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Canton home values mark increase

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

said Friday. "The condominium market is improving, but still struggling."

Canton's commercial property values remained flat, while the industrial sector inched up just 1 percent — still an encouraging sign in the aftermath of steep declines, Shaw said.

Some homeowners will notice property value increases of 10-12 percent as they receive their assessment notices, while others may see no improvement, Shaw said.

"There will be fluctuations throughout the community," he said. Despite the average 5.4-

percent spike for home values, property taxes cannot jump by more than 1.6 percent because of a state law that limits the increase to 5 percent or the rate of inflation, whichever is less.

Wendy Trumbull, Canton Township finance director, said the law means Canton stands to gain only \$460,000 in property tax revenues — far less than the \$1.6 million it could have received if the Proposal A law hadn't been in effect.

"It's a big difference," she said.

Moreover, the uptick in tax



Canton's residential property values are increasing and new homes are being built. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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Canton's latest residential property values spiked 5.4 percent, newly released figures show, marking the biggest increase since the housing market crashed and raising hopes of a sustained recovery.

The latest number reflects an average of property assessments for more than 28,500 homes based on sales for a one-year period ending last fall.

"There seems to be a consistent rebound on all the single-family residential homes," Canton's assessor, Doug Shaw,

WESTERN WAYNE COUNTY SENIOR OLYMPICS



Jerry Gawura of Canton shows off most of the 99 medals she has won in Senior Olympics competition.

Seniors rally early for SUMMER OLYMPICS

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

At age 94, Canton resident Jerry Gawura has won 99 medals for her athletic skills.

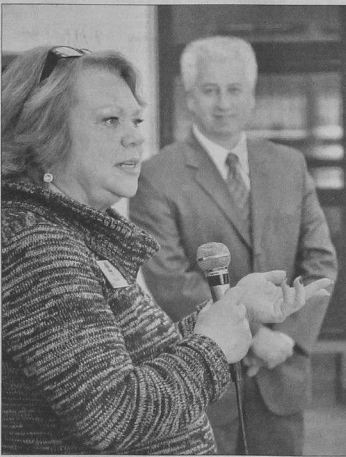
She hopes to cross the 100-medal mark by tossing a softball, football, Frisbee, bean bag and horseshoes when the Western Wayne County Senior Olympics celebrates its 10th year in August.

"My favorite has always been playing softball," said Gawura, who joined 80 seniors and Wayne County officials Wednesday afternoon for an early kickoff party at Canton's Summit on the Park recreation center. "I love playing softball."

Gawura had her medals displayed on a table — honors she earned not only in Wayne County, but also from Michigan Senior Olympics and the National Senior Games Association. She is proof senior athletes can participate in shot put, javelin and discus competition, though she always returns the conversation to softball.

"I was a tomboy when I was a little girl living in Dearborn, but the boys wouldn't let the girls play softball," she said. "One day they let me play and then they let me keep on playing."

Seniors from Canton, Plymouth, Westland, Livonia, Garden City, Redford and other



Canton Township Treasurer Melissa McLaughlin and Wayne County Commissioner Richard LeBlanc address seniors. PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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District studying school boundaries

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

Students attending the new middle school that Plymouth-Canton Community Schools officials are studying in September 2015 likely aren't the only ones who will be attending a different building.

District officials have begun the process of conducting a boundary survey administrators say will "make sure we are utilizing our buildings and maximizing the capacities in our buildings."

Steering and advisory committees have already been formed as the district begins to look at school boundaries, programming and other strategies ahead of the opening of the new middle school made possible by last year's bond.

"We have no preconceived notion of what we are going to do," said Kurt Tyszkewicz,

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COLLECTING DATA

What: Plymouth-Canton Community Schools public forums on its boundary study
When: Three forums, all at 7 p.m., Feb. 13, Feb. 20 and April 10

Where: Discovery Middle School, 45083 Hartford, Canton

Why: The district is conducting a study of school boundaries and is seeking public input. The information is to be compiled into a report the committee hopes to deliver to the full Board of Education by the end of May.

Contact: For more information, call 734-416-2755.

Two-day closure looms for library

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Canton Public Library patrons will need to find an alternate place Monday and Tuesday to use public computers, browse research collections, check out materials or enjoy a favorite reading spot near a fireplace.

As expected, the bustling library remains slated for a two-day closure as work crews bust up a granite entry floor and rip down one interior wall for what kicks off the second-largest remodeling project since the facility opened in 1988.

"We're letting our patrons know that we're closed," said Laurie Golden, department head for community relations.

Officials have used the library's website and newsletter, social media, in-house signs and this newspaper to alert loyal patrons who have made Canton's information hub one of the state's busiest libraries.

Patrons who need to visit a library Monday or Tuesday may use facilities in commu-

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western Wayne County communities braved a brutally cold winter day to attend the kickoff party in hopes of inspiring others 50 and older to get involved in the 2014 games, Aug. 18-22.

Participants are expected to start signing up in early April at their local senior centers, whether their interest is golf, billiards, Wii bowling, horseshoes, bowling, card games, softball or numerous other competitions.

