcats (26-2

overall, 3-0 in the KLAAs South) set a school record for dual meet wins by a graduating class. As of Wednesday, that number was 76.

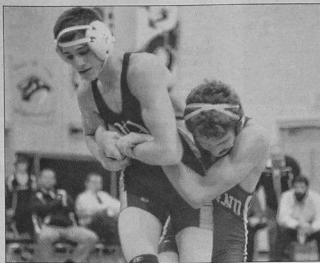
All but Campbell got into the dual meet over the Chargers.

Ahearn won by a 7-1 decision over James Kelly at 135, with Nielson, Shaver and Youssef all pinning their opponents.

Nielson needed 5:56 to bring down Chase Gardner in a hard-fought bout at 152 to open the meet. In the second bout of the day, Shaver needed just 36 seconds to pin Ryan Delp.

Mohamad Youssef's pin over Spencer Blanchard at 119 required 1:26 to complete.

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Plymouth's stellar senior cast of wrestlers includes 119-pounder Mohamad Youssef (left), shown from earlier this season. CHRIS GUDDECK

## Rocks power past Chiefs

Salem's Jason Newel scores late to spark 4-3 victory

By Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

Power finally was restored for Salem's varsity boys hockey team Friday night.

In the nick of time, too. The Rocks scored two goals with the extra skater — including the winner by senior forward Jason Newel with 1:53 remaining — to nip Canton 4-3 at Arctic Edge Arena.

Newel, parked in front of Chiefs' junior goalie Nick Borg, one-timed a centering pass from senior forward Jake Sealy inside the left post for the KLAAs South Division win.

"Our power play's been struggling lately, we haven't scored a lot," said Newel, referring to the Rocks going 0-12 combined in recent losses to Livonia Stevenson and Orchard Lake St. Mary's. "We were trying to stay high in the slot. It worked out for us."

"It was a perfect pass and the goalie was over just enough to slide it by."

Newel had two goals and an assist for Salem (6-7 overall, 5-3 in the division). His younger brother, sophomore forward Evan Newel, also scored a goal.

Salem's power play goal came after the Chiefs were unable to cash in on an extended 5-on-3 power play.

"It was a chance to take the game, definitely take the lead with a few minutes to go in the third period," Canton head coach Brad Barath said. "But we weren't able to get it set up the way we wanted to and get the shot that we wanted. Salem did a good job of killing it."

Canton's biggest chance during the 49-second 5-on-3 was a booming slap shot from the left point by senior defenseman Colin Smith that Salem junior goalie Dillon Phillips smothered.

**Momentum swing**

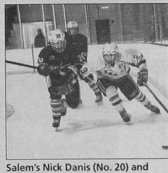
"Anytime you're able to kill off a 5-on-3 like that, especially in that situation within the game really has the tendency to swing the momentum your way," Salem head coach Ryan Ossenmacher said. "That's a tribute to our killers doing a nice job and Dillon standing tall in net."

"Once we killed it off, we went back to work, got the power play, and that's something that's been letting us down a little bit."

Jason Newel opened the night's scoring with an unassisted tally just six minutes into the contest and that was the score entering the second.

He set up senior linemate Jack Driscoll for a pretty goal

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Salem's Nick Davis (No. 20) and Canton's Kurt Snow battle for the puck. BRIAN QUINOS



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# Meteyer to head athletics at Plymouth

District recasting duties to include all co-curriculars

By Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

Kyle Meteyer formerly was Salem's varsity boys track and field coach.

Now he is a Wildcat, being officially hired Tuesday by the school board to the newly created position of Plymouth

High School athletic director. He begins the job in late January.

Officially, the district is calling the position "assistant principal for activities and athletics."

Most basically anything involving students after 2:10 p.m. is included in our responsibilities," Meteyer wrote in an

email to the Observer.

Meteyer, who this year has been teaching at Salem, added that the job's duties also include music, drama and other student clubs.

"I was a soccer coach at Plymouth from 2005-11, so I am familiar with the black and silver," Meteyer said. "Plymouth has an amazing coaching and advising staff, with plenty of success in co-curricular athletics and activities in just its 12 years of existence.

"So I'm thrilled to be able to work with the students and staff at Plymouth to take our activities to the next level. Plus, a lot of the initiatives I'll be working on will positively impact activities campus-wide."

With Meteyer's hiring, all three high schools at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park will have an administrator in charge of all activities. Longtime co-athletic directors Sue Heinzman and Tom Willette will now take over as

assistant principals for activities and athletics at Canton and Salem, respectively.

Meteyer, Heinzman and Willette will report to Beth Savalox, the newly hired director of activities and athletics for the entire district. Savalox formerly directed the National Honor Society at the Park and was a history teacher at Plymouth.

"The district re-investing in co-curriculars is absolutely invigorating for me," Meteyer wrote.

"Students and staff have so much enthusiasm regarding activities and athletics, it just makes sense to harness that energy and see how far we can take it."

"The goal is to provide 'best-in-class' programming for activities and athletics. We already have great participation rates in these areas, but our goal is to find a place for every student in the district."

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## Canton gymnasts record top score

Chiefs remian undefeated

By Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

Like a locomotive gathering speed, the Canton varsity gymnastics team is on the fast track to what could be a very memorable season.

Captain Tuesday's 145.975-132.025 victory over KLAAS Kensington Division rival Livonia Red. It was the Chiefs' top team score of the year and the highest reported team score in the entire state, head coach John Cunningham noted.

Making that accomplishment more noteworthy was Jocelyn Moraw missing the dual meet due to illness, "so the score was even more impressive. The best way to describe the meet is solid, stuck routines on all events," Cunningham said.

There were 12 scores of 9.0 or better and five all-around scores above 35.475, led by Maddie Toal's 37.2.

Also having excellent days in all events were Erica Lucas (36.3), Me-

lissa Green (35.875) and Stephanie Cox and Haley Hodgson (35.475 each).

Individual firsts were scored by Toal (9.0 on uneven parallel bars, 9.75 on balance beam, 9.65 on floor exercise) and Lucas (9.1 on vault).

Lucas (9.55 on floor), Hodgson (9.05 on vault) and Cox (9.475 on beam in her best meet) all helped Canton's cause with second-place finishes.

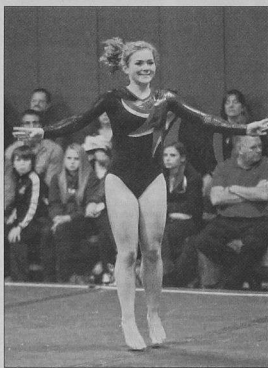
Then Thursday, the host Chiefs improved to 8-0 overall with a 141.05-124.675 victory over Grosse Pointe United.

Cunningham said Canton enters this weekend's Carus Invitational at White Lake-Lakeland as the team favorite.

Against Grosse Pointe, Lucas took firsts on vault (9.1) and balance beam (9.275), with other firsts scored by Green on floor exercise (9.15) and Toal on uneven parallel bars (9.1) and all-around (35.45).

Hodgson came in second on vault (9.1) and floor (9.075) and Cox tied for second on bars with Green (8.675).

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Canton's Melissa Green had two strong dual meets last week — as did the entire team. JOHN KENSKI/EXPRESS PHOTO



Plymouth sophomore Garrett Beauprez reacts to winning the final heat of the 200-yard freestyle.

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ger, Weiner and Beauprez (3:37.99).

### Progress counts

Despite his team losing by a wide margin, Canton head coach Dave Le also was relatively pleased with what transpired in the dual meet for his team (1-5, 1-1).

"We talked all week long about focusing on being competitive and racing the guy next to us and that's exactly what we did," Le said. "Almost everyone on the team that swam tonight had a best time, either a best time, either a best time for the season or a

lifetime best.

"To be in the middle of the season putting in the amount of work that we're doing and seeing those types of times makes you very excited for the end of the season."

Le emphasized that it's not necessarily about winning dual meets for his team, but making sure his athletes improve and are peaking when tournament time rolls around.

"Dual meets are tough. We don't have any divers this year, so we start dual meets 13 points down," Le said. "Which is a very tough thing to overcome against a team like Plymouth."

"So we focused on our

individual races, working on the relays, and even though we lost by 60, that final score does not necessarily reflect where we are or what we did tonight."

Niermann and senior Jack Chaney won back-to-back events for the Chiefs.

In the former, Niermann finished first with a time of 53.10 to edge Plymouth's Heinze (53.91). Chaney's time of 6:07.26 in the 500 free was only challenged by second-place finisher Jack Boczar, a freshman who came in at 6:11.43.

Canton senior Alex Bourdreau was victorious in the 100 breaststroke, with a time of 1:07.72. He finished

ahead of two Wildcats — Knowles (1:11.93) and sophomore Andrew Lakkos (1:14.68).

### Balancing act

According to Forbes, it is rewarding to see a grueling training regimen pay off.

"We train pretty hard, we keep the yardage up, we do a lot of strength training and keep it balanced," Forbes said. "I just mix everybody up, they all swim together, I don't necessarily have a fast lane."

"So it brings all the young guys up with them. And they show it, they've got a lot of heart."

