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Canton gets big savings in utilities

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Canton slashed utility costs by \$352,338 in government buildings for a one-year period that ended Oct. 31, a new report reveals, and additional savings of \$27,788 are projected for the final two months of last year.

Those figures reflect a 39-percent reduction in water usage and a 26-percent decline in energy usage for the same one-year period.

The lower costs have outpaced initial projections by Chevron Energy Solutions Co., hired by Canton in 2012 to replace or upgrade heating and cooling systems, boilers, lighting and water components, irrigation controls and Summit on the Park's splash playground.

Robert Hough, Chevron

regional energy accounts manager, said the \$352,338 savings far exceed the \$238,511 amount the company had guaranteed during the project's one-year construction phase.

Kenneth Hedrick, Chevron senior business development manager, said Canton should save an estimated \$384,000 each year going forward, surpassing earlier estimates by \$30,000.

"I would say it has exceeded expectations," said Brad Sharp, Canton Leisure Services parks and facilities manager.

That said, the dramatically

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Canton's Summit on the Park received three new heating and cooling units.

Teen receives probation for party robbery

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

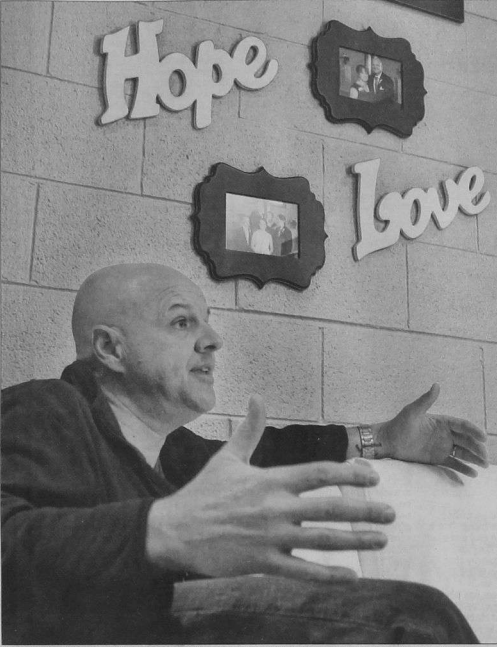
A Detroit teen has been placed on probation for three years for his role in robbing two Westland teens who police say had gone to a Canton party to buy drugs, a Wayne County Circuit Court clerk said Friday.

Clary DeJuan Scott Jr., 17, could have the charge of unarmed robbery removed from his record if he stays out of trouble and obeys orders by Judge Margie Braxton to pay restitution and certain court costs, the clerk said.

Scott was one of four defendants accused of robbing two 18-year-old Westland men who police say went to buy drugs while a party was occurring last Nov. 2 at The Crossings, an apartment complex near Joy Road and I-275 on Canton's far north side.

Scott was placed on probation Thursday, but the court clerk said sentencing has been delayed for defendants Muhedin Danny Turkovic, 17, and Joseph Charles

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Mikie Barte, Connection Church pastor of development, talks about the Man Church. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

CANTON'S MAN CHURCH AIMS TO IMPROVE LIVES

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Striking back against an epidemic of fatherless households, Connection Church of Canton has launched a men-only initiative aimed at inspiring men to become more responsible for the children, women and others in their lives.

Simply called Man Church, the kickoff event drew 224 men and created a buzz around metro Detroit even before the group had its inaugural session Thursday evening.

"If men make the selfless choice to commit to their marriage and stay in their children's lives, the fatherless-home epidemic goes away," said Man Church leader Mikie

Barte, Connection Church's pastor of development. "It disappears."

U.S. Census figures reveal that fatherless households are four times more likely to be poor. Moreover, the National Fatherhood Initiative, citing the census, indicates 44 percent of children in mother-only families lived in poverty in 2011, compared to just 12 percent from married-couple homes.

"It's a man problem," Barte said. "It's a solvable problem."

Man Church hopes to give men the tools they need to become more committed to their families and communities by hosting weekly gatherings 7-8:30 p.m. each Thursday at Connection Church, 3855 Shel-

don Road, north of Michigan Avenue. Sessions involve teachings and group discussions before men get what Barte called "their marching orders."

The effort evolved after the Rev. Rocky Barra, Connection Church pastor, cited a need to reinvent the men's ministry, though Barte said Man Church participants don't have to belong to any church.

"They don't even have to like church," he said.

It's geared toward males 16 years and older and their sons age 12 and up.

Man Church's goal is simple: Help men embrace responsibility and join with other men to solve problems. Barte de-

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McNamara officially joins race for county executive

By Kurt Kuban
Staff Writer

Now it's a true race. Amid bagpipers and a raucous crowd of about 200 of his closest friends and political supporters, Kevin McNamara became the second candidate to make it official — he is running to become executive of Wayne County — and he thinks he can win.

While there had been speculation for some time that he would throw his hat into the ring, the longtime Wayne County commissioner made the announcement Thursday night during a campaign kick-

off party at Wayne County Community College's Downriver campus in Taylor.

McNamara, a 56-year-old Belleville resident and the son of former Wayne County Executive Edward McNamara, joins Westland Mayor William Wild as the first two to announce their candidacies. Wild made his announcement at a similar event Jan. 15. Both men are looking to succeed current Executive Robert Ficano, who has held the position for 12 years. Ficano has been mired in political turmoil for more than a year and has not yet announced if he plans to run again.

State Rep. Phil Cavanagh, D-Redford Township, the son of former Detroit Mayor Jerome Cavanagh, has set up an exploratory committee and is also expected to announce he is running for the office. They are all Democrats and would challenge one another in the Aug. 5 primary.

McNamara spent most of his 20-minute speech criticizing Ficano's leadership, whether it was for a failed jail project that has cost taxpayers about \$160 million so far, federal investigations of his administration or the fact that he has

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Kevin McNamara (left) announced his candidacy for Wayne County executive Thursday. About 200 friends and political supporters attended the event, including Trenton Mayor Pro Tem Bill Lafare.



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scribes the sessions as "hard-hitting, efficient and on point. We will start on time, end on time and rally men around a cause. This ain't your grandma's church."

Early on, Bartee said he hasn't witnessed a

push-back against Man Church for being a men-only group. He said Connection Church also offers programs for women.

Sitting in his office, Bartee revealed some of the projects Man Church members are likely to become involved in.

Men with similar interests will be divided into 12-member groups

that rotate monthly meetings among their homes to discuss ways they can better themselves, their families and their communities.

On St. Patrick's Day, Man Church plans to work with Connection Church's Celebrate Recovery program to set up tents outside area bars and provide free rides home to patrons who otherwise may drive drunk.

"We want people to get home safe," Bartee said, avoiding potential drunken driving crashes that

"disrupt homes and disrupt lives."

Man Church intends to get involved in a program dubbed Minute Men, already in place, that sends men to perform work such as car repairs or home projects for single mothers and low-income people. To that end, men received tools as gifts during the Jan. 18 kickoff party.

In an effort to reach out to men - and women - in prison, Man Church participants may choose to go to prisons to help lead Bible studies. They

also plan to serve as mentors to men when they are released, helping them to readjust.

Members may become involved this summer in supporting efforts to build a school in El Cruce, Guatemala, where Connection Church already has helped build a church and improve drinking water resources.

Man Church also is likely to raise money during the next Detroit Free Press marathon to aid World Vision, which helps bring clean drink-

ing water to villages in Zambia.

Already, 22 Man Church members have signed up for a crisis intervention team, which Bartee said will respond with supplies and assistance to places devastated by events such as natural disasters.

For more information on Man Church, send an email to Bartee at mike@connection-church.info.

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Holland, 18, both of Canton, and Alexander James Shippey, 22, of Livonia.

During the incident, one victim was punched and kicked, while the other was struck in the face as the robbery un-

folded shortly after 9 p.m. Nov. 2, Canton police have said.

Canton Detective Erik Kaledas has said the Westland teens were robbed of money and a cellphone after they arrived at the party.

The four defendants have all pleaded guilty to unarmed robbery. They had initially faced additional charges of armed

robbery, but authorities have said those counts were dismissed in 35th District Court because of a lack of evidence linking them to a gun.

Scott could have faced penalties ranging up to 15 years in prison during his sentencing, but the court clerk said he has received probation as long as he obeys Braxton's orders. If not, he could be

imprisoned.

Holland is expected to learn his fate as early as late January, while Turkovic and Shippey are facing sentencing in March, the clerk said.

The defendants had been released on bond to await their sentencing.

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had a difficult time balancing the county's budget.

"Wayne County government is broken and it needs to be re-invented now," McNamara said. "In the 11 years he's been in office, he (Picano) has only balanced the budget one time."

McNamara said he has spent the last couple of months meeting with business and municipal leaders, as well as regular residents, and their message has been pretty clear.

"They are all telling me the same thing - they want change and a seat at the table so they can have a say in how that change takes place," McNamara said.

McNamara has been on the Wayne County Commission since 2006 and currently represents the communities of

Belleville, Huron Township, Romulus, Sumpter Township, Van Buren Township, Wayne and the southern portion of Westland. He is chair of the commission's Public Services Committee, board chair of Wayne County Head Start, a board member of the Wayne County Airport Authority and is finance chair of Southeast Michigan Council of Governments.

Throughout the evening, there were many references to McNamara's father, McNamara said he isn't concerned about people who are critical of his father, who he says was not only a political mentor for him growing up, but also someone after whom he would model his own leadership.

"Some people say my father ran a political machine. Well, he did run a machine," McNamara said. "He made county government work for people. The county al-

ways had a balanced budget when he was in charge. When roads needed to be fixed, he got them fixed. He always got things done. That's the kind of machine that concerns me."

Among the large crowd that turned out to show support were several dozen current and former elected officials from around the county, including many who were seated on the stage behind McNamara.

"I came out because I wanted to hear what he had to say," said Wayne City Councilman Jim Henley, who also attended Wild's announcement.

Henley said he isn't sure who he is going to support at this point, but he definitely feels the county needs a new direction.

"Kevin has always been a big supporter to the city of Wayne. Everything he had to say this evening was true. The county is in dire need of new leadership," Henley

said.

Jackie Kaifesh, a Romulus resident and a member of the Local 24 Hospitality Union, attended the event and said she supports McNamara because he has been a friend of the middle class throughout his political career.

"He really works with the unions and has always been a voice for the middle class," she said. "I sure hope he wins, because we really need a change."

Wayne County Commissioner Ray Basham, who, along with McNamara's son Cullan, introduced McNamara to the crowd, first read a letter sent by former Michigan Gov. Jennifer Granholm, in which she wrote that "Wayne County is in Kevin's DNA."

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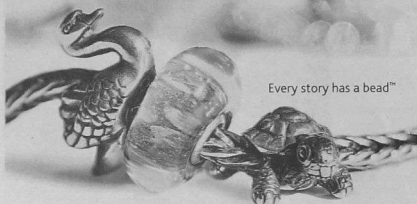
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Neil Diamond tribute concert called success

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

Turns out the Neil Diamond tribute concert made some beautiful noise for the Canton Partnership for the Arts and the Westland Community Foundation.

With Brian LaBlanc on vocals, Simply Diamond, the headliner at the recent fundraiser that benefits those two organizations and the Westland Chamber of Commerce, played to raucous crowds in a pair of Saturday shows that nearly filled the main stage at the Village Theater in Cherry Hill in Canton.

Nearly 300 people saw the matinee show, while another 350 filled the theater for the evening performance to listen to the music of Diamond, the pop icon whose hit songs include Sweet Caroline and Cracklin' Rose.

"It was an amazing day," said Jill Engel, executive director of the Canton Partnership for the Arts & Humanities. "The band was crazy good and the crowds were wonderful."

Final totals weren't yet available, but Engel said she's confident the shows went well. The proceeds will be divided using a formula between the three partners. The Partnership will direct all of its proceeds

toward its arts complex project at the old Ford factory in Cherry Hill Village, designed to create a regional arts complex. First up is the World War II Veterans Dormitory, the first phase of its future Arts District project.

The goal for the dormitory, once completed, is to offer art therapy services to local veterans, "creating an indoor and outdoor location for them to find peace," Engel said.

Henry Ford had created the Village Industry in Cherry Hill "so that disabled veterans returning from World War II had a place to live and work while receiving rehabilitation and training," Engel said. "This will also tie the building back to its original heritage."

Westland Community Foundation President Glenn Shaw said the partners were "tickled" to get nearly 300 people to the matinee and called the evening audience "lively."

"The group was great, the crowd got right into the music and they were dancing... it was unbelievable," Shaw said. "It was a great event."

Shaw estimated the Westland Community Foundation took some \$30,000 away from the fundraiser, which will be added to some \$800,000



Simply Diamond, a Neil Diamond tribute band from the east coast, played matinee and evening performances at the Village Theater.



Some 350 people turned out for the evening show, with many of them heading to the dance floor in front of the Village Theater stage.

he estimates the foundation has "put right back

into the community" in its 19-year existence.

Main Street Catering donated desserts, while

Biggy Coffee in Westland donated coffee. Hors d'oeuvres were provided by LaBistecca Italian Grille, The Sardine Room, Antonio's Cucina Italiana, Courthouse Grill and Hayden's Bar & Grill.

Engel also praised the Village Theater staff, who helped transition between the matinee and evening shows without a hitch.

"The staff is amazing," she said. "The restaurants brought plenty of food and everyone was so happy and having such a wonderful time. It was an absolutely delightful evening."

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reduced energy costs don't necessarily mean huge sums of cash in the bank. Going forward, officials say much of the savings will be used to pay off a \$5.6 million, 15-year bond debt Canton took on to upgrade facilities, slash utility bills and become more environmentally "green."

The projects have made Canton more energy-efficient and eased worries of equipment failure for some — though certainly not all — of the township's aging buildings. Debbie Bilbrey-Honsowetz, Canton Leisure Services director, said The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, at 10 years old, is Canton's newest government facility. Summit on the Park is 18 years old.

Among the most critical work completed, three heating and cooling units were replaced at Summit on the Park — one virtually the size of a mobile home — and one at Pheasant Run Golf Club. Boilers were replaced at the Summit, the Village Theater and the Canton Administration Building. Chevron has guaranteed Canton will save \$354,000 a year on utility costs going forward, based on work that has been completed.