Plymouth resident Patti Mackiewicz, 67, said she intends to compete in Wii bowling.

"This will be my first year. I'm very excited," she said, after winning a pair of Detroit Tigers tickets during a kickoff party raffle led by Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano. Susan Doughty, Canton senior specialist, said Senior Olympics games allow seniors to celebrate fitness with longtime friends and new ones.

"They love the camaraderie and doing



Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano talks about the importance of Senior Olympics. BILL BRESLER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

things they may never have done before," she said. "They have so much fun."

Inkster resident Leroy Watson, 62, said he intends to compete in bowling. "Hopefully, I can win the whole thing," he said.

Canton senior Mickey Stachurski hopes to add medals to her previous golfing honors. "I love golf — and cards, sometimes," she said.

Janet Brady, part-

time Canton senior coordinator, has accumulated scores of medals after participating in county, state and national competitions for track and field, horseshoes and tennis, among other activities. She is most proud of the bronze medal she won last year during the national horseshoes competition for athletes 55 and over.

"I always meet so many different people," Brady, 56, said.

The first Western Wayne County Senior Olympics drew 200 people — a number that grew to more than 700 last year.

"We're probably going to break that record this year," Ficano said.

Maybe, just maybe, Gawura can earn her 100th medal. One thing is certain: The boys won't be telling her that she can't play.

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revenues doesn't affect Canton's coffers until 2015.

Jason Borregard, sales manager for Clients First, Realtors, which has offices in Canton, Westland and Shelby Township, said Canton property values exceeded expectations.

"The appreciation is better than we expected," he said, describing himself as "cautiously optimistic" the rebound will continue. Still, he and other real estate officials have said it could take years to reach property values of 2007.

Canton Township Supervisor Phil LaJoy has said Canton would have as much as \$20 million more in tax revenues if property values had never declined from 2007 levels, calling it "unbelievable" what the community has endured.

Shaw said Canton's home values started in a gradual rebound with last year's property assessments. He attributed the turnaround to the overall economy and housing market.

"It's also about the desirability of Canton Township," Shaw said.

He said some homeowners could notice their property taxes climb by more than 1.6 percent if they built additions or made significant improvements to their homes. Also, the state-imposed cap gets lifted one time when a house is sold.

Canton's residential property values outpaced the Wayne County average of 1.46. Canton had a sharper rebound than neighbors such as Van Buren Township and Westland, but lagged behind cities such as Plymouth.

Canton's uptick came amid what Borregard called "fierce" competition among home buyers.

Canton property owners receiving their 2014 assessments may file an appeal, but they may need to provide research proving their property is assessed higher than similar properties in their neighborhood based on one-year sales. The Canton Board of Review will hear appeals from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday, March 3 and Tuesday, March 13, and 1-4:30 p.m. and 6-9 p.m. Tuesday, March 12, and Wednesday, March 12.

For more information, call the Canton Assessor's Office at 734-394-5111.

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nities such as Plymouth, Livonia and Westland, where card-carrying customers from Canton have full access to materials and resources, Golden said.

The library's online services will remain accessible at www.cantontpl.org.

Barring any glitches, Canton's library should reopen Wednesday, though Director Eva Davis has said the \$361,733 renovation project is expected to continue through late February. The work is being done by Library Design Associates of

Plymouth.

Patrons will be steered to alternative entrances as the project moves ahead, ushering in a circular deck near the front entrance of offering better check-out counters, reference help and one-on-one assistance with increasingly popular Kindles and other devices.

The remodeling also will make the library more accessible to people with disabilities, spruce up certain furniture and floor coverings and lead to a better business center with copiers, fax machines and printers.

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BOUNDARIES

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the district's executive director of staffing, student services and policy. "We are going to look at all the data and all the information and the committee will make a recommendation (to the Board of Education) based on that information."

"Any changes to school boundaries wouldn't be put in place until the beginning of 2015-16.

Two factors are driving the study: It was recommended in a system assessment the district received last year and course, the opening of the new middle school. That school, to be

built on district-owned property at Cherry Hill and Canton Center in Canton, will replace Central Middle School, which the district will close following the 2014-15 school year.

Tyszkiewicz said the district has buildings at both ends of the capacity spectrum. Field Elementary School in Canton, for instance, is operating at just 58 percent of capacity, while Gallimore Elementary is only at 78 percent capacity.

Hoban Elementary in Canton, meanwhile, is at 101 percent of capacity with 523 students, while Bird Elementary in Plymouth is at 100.2 percent with 568 students. The Hoban numbers are a bit skewed, Tyszkiewicz said, by the fact the

school houses half-day kindergarten and the Young 55 program, both of which are only half-day programs.

Still, he said, restricting could alleviate both problems. It's going to happen for sure at the middle school level, Tyszkiewicz said, simply because of the new school. Whether it happens at the elementary school level will depend on information gleaned by the committee.