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Canton senior Alex Bourdreau plows through the water during the 200 IM. PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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## SALEM

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with 11-43 left in the stanza, making it a 2-0 game. Driscoll, stationed near the right post, slammed in a cross-crease pass.

The Chiefs sliced that margin to 2-1 with just over 10 minutes to go in the frame.

Senior forward Christian Flack won a face-off and dropped the pass back to Smith at the left point. His screen shot beat Phillips (14 saves).

Salem went back to work to regain the two-goal edge and finally managed to do so with 4:37 left in the second, striking on the power play.

Evan Newel took a shot from the left circle that Borg stopped but could not corral. Newel followed his shot and jammed in the rebound.

Earning helpers on the goal were senior defenseman Cam Clark and junior forward Rich Corso.

Canton, however, rallied to knot the game on back-to-back goals by junior forward Connor Wherrett (from Smith and junior defenseman Hunter Schlamp on the power play) and junior forward Cooper Rice (assisted by Smith and freshman forward Matt Eastman).



Salem's Noah Willer (No. 19) gets a step on Canton's Cooper Rice (No. 20). BRIAN QUINTOS

The equalizer came with 2:16 remaining in the period. Salem failed to clear the zone and the puck found its way in front of Phillips, where Rice found the mark.

In the third, the Rocks went on the offensive but had trouble beating Borg, outstanding with 30 stops.

"He's a workhorse," said Barath, about Borg. "He holds us in games and he wants to win. That's what you need in a goalie."

Ossenmacher said he hoped the two goals on the power play would help his team relax down the stretch on offense.

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# Fowler pursues Olympic gold

### Ducks defenseman to play for Team USA in Sochi Games

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A veteran of three-plus NHL seasons at age 22, Cam Fowler's still-burgeoning hockey career has already produced its share of highlights, with the promise of many more to come.

The latest was his selection earlier this month for a spot on the U.S. Olympic hockey team that will compete in the 2014 Winter Games Feb. 6-24 in Sochi, Russia.

"It will be the eighth international competition for Fowler, who was raised in Farmington Hills and is now a stockbroker and a high-flying Anaheim Ducks. "I wasn't sure how everything was going to shake out," Fowler said of his Olympic chances. "I knew I had a pretty good season so far and had put my name on the radar."

"While sitting there watching TV, I was very anxious to see that the decision was going to be. Once I heard my name called, it was just pure joy. I'm excited and very honored to be selected."

"I was aware that I was right on the bubble. I knew a few guys were locks to make the team and I was competing with a few others for the last spots. I knew I had played well and done pretty much all I could to make a team. At that point, it was a waiting game."

Fowler, who spent his last two years of high school in the USA Hockey Development Program in Ann Arbor, won a gold medal in the International Ice Hockey Federation World Junior and U18 World championships in 2010 and 2009, respectively.

With that background, it seems Fowler was almost destined to end up on the Olympic team eventually as the next step in his progression.

"I wasn't fortunate to represent my country on the big stage as an amateur," he said. "To be able to do that gave me a lot of good experience."

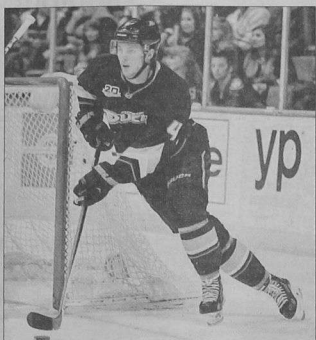
"Once you've played with USA Hockey, you've worn the jersey and you've represented your country, it goes a long way in the selection process."

"I think I represented my country well and played well in international tournaments and I'd like to think that helped me in the end."

### Fellow Olympians

Fowler is one of seven Ducks players to be named to an Olympic team, but he'll be the Anaheim representative on the U.S. squad.

"It's pretty cool to have a few guys on the team be able



Cam Fowler of Farmington Hills has helped the Anaheim Ducks compile an NHL-best record of 35-8-5. Fowler and the Ducks are undefeated at home (19-0-2). GARY A. VAZQUEZ/USA TODAY SPORTS IMAGES

to represent their countries," he said. "We're all very happy for each other. "I think, maybe as it gets closer, there might be some friendly jabs thrown at each other. Right now, we're just focused on our season and the Ducks. Obviously, when it gets closer, our attention will be shifted."

Fowler, who will be joined on the U.S. team by Red Wings goalie Jimmy Howard and Livonia native Ryan Kesler of the Vancouver Canucks, thinks Team USA general manager David Poile has put together a solid team. "I know the type of players they are and their backgrounds and I think we have a really, really good group," Fowler said. "We have guys who can do it all—a lot of skill guys, guys who can kill penalties and shut down the opponent's offense."

"I'm really excited about the group we have and expecting some big things. Hopefully, we can come together as a group and get everything we want accomplished over there."

### Short time to prepare

The Americans won't have an opportunity to practice until they get to Russia and they'll be limited to two or three sessions at that.

"Then we jump right into the games," Fowler said. "That's what makes this experience really unique. "You need to have those practices to jell with each other and get a chemistry going. Once you do that, the tournament starts and you have to figure things out quickly."

The 6-foot-1, 207-pound Fowler isn't entirely sure what his full role will be on the team, but he has a pretty good idea. Besides his overseas experience, he thinks his style of play (speed and pass-

ing) helped put him on the team.

"I'd like to think they selected me to be an offensive defenseman and contribute that way," he said. "I know they selected a lot of 'D' men who can really skate and jump in with the play, who can make a good first pass to get the puck out of our zone. "Whether it's two minutes a night or 20, I'll be happy to do it. I'll be happy to be there and be a part of the experience."

The U.S. was the runner-up to Canada and won the silver medal at the 2010 Games in Vancouver, and Fowler expects the Americans to be in contention for the gold medal again this time.

"The biggest thing is the amount of time on the ice," he said. "I played a good number (of minutes) when I was younger. Still, it got bumped up a bit. "The other big thing is me and (fellow defenseman Ben Lovejoy) have been matched up against some of the other top players and been relied upon to shut them down."

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### NHL powerhouse

Fowler and the Ducks are enjoying a great season in the NHL. They lead the Western Conference's Pacific Division with a league-leading 35-8-5 record, which includes an incredible 19-0-2 performance on home ice at Honda Center. "When you're winning games like we are, it makes it very fun to play," Fowler said. "We know every time we come to the rink, we have a good chance of winning. That translates through the whole locker room. Everybody has a lot of confidence."

"We've won in a variety of ways, too. We've come back quite a few times. We showed last night we can win 4-0 (Sunday) against the Red Wings. We still have a lot of work to do, we're only halfway through the season, but

we're happy with where we are now. "As for my role, the coaches have put a lot more responsibility on me this year. I've been able to step up and play well for the team, especially when we had some key injuries early in the year. Now, we're all healthy and it's only going to make us better."

### Career advancement

Fowler, who was the No. 1 draft pick of the Ducks (12th overall) in the 2010 NHL Entry Draft, has four goals and 22 assists this season. In 256 professional games, including seven in the playoffs, his career totals are 21 and 92, respectively.

"Stepping in at such a young age and playing right away at 18, there's definitely a learning curve you go through," Fowler said. "You're always continuing to learn and improve as a player and I think you have to do that to be an effective player in this league."

Fowler added this has been a breakout year for him in terms of playing a greater role for the team and having the confidence of his coaches and teammates. "The biggest thing is the amount of time on the ice," he said. "I played a good number (of minutes) when I was younger. Still, it got bumped up a bit."

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Fowler still wears No. 4 on his jersey — the same as famed Boston Bruins defenseman Bobby Orr. Fowler grew up hearing stories about Orr from his father Perry. "When he's not playing hockey, Fowler loves to play soccer," he said. "The warm California climate lends itself well to that pursuit."

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## BOYS BASKETBALL

# Balanced attack leads Rocks

### Salem stays perfect in KLAACentral with 73-59 win

Ten players scored Friday night to spark host Salem to a 73-59 KLAACentral Division varsity boys basketball win over Novi.

The Rocks, 8-2 overall and 4-0 in the division, led 31-27 at halftime and took control with a 21-point third. Sparking that frame with two triples off the bench was junior guard Jake Strope.

"We were pretty balanced tonight," Salem coach Bob Brodie said. "There wasn't any one player that caught fire for us. "We just did a nice job overall. Jake Strope came off the bench and hit two threes for us in that quarter (third) which was pretty good."

Leading Salem with 12 points each were junior forward Allante Wheeler and senior guard Connor Cole.

Also helping the cause were junior forward Tyler Brooks (10 points) and senior forwards Alec Winfrey and Michael Hoover (eight and seven points, respectively).

Senior forward Jake Lenders was the top rebounder for Salem, with eight.

"It was pretty much a burn-burner the entire game, it was close," Brodie said. "They (Wildcats) didn't give up, they just kept pressing us full-court and getting after us playing zone, switching their defenses."

Novi dropped to 2-6 overall and 1-3 in the KLAACentral.

### Canon falls, 56-44

Livonia Churchill made a strong statement in Friday's 56-44 boys basketball win over Canon.