"We will write you a check if there's a short fall," Hedrick said Tuesday, during talks between Chevron and Canton officials.

Hedrick predicted the actual savings will likely be over \$384,000.

Canton hired Chevron for a three-year contract to perform an analysis of government facilities and oversee projects deemed the most pressing. For now, the company will continue to generate reports showing how much the township has saved by upgrading some of its infrastructure.

Long term, Canton officials say the reduced utility costs, other than paying off the 15-year bond, could potentially accommodate plans to complete more improvements to aging facilities.

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Canton Relay for Life to host kickoff rally

The American Cancer Society Relay For Life of Canton will officially get under way at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 25, as event volunteers and participants gather at South Canton Scholars Charter Academy, 3085 S. Canton Center, for a kickoff rally to launch its fund-raising efforts for the year.

"On May 22, 2013, the American Cancer Society celebrated 100 years of fighting to save lives from cancer," said Abigail Stonerook, ACS staff partner. "It's the progress we've made together -- as a community, as volunteers, as survivors and as leaders -- that has helped us reach this

incredible milestone with tremendous success. We've never been more ready to complete our mission and put ourselves out of business. By lending your support to the Relay For Life of Canton this year, you'll be helping the society finish the fight and bring an end to cancer as we know it."

Relay For Life participants and visitors have a chance to celebrate the victory of local cancer survivors during the Survivors Lap; remember those who are fighting cancer or those who have lost their battle to the disease during the Luminaria Ceremony; and participate in the

Fight Back Ceremony, which gives everyone a chance to proclaim his or her own way of taking action against the disease.

Donations can be made to this local Relay For Life event by visiting RelayForLife.org. Community members also can start or join a team by following the links to their local relay event.

The 2014 Relay For Life of Canton takes place Saturday, May 17, at Heritage Park, beginning at 10 a.m. For more information about the kickoff event or on how to get involved, contact Stonerook at 248-663-3404 or email Abigail.Stonerook@cancer.org.



Canton Lions Club President Larry Wegryn (from left), Peace Poster Chairperson Rosemary Maul, student Colin Knudsen, his mother Kathy Knudsen and West Middle School Principal Clint Smiley.

Lions Club announces poster contest winners

Colin Knudsen, a 12-year-old from West Middle School in Plymouth, and Julie Marshall, a 12-year-old from McBride Middle School in Belleville, have been named the winners in the Peace Poster Contest sponsored by the Canton Lions Club.

The Canton Lions Club covers Belleville, Van Buren Township and Canton Township through its Peace Poster Chairperson Rosemary Maul. The contest is open to kids 11-13 years of age and Maul said she makes presentation to the school through her area advising instructors and kids to enter the contest and win prizes.

She points out that Lions International names a different theme each year. The kids were asked to paint a poster this year with the theme "Our World, Our Future."

Canton Lions President Larry Wegryn said he was impressed by the expression and creativity of the students at both West and Belleville middle schools.

"It is obvious that these young people have strong ideas about what peace means to them," Wegryn said. "I'm so proud that we were able to provide them with the opportunity to share their visions."

The winners' posters advanced through the club level and went on to the district level (Wayne/Monroe counties), where Colin won second place and Julie won third place. They were awarded \$75 and \$50, respectively. The first-place winner, Grace Ma from East Middle School, won the district competition and was awarded \$100.

Should Grace win the state Lions



McBride Middle School Principal John Leroy (from left), student Julie Marshall, Canton Lions Club President Larry Wegryn and Peace Poster Chairperson Rosemary Maul.

competition, her poster would compete against Lions Clubs worldwide, winning her a trip to United Nations Headquarters in New York City and honored with a luncheon along with a cash prize of \$5,000. There are also 23 merit prizes winners who are awarded \$500.

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Course teaches kids cyber safety

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

When Clint Smiley first became a school administrator, he notes few, if any, students had a cellphone.

Now, said the West Middle School principal, if you ask any given eighth-grade class how many of its students have a cellphone, perhaps as high as 90 percent of them would raise their hands.

Administrators in the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools feel it's important to teach its students the ins and outs of cyber safety, which is why, over the last couple of weeks, students in most of the district's elementary schools and in all of its middle schools were treated to presentations from representatives of the Michigan Cyber Safety Initia-

tive.

The Michigan CSI is a program first conceived by former state Attorney General Mike Cox and continued by current AG Bill Schuette. Its aim is to teach kids how to keep their personal information protected and how to deal with various kinds of bullying and cyber-bullying.

"They tailor the presentation to whatever grade they're presenting to," Smiley said. "They teach the kids the dangers of putting out personal information in places like Twitter, Facebook and even with texting. The kids learn that whatever you put out there isn't private."

The lessons are becoming more important by the year, according to Smiley, who pointed out kids are getting cellphones at a much earlier



Elementary and middle school students were treated this week to a presentation designed to teach them how to be safe when using devices such as smart phones.

but they really have no idea," Smiley said.

The presentation has turned out to be so popular, the program designed for parents drew some 40 parents this year.

"That presentation is a little different," Smiley said. "But a lot of it is similar, talking about the same topics."

Smiley is encouraged by the reactions he gets from students, who learn the ways potential predators can get hold of – and make use of – their private information. Often, he said, he asks kids what they're going to do when they get home and the response is, "Put my Twitter settings on private and turn off the location settings on my phone."

"I feel like it's my job to present that information, especially to sixth-, seventh- and eighth-graders, because they are really technologically immature," Smiley said. "The message really comes through to the kids."

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age these days.

"(Cellphones) used to be a transition gift between middle school and high school ... It was a huge eighth-grade graduation present," Smiley said. "Now it's moved back to fifth grade. And now not only do they have a phone, it's a smart phone."

The accessibility to technology, Smiley said, gives youngsters a false sense of ability, a heightened feeling they know more about how it works than they really do. That can lead, he said, to dangerous exposure of their personal information.

"Middle school kids think they're incredibly tech-savvy,

Students package meals to feed hungry children

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

With thousands of children dying of hunger around the world every day, a group of students from the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park is proving that even they can make a difference around the globe.

The seven students from Plymouth and Canton high schools are organizing a MobilePack event, designed to package 100,000 meals to send to hungry children around the world. It's part of an effort from the organization Feed My Starving Children to feed communities around the world until those communities can stand on their own.

Plymouth High School senior Alexa Cichon was first exposed to a MobilePack event

as a freshman, when she attended one at NorthRidge Church that managed to pack an astounding 1 million meals.

"This allowed me to see that I could make an impact on the lives of those less fortunate and it inspired me to host one," Cichon said.

Cichon knew she couldn't do it alone, so she enlisted the help of a few friends. Those friends – Canton seniors Madison Johnson and Neha Ha-feez and Plymouth seniors Brianna Lax, Brandon Cheung, Kevin Ni and Alex Nappi – have organized a MobilePack for Saturday, Feb. 8, at Friendship Church, located at Beck and Saltz roads.

At the MobilePack, some 500 volunteers will work together to package 100,000 meals. The meals contain rice, soy, vitamins, flavoring and

dried vegetables and are packaged in a sealed bag. The group chose to work with Feed My Starving Children because FMSC puts 92 cents of every dollar toward the food.

The meals will be distributed to one or more of 70 countries around the world, places like the Philippines, Kenya and Haiti. Feed My Starving Children works to send meals to communities most in need, including countries affected by natural disasters and places that are economically challenged. Food is distributed through partnerships with orphanages, schools, refugee camps and malnutrition centers.

"As only high school students, we often feel we cannot have a large impact around the world or even in our community, but this event is a chance to

do so," Johnson said. "It's a chance to unite the community to improve the lives of many children around the world who are less fortunate than us."

Cheung, community outreach coordinator for the National Honor Society at the Park, has been busy trying to raise awareness of the event throughout the community. The students are hoping this National Honor Society independent service project "does good in the community" while showing the group's leadership skills.

"We thought what better way to help those in need by helping to package meals for the thousands of hungry children all around the world," Cheung said. "Another goal was to get the community involved and try to inspire others to do good, either by host-

ing their own event or volunteering elsewhere to help others in need."

The group is still looking for some 300 volunteers, who can work one or more of the shifts that run 9-11 a.m., 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and 2-4 p.m. The group is also hoping to raise some \$16,500 to pay for the event.

When it's over, the students believe they will have made a difference.

"After this event is over, I hope to have made a difference in the lives of children around the world, as well as bring together the community for such an inspiring event," Johnson said. "This project is important to me because it has really opened my eyes to those in need around the world."

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Barefoot to present 'Show of Shows'

Plymouth-based Barefoot Productions presents a one-night performance of what they are calling *Our Show of Shows* — a Musical-Comedy Variety Night! at 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 1.

Craig A. Hane, the founder and artistic director, has put together an evening of song and dance and comedy and more, all featuring top performers or technicians who have been involved with the Barefoot Productions' stage over the past eight years.

"Many of our actors and technicians have talents that reach beyond their performances you have seen in our play productions," Hane



Some of the Barefoot Productions entertainers who will perform in the Feb. 1 "Show of Shows."

said. "Many are singers, dancers, musicians, comedians and even magicians. In *Our Show of Shows*, I want to give a chance to showcase their other talents and show our audience and patrons even more of what these talented people have to

offer."

Reminiscent of the old television variety specials and hours, *Our Show of Shows* will be a non-stop selection of music and comedy.

"The evening is based on the same 'feel' of an old Dick Van Dyke Show

episode, where Rob and Laura invited their 'entertainer' friends over to their house for cake and coffee after dinner," Hane said. "Then the evening ends up with all their friends (Buddy, Sally, Mel and more) all performing for each

other right there in the Petrie living room." The show will take place nestled in an intimate setting resembling a living room, built on the set for Barefoot Productions' upcoming *The Twilight of the Gods*, which opens three weeks later Feb. 21.

The evening will feature David Alexander of Redford, Adam Dib of Dearborn and Trevor Robertson as the band to back up the evening with musical offerings. A variety of singers — Christine Steves of Woodhaven, Linda Staniko of Grosse Ile, Jonathan Wenstrom of Canton, Anne Morgan of Livonia and Maureen and Tina Paraventi, also of Livonia, will perform

original, pop, folk and show tunes.

The evening will also offer the comedic timings of Joe Arcel of Canton and Rick Pientak and Terry Viviani of Garden City. Marissa Winn will entertain with stylish dance and Sean naes of Westland performs his magic.

Tickets are on sale now directly at the Barefoot Productions website (www.justgobarefoot.com) or call the box office for reservations at 734-560-1493. There is limited seating of just 100. All seats are \$15. The performance is staged at the Barefoot Productions Theater, located at 240 N. Main Street, Plymouth.

Middle schoolers explore transportation needs of the future

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Urban planning might seem like something graduate students or college students would explore, but some local middle school students are getting a good head start on the subject.

Sixth-, seventh- and eighth-graders will gather during the school day hours Monday, Jan. 27, for the Future City regional finals, focusing on science, technology, engineering and math. The event will be held at the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi.

The regional finals, with about 600 middle schoolers, have a theme this year of "Tomorrow's Transit: Design a Way To Move People In and Around Your City."

"The goal is to get the

kids interested in STEM subjects. We're trying to get young kids interested in engineering," said Allison Marrs, membership and Future City program manager for the Engineering Society of Detroit, based in Southfield.

The ESD manages the regional competition for Michigan, Berkeley resident Marrs explained. This is the 21st year for national competition (www.futurecity.org) and the 19th year the ESD has managed Michigan competition.

The winner of that competition goes on to Washington, D.C., for national competition, she said.

Learning together

The teams in Novi will have at least three students and as many as 30,

an entire class. The students learn teamwork and presentation skills.

"It just kind of builds a lot of life skills along the way, in addition to getting them interested in engineering," Marrs said.

The teams build a physical model of a city 150 years into the future. "You would be very impressed with what the kids come up with," Marrs said. By exploring transportation issues, they're using civil engineering and other engineering fields.

"I'm so impressed with what they come up with," she said. "It forces them to do research and really go beyond the classroom."

The students work with a teacher, usually in science, and the ESD recruits mentors who



St. Valentine Catholic School in Redford will be among those with students participating in the regional finals Monday.

usually visit their teams weekly with advice.

ESD judges, some 200, will look at the physical models and ask the students questions. Scoring will be based on presentation, following rules and more, with first-, second- and third-place winners. The first-place winner goes on to Washington, D.C., for nationals Feb. 15-18 during Engineers Week.

At nationals, there's a grand prize of \$7,500 for the team school or after-

school STEM program, as well as a trip to U.S. Space Camp in Huntsville, Ala.

Local schools

This year's schools from southeast Michigan include: Crescent Academy International, Canton; Jain Society of Greater Detroit, Farmington Hills; MacArthur K-8 University Academy, Southfield; Marshall Upper Elementary School, Westland; and St. Valentine.

Competition in Michigan is split about 50-50 between boys and girls, with some teams made up of all-girl presenters, Marrs said. "That is another goal. The Engineering Society is really pushing girls to become interested."

There are some 39 regions for Future City in the U.S., she said. The Jan. 27 regional event will feature about 19 schools and 26 teams.

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Schoolcraft College names new building in honor of Jeffress

By Karen Smith
Staff Writer

Dr. Conway A. Jeffress, president of Schoolcraft College, has been so busy getting the school's new building ready for its bachelor's and master's degree partnership program with Wayne State University and the University of Toledo that he didn't have time to think about a name for it.

That's why it came as a surprise for him when the SC Board of Trustees unanimously voted Wednesday to name the new building, the former American Community Mutual Insurance building at Seven Mile and Haggerty roads, after him, calling it The Jeffress Center.

"I hadn't paid any attention to it," he said. "I was so busy getting the building ready, names were just not on my mind."

Jeffress, 70, who didn't know of the board's intentions until the agenda was suddenly changed at the beginning of the meeting, said he was thrilled. "It's just a terrific honor. I really, really was taken by that."

He said it left him temporarily speechless, a first for him.