"(Over-crowding) could be fixed by moving boundaries of at-capacity schools," Tyszkiewicz said. "We'll look at enrollment trends, capacities. We can relieve some of the pressure there by moving some boundaries? We probably can. That'll be the com-

mittee's recommendation to make."

Tyszkiewicz said the district has "significant" planning needs, including expanding the preschool program and incorporating some special education programs into buildings with a general-education population.

In addition to the work done by the steering and advisory committees, the district will host a trio of public forums in an effort to get input from the community. The committees have to have a recommendation to the school board by the end of May.

"We'll use all of that information to make a recommendation," Tyszkiewicz said. "It's a very important study for us."

CORRECTION

The headline on a story about possible water rate hikes in Canton Township in the Jan. 30 *Canton Observer* should have read "Township facing water rate hike."

Winter Farmers Market returns to Canton

The Canton Farmers Market is once again gearing up to hold three special Winter Farmers Markets — Sunday, Feb. 9; Sunday, March 9; and Sunday, April 13 — in the Cady-Boyer Barn, located at 500 N. Ridge Road in Preservation Park.

All of these markets in this winter series will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., inside the pre-Civil War-era non-heated barn. A variety of local food growers and producers have signed on to participate in the Winter Markets. Market regulars will recognize many of their favorite vendors, including Boblin Honey; Boyer Meat Processing; Cakes by Penney; Classic Gifts & Bakes; Crunch Granola; Intu Specialty Tea; Lula Bre's Sweet Eats; Kapnick Orchards; Prochaska Farms; Sansonetti

Sauces; Zingerman's Creamery; JKM Soy Candies; Farmington Soapworks; and Celler Door Soap.

Products to look forward to include honey, apples, cider, frozen blueberries and cherries, apple butter, fudge, baked goods (including gluten-, dairy- and sugar-free), jams, granola, gluten-free baking mixes, artisan cheese and bread, blended teas, barbecue sauces, mustards, marinades, dressings, salsa, canned sauerkraut, popcorn, coffee, dog treats, soy candles and hand-crafted soap.

Dog lovers are encouraged to check out the natural, gluten-free dog treats created by Paw's Pantry, the newest vendor to join the Canton Farmers Market.

"We're excited to be able to offer these three

indoor markets that will provide vendors with the opportunity to sell their locally grown and produced goods directly to market-goers," Canton Farmers Market Manager Tina Lloyd said. "The markets are a great opportunity to talk directly with the farmer and/or food producer to learn how your food was grown or made."

"Hopefully, we will also provide a bright spot for shoppers to visit and enjoy during the cold winter months."

The Canton Farmers Market will continue to benefit the Open Door Ministry by collecting pasta at all three Winter Markets, since pasta is a staple in the Open Door Ministry's weekly food distribution to more than 450 local families in need.

During its regular

season, the Canton Farmers Market offers plenty of delicious seasonal produce, including fresh vegetables, fruits, flowers and specialty products from area vendors. This open-aired market will again be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. each Sunday in rain or shine, from May 13 through Oct. 19 in Preservation Park.

For more information about the Canton Farmers Market and its vendors, subscribe to the weekly newsletter at www.cantontfn.org, under the "In the Community" tab. You can also visit facebook.com/cantontfarmersmarket for additional market updates.

To participate in the 2014 season, contact the market manager at 734-394-5375 or via email at cantontfarmersmarket@cantontfn.org.

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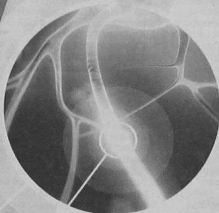
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Aurora University

Jahnee Trapp of Canton earned regular honors on the Aurora University Dean's List during the fall 2013 semester.

Trapp joins more than 900 other AU students who were honored for their academic success. The Dean's List recognizes students who have earned a 3.6 GPA or higher. Students recognized with high honors have earned a perfect 4.0.

Aurora University's main campus is in Aurora, Ill.; AU also offers programs online, at its George Williams College campus in Williams Bay, Wisc., and at the Woodstock Center in downtown Woodstock, Ill. Learn more at aurora.edu.

Butler University

Clara Williams of Canton is interning with the public affairs office of So Others Might Eat, an organization that provides food, shelter and other services for the poor and homeless in Washington, D.C. Williams is majoring in science, technology and society.

Seven Butler students are participating in the spring 2014 Washington, D.C., Learning Semester program through the University's Center for High Achievement & Scholarly Engagement. Participants live and take for-credit courses in foreign policy and the history and public art of Washington, while completing internships and professional experiences with major governmental, business, or non-profit organizations.

Butler University is located near Indianapolis, Ind.

Walsh College

Two students from Plymouth and two from Canton were among local

students who were fall 2013 graduates from Walsh College.

Plymouth students **Daniel Amos** and **Ashley Dean**, each of whom earned a master of business administration degree.

Canton student **Smeeth Parikh** earned a bachelor of business administration in finance degree, while **Andrew Psilis**, also of Canton, earned a dual master of business administration and master of science in finance degree.

Rachelle Rodriguez of Plymouth was a summer 2013 graduate who graduated Sept. 16 from Walsh College, with a bachelor of business administration in general business degree.