Senior guard Dante Jackson scored 14 points and sophomore forward Juan Andoni added 13 as Canon fell to 1-7 overall and 0-3 in the KLAACentral. Division race by upending the Chiefs.

Churchill, now 4-5 overall and 3-1 in the division, roared out to a 20-9 first quarter lead before Canon cut the deficit to 20-20 at halftime.

But the Chargers took control with an 18-7 run and never looked back as junior guards Brett Bonarek came through with all 12 of his points, to go along with five rebounds, in the second half.

Davon Taylor and Jordan Jones scored 20 and 13 points, respectively, for the Chiefs (7-2, 2-2) who made 7-0 free throws.

"Canon's good and they're going to be there at the end of the year," Solak said. "This is a huge win for us. All six of our guards stepped up tonight and just got it done. It was a lot of fun to watch."

Salem will look to keep rolling with Wednesday's 7 p.m. contest at South Lyon.

### PLYMOUTH 60, WYMANE 55

On Friday, the host Plymouth (5-4, 2-2) rallied from an 42-35 third-quarter deficit to beat Wymane Memorial (2-7, 1-3) in a KLAACentral Division contest.

DeJ Addeley, who scored 21 points and grabbed eight rebounds, leded outscored the fourth-quarter 21-1 comeback by going 8-for-8 from the foul line.

Three other Plymouth players scored in double figures, including Randolph Atkins (15), Brent Davis (11) and Josh Brown (10). Plymouth made a pair of errors to help spark the fourth-quarter rally.

Wyane got a team-high 16 points from Brian Williams, while Dabondre Carter and Isiah Muhammad added 11 and 10, respectively.

Wymane made 6-of-12 free throws, while Plymouth was 18-of-26.



Canon's Jordan Nobles (No. 15) looks for a shot over a Livonia Churchill defender. DOUG BARGESTOCK

# Rocks win first for Klemmer

### Big nights on offense for Plymouth, Canton girls basketball teams

By Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

One day after the emotional tribute game to the late coach Fred Thomann, Salem's interim coach had a chat with her varsity girls basketball team.

"I had a very open talk Wednesday night and all agreed that this Novy game (Friday) was the start of a new season for us," said interim coach Lindsay Klemmer.

The Rocks did turn the page with a 39-32 win over host Novi, to give Klemmer her first win in four tries since taking over from Thomann (who passed away Dec. 27).

"I'm very proud of the way that everyone stepped up tonight," Klemmer said. "Our defense was very solid, and we were finally hitting some shots. But I'm more proud of the heart and effort we showed here tonight."

At 6-4, 1-3 in the KLAACentral, opened the night scoring on three successive field goals and cranked it up on defense to lead 11-6 after the first. It was 16-14 Salem at the break before the Wildcats failed to make it 24-14 entering the fourth.

A big swing took place early in the fourth when Shara Long grabbed two offensive rebounds off missed free throws and converted against Kurlia Kavulich's steal with seven seconds left sealed the win.

Jamyra Wilson scored 19 points, while Long tallied nine rebounds. **PLYMOUTH WINS** over The visiting Plymouth Wildcats scored at least 25

points in each of the first three quarters Friday to trounce Wayne Memorial, 87-31. Everybody played for head coach Nick Brandon and all but one made the score-sheet.

Leading the charge was senior point guard Kylie Robb, with 13 points (nine in the first). But she had plenty of help.

Senior post Shelby Cheston and senior wing Jada Woody each scored 12 points, senior wing Brooke Senkbel contributed 10, junior post Patti Besogovic added 10 and junior point guard Courtney LaVallee added seven.

"It felt good to get out and compete after a tough loss earlier in the week (to Canton), but I think we showed that we can ball and get everyone involved offensively tonight, and I really like how unselfish the girls played."

"It was excellent to see a few of our key players, particularly Brooke Senkbel, hit some shots in the second half and gain some confidence for the season moving forward."

Plymouth improved to 8-2 overall and 3-4 in the KLAACentral South Division while the Zebras fell to 0-8, 0-4.

**CHIEFS DOMINATE:** Host Canton completely handed Livonia Churchill Friday, outscoring the Chargers 35-4 in the first half en route to a 49-4 KLAACentral Division victory. **NATIVE WARRIORS** led the Chiefs with 15 points, creating plenty of free throws and fouls. **Page Aresno** (12 points), and Taylor Hartley (10 points) were teammates with nine rebounds. **THE GIRLS** had a solid defensive effort tonight. **Canton coach Brian Samuilak** said, "I thought they did a great job of getting out in the fourth quarter and getting making."

**PCA WINS BY 30:** Just like the P-CEC teams, Plymouth Christian Academy enjoyed success Friday night with a 47-17 victory over Allen Park Parkers (0-9) boys. **Senior** Jim McMillan was a force in the paint scoring 13 points and registering 11 rebounds for the P-C team. **Rachel Fuller** (seven points), senior forward and Rachel Smith (12 points), senior forward. **Brandon Smith** said, "We showed that we can ball and get everyone involved offensively tonight." **PCA coach Bud Widdie** said, "Our team is working really hard to get back on track."

On Tuesday, PCA won 54-25 over Oakland Chesham. Smith scored 28.

# Whalers' offense stymied by Sudbury goalie

Nicholas Baptiste's goal at 7:01 of the first period was enough for the Sudbury Wolves to defeat the Plymouth Whalers, 1-0, in an Ontario Hockey League game played Friday evening before 2,596 at Compuware Arena.

Sudbury goaltender Frankly Paluszewski stopped all 34 shots he faced to record his fifth shutout of the season for the Wolves (25-10-3-1). Nearly as good at the other end was Plymouth goalie Alex Nedeljkovic, stopping 34-of-35 shots.

The Whalers (16-22-0-5) — celebrating Military Appreciation Weekend — wore specially designed camouflage jerseys. The last 1-0 game played at Compuware Arena came on Oct. 25, 2008 when the Windsor Spitfires defeated Plymouth, 1-0 on a Taylor Hall goal at 13:10 of the second period.

Plymouth was slated to continue with the Military Appreciation Weekend — wore specially designed camouflage jerseys. The last 1-0 game played at Compuware Arena came on Oct. 25, 2008 when the Windsor Spitfires defeated Plymouth, 1-0 on a Taylor Hall goal at 13:10 of the second period.

The Whalers' next Saginaw 2 p.m. Monday afternoon (CN-900).

# SHOOTOUT

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Meanwhile, Conn (145) won by forfeit and Tamini (189) earned a 14-11 decision over Nathan Dedrek. Guernsey said the bout that the Chargers had the best chance of winning was at 125. Josh Perez, ranked at 119, faced Plymouth sophomore Spencer Schirar. The young Wildcat prevailed, 4-1.

"A few teams have chosen to bump up to wrestle him instead of wrestling Mo (Youssef) and for the most part Spencer has responded with some of his best matches," Guernsey said. "In the last few weeks, he's beaten three ranked wrestlers who have chosen to face him instead of staying at 119; he's a very dangerous wrestler."

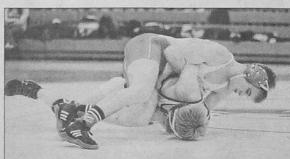
Winning by a technical fall for Plymouth was 171-pounder Hussein Yousef, who defeated Colin Englehart in 5:39 (16-1).

"Also, Collin Reed had some scary moments in his 103-pound match against Josh Massan when he had to fight off his back in the second period, but he recovered nicely and won 11-6," Guernsey said.

Other Wildcats to prevail were Ricky Burke at 215 (pin in 1:52 over Joshua Walker), heavyweight Michael Jordan by a technical fall, Brandon Harris at 112 (15-5 major decision over Ethan Englehart), Dylan Dwyer at 130 (pin in 1:30 over Zachary Smith) and 140-pounder Thomas Eschebach (by forfeit).

"We made a few mistakes in some of the individual matches, but our guys continued to wrestle well through them and came back to win," Guernsey said. "This team is very focused, we have some specific goals in our mind and they continue to do the things that we need in order to reach those goals."

Plymouth competes this weekend at the Phillip



Canton senior 135-pounder Ben Griffin finishes a pin over Wayne Memorial's Bradley Bowles. JOHN KEMSKI/EXPRESS PHOTO

Jaimes Memorial Tournament in Tecumseh before finishing the divisional portion of the KLAAs next week against Canton and Livonia Franklin.

The Wildcats and Patriots remain undefeated in KLAAs 2014 matches.

**Rocks first in Central**  
Salem continued to have an outstanding season, winning 69-4 over South Lyon East and 31-28 over South Lyon on Wednesday. The Rocks improved to 17-6 overall and 4-0 in the KLAAs Central, good for first place.

Against the short-handed Cougars, the Rocks won six matches by forfeit. But Salem had to come up clutch to get past the Lions, who entered the dual meet with a 2-0 mark in the division.

Salem head coach Pete Israel said Akash Ray (103), Andrew Johnson (12) and Cameron Shaughnessy (119) "started things off positive with wins." Peter Bushaw (152) also came up with a good win, as well as captain Connor Thornbury (160, a pin in 2:58 over Nick Stewart).