"It's one of those legacy events," he said, adding he never imagined while growing up that he would one day have a building named after him. He said he's honored the board considers worthwhile his contribution over the years to the college and the community.

The building, currently being refurbished, was purchased last year. SC board Secretary James Fausone made the motion to name the building The Jeffress



The Jeffress Center will house most of the operations of the Schoolcraft to U partnership.



Jeffress

Center in honor of Schoolcraft's fourth president. "We have the opportunity to create a new name and brand for the building," he said. "By the fall, that building will be bustling with students, community education classes, foundation and Schoolcraft to U activities. Naming the building now is financially prudent, something for which our honoree is known."

Jeffress has served Schoolcraft College for more than 32 years. He became president in July 2001. Before serving as president of Schoolcraft College, Jeffress was the college's vice president of instruction and student services.

Under Jeffress' leadership, the college built

and opened the VisTa-Tech Center in September 2003, remodeled of the Bradner Library in 2005, built the Biomedical Technology Center in 2008 and created of the Public Safety Training Complex in 2013.

The 110,000-square-foot American Community Mutual Insurance building was purchased by Schoolcraft for \$3.4 million. Last May, the Schoolcraft Board of Trustees approved issuing \$18 million in bonds for several improvements, including renovating the building, to get ready for the university partnership. Most of U-T's and WSU's classes will be held there.

Other improvements covered by the bond include overhauling the college's mainframe computer, adding a parking lot and building a road around the back of campus so motorists can get from Six Mile to Seven Mile without going onto Haggerty.

Schoolcraft College is a public, predominantly two-year college, offering classes at the college's main campus in Livonia, Haggerty Road between Six and Seven

Mile Roads; the Radcliff Center in Garden City; the Public Safety Training Complex in Livonia; and www.schoolcraft.edu.

Elder law series starts in February

Plymouth Community United Way, in partnership with the Plymouth Community Council on Aging, presents a free Elder Law Series with attorney Gary S. Allen, 10-11:30 a.m. and 6-8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 20, at Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty.

Allen, an estate planning and elder law attorney, continues the series Thursdays, Feb. 27, March 6 and March 13. Advance registration is required.

Topics include:
» Estate Planning, Feb. 20. Avoiding probate, discussion of wills and power of attorney for financial and health-care purposes, Lady Bird deeds, changes to 2013 Federal Estate Tax. Learn why you do not want to hold a deed for recording after death.
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» Retirement Accounts, March 6. IRAs, 401(k), 403(b), etc. Avoid up to 40-percent taxation on accounts at death, 10-percent and 50-percent tax penalties for improper withdrawals from retirement accounts.

» Taxes, March 13. Income and estates taxes are expected to rise in the future. Convert taxable assets into tax-deferred or tax-free assets. Reduce taxes on social security income. Learn about gift taxes and using a charitable remainder trust to reduce taxes.

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Wayne County runs emergency preparedness drill

By David Veselenak
Staff Writer

Being prepared during a pandemic or other dangerous outbreak takes practice. Just ask Tom Barnes, Wayne County's emergency volunteer management coordinator.

Barnes was one of several Wayne County employees and volunteers working Tuesday morning at Churchill High School in Livonia running a drill to practice setting up a point of dispensing, or POD, in the case of an outbreak of a virus or infection.

"The whole point of all these PODs is to take the pressure off the hospitals," he said. "In an emergency, they're going to flood them. That's going to happen, even with the PODs. But this is going to take a lot of pressure off them."

The drill is one the

county does at 18 sites outside of Detroit, which has its own plan for dispensing medication if the need arises because of a flu outbreak, biological terrorist attack or other type of pandemic. Other sites take place in Northville, Garden City and Dearborn Heights, though the one in Livonia is considered one of the largest ones in Wayne County.

The drill, which focused on a hypothetical anthrax outbreak in southeast Michigan, had several dozen volunteers on hand, from those managing a triage station to dispensing potential medication to answering questions and providing information to residents about the medication and how it would affect those to whom it is administered.

Barnes said the idea behind keeping the drills



Veronica Rodriguez, Wayne County Public Health emergency preparedness manager, speaks to employees and volunteers during an emergency preparedness exercise Tuesday at Churchill High School in Livonia. Points of dispensing, or PODs, are used to dispense antibiotics, antivirals, vaccines or other life-saving medical supplies in the event of a public health emergency.

orderly calls for just one person per family unit to come and pick up medication. That keeps the PODs running more smoothly and eliminates unnecessary congestion.

"You don't have the entire population of

Wayne County coming and picking up medication. In an ideal and perfect situation, you'll have one person per site per household," Barnes said. "Some people do pick up for their neighbors, for their grandparents. We encourage it. We don't want so much traffic that they're flooding the streets. We would rather have one person picking up."

Despite the dozens of volunteers at the site, Veronica Rodriguez, Wayne County's emergency preparedness coordinator, said she is always looking for more volunteers to help in a crisis were to break out. She said the Livonia site needs about triple the number of residents to make it the most efficient, going from about 30 to 90, though she'll take volunteers credited to other agencies such as



Wayne County Public Health Department nurses screen personal registration forms designed for POD attendees during a drill Tuesday at Churchill High School in Livonia. The attendee information will alert them to allergies concerning medications and other important health information.

the Michigan Volunteer Registry online. "This is for your community members," she said. "It's to help the members of our community and this is the importance of volunteering."

Barnes said most of the funds to help support the PODs come from grants from the federal and state governments, though Wayne County is required to provide some matching funds.

Some of these plans were initiated several years ago during the H1N1 flu outbreak. Several thousand residents were administered drugs to vaccinate against the disease, which killed thousands during the outbreak.

serve police officer for Livonia and a community emergency response team volunteer, said he helped dispense medication at Schoolcraft College in 2010 when H1N1 was declared a hazard. He said anytime volunteers can get practice, it makes running a POD that much easier when something happens.

"You're often going to be in a situation where, in your job, you might not see the big picture of every different thing," he said. "Every exercise, every training makes you feel more confident."

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED USE OF THE 2014 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS FEBRUARY 11, 2014

Notice is hereby given that public hearing concerning the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program will be held by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth at 7:00 P.M. in the Town Hall Meeting Room of the Plymouth Township Hall located at 9955 N. Haggerty Road on Tuesday, February 11, 2014.

The purpose of the public hearing will be to afford the public the opportunity to place before the board any proposed use of the 2014 CDBG funds.

Preliminary indications from the Wayne County Community Development Block Grant program are that the estimated 2014 funding allocation for the Township will be approximately \$97,102. Wayne County requires that our request for public service projects not exceed 15% of the total allocation. Based on that special requirement the projects are proposed as follows:

ESTIMATED 2014 ALLOCATION BASED ON 15% PUBLIC SERVICE CAP		Allocation	
PUBLIC SERVICES	\$15,000	\$7,500	
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If Wayne County Determines after all applications are received that additional funds shall be available for public service projects the proposed allocations shall be as follows:

ESTIMATED 2014 ALLOCATION BASED ON TOWNSHIP PREFERENCE		Allocation	
PUBLIC SERVICES	\$47,580	\$11,124	
Senior Services			\$8,900
Council on Aging			\$2,224
Senior Alliance			
Senior Transportation	\$33,986		\$33,986
ADMINISTRATION			
Administration	\$9,710		\$9,710
BRICK & MORTAR	\$39,812		\$39,812
ADA Township Park Improvements			
TOTAL ALLOCATION	\$97,102		\$97,102

The Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth will determine the use of the 2014 funds upon completion of the public hearing.

Any written comments regarding the proposed use of the 2014 funds should be directed to Susan Vignone, Solid Waste and Public Works Director for the Charter Township of Plymouth, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, MI and must be received by Friday, February 7, 2014.

Nancy Conzelmann
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Bids will be received at the office of Mr. Brodie Kilian, Deputy Superintendent of Business & Operations, Plymouth Canton Community Schools, 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth, MI 48170 until 1:00 P.M., local time on Tuesday, February 11, 2014 at which time they will be opened and read publicly at Plymouth Canton Community School, E.J. McClelland Educational Center, 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth, Michigan, 48170. Bids received after this time and date will be returned unopened.

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Bids are to be submitted in a sealed envelope supplied by the Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith, Inc. The bid envelope must be clearly identified on the outside of the envelope.
There will be a pre-bid meeting held on Tuesday, January 21, 2014 at 10:00 A.M. at the office of the Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith, Inc., located at 24317 Indoplex Circle, Farmington Hills, MI 48335. The purpose of the meeting will be to review the project, schedule and to answer any questions that bidders may have. All Bidders are encouraged to attend.
All bids should include 2 copies (1 original, 1 copy) of the Proposal Pricing Form (Section 00 41 26), Proposal Execution Form (Section 00 42 00), and the Iran Economic Sanctions Act Affidavit. The Proposal Execution Form provides a space for the bidder to disclose any familial relationship as required by Section 1287 of the Revised School Code, as amended, MCCL 380.1287, and this form must be signed and notarized in order for the bid to be accepted. The Iran Economic Sanctions Act Affidavit form may be found in section 00 42 01 of the Bidding Requirements & General Conditions Manual.
All bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security, in either the form of a bid bond or certified bank check, in the amount of five (5) percent of the amount of the bid, payable to Plymouth Canton Community Schools, as a guarantee that if the proposal is accepted, the school district is secured from loss or damage by reason of the withdrawal of the bid or failure of the bidder to enter a contract for performance. Further, the bidder will execute the contract and file the required bonds within ten (10) days after notice of award of contract. If awarded a contract, the successful bidder may be required to furnish a Performance Bond and Labor and Material Payment Bond. Plymouth Canton Community Schools reserves the right to reject any or all bids received and to waive any informalities and irregularities in the bids.
This project is authorized by Plymouth Canton Community School's Board of Education Secretary Kimberly Crounch, END OF SECTION

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ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MEETING NOTICE CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN (734) 453-1234

A regular meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals will be held on Thursday, February 6, 2014 at 7:00 P.M. in the Commission Chambers of the City Hall, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI, to consider the following:

- Z-1-01
- Non-Use Variance Requested
- 2nd Front Yard Setback
- Zoned: R-1, Single Family Residential
- Applicant: Christopher & Ann Peters

All interested persons are invited to attend.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Plymouth will provide accessible reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audiotapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting/hearing, to individuals with disabilities. Requests for auxiliary aids or services may be made by writing or calling the following:

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS TOWNSHIP PARK FOOT BRIDGES - DIVISIONS 1, 2 AND 3 WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

Sealed proposals for the construction of the Township Park Foot Bridges - Division 1, 2 and 3 will be received by the Office of the Clerk, Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, for the Charter Township of Plymouth, until 10:00 a.m., Local Time on Monday, February 3, 2014, at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read.

Bidders shall read carefully with attention to the Instructions to Bidders, which are incorporated by reference, and carefully review all Contract Documents, as defined in the Instructions to Bidders. Bids submitted after the exact time specified for receipt will not be considered. The Contracts will consist of the following principal items of work and appurtenances as specified herein and shown on the Contract Drawings.

Description of Work

Division 1 - Bridge Abutments

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

Division 2 - Bridge Installation

The project scope consists of the installation of the pre purchased bridges on the completed abutments, including unloading bridge, placement on abutments, fastening bridge to abutments, etc. to fully complete the foot bridges.

Division 3 - Concrete Pathway Installation

The project consists of the excavation, clearing/grubbing for sidewalk, concrete pathway installation and turf restoration. 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 Township Governmental Trade Network website at www.MITN.org on Monday, January 20, 2014.

Attention is called to the fact that not less than minimum salaries and wages as set forth in the Contract Documents must be paid on this project and that the Contractor must ensure that employees and applicable work employment are not discriminated against because of race, color, religion, sex or national origin, in accordance with Executive Order 11246 Equal Employment Opportunity and Notice of Requirement for Affirmative Action to Ensure Equal Employment Opportunity.

No Proposal will be received unless with the Davis-Bacon Act, July 2, 1964 (Title 40 USC 276A), the Equal Employment Opportunity Act, September 28, 1965, No. 11246, all United States Department of Labor Regulations and Standards Title 29, 1, 3, and 5, and Title 18, USC, Section 874, known as "Anti-Kickback Act," and the Federal Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970.

The Contractor shall comply with the requirements of the Clean Air Act, as amended, 42 USC 1857 et seq., the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended, 33 USC 1251 et seq., and the regulations of the Environmental Protection Agency with respect thereto, at 40 CFR Part 15, as amended.

Proposals submitted by Bidders who have been debarred, suspended, or made ineligible by any Federal agency shall be rejected.

Each bidder agrees to waive any claim it has or may have against the Owner, the Architect/Engineer, and their respective employees, arising out of or in connection with the administration, evaluation, or recommendation of any bid. Each bid proposal shall be submitted on the proposal forms provided and shall be accompanied by a certified check, cashier's check or bid bond, executed by the bidder and Surety Company payable to the Charter Township of Plymouth in the amount of Five Percent (5%) of the accompanying bid. Proposed Guarantee shall provide assurance that the bidder will, upon acceptance of the bid, execute the necessary Contract with the Charter Township of Plymouth. No bid may be withdrawn after scheduled closing time for receiving bids for at least sixty (60) days. The successful bidder will be required to furnish satisfactory Performance, Labor and Material, and Maintenance and Guarantee Bonds.

The Charter Township of Plymouth reserves the right to reject all bids and to waive irregularities in bidding.

No Proposal will be received unless made on blanks furnished and delivered to the Township Clerk on or before 10:00 a.m., Local time, Monday, February 3, 2014.

Signed:

Nancy Conzelmann, Clerk
Charter Township of Plymouth

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Voters should be able to decide PARC question

After nearly a century of serving the greater Plymouth community, Central Middle School will close its doors at the end of the 2014-15 school year.

This historic building's existence, along with the athletic fields, will come to an end and the site developed unless we as a community join together to preserve what has been — and could continue to be — a focal point for education, the arts and recreation.