Huma Kashif of Canton was among local students who made the Honors List at Walsh College for the 2013 summer semester.

Walsh College has locations in Troy, Novi, Clinton Township and Port Huron, as well as online. For more information, visit www.walshcollege.edu.

Lewis University

Paul Baumgart of Canton was among those honored on the Lewis University Dean's List for fall semester 2013.

To be eligible for this honor, students must have completed a minimum of 12 semester hours of credit with a grade-point average of 3.5 out of a possible 4.0.

Lewis University is a Catholic university in the LaSalle tradition offering distinctive undergraduate and graduate programs to more than 6,600 traditional and adult students. Visit <http://www.lewisu.edu> for further information.

Students shine in Farrand science expo

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

The annual Farrand Elementary School science fair is designed to get students interested in, and engaged with, science.

Judging by participation at this year's event, it's mission accomplished.

Some 46 students had projects on display. There were also hands-on stations where young people could dissect owl pellets and view microscope slides.

The event drew some 150 spectators from around the community.

The event was well-attended and the Night Crew (owls) as well as Mad Science were highlights of the evening. Students were invited to interact with the Mad Science presentation. The living owls caught everyone's attention as well.

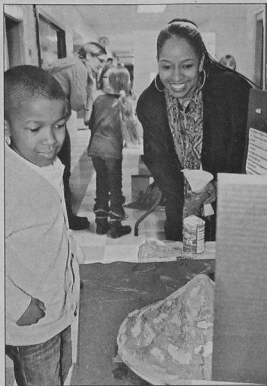
Some of the interesting projects included: the mummification of a hot dog, the transfer of an egg through a bottle neck, the variation of diet in hamsters with the conclusion that junk food is not healthy and experiments with crickets (predicting temperature by their chirps and color preferences).

"It's about engaging young people in science with inquiry based projects," said chairperson Julie Tafelski, who chaired the event for the final time. "We want kids to develop a passion for science."

Mad Science of Detroit attended with his "Spin, Boom, Pop" show, while representatives from the Leslie Science and Nature Center attended with birds-of-prey, Night Crew.

The fair always draws high interest among the students.

"There was one boy who was super-excited," Tafelski said. "His mom told me he couldn't sleep the night before and could hardly contain himself before the event."



Kur Ron Gaines and his mother present his volcano experiment at Farrand Elementary School's science expo.



Mad Science of Detroit was part of the annual Farrand Elementary School science fair.

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East team qualifies for robotics regional

The RoboRockets, one of three FIRST robotics teams at East Middle School, has qualified for one of four Super Regional tournaments and is headed April 4-6 to the University of Iowa.

The RoboRockets are one of 11 Michigan teams (out of 161) to earn the honor. The RoboRockets will compete against 75 teams from the Midwest. Finalists from this competition will be invited to the world competition April 24-26 in St. Louis.

While not qualifying for regional competition, East's other teams — Robotium and the TechnoBots — also put together successful seasons.

After a successful rookie year in the program in 2012-13, the RoboRockets shared their enthusiasm with others, encouraging more students to form their own teams. As a result, four new Plymouth-Canton middle school teams and two new elementary teams formed in September and worked successfully to learn the skills necessary to engineer, program and build a robot capable of completing the tasks called for in this year's FTC Challenge: Block Party.

The tasks include programming for a 30-second autonomous phase where a randomly placed beacon must be identified to place a block in the corresponding basket. The second phase of the game is the driver-controlled period featuring intensive strategy of cooperation with a randomly assigned alliance partner robot and team, defending against opponent robots and scoring points by gathering blocks and placing them in the baskets on a pendulum. The final phase of the competition is a 30-second "end game" where the drivers



East Middle School's RoboRockets won the Connect Award at the state robotics competition.

can direct the robot to perform a "chain up" on a hanging bar over the field of play to earn extra points.

Team Techno Bots competed effectively at the Temperance Qualifying Match and won the Inspire Award and a berth at the state championship. The Inspire Award is given to the team that truly embodied the "challenge" of the FTC program.

Robotium competed in the Sterling Heights

qualifying match and took home the PTC Design Award, in addition to third place of the Inspire Award and finalists of the Think Award. Their winning performance also earned them the opportunity to compete at the state championship.

RoboRockets, the "veteran" team, competed at the Discovery Middle School Qualifier, earning the top Inspire Award. RoboRockets were also finalists in the

following awards: Motivate Award, Rockwell Collins Innovate Award, PTC Design Award and Think Award.

On Dec. 21, the field of 161 competing FTC Michigan teams was narrowed down to 32. In Marshall, RoboRockets, Robotium and Techno Bots faced off against other qualifiers from Temperance to Petoskey, all seeking to demonstrate their robot's unique design, capabilities and innovative programming.

All teams competed admirably and, at the



Robotium competed in the Sterling Heights qualifying match and took home the PTC Design Award.