Others with crucial victories included Roy Foster at 173 (8-7 decision over Justin Mielke) and Mitchell Gross at 215 (10-6 decision over Jameson Donahue). ("Donahue was captain of South Lyon's better wrestlers and Mitchell came up strong," Israel said).

The Rocks will look to capture the KLAAs Central championship when they

host Northville at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday.

**Chiefs fall short**  
Canton dropped two dual meets Wednesday, falling 43-27 to Wayne Memorial and 43-32 to Westland John Glenn.

In the Canton-Wayne match-up, the Chiefs built an early 21-10 lead, but could not hold off the Zebras.

Canton (9-6 overall, 0-2 in the KLAAs South) started the meet with an overtime win at 140 by Grant Trotman, who earned an 11-9 decision over Jordan Mills.

Tracy Jassman and Alec Pantaleo followed up with wins at 145 and 152 to put the Chiefs up 12-0, but that lead soon withered away. Jassman earned an 11-3 major decision over Tim Nicholson, while Pantaleo scored a technical fall over James Higgins (18-3).

At 171, the Chiefs' Nicholas Durocher won by a 10-5 decision over Damirius Fullilove, which gave Canton a 15-4 lead at that point.

It was mostly all Zebras the rest of the way, except for Tim Nicholson, who won by pins by Canton's K.J. Wooley and Ben Griffin, at 215 and 135, respectively.

Wooley pinned Sam Moody in 3:20, while Griffin tallied a pin against Bradley Bowles, needing just 38 seconds to complete.

Details of the Canton-John Glenn match were not available as of press time.

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# MU women fall in shootout, 94-93

Mann's double-double sparks Lady Couets

Ylissa Richmond was on the mark Wednesday night.

The 5-foot-9 senior guard poured in a game-high 37 points Wednesday night as Indiana Tech outgunned Madonna University, 94-93, in a Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference women's basketball game.

Richmond had 20 of her 37 points during the first half as the Warriors trailed by a point, 52-51. The Temple Hills, Md., native continued on 13-of-16 shots from the floor, including 7-of-9 from 3-point range.

Senior forward Chelsea Carridine (Redford Thurston) also did her part with 23 points and 12 boards. The 5-9 Carridine was 9-of-14 from the field and 5-of-6 from the foul line as Indiana Tech improved to 10-9 overall and 7-4 in the WHAC.

Madonna (7-11, 5-6) got a team-high 27 points from Chelsea Williams (Livonia Franklin). The junior also grabbed nine rebounds.

Lizzy Otten added 25 points, including 6-of-7 from beyond the arc, while Tori Dufcher contributed 18 points.

Rachel Melcher, despite foul issues, finished with eight points, 13 rebounds and seven assists. MU played for the final shot and the win, but Molly Knopf (10 points) and Stevenson couldn't convert with only four fourth quarter rebounds.

Sophomore guard Alexis Smith (Livonia Franklin) scored 21 points Wednesday night to help power



Schoolcraft College's Tabitha Mann (No. 20) goes up for two points during Wednesday's game. Mann is a graduate of Salem High School. JOHN KEMSKI/EXPRESS PHOTO

host Schoolcraft College (6-8, 2-2) to an MCCA Eastern Conference victory, 76-52, over Alpena CC (4-7, 1-3).

Tabitha Mann (Salem) contributed a double-double with 13 points and 11 rebounds. Jessica Parry added 10 points and dished out six assists along with teammate Sara Gammons.

Schoolcraft led 38-29 at halftime and outbounded the Lady Lumbers by 17 points and 10 rebounds.

# Naubert, MU fend off Indiana Tech

It wasn't easy, but the Madonna University men's basketball team chalked up another Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference victory Wednesday night with a hard-fought 78-73 win over visiting Indiana Tech.

Senior NAIA All-America point guard Bobby Naubert (Livonia

Stevenson) once again led the Crusaders with 27 points and nine assists.

The 5-foot-10 Naubert made 9-of-12 shots from the floor and 9-of-16 free throws as MU improved to 13-6 overall and 9-2 in the WHAC.

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## FROM PLAY TO FILM

David MacGregor on the set of *Vino Veritas* at the Purple Rose Theatre in Chelsea.

# Livonia native's movie screens at festivals, on-demand

By Sharon Dargay  
Staff Writer

David MacGregor steadily built his writing career over 36 years, working his way up from features editor for the Bentley High School newspaper, the *Echo*, to screenwriter and producer of the 2013 feature film, *Vino Veritas*.

"Writing is a compulsion. A lot of times people ask me, 'Do you have any advice? I want to be a writer.' I tell them unless it's a compulsion, don't bother because you need something to drive you through, because you'll get a lot of negativity along the way."

"You put in the time and one thing leads to another. It's a domino effect. Writing is a solitary profession and you want the work to stand on its own. But that is only part of the battle. You've got to get it in front of people who want to do it. That's where relationships come in."

The Livonia native, who now lives in Hartland with his family, found his way into the filmmaking business by way of the stage. MacGregor is the artist in residence at the Purple Rose Theatre in Chelsea, where his play, *Vino Veritas*, debuted in 2008. The story focuses on two couples who get together for a few drinks before an annual Halloween party. The Peruvian wine they down is made from

the skins of blue dart tree frogs and acts as a kind of truth serum. The couples, dressed in costumes, never make it to the party, but reveal truths as they talk and take photos of each other.

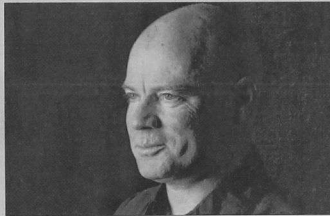
When the Nebraska Repertory Theatre performed the play the following year, it caught the eye of a film director's mother. She sent the script to her daughter, who in turn, contacted MacGregor.

"I talked to the director (Sarah Knight) and we hit it off," MacGregor said. He was charged with adapting the play for film, a challenge because the stage version was set in one room.

"What happens is people look at a play and think this is a good story with good characters and it will be economic to shoot. That's all a plus but the negative is that it's a play and takes place in one location. You want to retain everything that's good as a play, but then there's the stuff you have to lose and change to make it more filmic."

He watched movies that were based on plays and asked for photos of the house in Lincoln, Neb., where the film shoot was set.

"I was able to go through the play and think how I could move the characters from room to room, and out to the front porch."



Macgregor

## From writer to producer

MacGregor served as a producer on the film, which was shot in 12 days in July 2011.

"When you produce, that puts you in a whole different ballpark. Now you're responsible for the financial side of the film. It's a lot of contracts and accountants, stuff I don't have to deal with (as a writer)," he said. "I would do it again. I know a lot more than what I did before."

*Vino Veritas* has screened in numerous festivals since its premiere last July in Cape Cod, Mass. Last week, it became available on video-on-demand

platforms, including iTunes, Dish Network and Xfinity, among others.

Meanwhile, MacGregor is working on several other projects, including a film adaptation of his recent holiday play, *Scrooge Macbeth*, and a collaboration with Knight on a romantic drama set in Iceland.

## Short stories, plays

MacGregor, who also teaches at Wayne State University, has always juggled work and writing projects.

He graduated from Bentley in 1977 and took film and psychology classes at Michigan State University. After college, he worked at various jobs,

including landscaping, jackhammer and computer operator, while also writing short stories for magazines.

"I happened to see an ad for a one-act play festival at the Livonia-Redford Theater Guild. I thought, I could try that. I did, and I kept going from there."

He continued to write plays for festivals and even assembled a book for Arcadia Publishing on a photographic history of Livonia.

"There's not a lot of writing. The books are photocopied. I scoured the planet for photos, posted notices at the senior center, went to city hall, to Greenmead."

The book was published in 2005, a year before the Purple Rose staged his play *The Late Great Henry Boyle*. Someone at the theater had heard about the play, after it debuted in Sacramento, Calif.

The Purple Rose produced three more of MacGregor's scripts: *Vino Veritas* in 2008, *Gravity* in 2010 and *Consider the Oyster* in 2011. He accepted the artist in residence title in 2010.

MacGregor hopes film goers will see a "part of themselves" in *Vino Veritas*.

"When people saw the play, and during previews, they said, 'it's like you were listening at the living room window.'"

## OUR MENTAL HEALTH

# Beware of too much work in the New Year

In Greek mythology, the character Sisyphus was portrayed as having been condemned for eternity to work.

His job was to push a large, heavy ball of clay up a steep hill. No matter how close he came to the top, he would always backslide and have to start over again — forever. In our work lives we may feel like Sisyphus, never "finishing" our work.

In days past, it was different. Our grandfathers generally were employed (except for the farmers) where the "9 to 5" workday was the rule. Now, for us, the rules have changed. Expectations have changed. Taking work home for the evenings and weekends seems to be the status quo.

To some extent, advances in technology share partial



Len  
McCulloch

blame. It seems that the cell phones, computers, and electronic tablets which partly were intended to let us work faster and less, have bitten us from behind and result in us working faster and more. More has become synonymous with faster. This seems true in most fields of work, including the "farmer's fields" with mechanized tractors and combines.

The problem is that all this extra work time and pressure to produce causes stress. And stress kills. Whether it is heart attack, stroke, ulcer, broken family, or mental illness, stress

is the No. 1 killer.