Unfortunately, a few obstructionists on the Plymouth Township Board of Trustees are doing everything in their power to prevent the preservation of the Central site, at the expense of the greater Plymouth community. The reasoning behind this stance seems to be it is in the city, they are against it. The concept of "One Plymouth" seems incomprehensible to this group. In fact, they have taken specific actions to sabotage the effort with-



Don Soenen
GUEST COLUMNIST

out even discussing the possibilities with Plymouth Arts and Recreation Complex organizers and supporters.

The PARC committee, a team of community leaders, policymakers, sports teams, nonprofits, businesses and residents, has been studying the feasibility and degree of support for the conversion of Central into an arts and recreation complex. Based on input from public forums, there is overwhelming community support for such a project.

The consequences of not re-purposing Central are severe. The pool, gymnasium, football field, soccer fields, baseball diamond and tennis courts would be eliminated. The original historic Plymouth High School, which could be re-

novated, would be demolished. This 18-acre site, located in the heart of the city, would be lost forever to development. It is widely recognized that this would be a tremendous loss for the community as a whole.

More than 1,000 kids, adults and their families currently use this facility on a regular basis. It is the home for numerous football, basketball, baseball, swimming, lacrosse and tennis teams. Many youth programs, including Youth Dance and the Miracle League of Plymouth, are at risk. They all face the challenge of relocation or possible elimination if the PARC project fails. If we don't find a way to maintain the existing site or build replacement facilities, where do they go?

A re-purposed Central also offers an incredible opportunity to include a performing arts center, fitness center and pool activities, along with senior and teen centers. This is the ideal location

for such a facility. The Plymouth community recognizes the tremendous opportunity this project offers and the seriousness of the current situation. The Plymouth City Commission voted unanimously on a resolution to support PARC. The Plymouth-Canton Board of Education voted unanimously approving a resolution that provides the time and support necessary to complete the project.

Unfortunately, the Plymouth Township trustees voted 5-2 against even having discussions with the city, school board and PARC committee. Taking it a step further, they went on to pass a resolution that precludes the township from entering into any "authority" arrangements with the city until November 2016, nearly three years from now.

Establishing an authority, similar to the current library arrangement between the city and the township, will be

required for the ownership and operation of the PARC. The Michigan statute requires that both the city and township governments agree to the arrangement. Even if city and township residents were to support the project, the township has passed a resolution that will stop it.

By taking this action, trustees who voted against even having discussions — and subsequently voted to ban any arrangements with the city — believe they have ended the project forever. They know the project cannot progress without township taxpayer support. Why did they do this? Because, as Ron Edwards has said repeatedly, "It is in the city. I want nothing to do with it. I represent the township." I do not believe that represents the sentiments of township residents. Unfortunately, he has persuaded several others on the board to agree with him.

Plymouth and Plymouth Township recently received the designation as the top city and township in the state of Michigan. Where do you think the township would rank without the city? Without the Penn. Ice Festival, Fall Festival, Art in the Park and Music in the Park, we wouldn't make the top 25. The same is true for the city, which needs the township.

It pains me, a 44-year resident of "One Plymouth," to see this dissension between the city and township governing bodies. Listen up, elected officials. We love our "One Plymouth." Do right by us and stop the games and petty bickering. Let the voters decide whether they want PARC. If you fail to do so, you will pay the price. You serve at the pleasure of the people. We are "One Plymouth." We deserve a vote. Let the voters decide.

Don Soenen is a 44-year resident and a member of the PARC committee.

Be wary of annuity bonus gimmicks

Q: Dear Rick: About five years ago, I bought a traditional fixed-income annuity. When I bought the annuity, it had a guarantee of 4 percent. That is the rate that I've been receiving. It is my understanding the guaranteed rate will stay as is until mid-2015. My annuity person has recommended that I transfer it into a different annuity, which would guarantee about 1.5 percent, but has a 5-percent bonus. The annuity has a 10-percent penalty the first year and then goes down. After year 10, there is no penalty. It doesn't make sense to move the annuity. My feeling is I should leave it as is. What do you think?

A: I like the way you think. I agree 100 percent that it makes no sense to move the annuity. A 4-percent return on a fixed-income investment, in this low interest rate environment, is a very good rate of return. If I were you, I would leave the annuity as is.

In reviewing the situation, one thing to be aware of is that many of these bonus programs through annuities are gimmicks. To me, if you receive a 5-percent bonus and you are putting



Rick Bloom
MONEY MATTERS

\$100,000 into the annuity, you would then have \$105,000 in which to receive interest on. Unfortunately, in many annuities it doesn't work that way.

In reviewing your situation, it appears the annuity salesperson is more concerned with what is best for him or her instead of what's best for you, the client. Unfortunately, I see this all too often with annuity salespeople. They entice you with these bonus programs, but when you look into them, you realize how gimmicky these programs are.

Whether you have an annuity that can be moved without penalty or not, whenever you're approached about moving money from one annuity to another, be very cautious. Be mindful of the fees involved, how long you are committing your money and how the return is calculated.

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

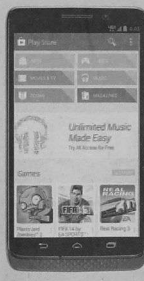


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FRED THOMANN SCHOLARSHIP FUND UNVEILED

Scholarship keeps Thomann's legacy alive

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Fred Thomann's legacy isn't just about helping his teams put wins in the standings or hang banners on the Salem High School gym wall.

An important part of Thomann's life was to teach, whether in the classroom or on the basketball court.

And through the fledgling Fred Thomann Scholarship Fund, his lifelong mission has the chance to continue.

"I think he would be more than honored," his niece Tanya Thomann said during a tele-

phone interview last week. "He worked really hard in his career to make sure that doors were open for kids in college. He fostered relationships with college coaches to make sure there was a good match for kids."

"Since he's not going to be able to open those doors any longer, the fact that the scholarship in his name will open doors for kids in a different way, I know that he would be happy with it."

Thomann coached boys and girls basketball at Salem for more than four decades, including the start of the 2013-14

girls basketball season. He died Dec. 27 at age 71.

The scholarship fund was announced — and warmly received — during the Thomann memorial tribute game Jan. 14.

Thomann's family is working with the Canton Community Foundation with hopes of awarding annual scholarships to any Plymouth-Canton Educational Park student-athlete who intends to pursue a teaching career in college.

Donations can be made online through

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THOMANN SCHOLARSHIP FUND

What: The family of late Salem basketball coaching legend Fred Thomann and the Canton Community Foundation are teaming up to create the Fred Thomann Scholarship Fund. The 71-year-old Thomann — who coached 41 years at Salem — died Dec. 27.

Why: Education and basketball always were 1 and 1A on the charts for Thomann, who was steadfast in helping student-athletes move on to college. Niece Tanya Thomann said the scholarship fund intends to continue doing that.

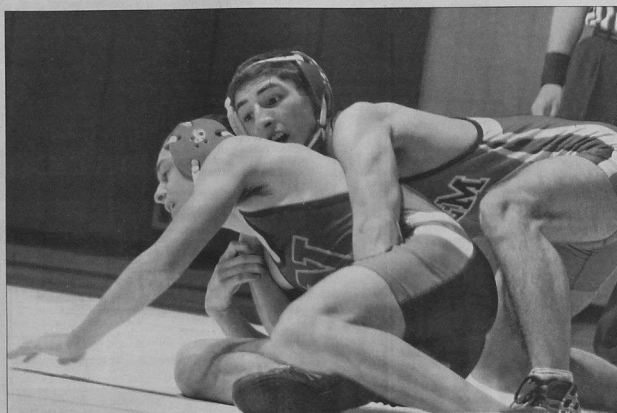
Who: Any senior student-athlete in Plymouth-Canton Educational Park who is planning on studying a career in education at any college or university is eligible for the scholarship.

Apply: Students can go to www.cantonfoundation.org starting in early February to apply. The entire process will be done online.

Selection: A committee, including Canton Community Foundation staff members and community volunteers, will review applications. Plans are to award one \$500 scholarship in May.

Donate: Go to www.cantonfoundation.org and look for a big blue button on the right side of the page with Thomann's photo on it. Donors click on that and it will provide information about the fund and a link to the donation page. Call 734-495-1200 for further information.

PREP WRESTLING



Working toward a major decision at 140 is Salem's Hamad Abed (right). Northville's wrestler is Austin Hayek. LISA BUSHAW

PREP WRESTLING

Wildcats wrap up KLAASouth

Plymouth wins school's first-ever division title

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

It's been a banner season for Plymouth-Canton Educational Park wrestlers — on the same day both Plymouth and Salem clinched their respective divisions.

The Wildcats captured their first-ever division championship Wednesday at Livonia Churchill, defeating Canton (48-21) and Livonia Franklin (37-29) to improve to 31-3 overall and 5-0 in the KLAASouth Division. The duals took place at Livonia Churchill.

"It was a team goal for us this year," Plymouth head coach Quinn Guernsey said about winning the division.

"We talked in the preseason how our teams should have been more competitive in the conference in the past, but that winning a division, especially the KLAASouth which is very balanced, takes more than wrestling well on one night."

"Since every team is capable of beating every other team, you have to be consistent and wrestle to your abilities three weeks in a row. This is the first year that we've successfully done that."

Guernsey said the previous high-water mark for the Wildcats was a third-place tie.

That Plymouth defeated two perennial division contenders in order to get the title is something that Guernsey did not make light of.

"(Westland) John Glenn and Canton were exemplary programs when I took over at Plymouth," he said. "Franklin

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Banner night for Salem

Rocks wear division crown for first time since 2005

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Salem's varsity boys wrestling team Wednesday literally pinned a 74-0 defeat on Northville and in the process clinched the KLAASouth Central Division championship.

The Rocks (18-6 overall, 5-0 in the KLAASouth Central) last won a division title in 2005, when current assistant coach Jeremy Henderson was a 189-pound freshman.

Shortly after wrapping up the last dual at Salem High School on Senior/Parent Night, Henderson and

head coach Pete Israel huddled with the team and looked up at the gymnasium wall — where 2013-14 will be added to the blue banner listing division championships.

Directly beneath the division banner are those for conference and district titles, which the Rocks now plan on taking aim at.

"It means more than I can even explain," Salem senior 160-pounder and co-captain Connor Thornbury said. "It hasn't been done since 2005, Henderson's freshman year, so I mean, it's something that really hits me in the heart."

Thornbury, who pinned Northville's Jeff Holman in 1:15 Wednesday, then reiterated what the coaches and team discussed in the post-meet huddle: They aren't done just yet.

"That's our next goal," Thornbury said about going after the Kensington Conference championship next. "Take it step by step. We can do anything we want."

The Rocks will have to get past a campus rival in order to achieve that next step.

Salem will face Plymouth at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday at Hartland in the conference showdown. The Wildcats last Wednesday wrapped up the KLAASouth title with wins over Canton (48-21) and Livonia Franklin (37-29) at Livonia Churchill.

More to prove

"This is the first step," Israel said. "You're looking at a conference title;

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KLAASOUTH CENTRAL BOYS BASKETBALL

Opportunistic Rocks drop Mustangs

Salem makes most of Northville turnovers

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

There's a nice chunk of the 2013-14 varsity boys basketball season still to be played, but Salem sent a message Friday night to Northville.

The Mustangs walked into the Salem High School gymnasium trying to catch the Rocks

at the top of the KLAASouth Central Division standings. But the Rocks would have nothing of that, pretty much leading wire-to-wire en route to a convincing 58-42 victory.

Salem improved to 10-2 overall and 6-0 in the division, while Northville dropped to 7-5, 4-2.

"We're not going to look in the rear-view mirror, we're going to look ahead all the time," Salem head coach Bob Brodie said. "We're going to

keep playing every game as though our backs are against the wall."

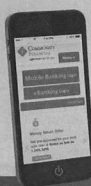
"I'm not looking at any spread (in the standings) right now, I'm not looking at any championship. We're just trying to win basketball games and keep this team playing as well as they're playing right now."

Northville head coach Todd Sander credited the Rocks for

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Salem's Connor Cole (No. 32) continues to be a sparkplug for the Rocks. BRIAN QUINTOS

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Cheering on the vets



The biggest cheers Saturday, Jan. 18, at Compuware Arena were saved for 91-year-old Frank Rogers of Westland. Rogers, a World War II veteran and a former POW, dropped the puck in a ceremonial faceoff during the Plymouth Whalers' Military Appreciation Weekend. From left are Windsor captain Slater Koekkoek, veteran Paul Jingoian, Rogers and Plymouth captain Nick Malysa. The Whalers lost 6-2.

RENA LAVERTY / PLYMOUTH WHALERS

SCHOLARSHIP

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www.cantonfoundation.org and Tanya Thomann said the family would like to award one \$500 scholarship each spring beginning this May.

"The way it's been explained to me through the foundation, with \$10,000 worth of donations, that will create a perpetual scholarship of \$500 a year," said Thomann, a special education teacher at Berkley High School. "Through conversations with some of his former athletes, who have done quite well for themselves and credit Fred with a lot of their success, there may be donations beyond that."

"So if that's the case, then certainly offering more than one scholarship or a larger scholarship would be our dream. But we don't want to set our sights too high."

She said students who would like to apply are being asked to submit a letter of recommendation from a teacher, as well as from a coach.

"There'll probably be preference to a Salem basketball player if it comes down to two students that are neck-and-neck equal," Thomann said. "But we're looking at grade-point average, athletic participation and desire to be a teacher."

Asked about why basketball players aren't the only



Athletics and education remain important to Fred Thomann's family, including niece Tanya Thomann of Berkley (at right).

BILL BRESLER / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

student-athletes eligible for the scholarships, she said the Thomann family wanted to widen the field. "When we think about the number of kids graduating from a basketball team each year and then narrowing that down even further for someone going into education, we just felt the pool might be too small," Thomann said. "Our family has always been very involved in athletics. My dad (Dave) was a football coach, he played tennis when he was in high school. Fred was on the football team and basketball team."

In addition, Thomann said she coached girls track in Ann Arbor and surviving

aurt Gloria Shelton was a prep athlete.

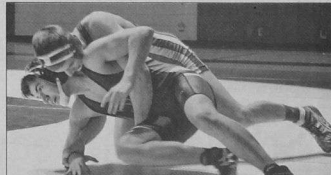
"Athletics has been an important thing to our family," she said. "And we want to make sure that kids achieve in school and go on to impact other people through their chosen career."