Team Techno Bots competed at the Temperance qualifying match and won the Inspire Award and a berth at the state competition.

end of the day, RoboRockets successfully advanced by winning the Connect Award, given to the team that most connected with their local community and the engineering community. One of RoboRockets' three mentors, Eric Tseng, won the Michigan Compass Award, which recognizes an adult coach who has provided outstanding guidance and support for a team throughout the year.

The RoboRockets team was a first-year FTC team for the 2012-13 season and the first middle school FTC team in Plymouth-Canton Schools. RoboRockets originally formed as a FIRST Lego League team under the leadership of Miller Elementary teacher Kristi Berry and has now received guidance from Tammie Groth at East.

Team members include Sonia Bhakkad, Taylor Ufford, Manasi Huang, Nick Huang, Nathan Tseng, Shilpa Pindolia, Ritika Parikh,

Chintan Modi, Ryan Wu and Varun Kumaravel. RoboRockets are mentored by Eric Tseng, Henry Huang and Don Ufford. RoboRockets invites you to connect with them on Facebook at "FLI RoboRockets PCGS FIRST" page.

Robotium team members are Alexis Boron, Anwesh Dabade, Brian Derry, Luke Fenstermacher, Brevin Heers, Matthew Pelukas, Emma Reeves, Brendan Smith, Cindy Stuch and Taha Zirapury. The team is mentored by Steve Derry, Alicia Fenstermacher, Rick Boron, Brad Heers and Ali Zirapury.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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Date/Time: Feb. 26, 6:30 p.m.
Location: Discovery Middle School, 45083 Hanford, Canton
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car seats, cribs, strollers, and monitors. The items will be distributed to low-income mothers in Plymouth, Canton and Western Wayne County. PCUW is offering a range of ways to participate from dropping off items at the office to holding a special event like a baby shower.

New Morning open house
Date/Time: Sunday, Feb. 9, 1-2 p.m.
Location: New Morning School, 14501 Haggerly, Plymouth

Details: New Morning School will host an open house for prospective families interested in preschool through eighth grade. Directly following, from 2-3:30 p.m., will be the school's annual Museum Experience.

VFW craft show
Date/Time: Sunday, April 6, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Location: VFW Post 6695, Plymouth

Details: The VFW Plymouth post 6695 Ladies Auxiliary will be hosting a craft show. Rental tables are available for \$25.

Contact: Leslie at the VFW, 734-459-6700, for more details.

Book signing
Date/Time: Saturday, Feb. 8, 1-3 p.m.
Location: Biggby Coffee, 400 W. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth

Details: Authors Scott J. Karr and Joseph B. Markusic will be available to sign copies of their book, In the Company of Perfection.

Contact: 877-727-0697 or Michelle Whitman at michelle@skymeg.com.

Love Thy Neighbor
Dates/Times: Feb. 3-21, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to noon Saturday

Details: The Salvation Army's Food Pantry is asking its neighbors to "Love Thy Neighbor" by donating specific items to the food pantry. Among items they're looking for are deodorant and shaving items, toilet paper, body soap, dish soap, detergent, shampoo and conditioner.

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

Details: This is the Plymouth Historical Museum's annual auction fundraiser. Merchants in Plymouth and surround-



Pom prowess

The Salem High School varsity pom team took second place in both varsity pom and varsity jazz at the recent Dance Reaction Stoney Creek High School Pom Competition.

Pal Tickets should be purchased by Feb. 7.
Contact: 734-455-8940.

or visit www.cantonnewcomersandneighbors.org.

Canton newcomers
Date/Time: Wednesday, Feb. 5, 7:15 p.m.
Location: Sunflower Clubhouse, 45800 Hanford

Details: In celebration of Women's Heart Health Month, the Canton Newcomers and Neighbors club will be hosting a themed "Things We Love" adult general meeting. In addition to getting Canton's "scoop" from the club's number-one requested speaker, Canton Treasurer Melissa McLaughlin, the evening will include a recipe exchange, a heart-healthy salad bar, a raffle to benefit Canton's own Partnership of the Arts and more.

Contact: To learn more about the club, order a complimentary February newsletter or RSVP for the free Feb. 5 meeting, contact Noreen at 734-981-0486, email nrybar@yahoo.com

Medicare/Medicaid counseling
Date/Time: Wednesday, Feb. 5, 1-3 p.m.
Location: United Home Health Services, 2200 N. Canton Center, Ste 250, Canton

Details: United Home Health Services offers free individual counseling with a certified MMAP (Medicare/Medicaid Assistance Program) counselor. The counselor can help you understand your Medicare/Medicaid eligibility and the various plans, apply for Medicaid, research and enroll in a healthy salad bar, a raffle to benefit Canton's own Partnership of the Arts and more.

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Detroit chief: 'It's a new police department'

By David Veselenak
Staff Writer

Detroit Police Chief James Craig told an audience Thursday at Madonna University he's already seeing a change in crime and policing in the largest city in Michigan.

Craig, the guest speaker at Madonna's induction for its Wall of Honor for criminal justice, told a packed house in Kresge Hall that violent crime is already starting to see a decrease in Detroit since he became chief last summer. He said 52 fewer people were killed last year than in previous years and homicides through January were 50 percent lower than they were at the same time last year.