## Rewarding or oppressive?

One way to look at whether one's work is excessive and stress-related or not, is to consider the degree of satisfaction and reward one gets from work vs. finding one's job a necessity and debilitating. Sigmund Freud said that mental health is the result of successful satisfaction in the worlds of work and love. To work 70 hours per week at a hated job is one thing, at loved work is another. Is what you do the majority of your working hours your "work" or your "job"?

If you think you are a "workaholic" in a way which is detrimental to your personal health, family time, and happiness, then you probably are.

And you are paying a high price, much more than your paycheck and benefits, for this behavioral pattern. Furthermore, as with any "addiction," the primary symptom is typically denial.

## Changing behavior

Consider antidotes. Re-evaluate your priorities, reassess financial needs and desires, plan structured mini-breaks into your day, meditate and practice relaxation. Try just a couple minutes per hour of quiet deep breathing. Decide when you can say "no, enough is enough" and devote time to self, family, exercise, proper eating, rest, and vacations. You are not the "Energizer Bunny," and we all need time to recharge. No one is going to relax for us.

These suggestions, I know,

are easier said than done, but you have to start somewhere. Think about change, talk about modifications in work time, and when feasible, implement changes.

No one ever put on their tombstone nor muttered on their deathbed words such as "If only I had been able to work a couple more hours." As an easy reading resource, consider, *Meditations For Men and Women Who Do Too Much*.

Len McCulloch is a diplomate of the American Psychotherapy Association.

He is credentialed in mental health, brain injury, traumatic stress, addictions, and social work. His columns, *Our Mental Health*, is archived at [www.farmib.org](http://www.farmib.org). McCulloch can be reached for consultation at 248-474-2763, Ext. 22.



Thought hats were just for little pups? Roxie the great dane takes a snooze in her knitted cap.



Sammy, one of Stacy Karafotis' dogs, looks pretty in pink.

## Keep your dog's head warm with a crocheted hat

By Sharon Dargay  
Staff Writer

Don't be surprised if you notice more than a few fashionable dogs this winter in Garden City.

Stacy Karafotis, owner of Lucky Dog Luxury Daycare and Boarding, began stocking handmade crocheted hats at the "little store" inside her Garden City business last month—and they have been flying off the shelf ever since.

A client, Tracy Milligan of Dearborn Heights, crochets the hats in a variety of colors, topping each with a pom-pom, and adding holes for the dogs' ears.

"We look for locally made products," said Karafotis, a trained veterinary technician who opened her doggy day care last November. "The hats are adorable and handmade. The first lady that bought one came in with a shih tzu that was wearing a pink coat." The woman bought a pink crocheted hat to match.

Karafotis posts photos of dogs wearing the hats on Facebook, which helps spur sales. Hats are available in the day care or by order.

Milligan has crocheted "on and off" since she was a youngster. When one of her friends asked her to make a dog hat, she found a pattern online and then went to work. She ended up making an additional 20 hats for a craft show last month at St. Thomas a Becket in Canton.

"They sold like hotcakes. Everybody stopped by saying, 'Oh, those are so cute,'" Milligan said. "When Lucky Dog opened I told her about the hats and she said to bring them in."

She made one size for the craft show, but has since created hats to fit small, medium and large dogs.

"Each dog is going to be different. She (Karafotis) has called me to say, 'This dog has a flatter head, or the ears on that dog are lower.' She has helped me to tweak them."

The hats cost \$10. Visit Lucky Dog at 5921 Middlebelt or call 734-261-PETS.

Check out Lucky Dog's website at [luckydoggardencity.com](http://luckydoggardencity.com). Karafotis takes pride in her staff as well as her facility that offers more than 10,000 square feet of play room, toys, play equipment, resting areas and access to an outdoor area landscaped with artificial turf.

### Save the date

Guardian Angel Animal Rescue will hold a bowling event, 1 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 16, at Novi Bowl, 21700 Novi Road, Novi.

Cost is \$18 per person and includes two games, shoes, pizza and pop.

For more information, call Sandy at 734-788-6857 or Lisa at 248-705-4751. Or email to [guardian\\_angel\\_rescue@hotmail.com](mailto:guardian_angel_rescue@hotmail.com).

Visit [www.gaarmichigan.org](http://www.gaarmichigan.org).



PET PROJECTS

## Annual, online events draw support for Heidelberg Project

By Julie Yolles  
Social Scene Columnist

On the night of the Heidelberg Project's fourth annual Fundraiser, "Encore in the D," supporters had already heard the tragic news that a fire had destroyed part of the outdoor art display in Detroit.

The blaze earlier that day had consumed the Penny House, one of several structures in the Project that was started by artist Tyree Guyton 26 years ago.

The fire on Nov. 21, 2013, was one of several last fall that claimed portions of the Project. The OJ House was destroyed in October and House of Soul (aka the Record House) went down in early November. On Thanksgiving morning, fire ravaged the War Room House and Dec. 8, 2013, marked the loss of the Clock House.

"(The Heidelberg Project) is a sacred battleground that must be protected," said Jennifer Whitfield, Guyton's wife and Heidelberg Project executive director. "We can't be afraid of defiance or evil."

The fundraiser was held, for the second year, at the Fine Arts Theater in Detroit.

"We need your help and support to believe in the vision of this project. How many of you believe you can change the world?" Guyton asked event attendees. "Damn it, I want to change the world in the city of Detroit."

On the night of the annual Fundraiser, Guyton and Whitfield established an emergency fundraiser, "Art from Ashes: Securing a Legacy" to raise money for improved lighting around the remaining Heidelberg Project houses in Detroit, surveillance cameras and nightly security patrols. By Dec. 21, the online fundraising campaign at [Indiegogo.com](http://Indiegogo.com)



Julia Hill of Farmington Hills (left) and Laura Bassett of West Bloomfield



Eric Beasley of Bloomfield Hills (left) and Richard Brown of Plymouth



Tunisia Leonard of Detroit (left) and Lanier Alfaro of Canton

ended, raising \$54,280 with matching funds from the Fred A. and Barbara M. Erb Family Foundation.

"We're going to do it bigger and better than before," said Guyton. "Together we will secure, rebuild and take this thing to the moon."

With that, look for the for-

mal announcement of a three-year \$3 million capital campaign in the next few months. [www.heidelberg.org](http://www.heidelberg.org).

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### JUSTIN THOMAS ALEXANDER

Justin Thomas Alexander was born Dec. 9, 2013, at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Ann Arbor.  
Proud parents are Todd and Kim Alexander of Commerce

Township.  
Grandparents are Tom and Peggy Dubay of Westland, and Carolyn Alexander of Mercer, Pa.  
Great-grandmother is Mary Jane Wirick of Farmington Hills.



Justin Thomas Alexander

## ENGAGEMENT

### LYNCH-LINDGREN

Kathleen "Katie" Denise Lynch, formerly of Farmington, and Adam Alexander Lindgren, formerly of Brainerd, Minn., announce their engagement.

Adam and Katie met on Venice Beach in California and have been close friends since 2002. While Katie finished college and Adam started his own fossil operation, they decided to pursue a more serious relationship with each other.

Three years later, they settled in southwestern Wyoming where they own and operate two businesses. Katie runs a photography company and Adam, a commercial paleontology company.

Katie's parents are George and Denise Lynch of Holyoke Mass. Adam is the son of Thomas Lindgren from Tucson, Ariz., and Janet Bowers, also of Brainerd.

They plan a wedding in October in the Detroit area.



Kathleen Denise Lynch and Adam Alexander Lindgren

## ENGAGEMENT

### STRATTON-FIRMAN

Jessica Stratton and Jeff Firman announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of David and Wendy Stratton of Detroit City, is a 2003 graduate of Garden City High School and a 2007 graduate of the University of Detroit Mercy. She graduated from Wayne State University with a master's degree in physician assistant studies and is employed

by the Henry Ford Health System.  
Her fiancé, son of Bobbi Fedricks of Rochester Hills, is a 2003 graduate of Rochester High School and a decorated Marine who served three tours in Afghanistan. Upon return to the U.S., he completed a degree in criminal justice at Oakland Community College and is employed as a police officer in Rochester.

A September 2014 wedding is planned.



Jeff Firman and Jessica Stratton

# Musician to talk about health and performing

Jon Batiste, musician and artist in residence for Athletes and the Arts, will perform and talk about wellness, 6-8 p.m. Monday, Jan. 20, in the South Auditorium at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia.

Athletes and the Arts is an initiative that encourages performing artists to invest time into personal wellness to enhance and prolong careers. Performing artists and athletes are similar in that they practice or perform almost every day with little to no time off, often playing through pain. Batiste, who is in Detroit as part of his first tour, and Dr. Steven Karageanes, D.O., medical director of sports medicine at St. Mary Mercy and founding member of Athletes and the

Arts, will talk about the link between performing arts and athleticism as well as the importance of health and wellness.

Batiste, a Juilliard graduate, is the founder and leader of Stay Human, an ensemble noted for its world-class music. The members have coined their musical style "social music" for its ability to appeal to people from all walks of life. Batiste also is the artistic director at The National Jazz Museum in Harlem, where he has programmed yearlong educational workshops for hundreds of students.