Response to the scholarship fund drew rave reviews from some of Fred Thomann's former players, as well as from others who never met him, after it was unveiled at halftime of the recent tribute game.

"Although I never had the very involved in a number of sports from age 8 all the way through high school, I learned what a difference a good coach can make in a young person's life," Beth Meade of the Canton Community Foundation wrote in an email to the Observer. "There were a few of the pleasure of meeting Coach Thomann, I could tell by the reception at the Memorial Basketball Game that he was one of those coaches that touched the lives of the kids."

Meade went on to write that, through the Fred Thomann Scholarship Fund, the coaching legend will "continue to help student-athletes in the Plymouth-Canton community as they enter the next phase of their lives."

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Salem 160-pounder Connor Thornbury (right) battles Northville's Jeff Holman. USA BUSHAW

SALEM

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we haven't done that in a long time.

"And just a week after that, we have districts. So it's go time and I think with this team there's more to prove."

The Rocks were in command from the get-go against the Mustangs at Salem High School, with freshman Akash Rai's 13-6 decision at 103 getting the victory train started.

Along the way, there were several situations where Salem wrestlers dug deep to escape early deficits and ultimately win their matches-ups.

At 130, Mitchell Rosinski showed his quickness and strength to get a reversal against Noah Burrell and ultimately get a third-period fall.

Freshman Bruce Haslitt rallied from a 4-2 deficit and pinned Kevin Charara in just under six minutes to claim six points at 135.

Similarly rallying was 145-pounder Seth Dunn, who overtook Will Bartlett late in the second period and tallied a 13-10 decision.

Probably the closest bout of the day was at 189, between Northville's Matt Cylla and Roy Foster. It was 2-2 well into the third period, when Foster scored the point he needed for a 3-2 win.

Also pinning their opponents for Salem were Kent Woody at 125 (3:53 over Blake Becker) and freshman Peter Bushaw at 152 (1:31 over Joe Pando).

Registering a 16-7 major decision at 140 was Salem senior co-captain Hamad Abed, over Austin Hayek.

Northville (9-10, 2-3) voided points to Salem in five weight classes.

Refuse to lose

According to Thornbury, one extra motivating factor for the way Salem wrestlers refused to lose against Northville was the ongoing shutout.

"That's one of the things that everybody's thinking about," Thornbury said. "Especially getting this far deep (in a dual meet) and still having zero up for the other team."

"Everybody doesn't want to be the first guy to lose, but you also want to just go out there and take care of business."

Thornbury said this has been a year like no other for the Rocks, for a number of reasons. "Everybody just really kind of bonds together," he noted. "This is the closest we've ever been as a team as far as I can remember. The coaching's just phenomenal. I love it."

That's something our coaches always put in, when we're down we just got to fight," Thornbury said. "We can't stop wrestling until that whistle blows, we just keep on going."

Young blood

Coming was Israel, an all-star at 171 with Salem in 1990, when the Rocks last won a conference title.

"They're never down in a match, they're always willing to come back," Israel said. "They always feel they're in the match. They won't get pinned and those are the little things that add up in a dual meet."

"Anytime we can have a point, we really drill it in their heads: 'Save a point.'"

Fourth-year coach Israel also pointed at the impact of the Plymouth-Canton Wrestling Club, middle school feeder program and summer training camps for contributing to the varsity team's rise. He noted impressive freshman such as Haslitt, Bushaw and Rai.

"Bruce Haslitt, probably against Northville's toughest kid, came back and stuck his kid," Israel said. "Peter Bushaw had a really good match and he's just a freshman. And Akash, our 103-pounder, just started wrestling this year. He wasn't in the club or anything like that."

"So more good things to come. We thought we had a young team, but obviously they're a bunch of fighters and I'm really proud of what they did today."

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WILDCATS

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is always tough and Wayne and Churchill have had very good teams recently as well. The division is definitely the deepest and most balanced of all the four divisions in the KLA.A.

"We're the fifth team out of the six to win a divisional championship in the last six years and with Churchill only graduating one kid, they could make it six next season. That speaks to the parity of our division, which makes winning it an even bigger accomplishment."

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Conference clash

The Wildcats will square off against KLA.A Central Division champion Salem at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday at Hartland. The Rocks routed Northville 74-0 in their division clincher.

Guernsey added that winning the KLA.A South for the first time followed a season-long trend.

"It was our first Wayne County championship, first wins over John Glenn, Wayne, Franklin and Canton," he said. "We only have a few more firsts we'd like to check off before the

season is over."

As expected, the Plymouth-Franklin dual was closely contested.

"There were a few key swing matches, but Franklin won all of them," Guernsey said. "Probably the best match of the dual was the OT match at 160 between (Plymouth's) Joey Shaver and Nick Frazier."

Frazier ended up winning 5-1 with a take down and two near-fall points scored in the first overtime."

Plymouth clung to a 2-1 lead entering the last match and the Wildcats prevailed after 6-6 sophomore heavyweight Michael Jordan

pinned Jeremy Castillo in 30 seconds.

Against the Chiefs (13-10, 1-4), Plymouth jumped out to an early lead and never relinquished it.

One of the toughest match-ups was at 145, where Jon Conn ground out a 3-0 decision over Ty Jaskan.

Canton senior stalwarts Ben Griffin and K.J. Wooley emerged victorious in their bouts. Griffin won by a pin over Daniel Ahearn at 135, taking just 1:15 to do so. Wooley needed 3:34 to bring down Ricky Burke in the 215-pound match-up.

Alec Pantaleo (160)

won by forfeit for Canton, while Grant Trotman battled his way to a 9-7 decision over Sterling Schiffrer at 140.

Jordan was undefeated for the day, as were teammates Collin Reed (103), Brandon Harris (112), Mohamed Youssef (119), Dylan Dwyer (130), Conn (145) and Hussein Youssef (189).

DUAL MATCH RESULTS

PLYMOUTH 37

LYONIA FRANKLIN 29

Jan. 22 at Churchill

103 pounds: Collin Reed (P) pinned Jared

112 pounds: Brandon Harris (P) pinned Jared

Brown, 3:17; 119 pounds: Mohamed Youssef (P)

won by major decision over Jeremy Nelson,

9:0; 125 pounds: Nathan Adams (P) maj. de-

cision; Sterling Schiffrer (F) maj. dec.; 130 pounds: Dylan Dwyer (P) maj. dec.; 135 pounds: Ben Griffin (P) pinned Daniel Ahearn (F); 145 pounds: Jon Conn (P) maj. dec.; 152 pounds: Hussein Youssef (P) maj. dec.; 160 pounds: Joey Shaver (P) pinned Nick Frazier (F); 171 pounds: Seth Dunn (P) maj. dec.; 189 pounds: Matt Cylla (P) maj. dec.; 215 pounds: Ricky Burke (P) pinned K.J. Wooley (F); 215 pounds: Michael Jordan (P) won by forfeit.

Dual match records: Plymouth, 39-3, 4-0

in KLA.A South Division; Canton, 13-10, 1-4.

Steele, 3:10; 152 pounds: Kenneth Steele (F) dec. Samuel Campbell (F); 160 pounds: Grant Trotman (F) won by forfeit over Joseph Shaver, 5:17; 171 pounds: Akash Rai (P) pinned Terek Harris, 2:06; 189 pounds: Mohamed Youssef (P) dec. Dan Heide, 10:3; 215 pounds: Ricky Burke (P) pinned K.J. Wooley (F); 215 pounds: Michael Jordan (P) won by forfeit.

Dual match records: Plymouth, 31-3, 1-5

in KLA.A South Division; Lyonia Franklin, 11-4, 3-2.

PLYMOUTH 48

CANTON 21

Jan. 22 at Churchill

112 pounds: Brandon Harris (P) won by major

decision over Jeremy Nelson, 1:15; 140 pounds: Ty Jaskan (P) maj. dec.; 145 pounds: Hussein Youssef (P) pinned Sam Cox,

5:24; 152 pounds: Spencer Schiffrer (P) in Ryan

Adams, 3:15; 130 pounds: Dylan Dwyer (P) pinned

Abraham Shaver, 1:30; 135 pounds: Ben Griffin

(P) pinned Daniel Ahearn, 1:15; 140 pounds: Jon

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in KLA.A South Division; Canton, 13-10, 1-4.

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PREP BOYS BASKETBALL

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Friday night's frigid temperatures didn't keep Plymouth's Deji Adebeyi from opening with a hot streak in a KLAAS South Division boys basketball game against Livonia Churchill.

Adebeyi drained four jumpers in a row to help stake the host Wildcats to a 13-2 lead after one quarter.

Plymouth led that edge slip away in a turnover-filled second quarter, trailing 26-25 at halftime, but the Wildcats got things back together after that and posted a 51-47 victory.

"Deji came out hitting his shots in the first tonight," Plymouth coach Mike Soukup said about Adebeyi, who scored 13 points. "They were leaving him at the foul line and he's really been working at that shot in practice and he did a nice job hitting it."

"Churchill looked a little

shell-shocked in the first quarter. And then the second quarter, we flashed some signs of mental lapses and let them back in the ballgame."

Building block

The difference Friday for Plymouth (6-5, 3-3) was the team buckled down when necessary to fend off the Chargers (5-5, 4-2), who were led by Dante Jackson (19 points) and Joan Andoni (12 points).

"The rest of the way it was a nice battle, a good high school basketball game, two teams competing," Soukup said. "Good win for our group. Churchill was second in the league, they beat Canton, they gave Glenn a really good game."

"So this is a building block for us that we can play with anybody when we play the right way. When we play without mental lapses."

Plymouth took a 38-35 lead going into the fourth and maintained that edge.

Although Adebeyi had a torrid start to the game, the top Plymouth scorer was Josh Reynolds, with 16 points.

Also helping the cause were Randall Aikins (11 points) and Chris Walls (nine points, five rebounds).

Adebeyi led Plymouth with 10 rebounds, with Reynolds also grabbing five boards.

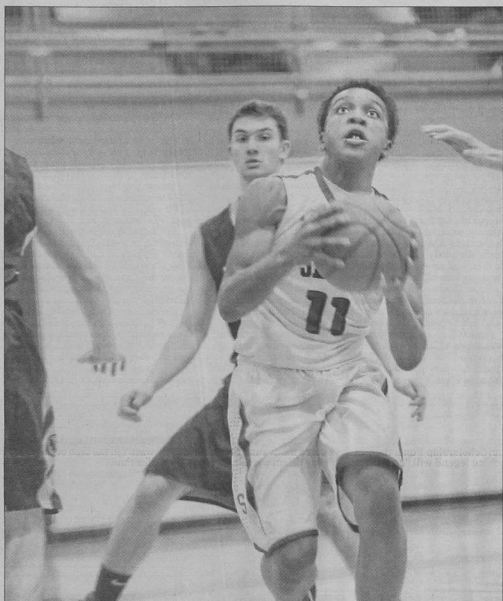
Soukup said he is hopeful that his team has turned a corner, having defeated a respectable KLAAS South rival. This week brings games against Livonia Franklin and Canton.

"Only time will tell; it's like a roller-coaster sometimes," he said, smiling. "We're up some games and looking real good and all of a sudden, we'll hit that big drop. But with a young team, that can be expected."

Churchill coach Jim Solak lamented how the lead got away. "Jake Lane the first and second half, Plymouth had a lot more energy than we did."



Churchill's Dante Jackson (bottom) fights against Plymouth's Kevin Churchill (middle). BILL BRESLER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Salem junior guard Jon Swift (No. 11) pulls up to take a jumper during a recent contest. Swift was one of 10 players to score in Friday's 58-42 victory over Northville. BRIAN QUINONES

ROCKS

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taking advantage of some of the Mustangs' 13 turnovers and outbounding his squad.

"I thought we had some unforced turnovers that led to early run-outs for them," Sander said. "I thought our defense was pretty good when we got back and got it set. But when we turned it over, if we shot too quickly, it was a run-out and a transition opportunity for them."

"We got to take care of the ball. We can definitely rebound the ball better than we did tonight and Bazzani seemed to get a lot of bounces going their way."

Sander also mentioned something that isn't a secret when it comes to the Rocks. They have a lot of players who can cause damage. "They have so many weapons, it's hard to identify who their best player is," he said.

Salem got off to a 10-4 lead and nursed a 10-8 advantage after one quarter. Northville finally broke out in front with about five minutes left in the half, when senior Malik Bazzi (10 points) connected on a trey from the right wing.

About a minute later, however, the Rocks answered

when junior forward Allante Wheeler (10 points, six rebounds) canned a spinning banker to make it 15-15.

Strong finish

That keyed a 10-0 Salem run to end the half, featuring a layup by 6-4 senior forward Alec Winfrey (whose block near mid-court led to his own opportunity) and a triple by Wheeler from beyond the top of the arc.

Winfrey (six points) added another layup at the horn to give the Rocks a 23-15 edge at the break.

Northville opened the second half on a pair of Bazzi field goals to slice the deficit to 23-19, but Salem then answered on a pair of buckets by senior guard Connor Cole (eight points, seven rebounds, six assists).

The latter was made possible by a gritty offensive rebound by 6-3 junior forward Tyler Brooks, who scored 13 points and led the Rocks with eight rebounds.

Salem padded the lead to 36-27 after three quarters, with senior center Michael Hoover (eight points) mulling to the rim for a pair of layups.

The Mustangs got to within eight points (40-32) early in the fourth, when junior David Morrissey (nine points) scored on a drive through the lane.

But the Rocks responded with field goals by junior forward Andrew Stevens, 6-7 senior Andrew Meacham and junior Dan Baldwin.

"We stopped their top scorers (Bazzi and Meacham)," Brodie said. "And by stopping them, I mean limiting them in their points."

"Offensively we never stop, we just keep pushing the basketball and trying to control the tempo. We did that tonight."

Ten players found their way onto the score sheet Friday, something of a season-long occurrence for the Rocks.

"We're getting a lot of contributors, we're playing a lot of players, a lot of players are scoring," Brodie said. "A lot of players are coming off the bench getting good minutes."

"And, in turn, that helps the whole team."