"The results are so significant," he said. "The city of Detroit, it's the most challenging city in the country to police."

Craig's talk on Detroit came after several Madonna alumni were inducted into its Wall of Honor. Those inducted included former Livonia Police Lt. Barry Sherman and current Farmington Hills Police Chief Charles Nebus.

The induction recognizes distinguished alumni in the law enforcement community. Nebus, who graduated in 1979, said being inducted was "a great honor."

"I think you learn a lot of valuable lessons when you're a young officer," he said. "The professors here, they had a lot of experience. They passed on their knowledge and experience."

Also in attendance were former inductees, who included current Livonia Police Chief Curtis Caid, retired Livonia Police Chief Robert Stevenson and Madonna instructor and retired Garden City Police Chief David Harvey. More than 70 police chiefs or directors of public safety have their names on

the university's Wall of Honor. Madonna has had many graduates work for several area police departments, including Livonia, Farmington Hills, Redford and others.

'No credibility'

Everyone in the room listened closely to Craig as he discussed his background in law enforcement, as well as his plans to help create a safer Detroit, a city routinely named one of the most dangerous in America. Craig, who began his career as an officer with the Detroit Police Department before taking positions in Los Angeles, Portland, Maine, and Cincinnati before taking the top cop position in Detroit last summer, said he has not brought anyone with him to fill positions within the department, saying he has faith in the officers currently employed. He also said he has no intention of allowing what he called "friends and family" perks to continue in the city.

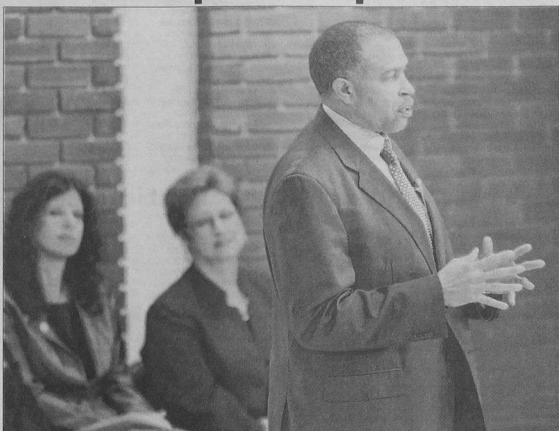
Craig said the days of elected officials having special privileges in regards to the police are over in the city, something that received applause.

"In the new DPD, that won't be tolerated," he said. "Elected officials are held at a higher standard. It's a new day, new police department."

Some other accomplishments and tasks Craig is attempting to work at include re-opening several police stations and increasing police presence in neighborhoods to help reduce crime.

He said establishing a better reputation for the department is crucial as well, as many residents have stopped calling for service since many calls go unanswered. That's a pattern Craig said he'd like to change.

"That's why there's no credibility with the Detroit Police Department," Craig said. "The community said, 'Why call? They're not going to come.'"

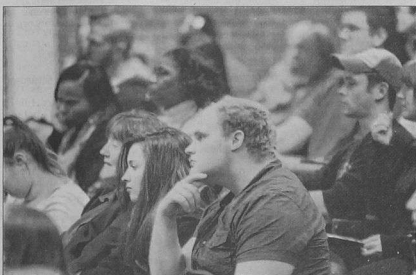


Detroit Police Chief James Craig speaks Thursday at Madonna University. PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Police officers in the city are also routinely doing other runs to help the community, something many people may not realize. One example, Craig said, is that police will take injured children for treatment if they are found injured in the city, something that isn't widely known to the greater Detroit community.

"Detroit police officers routinely transfer them in the back seat in a police vehicle. That's been going on for some time," he said. "The media doesn't cover this."

Nebus said that from what he's seen from afar, he's happy with the way Craig is running the department in Detroit and reaching out to other police chiefs in the surrounding suburbs.



Listening to Detroit Police Chief James Craig.

"I've had more encounters with him than with all the other chiefs combined," he said.

"He's doing all the right things. He's a man of change and that's exactly what Detroit needed."

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Emergency food available

The next distribution of emergency food by Plymouth Community United Way is scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 20. The Emergency Food Assistance Program provides low-income Plymouth and Northville residents with canned, non-perishable and perishable items.

All recipients must preregister at Plymouth Community United Way,

960 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Suite 2.

This is a supplemental food program that may be used in addition to other assistance programs.

Bridge Card holders automatically qualify, but need to preregister.

Recipients not currently on governmental assistance (food stamps, ADC and general) must provide documentation

including proof of income and residency before receiving food on distribution days.

Distributions continue 9:30-11 a.m. the third Thursday of each month at St. Kenneth Catholic Church in Plymouth.

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Price seeks to help Christmas in Action

Wayne County Commissioner Shannon Price will be distributing 20 pairs of Detroit Tigers tickets for the 2014 season to the first 20 volunteers who sign up for this year's Christmas in Action event scheduled for Saturday, April 26.