Admission is free, although registration is required. Call 734-655-2661. St. Mary Mercy is at Five Mile and Levan.



Jon Batiste (second from left) is founder and leader of the band Stay Human. Batiste will talk about health for performing artists and will perform Monday, Jan. 20, at St. Mary Mercy Hospital.

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### BERZ, THEODORE

Age 78, January 1, 2014. Loving father of Kathryn Lynn Charlton, Jennifer Ann Berz, Elizabeth Margaret May Kapf, Theodore Erik Berz, and Carolyn Marie Parker. Proud grandfather of 11 and great-grandfather of five. Dear brother to the late Milomir Berz, Julia Logan, Entel, and, and the late George Berz. Treasured friend to Jane and Bob Berz, Bob Carla, and many more. He lived his life to the fullest and will be sadly missed. Theodore Berz specialized in the field of aviation during his entire life from his first flight as a child in the back of his mother's tub-and-fabric tailwheel aircraft to flying sleek corporate jets. Over the years Ted provided extraordinary flight training to individuals seeking basic to advanced certificates/ratings. He was passionate about the safety of flight and went above and beyond to ensure student comprehension, meticulous performance to standards and attention to detail in each and every flight. He won trophies in several flight races. He enjoyed playing hockey in his younger years, and also enjoyed playing golf. He was a Master Gardener, member of the Experimental Aviation Association Chapter 908 and volunteered in the Sheriff's "Citizens on Patrol" Program. Ted will be remembered as a fine gentleman who genuinely cared about people. He devoted his final years in South Florida to continuing the learning process, volunteering and giving back to the community. You may view his online memorial site at <http://www.alcolumb.com/book-of-memorials/1763611/Berz-Theodore/obituary.php>. In lieu of flowers, etc. donations to Treasure Coast Hospice in memory of Theodore Berz are well come. <https://www.tchospice.org/give-online>. A private Memorial Service will be held in Florida.

### CHAPMAN, BETTY ELLEN "BOBBIE"

Passed away in her home in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan on Monday, January 13, 2014, with her children and pets nearby. Bobbie was born in Detroit, Michigan on September 25, 1922 to Irene and Jack Boydell, and adopted daughter of Art Hoffman, one of the owners of the Detroit Lions, and granddaughter of the owner of Detroit's first major league team, Edward Kinsel. Raised in Detroit, Bobbie graduated from Miss Kautzman and attended the University of Liggett. A life-long sports fan and avid swimming-rear for Max Broock, Bobbie was an active volunteer for the Junior League of Birmingham, Cranbrook House and Gardens, Junior League Garden Club, Birmingham Community House, and the International Visitors Council. In addition to other charity work, she was also a licensed pilot, an avid traveler, a vintage Coca-Cola model, and an acclaimed Cosmopolitan cover girl in the 1950s. Bobbie loved her family, friends, dogs, cats and birds. Born of German roots, her passion and commitment to those she loved knew no bounds. She was also survived by eight grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, many close friends, beloved pets, and an endless legion of friends. A memorial service in celebration of Bobbie's life will be held at Bloomfield Open Hunt Club, 405 E. Long Lake Rd., Bloomfield Hills on Sunday, January 16 at 11 a.m. In lieu of flowers family suggests memorial tributes to the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, A.J. Desmond & Sons 248-540-0500. View obituary and share memories at [www.DesmonDFuneralHome.com](http://www.DesmonDFuneralHome.com)

### Cox, Robbie Laydean (Youngblood)

"Grammy"  
Of Clawson, Michigan, passed away at her home on January 13, 2014 at the age of 91. Robbie was born on January 2, 1923 in Maryland, Kentucky to Layton and Jessie Youngblood. She was preceded in death by her husbands Raymond and brothers, Raymond, Merritt, and Jean. She leaves three children, Sherrill (Dennis), Connie (Dennis) Watson, and John Cox (Sandra Pollard), seven grandchildren, Alicia (John) Jared, Kyle, Derek, Tara (Derek), Katie, (Bron), and Brett (Sara), five great-grandchildren, and many other loving family and friends. She was a beautiful person who loved all that came into her life and made sure she expressed it as often as she could. She will be truly missed by all her knew her. "I love you deeper than the ocean, higher than the sky." Robbie Cox. A Memorial Service is planned at a later date.

### Gruber, Virginia Ann Walsh Wilson

89, passed away peacefully on the afternoon of December 7, 2013, in Birmingham, Michigan. Her three daughters, Christina, Carolyn, and Roberta Wilson-Page were at her side. Virginia was predeceased by her first husband, Richard Wilson of Birmingham, Michigan who passed away in 1983. She was also predeceased by her second husband, Fred Gruber of Monroe, Michigan, who passed away in 2005; and by her brother Pat and her youngest sister Laurie, who passed away just a month earlier in November 2013. In addition to her three daughters, Virginia was briefly survived by her older sister Martha Hebert and Rod Page, and by the two most beloved grandsons, Neal Wilson Page and Dane Wilson Page. Virginia was born in Pontiac, Michigan on July 7, 1924. After graduation from High School, she worked during World War I at the B.W. Controller Company of Troy. After the war, she met and married Fred Wilson, a young pharmacist of Birmingham. They lived in Birmingham, raising their three daughters. Virginia enjoyed travel, entertaining, and was known as a most generous "Aunt Ginny" by many nieces and nephews. As a widow in 1985 she met and married Fred J. Gruber of Monroe. For as many years Virginia enjoyed retirement with Fred in Ft. Myers, Florida in the winter and at home in Beverly Hills in the summer. In lieu of any financial donations, Virginia would have simply encouraged everyone to be warm, caring, and generous. She has left this legacy for us all. A cenotaph monument at White Chapel Cemetery will honor her life on Earth.

### LARSON HARRIET BRINK

89, of Livonia, Michigan, died at 9:12 a.m. Friday, January 10, 2014 in Normal, Illinois. Her memorial Mass will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday (January 21, 2014) at St. Patrick's Church, Bloomington, IL, with Rev. Anthony Lee officiating. Burial will be at Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holy Hill. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Friends of the Livonia Library, 32777 Five Mile Rd, Livonia, MI 48154-3045. To express condolences online, please visit [www.carmoslyflnm.com](http://www.carmoslyflnm.com). She was born July 22, 1924 in Kansas City, MO, the daughter of Paul and Maude Koken Brink. She graduated from the University of Kansas, Kansas City. She married John Larson in 1949 and moved to Montana. She moved many times with her family finally settling in Livonia, MI all the while teaching at various elementary schools. Harriet is survived by her daughter, Lori (Bob) Rarden, Normal, IL, son, Bill (Marci) Larson, Albuquerque, NM; six grandchildren, Shannon Rarden, Bobby (Elizabeth) Rarden, Madeline Rarden, John (Arl) Rarden, Phillip Larson, Michael Rarden; and four great-grandchildren, Elijah, Joshua, Daniel, and Dominic Rarden. She is also survived by her younger sister, Ann Sebott, Lee's Summit, MO and younger brother Jim (Pat) Brink, Red Bluff, CA. She was preceded in death by her husband, John, in 2005 and her daughter, Linda, in 2001. Harriet's love of books and her service to The Friends of the Livonia Library is legendary. She was a founding member of The Michigan Friends of the Library and a past President of The Friends of the Library in Livonia, Michigan. She was also instrumental in founding The Book Sale of Livonia Public Library. She had many interests: travel, cooking, and local history. We hope many friends will miss her greatly.

### MCKAIG, LORRAINE C.

Age 88, January 15, 2014. Beloved wife of the late James B. McKaig. Loving mother of Sue (Dennis) Modzelewski, Ellen McKaig and Kathleen (Robert) Parks. Dear grandmother of Jean (Tim) Inman, Steve Parks and Judith Blankenship. Great grandmother of Sasuntha and Alex Inman and Sierra Blankenship. Sister of Ann Falcon and the late Wilfred, Joseph, Gerald and Daniel Curley and Helen Skelton. A Memorial Mass will be held at the Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Rd., Livonia, Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. The family will greet visitors at 9 a.m. Memorial contributions may be directed to the Alzheimer's Association. Please share a memory at [www.rgrharris.com](http://www.rgrharris.com)

### RYVALL, GERALD D.

Age 83. Beloved husband of Elva. Dear father of Kenneth (Catherine), Robert David (Lillian) and John. Grandfather of Mary, Michelle, Carla, Carrie, Matthew and Annie. Great-grandfather of six. Brother of Lawrence (Georgia) Visitation and Funeral Services were held. Family suggests memorials to the U of M Cancer Center. [www.santefuneralhome.com](http://www.santefuneralhome.com)  
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### THOMAS, LOWELL "BUTCH"

Age 66, January 16, 2014 at his home in Howell, formerly of Plymouth. Survived by son Scott (Micki) Thomas, three grandchildren and two great grandchildren. Also sister Donna (Ron) Gordon, brother John (Donna) Thomas, former spouse Nancy McKenzie and many nieces and nephews. Served in the Marine Corp. Vietnam. Burial Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holy Hill.