The Rocks visit South Lyon East on Tuesday and then host Livonia Stevenson next Friday.

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BOYS SWIM RESULTS

225.24
50 freestyle: 1. Burger (P), 24:52.2; Weiner (P), 24:59.3; Kyle Rappengruber (C), 26:13.1
1-meter diving: 1. Dyer (R), 1:02.18; 2. Justin Baker (C), 1:01.80; 3. Steve Hayward (D), 1:02.33
100 butterfly: 1. Alan Johnson (P), 1:01.34; 2. Victor (P), 1:05.13; 3. Tyler Opeksha (C), 1:07.9
100 freestyle: 1. Ryan Hecox (P), 51:00.2; Kevin Taylor (C), 54:13.3; Burger (P), 54:59.9
500 freestyle: 1. Ryan Hecox (P), 5:18:06.2; Kevin Taylor (C), 6:02.13; Jarvis (C), 6:04.61
200 freestyle relay: 1. Plymouth (Hines, Weaver, Burger, Johnson), 1:39.32; 2. Plymouth (Yang

Nathan, Chubb, Cameron Zim, Vival), 1:41.7; 3. Churchill (Gallagher, Taylor, Melendez, Norwood), 1:41.81
100 backstroke: 1. Vival (P), 1:03.13; 2. Kendall (P), 1:05.63; 3. Tyler Galt (P), 1:14.02
100 breaststroke: 1. Yang (P), 1:13.71; 2. Opeksha (C), 1:14.13; 3. Rappengruber (C), 1:14.86
400 freestyle relay: 1. Plymouth (Johnson, Opeksha, Taylor, Hecox), 1:41.82; 2. Churchill (Taylor, Melendez, Norwood, Saltzman), 2:43.57; 3. Plymouth (Hines, Kendall, Hines, Berger), 2:46.32
Dual meet records: Plymouth, 30 KLAAS South Division; Churchill, 63 KLAAS South.

PREP GIRLS BASKETBALL

Salem tops Northville for third win in a row

Salem's varsity girls basketball team defeated Fred Thoman smile right about now.

The Rocks went into Northville and finished off a 39-27 KLAAS Central Division win Friday night over the division leaders.

It was 13-4 Salem after one quarter and the Rocks played solid two-way basketball after that to stay well in front.

Coming up big was Shara Long, with 14 points and nine rebounds for the Rocks. She was one of three straight and now 8-4 overall and 3-3 in the division. Also sparking the victory were Kelly Whalen (six points) and Jamyla Wilson (five points).

"I'm very proud of the way the girls competed tonight," Salem interim coach Lindsay Klemmer said. "We came out with a lot of confidence, hitting our first three shots and then never looking back."

The team went through a

bit of a rough patch immediately following the Dec. 27 death of longtime coach Thoman, dropping the first three games with Klemmer at the helm.

"Then came a team meeting about starting fresh for the rest of the season. 'We are really understanding what it means to play team defense and have each other's backs,'"

PLYMOUTH 55, CHURCHILL 25: Shelby Cheston scored 14 points, while Kylie Robb and Jady Woods chipped in with 11 and 10, respectively, to lead the Wildcats (10-2, 5-1) to a never-in-doubt KLAAS South Division road win.

Ten Wildcats scored, including seven from Kendall Rose.

"This win was a total team effort for us," Plymouth coach Nick Brandon said.

"The girls played together and shared the ball on offense and played with tenacity on defense."

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Trio propels MU women past Concordia, 85-73

Senior guard Rachel Melcher scored 29 points while grabbing 12 rebounds to lift the Madonna University women's basketball team to an 85-73 victory Saturday over host Concordia University in Ann Arbor.

The Crusaders, who improved to 8-11 overall and 6-6 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference also received a double-double from Livonia Franklin's Chelsea Williams (21 points, 12 rebounds), while Tori Duffy added 20 points.

MU made 29-of-37 free throws on the afternoon (78.4 percent) led by Williams (9-of-10) and Melcher (4-of-19).

The Crusaders shot 48.1 percent from the floor (25-of-52).

Concordia (8-11, 6-7) got a team-high 23 points from Brook Adams, while Colleen Szakacs added 10 points.

Megan Stone contributed 12 rebounds.

MU led 44-42 at the half and outscored the Cardinals 41-31 during the second half.

ST. CLAIR 104, SCHOOLCRAFT 67: Shynia Deans scored a game-high 31 points and grabbed 12 rebounds as St. Clair County Community College (19-2, 5-4) rolled to an MCCAAS Eastern Conference victory Saturday over visiting Schoolcraft College (9-10, 6-7) at 10-24 at Skippers Gym in Port Huron.

Deans scored 18 points, while Lashia Stevens added 15. Whitney Currie chipped in with 13 points and 11 boards as the Skippers shot 51.2 percent from the floor (42-of-84).

MCCACAF 44: Alyssa Smith (Livonia Franklin) paced the Lady Devils with 20 and 11 points, respectively, while Lashia Stevens added 15. Whitney Currie chipped in with 13 points and 11 boards as the Skippers shot 51.2 percent from the floor (42-of-84).

The Devils finished a total of 28 turnovers and 28.8 percent shooting from the floor (15-of-52) got 10 points from Livonia Franklin's Alexis Smith.

Tabitha Mann (Salem) and Jessica Parry each added eight points.

COLLEGE MEN'S BASKETBALL

MU rallies for another WHAC victory

The old adage "It's not how you start, but how you finish," certainly applied Wednesday night to the Madonna University men's basketball team.

The Crusaders missed their first 11 shots from the floor and dug themselves in a 11-0 hole, only to climb back with a 29-8 run to end the first half and go on a post a 61-49 win night over Lourdes (Ohio) University at Tam-O-Shanter.

All 11 Madonna players who saw action scored. Senior guard Travis Schuba led the way with 15 points, while senior guard coach Bobby Naubert (Livonia Stevenson) and senior forward Matt Jenkins added 10 and nine, respectively.

Junior center Donald Ow-

ens grabbed nine rebounds as second-place MU improved to 15-6 overall and 11-2 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference.

Jake DuPre led Lourdes (12-9, 7-6) with 13 points, while Zach Steinmett added 12 points and 14 rebounds.

MOTTC 64, SCHOOLCRAFT 62: Malik Albert tallied a game-high 22 points Wednesday at Mount Community College (5-21) capped their season-opening victory Saturday over visiting Schoolcraft College (10-7, 3-4) in an MCCAAS Eastern Conference game.

Mano Johnson chipped in with 17 points, while Brandon Hayward and Jamal Reynolds contributed 12 and 10, respectively, for the victorious team, who scored 33 points off Schoolcraft turnovers.

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KLAAS GYMNASTICS TRI-MEET

chiefs nearly break school mark

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Canton's varsity girls gymnastics team continues to rack up some eye-popping accomplishments in 2013-14. The Chiefs Thursday night nearly broke the school record with a 149.45 score, as Canton bested Brighton and Howell in a tri-meet at Canton High School.

Brighton finished in the runner-up spot with a 139.35 tally with the Highlanders third (139.075).

"It was a true team effort with every girl having a highlight or two," said veteran Canton head coach John Cunningham.

Canton remains undefeated and atop the standings in the KLAAS Kensington Division.

Moreover, with 40 consecutive dual meet wins, the Chiefs are No. 1 in the state.

"And (yet) we all feel there's room for improvement," Cunningham added. Dominance and versatility continue to be earmarks of the squad, with 18 scores of 9.0 or above over the four events Thursday.

Stephanie Cox and Jocelyn Moraw keyed an impressive team-wide performance.

Cox set a new record on beam with a 9.80, beating the previous mark of 9.75 (tied by Maddie Toal last week). Moraw broke into the 38-plus all-around club with her score of 38.1, best at the tri-meet.

Higher-level flipping vaults by Erica Lucas, Melissa Green, Hailey Hodgson and Cox gave the Chiefs their first 37 score on vault.

Meanwhile, Moraw's 9.75 score on uneven parallel bars is the second highest in Canton history and, had Cox not slipped during her floor exercise routine, the team would have had seven

nines in that event.

Against a strong pair of teams, the Chiefs' nearly finished 1-3 in every event.

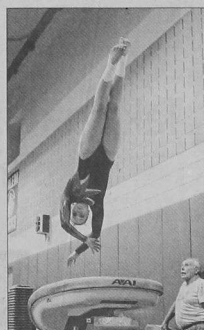
Following is the event-by-event breakdown (all Canton gymnasts except where noted):

Vault: 1. (tie) Erica Lucas, Melissa Green, 9.35; 3. (tie) Jocelyn Moraw, Hailey Hodgson, 9.15; 5. Paige Blythe (H), 9.15; 6. Stephanie Cox, 9.10.
Bars: 1. Moraw, 9.75; 2. Maddie Toal, 9.25; 3. Morgo McKian (B), 9.2; 4. Lucas, 8.975; 5. Martini (B), 8.7; 6. Cox, 8.625.

Beam: 1. Cox, 9.8; 2. Moraw, 9.45; 3. Ellie Bachman, 9.3; 4. (tie) Toal, Blythe (H), Martini (B), 9.25.

Floor: 1. Moraw, 9.75; 2. Hodgson, 9.675; 3. Toal, 9.45; 4. Blythe (H), 9.375; 5. Lucas, 9.15; 6. McKian (B), 9.1.

All-Around: 1. Moraw, 38.2; 2. Toal, 36.725; 3. Lucas, 36.625; 4. Cox, 36.275.



Canton's Jocelyn Moraw competes on vault Thursday. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

Plymouth Wildcats hosting baseball clinic for kids

Youngsters in grades 1-8 who are interested in baseball are invited to attend the Plymouth Wildcats 2014 Spring Clinic, led by new varsity coach Justin Crain and his staff. Also helping out will be current high school players.

The clinic will take place March 15 and 22 (morning and afternoon sessions each day), at the Plymouth High School gymnasium.

Cost is \$40 for one session or \$75 for two. Cost includes a snack and T-shirt for each session, register by Feb. 15 to ensure correct size.

» Boys and girls in grades 1-4 have sessions on offense (9 a.m. to noon March 15) and defense (9 a.m. to noon March 22).

» Boys and girls in grades 5-8 have sessions on offense (1-4 p.m. March 15) and defense (1-4 p.m. March 22).

Topics will include hitting, pitching, infield, outfield and catching. All clinic attendees will receive radar gun readings.

For more information, contact coach Crain at plymouthbaseball@pcsmail.net.

SOCCER

MLS Crew get U-D's Bedell in 3rd round

By Brad Emms
Staff Writer

Adam Bedell has always had it in the back of his mind to play professional soccer.

Bedell, a former All-Observer selection senior released that goal after being drafted Tuesday in the third round of the Major League Soccer SuperDraft by the Columbus Crew.

Bedell, a former All-Observer selection from Livonia Churchill High, was taken by the Crew 45th overall. He is also the first Titan soccer player to be drafted in the MLS.

"I'm excited," Bedell said. "I've been waiting a long time for this. It's something I've been preparing for years now. I have my dream realized and it's another step in the right direction. I still have a lot to do obviously, but I got my foot in the door and now I have to prove myself and work hard."

All three the Crew's SuperDraft selections, including third-round pick Ben Sweat (South Florida), who was selected 14th overall, and third-round choice Kingsley "Fifi" Baiden (UC-Santa Barbara), who was taken 42nd, will compete for a spot on the first-season camp this summer in Florida.

All are unsigned.

"It looks like I'll be playing forward," Bedell said. "It seems like they see me as a target player. I haven't spoke with coach (Gregg) Berhalter about that at this time, but I'm sure we'll have many discussions soon about what he wants my role to be, and I'll be more happy to do it."

"Everything is moving very quickly right now."

The 6-foot-6 Bedell, primarily used as an attacking midfielder and forward at Detroit, was named to the first-team All-Horizon League for the second straight season in 2013. In 2012, Bedell won the Horizon League Player and Offensive Player of the Year honors and its first Horizon League regular season championship since 2005.

In 2013, Bedell finished tied in several major statistical categories that include sixth all-time in career points (67), goals (23) and assists (22).

"This is a proud day for Detroit Titans soccer to have a player drafted to the MLS," said Detroit men's coach

Nick Deren. A Livonia Stevenson High grad, "It's a big step for our program and we're looking forward to watching him play with the Columbus Crew. It could not happen to a more class-act person. He is always setting high standards for himself and his hard work and determination is what let him to be drafted."

On Dec. 14, Bedell was a participant in the Crew's College Combine, hosted by the Crew's first team technical staff. He also played for the Crew Soccer Academy Wolves program in Michigan.

"Adam stood out at our Combine last December and is a good example of the depth of this region's player pool," Berhalter said.

At Churchill, Bedell ended high school career with 26 goals, which is fourth all-time in the Chargers' record books, along with 31 assists, which is second all-time. He played club soccer six years for the Michigan Wolves Academy.

He also earned two letters in basketball and helped Churchill captured the Kensington Lakes Activities Association championships both in basketball and soccer as a senior.

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ATHLETES AND THE ARTS

Taking it in stride: Doctor raises awareness of performing artists' health needs

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Football players and marching band members share more in common than a playing field, especially when it comes to health and wellness.

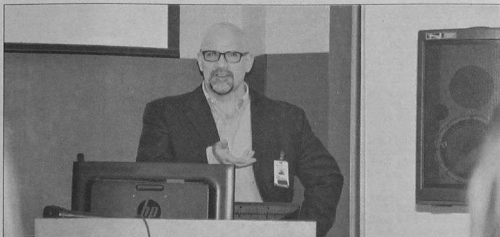
"If you think about breath control, rhythm, endurance, innovation, cardiovascular training in sports, it's the same in music as well," said Dr. Steven Karageanes, D.O., director of sports medicine at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, Livonia. "In one study, heart monitors were placed on drum majors in marching bands and their heartbeat was as high as football players during drills.

When you think about it, they strap on these instruments and run around on the field in formation, blowing and playing and drumming. It's pretty incredible."