Price, 10th District Republican serving Canton, Plymouth and Plymouth Township,

hopes to help Christmas in Action.

Christmas in Action of Wayne County was formed as a nonprofit organization in 2005 and is endorsed by the Canton Township Board of Trustees as a means of providing free home repairs to qualified elderly, disabled and low-income homeowners. Skilled or unskilled vol-

unteers will be called upon to provide various repairs to make homes safe and functional, while at the same time improving the community as a whole.

"We have so many talented and caring people in our community and this is a tremendous opportunity to give something back to those who are less fortunate,"

Price said. "The people of Canton take pride in what they have and with volunteers applying finishing touches to home repairs it shows that we care about each individual in the community."

For more information, contact Paula Kosbe at 734-394-5191 or by email at pkosbe@canton-mi.org.

Camper, RV show returning to Showplace

The Michigan Association of Recreation Vehicles and Campgrounds is sponsoring the 48th Annual Detroit Camper & RV Show Feb. 5-9 at the Suburban Collection Showplace on Grand River Avenue, Novi.

All types of new 2014 recreation vehicles—more than 275 units and 50 brands—will be displayed: folding campers, motor homes, travel trailers, truck campers, fifth wheel travel trailers and toy haulers.

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DETAILS

Event: 48th Annual Detroit Camper & RV Show

Location: Suburban Collection Showplace

Dates: Feb. 5-9

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Consumers can pick up the new 2014 RV & Campsite. This guide to camping and RV dealers in Michigan now includes coupons.

The show is sponsored by the Michigan Association of Recreation Vehicles and Campgrounds, a member organization representing all aspects of the camping and RV industries.

Free filing for federal returns available for some

Q: Dear Rick: Last year, you wrote about filing tax returns for free. Is this still available? If it is, does you think it makes sense for me? I'm in my early 40s, I make about \$50,000 a year and I don't have a lot of deductions. I own a condo, so I do have some interest in property tax deductions.

A: The program is known as "free file" and it is still available. This program is sponsored by the Internal Revenue Service. It allows you to obtain free software from many well-known tax software companies such as Turbo Tax. The IRS has offered this program for a number of years and it has been successful. I have no problem recommending



Rick Bloom
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this program to you. The one caveat is that in order to qualify for the program, your income must be below \$58,000.

Many people may think that since the program is sponsored by the IRS, there must be something more to it—there is not. It basically is the same software package that companies sell on the open market. The IRS has partnered with software companies for a decade now and there have not been any problems. You may also ask why the company would give these products away for free. The

reason is companies want to introduce you to their other products. They hope that if you like their tax package, you might purchase one of their other products.

The key to this program is to access the free software through the IRS website at www.irs.gov. Click on "Free File" to get started. Keep in mind that this is a federal tax program only and does not include state returns. Of course, for the great majority of people, the federal tax return is much more complex than the state return. However, if you are interested in filing both your federal and state of Michigan returns for free, you will need to go to the Michigan Taxes Department of Treasury

page on the Michigan.gov website, click on E-File under the Individual section and then click on "Free e-file services—do you qualify?" to determine if you meet the necessary criteria.

Tax returns, whether you are doing yourself or hiring a professional, are due April 15. If you think you are going to receive a refund, you might as well do your return as soon as possible. After all, why let the government keep your money any longer than they have to?

Good luck!

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Mom packs bags to be in Sochi with daughter

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

By her own count, Cheryl Hunter Davis has visited 20 foreign countries since retiring 12 years ago from her teaching position at Eriksson Elementary School in Canton. While she has seen the sights wherever she has gone, she has also seen the inside of a lot of ice arenas.

That comes with the territory when you're a skating mom. And this week, she will be on the road again, headed for Russia to watch her daughter Meryl Davis and partner Charlie White go for the gold in ice dancing at the Sochi Winter Olympics. "There is no way I can count the hours I've spent at ice rinks," Davis said. "When they were little, we were there all the time. Now I check in once a month. I retired because I wanted to travel with Meryl. At 12, you don't want to send your daughter alone to a foreign country."

Sitting in the stands Tuesday morning at the Arctic Edge in Canton, Davis wasn't far from where she taught school and from where she grew up. She marvels that a small-town girl from Garden City is now traveling the world and is getting noticed along the way.

'Deep, emotional'

Her fondest memories of life are in Garden City. It holds a special place in her heart. She remembers skating at the outdoor ice rink and on a rink her father built in their backyard, the Roaring '20s parade the close inner circle of friends she had while at Garden City East High School and the close friends she still has there.

For her, there is "something deep and a little emotional about Garden City."

"I worked at Kmart, I put myself through college by working in the automotive department," she said. "I'd go over to Little Caesars after work and then walk home. I love Garden City; it's so pure."

She has found that small-town connection in her West Bloomfield neighborhood. She and her husband Paul still live in the same house they moved into the day after they got married. It was 1,400 square feet and one street away from Walnut Lake. The house is a bit bigger now, but the neighborhood has the small-town feel like Garden City. The families gather for neighborhood events. They've lined the street with Christmas lights, brought out the lawn chairs and socialized while the kids went sledding.