# Paying tribute to the life of your loved one.

### QUINN, HUGH

passed away at the age of 90 in Des Moines, IA on December 20, 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. Although the surgery was initially successful, Hugh deteriorated over that day and suffered a cardiac arrest. Hugh was born in Cambuslang, Scotland, in February 1923. He immigrated to Detroit, MI with his family around 1924. Hugh worked 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, Margo; Quinn, her children-Suzanne, Collela of New York, Michelle (Robert) Kimbrell of Des Moines, IA, Mark (Page) Robson 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, Gregory, MI, Robert Quinn of Orlando, FL, Dennis (Lydia) Quinn of Buckley, MI. US 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 "Charlie" Quinn and Mary Margaret "Mollie" O'Neil Quinn. Memorial Services will be held at St. Patrick's Catholic Church 711 Eicken Street, Farmington, MI at 10:30am on Saturday, February 8, 2014.

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## Maintain good vision during National Eye Care Month

By Sharon Dargay  
Staff Writer

Toast January, National Eye Care Month, with a glass of carrot-kale juice.

Nutrients found in carrots and green, leafy vegetables are said to enhance eye health and vision. Results from a long-term study by the National Eye Institute also have shown that high levels of antioxidant vitamins and minerals can be effective in slowing the progression of macular degeneration, a condition that creates a blurriness or darkness in the center of vision.

"Beta carotene and lutein are good," said Dr. Michael S. Sherman, D.O., an ophthalmologist at Garden City Hospital and Physician Eye Care Associates in Garden City. "But eat a normal, healthy diet. That applies to everything in your life."

In addition to maintaining a good diet, National Eye Care

Month may be a good time to schedule an eye exam.

"I think if a person has risk factors, such as diabetes or a family history (of eye disease), an annual exam is prudent," Sherman said. "The problem with chronic glaucoma is that there are no signs and symptoms and you start to lose peripheral vision when it goes into the center. When you finally start to notice, it's too late."

Sherman said an annual eye exam should always include a check of the fluid pressure inside the eye.

"There are two kinds of checks. The noncontact — you feel a puff of air — is not as accurate. The other actually touches the cornea. We numb the eye and people don't even feel it."

He said a complete eye exam also should include dilation and use of a microscope to observe the structure of the eye, blood vessels and optic nerve, visual field testing,



Celebrate National Eye Care Month by getting an eye exam. GETTY IMAGES/STOCKPHOTO

examination of the pupils, and mobility of the eye, in addition to a vision test.

Along with a good diet and eye exam, the National Eye Institute recommends these tips for maintaining good eye health:

- Find out if anyone in your family has been diagnosed with an eye disease. It will help you determine if you are at higher risk for vision problems.
- Maintain a healthy weight to lower your risk of diabetes

and other conditions that can lead to vision loss.

Smoking Research has linked smoking to increased risk of macular degeneration and other diseases.

Wash hands thoroughly before putting in or taking out contact lenses. Disinfect lenses before wearing.

Wear sunglasses with UV protection to block the sun's ultraviolet rays. Wear protective eyewear when playing sports or working at tasks that may endanger the eyes.

Reduce eyestrain at the computer by periodically looking away and focusing your eyes several feet away for 20 seconds.

Sherman said looking too long at a computer screen or working in dim light won't damage eyes but "it's just easier" to see in brighter light or to give eyes a rest occasionally.

### UPCOMING

#### BABY CARE BASICS

Learn about bathing, feeding, developmental stages, immunization schedule, identifying illnesses, choosing a pediatrician, medications, child care options, choosing a baby sitter, safety-proofing your home, and more, in a three-hour baby care class, 6 p.m. Monday, Jan. 27, at Botford Hospital, 28050 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills. Cost is \$35. Call 248-888-2500 to register or visit botford.org.

#### CELIAC SUPPORT

Susan Fisher, a clinical psychologist, will present "This is harder than I thought" — coping with the psychological aspects of eliminating gluten, at the next meeting of Tri County Celiac Support Group. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting will start at 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 23, at First Presbyterian Church, 26165 Farmington Road, Farmington.trosg.net.

#### COOKING PROGRAM

Learn how to make healthful, slow-cooked steaks, 6-7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 23, at Busch's, 37083 Six Mile, Livonia. Chef Rebecca Waulston will lead the class, which is co-sponsored by Botford

Hospital, offering recipes, samples, cooking tips, and nutritional advice. Cost is \$10. Tickets are available from Bowls & Buns, 4555 Lakeside Center or by phoning 734-779-6100.

#### DRUG SERIES

Dawn Farms-sponsored programs at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Education Center Auditorium, 5305 Elliott Highway, "Upside!": a) "How to Live with Trauma and What To Do," a free, ongoing, two-part workshop series, is set for 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 4 and 11. The first part will provide information on understanding and recognizing teen substance abuse problems; the second explains what should and should not be done when a teen substance abuse problem is suspected or identified.

Tana Brubaker, Ph.D., will talk about "Trauma and Chemical Use and Addiction," 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 18. She'll explain the impact trauma has on the brain, on coping and subsequent substance use, and how to aid individuals struggling with trauma and addiction.

Mary Jo Despre, M.A., will provide an overview of the national and local efforts to build recovery support programs on college campuses, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 25.

### MEDICAL DATEBOOK

Call 734-485-8725, or email info@dawnfarm.org.

#### HEARING LOSS SUPPORT

Learn about hearing aids at the next meeting of the Hearing Loss Association of America, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 12, at Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inlster Road, Garden City. The meeting also will include an open forum on dealing with the problems associated with hearing loss. Call Tony at 734-664-3297 or email afeaf@comcast.net.

#### HEART SEMINAR

Women can attend a free seminar, "Women & Heart Disease," sponsored by Henry Ford Hospital next month and learn about differences in symptoms, expert resources available, and ways to reduce risk. Seminars will be held noon to 2 p.m. Monday, Feb. 3, in the staff dining room at Henry Ford Hospital, 2799 W. Grand Boulevard, Detroit; and noon to 2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 7, in the lower level conference room at Ford West Bloomfield Hospital, 677 W. Maple, West Bloomfield. Register by calling 800-532-2411; www.henryford.com/february.

#### PARKINSON SERIES

A two-week series, "Living With and Understanding Parkinson's Disease" will be held 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 15 and 22, at the Hannan House, 4750 Woodward, Detroit. Speakers will include Dr. Edwin B. George, M.D., Ph.D., a neurologist and movement disorder specialist from Wayne State University and John D. Dingell M.D., Ph.D., a neurosurgeon from Wayne State University School of Medicine. Dennis Parker, J., doctor of pharmacy, from Wayne State University College of Pharmacy, Richard Merson, Ph.D., speech and language pathology at William Beaumont Hospital, and Jean Remlett, occupational therapist from the Rehabilitation Institute of Michigan. Individuals who have been living with Parkinson's as a patient and as a care partner also will provide practical suggestions, guidance and motivation. No fee, but registration is required. Call the Michigan Parkinson Foundation at 248-433-1011 or 800-852-9781.

#### PERIPHERAL ARTERY DISEASE

Dr. Patrick Alexander, M.D., will talk about peripheral artery disease 6-7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 11, in the Fisher Auditorium at Providence Hospital, 16001 W. Nine Mile, Southfield. Explain how PAD is related to risk of heart disease and stroke, how it is diagnosed and treated. Register by calling Senior Link at 888-751-5465.

TAI CHI  
Tai Chi combines aerobic, flexibility, balance, and stress-bearing exercise with deep breathing and meditation through a related series of movements. Classes run 6-7 p.m. Tuesday in the community room at Westland Shopping Center, 35000 W. Warren Road, Westland. Five classes cost \$40; 10 are \$70 and 15 are \$100. Drop-in at \$10 per class. For more classes in the Garden City Wellness Series, visit gh.org or call the Health Enhancement Center at 734-458-3242.

#### ONGOING

##### CHOIR THERAPY

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## All Things Being Equal, ...Women are at greater risk!

### Ask A Garden City Hospital Health Expert

Cardiovascular disease is the leading cause of death for both men and women. But who is actually at greater risk? And, what role does race play in your chances for heart failure? Cardiologist and GCH Health Expert, Dr. Daniel Harber, explains how the highly preventable disease, affects everyone differently.



Dr. Harber  
Cardiology

**Q: How is heart disease in women different than heart disease in men?**

**A:** As much as we strive for equality between men and women, sometimes we can't all be treated the same. In fact, when it comes to cardiovascular health, treating women differently is a positive move which could save lives. For both genders, chest pressure is the most common symptom of heart disease, however women may experience shortness of breath, jaw pain, headaches, nausea, fatigue and upset stomach (which we call atypical symptoms of heart disease), more commonly than men. Men are more likely to show signs of heart disease at a younger age. Yet, women who have a heart attack under the age of 50 are twice as likely to die compared to men who suffer one at a similar age.

Smoking is another factor in heart disease. While bad for both, female smokers are 25% more likely to develop coronary artery disease than male smokers.