The Plymouth resident is doing his part to ensure that medical professionals and the arts community understand the health needs of performers. He's a founding member of a nationwide initiative, Athletes and the Arts, which aims for a collaborative exchange of wellness, training and performance research between the sports and performing arts worlds. The idea is that performers can benefit from the wellness programs and techniques that have been developed for athletes.

"Twenty-five years ago, you had football coaches taught by their coaches. They were taught... OK, you're going to do suicide drills and you're going to throw up and you'll love it. There was no research that was applied. Then sports medicine came along in the '80s and '90s and really showed that they could do things better."

"And now we're trying to do the same thing with the performing arts. It is really good



Steven Karageanes talks about Athletes and the Arts at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, Livonia.



Jon Batiste plays the harmonica at St. Mary Mercy Hospital.

to practice four hour straight? We don't know yet."

Health hazards

Karageanes and jazz pianist Jon Batiste, artist-in-residence for the initiative, talked about health and the performing arts earlier this week at the hospital. Batiste, and his band, Stay Human, were in Detroit for a concert at the Jazz Café at Music Hall. Batiste grew up in a musical family in Louisiana and played drums and piano as a child. His father, uncles and cousins all performed music,

giving him insight into the stress and health hazards of playing music.

"A lot of the habits I developed were good and some weren't good. I went to Juilliard and the conservatory environment is very different," Batiste said, recounting the hours he spent practicing piano. "I went to Juilliard six years and never in any of my lessons was there any instruction about nutrition or any sort of quantifiable method to determine the pros and cons of playing long hours or playing

gigs, which I also was doing.

"You play in a bar room, people are smoking, there are long hours, practicing, you carry equipment to your gig. The idea of all of this (health needs) is foreign to the music community, from the conservatory level to the level of street performers and everything in between."

"I believe music is healing and if you want to heal other people, you've got to heal yourself first. The healthier we are as musicians and the arts community in general, dancers and actors, the better the world will be."

Batiste said he talks about health and the performing arts with music students and teachers at every stop along his current tour. Karageanes also said the initiative is making headway into changing the performing arts culture. Some colleges have adopted health and safety guidelines for performers and more schools and music teachers are becoming involved with Athletes and the Arts.

"We're trying to change things and bring in the idea of

cross training into mental and physical skills to avoid burnout... and get as many doctors out there to understand what is going on with musicians," Karageanes said.

Doctor/artist

Karageanes, who is married and the father of two children, shares a bond with performing artists.

In addition to sports medicine, he's also a filmmaker and actor. While attending medical school at Michigan State University, Karageanes auditioned for a sitcom and got a callback.

"They liked me and had me audition for a standup comedy show in East Lansing. I got a 15-minute gig. It was awesome. I killed."

While working as a medical resident in Chicago, he performed as an extra for films and television. In Michigan, he took writing and improv classes at Second City, graduating from its conservatory. Although he said he'd never trade medicine for acting, he wrote, directed and produced his first short film in 2007.

That led to more projects, including videos about Athletes and the Arts and the National Jazz Museum in Harlem. He shot a horror film in 2012 in Detroit and won the Action on Film Festival's \$100,000 challenge, which will enable him to shoot a comedy this spring in California. He also has been tapped to direct a stage show this summer at Go Comedy! In Ferndale.

"Performing arts to me is important and personal," he said. "It feels so right when I do this work, when I write, when I'm on the set. I feel peaceful doing it."

For more information about Athletes and the Arts, visit athletesandthearts.com.

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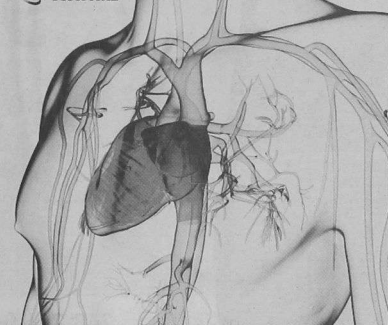
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JOHNNY GINGER

Detroit television star entertains fans in Livonia

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Detroit television icon Johnny Ginger was in his element earlier this week as he sang and joked his way through a free public performance at Marycrest Heights, a senior independent living center in Livonia.

He easily drew laughs, applause and eventually a standing ovation as he entertained with songs, a running gag, and jokes, bringing back memories of his wacky kids' shows, *Curtain Time Theater*, which ran from 1958-60, and *The Johnny Ginger Show*, from 1960-68, both on WXYZ-TV Channel 7.

"I'm getting up there. I'm 80 years old now," he told the audience of mostly seniors, some of whom watched *The Johnny Ginger Show* as kids. "I feel OK but I don't like people telling you in a roundabout way that you're getting old. I got a half a calendar from my insurance company. That's not nice."

"I was in Florida and I was standing by the pool and a lady came up and she was admiring my alligator shoes and I wasn't wearing any shoes," he said, laughing with the audience at the joke.

"Back surgery. I looked around for a good surgeon and I went to this one office and there was a guy sitting there with a cane. They called him ... he was in there for five minutes, the guy came out, straight as could be. I said sir, you were in there for five minutes you were stooped over and you came out straight. What did the doctor do? He said 'He gave me a longer cane.'"

Singing for fans

Ginger, a former Livonia and Farmington Hills resident who now lives in Ohio, has performed at other Trinity Senior Living communities. He sang mostly songs at the Marycrest Heights facility, in-

terspersing the tunes with a continuous cell phone bit that elicited laughs each time the recorded caller — Ginger portraying a drunk — rang the entertainer's phone.

Anne and Brendan Dagle of Redford remember watching his television shows, but were happy to hear him sing.

"We're here to have fun and listen to the music we like," Anne Dagle said.

Claudette Bloom of Westland recalled seeing Ginger in concert many years ago and liked what she heard.

"My husband and I and another couple saw him probably back in the 60s. We really enjoyed him. He was wonderful."

After the show, Ginger autographed photos and CDs.

"The first (senior performance) I did was in Monroe. Then I started getting calls from other places," he said, recalling that one facility couldn't afford more than \$15 for his efforts. "I said is that \$15 a minute? No? Well, it was an assisted living center and I lived right around the corner, so I said I will do the show for nothing. They were so happy and they were right there with the show the whole time. It was just great."

"As an entertainer, that is all you want. You hear this," he said, clapping his hands, "and you hear ha ha ha and that's all you want. It's our food. I remember when I was a kid I would work in clubs and wouldn't get many laughs. I said, you know they say laughter is our food and I'd like to thank you folks for a light lunch tonight."

Detroit shows

Ginger did a stand-up act under the name Jerry Gale, before he auditioned for a 13-week children's show in 1957. He landed the show, which lasted 11 years beyond the audition, but was ordered to change his name to Johnny Ginger. During *Curtain Time*



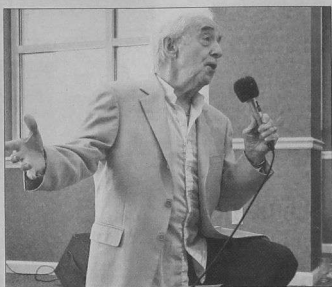
Johnny Ginger sings to Jan Lukasik of Livonia. She attended his performance with Claudette Bloom (left) of Westland, Lorraine Minicilli and Pauline Gabrielson, both of Livonia, are seated next to Lukasik.

Theater he portrayed a "sad sack" stagehand and showed Three Stooges shorts. He traded the stagehand overalls for a bellhop uniform and the show was renamed *The Johnny Ginger Show* in 1960. He did character voices and wrote and performed his own sketches that were woven between Three Stooges films.

"The program manager had seen Jerry Lewis in *The Bellboy* and said, you're going to be a bellboy," Ginger explained the character switch. "The last two years I had built up this guy in coveralls, such a sympathetic character. I said you ruined this sympathetic guy. How am I going to do it now? Well, I pulled it off eventually."

After the show ended in 1968, Ginger hosted the Captain Detroit show on Channel 50.

These days, he not only performs for seniors, but has appeared in films as well. He portrayed Doc Robinson in the 2010 film *Alleged*, starring



Johnny Ginger goes all out while singing at Marycrest Heights, an independent living center for senior citizens in Livonia.

Brian Dennehy, and is set to act in a science fiction movie that will be filmed this spring.

"Entertainment — I love it all, as long as I'm getting paid for it. Ha ha."

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Skinned dog healed, ready to meet fans

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Patty, the terrier mix found stabbed and skinned in a southwest Detroit park last September, will meet supporters, well-wishers and fans at a fundraiser for the Garden City-based Providing For Paws animal welfare organization, Saturday, Feb. 1, at Adoba Hotel Dearborn.

"She has a huge following. Everyone loves her and we took a lot of video and let people know how she was doing," said Joann Dixon, president and founder of Providing for Paws, the organization that took care of Patty after a Good Samaritan contacted Detroit police. "When (Patty's story) hit the news, people donated \$31,000 for her care. The outpouring from the community was wonderful ... coming together to cover all of her vet needs."

"She's fully healed now and ready to come out and meet people. That's why we're doing the fundraiser, because a lot of people want to meet her. Hopefully we'll raise enough funds to help future Pattys."

"Patty's Coming Out Party" will run 3-7 p.m. at the hotel, 600 Town Center Drive, in Dearborn. It will include raffle baskets, a \$50/\$100 cash bar, Patty-related items for sale, profes-



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sional photos with Patty and an appearance by the celebrated dog.

Long recovery

Patty spent two months at Emergency Vet Clinic of Ann Arbor last fall healing from her wounds. Dixon said she worried that the injured areas might become infected because there wasn't enough skin to cover them.

"Our concern was getting her back to health. There's a scar and it's (the skin) a little tight. Skin grafts apparently don't work well on animals. They talked about using her own skin, but they didn't have a lot of skin to work with. They kept the wound clean and did hydrotherapy. The problem now is to keep the area soft."

Patty will have some help in that area. She lives with her new family, including two other dogs, in Redford. Dixon said one of the family members works at a veterinary practice.



Joann Dixon, founder of Providing for Paws, holds Patty.

"It's a nice, warm family," Dixon noted. "Patty looks great and it's unbelievable how well she healed."

Dixon hopes someone will come forward with information about the crime. She said a \$10,000 reward for the arrest and conviction of the perpetrator is available.

Keeping pets at home

Providing for Paws, founded in 2011, is a community outreach organization that helps low-income families keep their pets out of high-risk shelters. It provides

financial assistance with vaccinations and spaying and neutering, as well as pet food for residents of six counties in southeastern Michigan. Dixon said most of its work is focused in Detroit, Wayne County suburbs and Macomb County, but has volunteers "everywhere."

"We also help with other supplies. If there are outside pets, we bring (owners) up to speed about laws and what is required. A lot of it starts with education. Most people want to take care of their animals ... most just can't afford it."



Patty recovering at Emergency Vet Clinic of Ann Arbor.

A handful, no matter how much we educate them, feel their pet belongs outdoors.

"Sometimes you can't change the mindset. It's the culture and how they grew up. You have to have a lot of patience. We see things we don't like, but you have to be patient."

Clients who enroll in

the organization's pet food program must get their animals spayed or neutered. They also can't acquire more animals while on the program.

For more information about Providing for Paws, and Patty's coming out party, call 734-237-1812 or email info@providingforpaws.org

Climbing the walls? Mental health pros offer advice on cabin fever

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

It's been a long, cold and snowy winter, and it's not February yet.

Mental health professionals agree there are some common-sense steps you can take to fight the winter blues, also known as cabin fever.

"It is the New Year," said Michele Potter, a licensed master social worker who earned her master's in that field from Michigan State University. "So many of us take that resolution to exercise."

Exercise is good for your brain, said Potter, a Plymouth resident and former Plymouth city commissioner. She said changing up your routine can also help.

"Rearrange your furniture. Try something new." That can be learning a new hobby like pottery or photography.

Volunteering can also help you feel better about yourself, she said. Shoveling an older neighbor's snow or grocery shopping for them will help.

"Reconnect with people," perhaps calling an old friend, she said. Even a manicure, pedicure or massage can help.

Potter, who practices at Heron Ridge Associates in Plymouth, agrees Michigan weather never will be cold and snowy forever: "You can wait a day. It'll change."

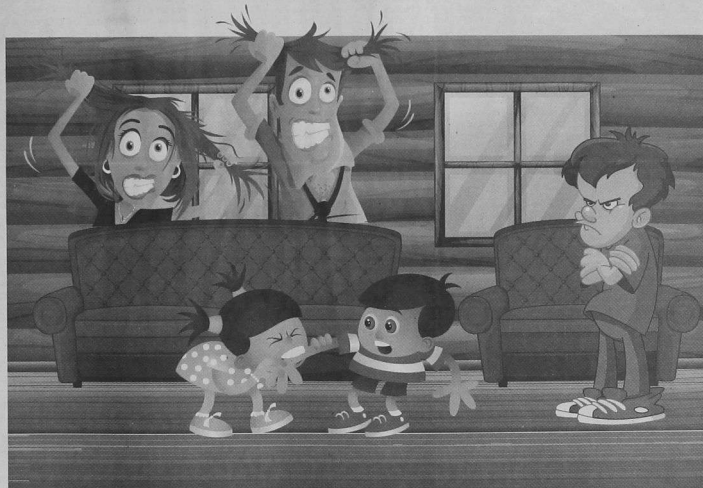
Janet Terry is clinical manager for behavioral health with Oakland Family Services' Pontiac office. The White Lake resident earned her master's degree from Wayne State University and is also a licensed master social worker.

"I haven't heard anybody complain about the cabin fever yet," Terry said last Wednesday. "All I've been hearing about is really the cold. Maybe it hasn't hit them yet."

She agreed with Potter on the benefits of exercise, even walking in your home or up and down your home stairs to get your circulation going.

Terry said you can plan a vacation, even if you can't take one right now. "It's almost a guided imagery," she said. "It's a Calgon Take Me Away, a nice thing to do for yourself."

You can host a "pre-



tend get-away" at home, Terry said, putting a beach blanket down in your living room and playing Caribbean music.

"Use a little bit of imagination," Terry said. Window shopping—if it's not stressful for you—or people watching at a mall, "getting out of that comfort zone, going to your local library" can help, Terry said. "They have videos, all kinds of things."

She agreed with Potter on fun learning, with Terry suggesting checking out adult ed offerings like yoga or cooking.

Remembering seniors

Terry said seniors can become isolated this time of year. "They tend to be a little forgotten."

You can check on older family members or neighbors, she said, especially if they're widowed. Meals on Wheels is great for checking up on seniors with its volunteer drivers, and many seniors enjoy senior center activities, if they're able to get out.

The social workers agree that being cooped

up can make family interaction stressful. "I always encourage communication," Terry said.

"Why don't we talk about that and establish a new activity? I really believe in talking about those things so the resentments don't build."

Potter suggested a "time-out" and "thinking before you speak in the heat of the moment" with loved ones. You can listen to music or watch a comedy before having that conversation.

"It's finding creative ways to keep the peace in the home," Potter said. Terry said individuals can feel isolated at this time of year. "We're all watching a different TV set and not having that quality time," she said.

Feeling blue

Potter noted the scientifically-documented seasonal affective disorder, or SAD, does affect individuals. "The holidays are over, it's cold," she said. "The lack of sunlight can affect your mood."

If you're down more often than up, or have thoughts it would be best

if you didn't wake up, "you should definitely want to seek professional help immediately," Potter said.

Most Heron Ridge clients have employer-provided health care, although she's starting to see a few who can't find care and are paying out of pocket.

Terry's clients include those with substance abuse problems, and the Super Bowl, for all its revelry, can challenge them and cause relapse into drinking, much as the holiday season does. She and colleagues are working on boosting their refusal skills, encouraging Alcoholics Anonymous attendance and visits to Alano Clubs.

"It's about finding some healthy outlets and getting our needs met," Terry said.

Potter and Terry conclude with reminders that spring will arrive eventually. "That's one of the beauties we get, living in Michigan we do have four seasons," Potter said. "The snow will not always be here."

"And especially in Michigan," Terry said.

"It (spring's arrival) could be in March, it could be in May. Don't wallow in the winter doldrums."

You can even plant

seeds or tulips indoors, Terry added, while waiting for spring sunshine and warmth.

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Arthritis compounds the stiffness. Osteoarthritis is hard enough on shoulders and knees. Those joints take an added hit from the effort of swinging a winter jacket over the shoulders and the need to bend the knees while loosing the straps of winter boots.

If a person has rheumatoid arthritis, finding gloves that can fit over swollen and misaligned hands is difficult. Mittens keep hands warm, but allow no mobility for handling a steering wheel or unbuckling coats. If the arthritis involves the feet, it is nearly impossible to find boots that fit, let alone a pair that one can slip on or off.

Individuals with either fibromyalgia or psoriatic arthritis are hard hit by a Michigan winter. The ongoing cold, grey days, the absence of light and heat bring on depression to people experiencing fibromyalgia. The winter absence of ultraviolet rays allows psoriasis to flare, including in that augmented inflammation tendons and joints which in summer are untroubled.

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Emily Kuhn and Chris Turk announce their engagement. The bride-to-be, daughter of Larry and Sue Kuhn of Redford, is the office manager at Meier Screw Products. Her fiancé, son of Chris and Yvonne Turk of Redford, is an operator at Aunt Millie's. An October wedding is planned at Fox Hills.



Chris Turk and Emily Kuhn

Southfield library hosting civil rights author

The Southfield Public Library will host author Danielle McGuire at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 12, in the Library's Meeting Room. McGuire will discuss her book, *At the Dark End of the Street: Black Women, Rape, and Resistance—A New History of the Civil Rights Movement from Rosa Parks to the Rise of Black Power*.

Copies of the book will be available for purchase and signing. Rosa Parks' spontaneous act sparked the 1955 bus boycott that gave birth to the civil rights movement. McGuire will discuss the truth of who Rosa Parks was and what really lay beneath the 1955 boycott.

McGuire writes about the rape in 1944 of a 24-year-old mother and sharecropper, Recy Taylor. The president of the local NAACP branch office sent his best investigator and organizer—Rosa Parks. In taking on this case, she launched a movement that ultimately changed the world, according to a press release.

McGuire is an award-winning author and assistant professor

Author Danielle McGuire speaks during the Rosa Parks Day Of Courage at the Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn Monday, Feb. 4, 2013. GARY MALIERA FOR THE HENRY FORD

in the history department at Wayne State University in Detroit. She is a distinguished lecturer for the Organization of American Historians and has appeared on National Public Radio, BookTV, and her essays have appeared on the Huffington Post, TheGrio.com and TheRoot.com. The Southfield Public Library is in the Southfield Municipal Complex, located at 26300 Evergreen Road.

Visit the library website at southfieldlibrary.org.

For more information, call the Guest Services Desk at 248-796-4224.

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KILGORE, HELEN STOUGH

Passed away on January 20, 2014. She was born in Detroit, Michigan on December 10, 1927. She was educated in the Detroit school system and graduated from Cooley High School in February of 1944. She was an athlete in high school and lettered in several sports. After high school, she enrolled in the University of Michigan where she met her husband James. They were married while they were both still in school. She was a member of Kappa Delta Sorority. She eventually graduated from Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti with a degree in elementary education. Her first job as a second grade teacher was in the Rawsonville, Michigan school system. Later, she taught in the Pleasant Ridge school system before retiring to raise her family. She returned to teaching in 1964 in the Avon, Michigan school system until retirement in 1991. She and her husband James were married for 50 years and enjoyed many years of cruising the Great Lakes on their life-boat school. They also enjoyed many years of travel around the world. She is preceded in death by her husband, James A. Kilgore and a sister, Charlotte Stough. Helen is survived by her children, James A. Kilgore, Jr., David N. Kilgore, Dr. Sue Ann K. Kilgore (Bauserman), a granddaughter, Annalee Bauserman, and a sister, Carol Lewis. Visitation will be held on Saturday, January 25, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. until Funeral Service at 10:00 a.m. at the funeral home, 3725 Rochester Road (between Big Beaver and Waterloo), Troy, Michigan (48069-0700). Interment at White Chapel Cemetery, Troy. Share memories with the online guestbook at www.pearcefuneralhome.net.

May peace be with you in this time of sorrow.

Appliance owners need more information about recalls



Joe Gagnon, Appliance Doctor

Let me ask you a few questions. What happens when the vehicle you are driving suddenly speeds up and you can't shut it off? What happens when it catches fire while sitting in your garage? What happens when you turn the steering wheel right and you go left?

When things like this happen, you inquire and find out what is the cause of this particular problem. Multiple inquiries quickly reach the attention of the manufacturer and consequently a recall is announced to the general public. If not announced in a timely fashion, the manufacturer can suffer some serious fines. This is the law in this country and its intent is to protect the safety of each person driving a car today.

Can you just imagine how much money could be saved by automobile manufacturers if this kind of legal responsibility did not exist? Now let me ask another question. Is there any law that requires an appliance manufacturer to react in a similar fashion to the automobile company? I

say not even close. In the 1970s, the federal government mandated that all appliance retailers must keep track of every microwave oven they sold. The reason was that there was a lot of controversy on the safety of these new inventions. There were false reports that a microwave could leak emissions of waves that could blind people, burn them, cause cataracts, and a whole list of ailments. And so the law was written to protect consumers if these claims proved to be true. I'm pleased to say that none of this was true and today the microwave oven has proven to be a very safe product in the American kitchen.

Appliance recalls

Now let's take a look at the appliance industry which provides no less than nine products in your home that are in constant use. Look at the brand names produced in

foreign countries that have little concern for your personal safety. It is reported that there are 195 million appliances under recall in this country and the homeowners have no clue that they are using a product that may catch fire and cause damage and death to their loved ones. This, folks, is an alarming figure and should cause every responsible person to react with necessary speed. Won't you be surprised to smell smoke in the middle of the night and find your dishwasher on fire or come home to find your clothes washer has deposited 5,000 gallons of water in the laundry room, and it wasn't even turned on when you left the house?

Awareness needed

Our media does very little to make us aware of an appliance recall. You might see a little blurb on the evening news one time, and newspapers are no better. Let the story deal with an automotive recall and the media makes a big splash. We have a problem that deserves some attention and solutions, if not just

for the future but also for 195 million homeowners who are living in harm's way, in the safety of their homes.

I want a law written in the State of Michigan and I have had some experience in this category. The law should read that all appliance retailers will record the model and serial numbers of products sold and when a recall is announced by a manufacturer it becomes the retailer's responsibility to make each customer aware. With today's high tech systems this should be an easy fix and a lifesaving service offered by the people who sell and profit from an appliance sale.

What I need now is a state representative who wants to put their name on a bill that can protect their worth. If a car dealer can do it, so can an appliance dealer who cares about their loyal customers. Stay tuned.

Joe Gagnon can be heard at 8 a.m., Saturdays on WAAM 1600. You can email your sell and questions on appliances to: apdr@btwni.com.

GARDEN CALENDAR

Send material for the Garden & Nature Calendar to Sharon Gardag, Observer & Eccentric, sdarg@hometowntime.com.

Farmington Garden Club

"Plants that make you itch & twitch and maybe even kill you," is the topic of the Farmington Garden Club's meeting, 1 p.m. Monday, Feb. 3, at the Spicer House in Heritage Park, 24914 Farmington Road in Farmington Hills. For more information, call Pat at 248-943-6026.

60-Minute Seminars

Master Gardeners of Western Wayne County presents four hourlong seminars in February at the Wayne County Extension Office, 5454 Venoy, Wayne. Cost is \$10 each or \$30 for all if registered in advance. Each runs 6-8 p.m.

Feb. 4—Unorthodox methods of growing plants includes gutter gardening, spuds in a tub, cukes in a crate, and straw bale gardening. led by Paul Rodman, advanced master gardener.

Feb. 11—Diane Post, an advanced master gardener, teaches the basics of backyard composting, including the process, stages and methods.

Feb. 18—Brian Hintz, co-owner of Wild Birds Unlimited in Canton, explains how to create a bird-friendly yard.

Feb. 25—Scott Bates, owner of Grass Roots Nursery in New Boston, will talk about tub gardens. Register by emailing to mgw@wco@gmail.com.

English Gardens

Get a basic overview of orchids at a free presentation, 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 1.

Learn how to re-pot orchids at a free demonstration, 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 1 and 8.

Learn how to get orchids to re-bloom at home, along with other tips in a free demonstration, 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 8.

Get advice on planning a "four-season" garden at a free presentation, 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 15.

The store's floral staff will demonstrate flower arranging, 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 22.

Area stores are at 155 N. Maple, Ann Arbor, 734-332-7900; 2240 Ford Road in Dearborn Heights, 313-278-4433; 4901 Coolidge Highway, Royal Oak, 248-280-9500; and 6370 Orchard Lake Road, in West Bloomfield, 248-851-7506.

Heritage Park

The Junior Naturalist club meets 10-11:30 a.m. the second Saturday of each month. It's for ages 5-11 and is a "drop-off class." Topics are owl owl, Feb. 9; maple sugaring, March 9; signs spring, April 13; beginning birding, May 11; and bug and wetland exploration, June 8. The fee is \$10 per class in advance and \$12 per class paid at the door. Register online at rccreg.fhgov.com.

The nature center at the park offers classes for preschoolers Monday-Thursday mornings through March 6. Each class offers a different nature each week and time outdoors if weather permits: Nature's Little Artists, for ages 1-4, Feb. 10, 10-11:30 a.m. Monday; Little Trekkers, ages 1-4, 10-11:30 a.m. Tuesday and Wednesday; Young Explorers, ages 4-6, 9:30-10:30 a.m. Thursday. Preregistration is required for Nature's Little Artists. The fee is \$56 for residents and \$66 for nonresidents. Little Trekkers and Young Explorers Preschool offer a drop-in fee of \$8 per class, paid at the door. Preregister at a discounted rate, also available online at rccreg.fhgov.com or at the Costick Center.

Heritage Park is located at 24914 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills, 248-477-1135.

Beachum fills new philanthropy spot with Salvation Army

The Salvation Army Eastern Michigan Division, headquartered in Southfield, has welcomed Jeffrey S. Beachum back home to lead the nonprofit's fundraising initiatives as chief philanthropic director.

Beachum will oversee all development outreach in securing contributions from individuals, businesses and corporations throughout southeast Michigan. He will oversee the 34-member fundraising team in developing strategies, cultivating relationships and maintaining individual and corporate major donor portfolios.

Beachum spent the last 12 years as executive director for three not-for-profit organizations in Indianapolis, Ind. He also served as a commercial real estate appraiser with Integra Realty Resources.

Beachum served for 12 years as a pastorexecutive director of Salvation Army appointments in Plymouth, Mich., Minneapolis, Minn., and Crystal Lake, Ill. His last leadership appointment with The Salvation Army was for three years as the state director for youth programming for Indiana.

Beachum received a bachelor's degree from Central Michigan University in 1983 and was ordained and commissioned as an officer and minister at The Salvation Army Seminary in 1989.

"Due to The Salvation Army's ever increasing involvement throughout the metro Detroit community, we've added the position



Beachum

of chief philanthropic director to help balance the workload of our development and corporate relations departments, ensuring we continue providing the highest quality of service to our neighbors in need," said Major Mark Anderson, general secretary and metro Detroit area commander for The Salvation Army Eastern Michigan Division.

John Hale, who has been part of the development team since 2000 and previously served as executive director of development, is

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transitioning to his new role as chief operations director of development. In this role, Hale will lead the nonprofit's new areas of expansion, including social media, family stores in out-state areas and a new focus on out-state Salvation Army Corps development activities.

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Car Report

Detroit Three Had 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 Car of the Year and Truck/Utility of the Year awards, bested 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 outpointed 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's 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 statistic after statistic 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 2015 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 bet encouraged 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 tail lights, 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 2014: 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 last fully 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.



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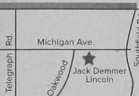
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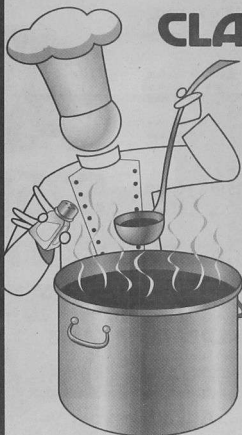
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