**Q: What role does diabetes play in heart health?**

**A:** While diabetes is bad for men, it's worse for women. Diabetes can greatly increase anyone's risk of developing heart disease, but heart problems are more likely to be fatal among diabetic women. In fact, complications due to any other health problems are more common in women. Because women usually develop cardiovascular disease at a later age than men, they may suffer from additional diseases or health issues that interfere with treatment or recovery. This means doctors may need to look beyond treatments they normally prescribe for male patients.

**Q: Are certain races more susceptible to heart disease?**

**A:** Heart disease is a hereditary condition therefore family history plays a larger role than race does. If your parents have heart disease, you stand a higher chance of getting it too. Secondary health issues, such as diabetes, can have a significant impact on heart health.

Currently, African Americans have a higher death rate for heart disease than Caucasians. Hawaiians, American Indians and Mexican Americans also have a higher propensity for heart disease. Incidents of obesity and diabetes are also higher in these groups.

**Remember heart disease is almost always avoidable. Eat right, stop smoking and get active! Join Dr. Harber for "To the Heart from the Heart" a FREE Lunch and Lecture on Saturday, February 8 at 1 p.m. at Westland Mall. Learn how to take care of your heart for life. Lunch, giveaways and health screenings included.**

**Are you struggling with your New Year's resolution? Want to learn what you can do to prevent disease? How can you keep your heart healthy? We have the program for you! Attend Garden City Hospital's free Diabetes Prevention Orientation Meeting on Tuesday, January 21 at 4:30 p.m. For more information, call 734.458.4330.**



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The questions to ask yourself before starting a job search

By Debra Auerbach CareerBuilder writer
Looking for a job isn't easy. It takes time, patience and a lot of work.

you meet the basic requirements of a job, you'll be treated like a commodity. Instead, you need to think about what it is that makes you unique and attractive to prospective employers.

Why am I starting a job search?
This should be the first question you ask yourself. While you may think it's an easy one, getting to the root of why you're looking for a job can help you determine whether you're job searching for the right reasons.

What type of corporate culture do I want to work within?
"Corporate culture is an important factor one must take into consideration when not only contemplating a job offer but also when applying for jobs," says Jesse Siegal, senior expert of recruitment firm Execu-Search.

What value do I bring to potential employers?
Kimberly Robb Baker, certified résumé writer and job-search strategist, says that if you stick to only showing how

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While it's good to think about what you'd want in an ideal job, it's more realistic to consider what are "nice to have's" versus "need to have's," since no job will be perfect. "What is a must-have? This will help you decide if a job offer is worth taking or passing on," says Laurie Berenson, career strategist, certified master résumé writer and president of Sterling Career Concepts LLC. "Location? Industry? Job function? Hours? Salary? Perhaps you're willing to take a low salary to break into your desired industry. Prioritize what's important to you."

Where do I ultimately want to be in my career, and what steps do I have to take to get there?

"Most people need several 'stepping stone' positions to reach their ultimate goal," Berenson says. "This is especially true of younger job seekers. The job you accept tomorrow may not be your dream job, but if it's getting you into your desired field or industry or it with a reputable employer, consider it a stepping stone to where you ultimately want to land. You can't expect to get there overnight."

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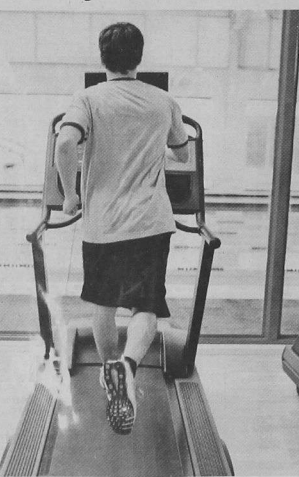
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## Detroit Three Have Lots To Crow About at Motown's Auto Show



By Dale Buss

Detroit Three executives were in high dudgeon at the press preview of the North American International Auto Show at Cobo Hall in Detroit.

And well they should be: General Motors, Ford and Chrysler each made huge impressions on global auto media and their followers, and each in very different ways.

Chevrolet executives were giddy after two of their most important new models swept the industry's coveted North American of the Year and Truck/Utility of the Year awards, bestowed by a panel of dozens of automotive journalists who have regular exposure to new vehicles each year. Entries are judged on factors including innovation, design, safety, handling, driver satisfaction and value for the dollar.

The Chevy Corvette Stingray was named Car of the Year, and the Chevrolet Silverado pickup truck topped Truck of the Year honors; the first time Chevy has won both awards in the same year. Silverado was last named Truck of the Year in 2007 and the Corvette was last named Car of the Year in 1998.



Chevrolet's two winners: Silverado and Corvette Stingray.

Silverado outdistanced the second-place finisher for Truck/Utility of the Year, the new Jeep Cherokee, with 219 points to 174 points. The third-place finisher, Acura MDX, garnered 97 points. Among cars, the Corvette outpointed the other two finalists with 211 points to Mazda's 185 points and Cadillac CTS' 94 points.

Meanwhile, Ford executives were on the offensive as they introduced the world's most significant aluminum-framed vehicle, the new Ford F-150 pickup truck, and ticked off stat after stat about the company's burgeoning position and success in the U.S. and global automotive markets.



The new aluminum-based Ford F-150.

The new 2010 Ford F-150, to go on sale sometime this year, represents for Ford not only the crucial newest version of America's best-selling vehicle but also the manifestation of a huge technological breakthrough by CEO Alan Mulally.

When the truck debuts, not only will it be the newest entry among the Detroit Three pickup-truck segment but also, with the aluminum frame, the new F-150 could be perceived by truck buyers as a whole generation ahead of the competition.

Ford executives touted the new F-150 for advances such as a new body and load bed made almost entirely of an aluminum alloy that allowed the vehicle to shed as much as 700 pounds compared with the current version.

The new F-150 also will feature class-exclusive LED headlights and taillights, a class-leading-size moon roof, a 360-degree-view exterior camera and an 8-inch "productivity" screen on the dash for infotainment purposes, among other advancements.

Chrysler was able to count at least two things that augured well for 2010: a robust new version of its Chrysler 200 sedan, and an indication that its charismatic CEO, Sergio Marchionne, will stick around for a while.

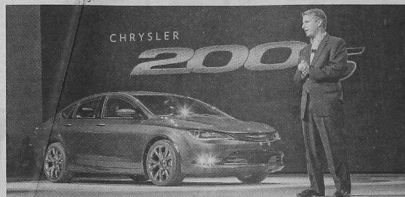
Marchionne indicated that he'll stay at least three years with the combined Fiat-Chrysler after serving as the master architect of the company as it has been cobbled together so far after the 2009 bailout. Marchionne's vision and charisma are widely credited as key factors in Chrysler's ability to come back even as Fiat continues to be hampered by the European market.

Meanwhile, the 200 was lastly redesigned when George W. Bush was president. Only the iconic Super Bowl commercial of 2011, starring Eminem, breathed enough life into the vehicle for it to survive this long in a segment that has gotten very competitive in the U.S. market lately.

Chrysler brand president Al Gardner called the new 200 Chrysler's "flagship" sedan at the North American International Auto Show as Marchionne, U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow (D-Mich.) and other luminaries looked on. He promised the new model "will redefine the brand" as the company beefs up its Chrysler lineup.

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Now that Marchionne is free to finish molding Fiat-Chrysler after the company recently purchased the final remainder of Chrysler owned by the United Auto Workers, Chrysler is expected to be able to shore up its Chrysler-brand product line. The new 200 should give it a good head start.



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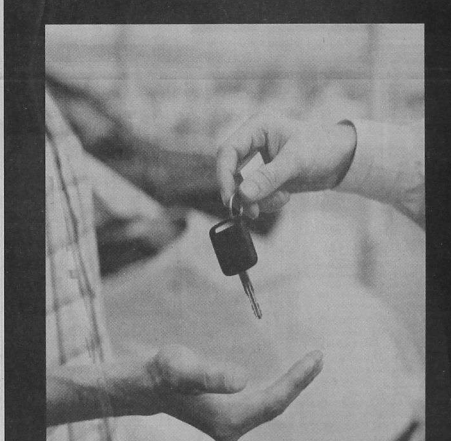
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Per Month, \$2984 Due at Delivery, Plus Tax, Title, Plates, No Sec Dep., 24 Month Lease/21,000 Miles. All payments are based on A/Z plan and includes a \$750 lease renewal Manufacturer rebate.

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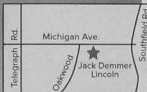


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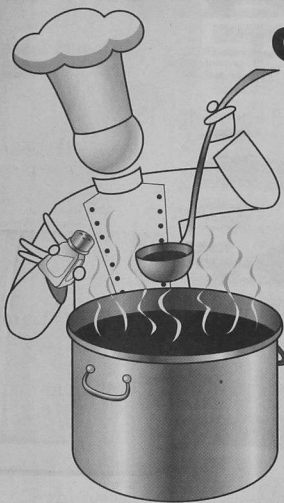
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**\$268\*** with ZERO DOWN payment and \$581 due at signing

**24 month lease**  
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Buy for **\$20,910+**  
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Featuring: Leather, Luxury Package, Sync with My Ford.

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470 available.

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Buy for **\$26,658+**  
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Featuring: Leather, SYNC with My Ford Touch, Rear View Camera, Heated Power Seats.

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