The lake is the kids' skating rink. Families keep an area clear for skating and pickup hockey. Some days, the ice is so good, they can skate all the way around the lake.

"It's a very cute neighborhood," she said. "I think we've stayed there because it reminds me of Garden City. That's pretty cool and that's what I wanted my children to have. Both have said they've had a great childhood."

Sochi is a long way from that lake, where she'd sit on a lawn chair and put skates on her daughter then push her out to skate. It's a long way from the Cranbrook ice rink where her 5-year-old daughter would put on dresses the babysitter gave her and go out and spin on the ice. That's where White saw Meryl Davis and told his mother Jacqui he wanted to skate just like her.

Four years later, they became a pair and have been skating together ever since. "Meryl was in gymnastics and freestyle skating," Davis said. "Her first skating competition was in Cleveland. She won it and knew that was something she wanted to do. She loves the cold. She loves being at an ice rink."

Since then, Davis has been at 75 competitions.

'Self-sufficient'

Davis taught school while her husband went to law school. When he decided law wasn't his forte, he switched gears and became a real estate broker. Once her daughter went into skating, her salary helped pay for that. It wasn't until Davis and White made it to the national stage that they started getting help and sponsors. Today, Davis calls her daughter "self-sufficient."

"Ice skating is very costly," she said. "I worked to pay for her skating. Now she pays for everything. Once they started winning at the national level, they got a little award money that went back to the trainers. Now she has sponsors and gets help from the Olympic Committee. She's self-sufficient and on her own. She even owns her own condo."

Her son Clayton lives in Colorado and is into skiing and snowboarding. He was always supportive of his sister and was with the family when his sister won a silver medal. At an after-event party, he told his mother he didn't know his sister was "so good."

"He has a whole other world; her life didn't take over his," Davis said. "I've never felt that this was a sacrifice. It was a joyful part of the lives of everybody in the family. This has brought joy to everybody. My stepfather was this huge farmer from Pennsylvania and every time he saw her dance, he'd cry."

Davis takes comfort in the fact that her daughter never had to leave home to train or change her nationality to compete. She and White attended high school locally, spending two hours a day Monday through



Cheryl Hunter Davis isn't sure how many hours she's spent in ice arenas since her daughter Meryl decided to take up ice dancing. Davis, who grew up in Garden City, will be on the way to Sochi this week with her husband Paul to watch their daughter and her partner Charlie White compete for the gold medal. SUE MASON

Friday and each Saturday at the rink. Now they skate four to five hours a day.

"I've never seen them unhappy," she said. "When I watch them practice, they don't look unhappy. They seem to love what they're doing." The gold medal would be the icing on the cake for Davis and White, who have been skating together for 17 years. They're not talking about what's next, just focusing on the Olympics. Each still has a year to go at the University of Michigan, where White is studying political science and Davis is majoring in anthropology.

Davis and her husband will be in Sochi two days before the Olympics start. That will give Davis time to get her paperwork together to get a day pass, spectator pass and event pass for the Olympic Village. They already have tickets for the opening and closing ceremonies.

Proctor & Gamble, which featured Davis and White's mothers on a YouTube video, "Raising an Olympian," has given the mothers of Olympic athletes \$1,000. Davis is putting that toward the cost of the airplane tickets. Hotel accommodations initially were \$1,000 a night, but have dropped to \$500. And the only thing she is saying about the cost of those tickets for the opening and closing ceremonies is: "You don't want to know."

For that small-town girl, it's all part of what has been "a great ride." "We're not poor, but we're not wealthy," she said. "We've just been fortunate to have had some nice things for us."

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Cheryl Hunter Davis (left), with Jacqui White, has been at 75 competitions with her daughter Meryl Davis.

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'Madman' documents abolitionist movement

By Cal Stone
Staff Writer

What can a 17-year-old teach us about history?

Movie-goers got to see for themselves Friday, when Luke Jaden offered the world premier of his film *Madman or Martyr* at the Charles H. Wright Museum in Detroit.

It is a documentary focusing on John Brown, the abolitionist movement and the Underground Railroad, specifically dealing with Detroit and the impact it had on that city between the years of 1837-59.

Jaden said his 40-minute film searches for the true meaning of Brown's life and attempt to free the slaves from this brutal institution.

"Brown's life falls into a dark chasm filled with a macabre of events that prevents him from achieving salvation for the African-American slaves," Jaden states in his synopsis of the film. "A mere few months before Brown's raid on Harper's Ferry, Va., Brown transports 11 slaves to Detroit, a hub of the Underground Railroad, and discusses his 'Subterranean Pass Plan' with Frederick Douglass and George DeBaptist, along with other local Detroit abolitionists. The freedom will not ultimately come for the African-American slaves for nearly a quarter century later."

So how did a senior at Detroit Country Day

High School come to tackle such a heavy subject and put it on film?

"It was a history class project last year," Jaden said. "It was our whole grade — either write a paper on Abraham Lincoln or do a documentary on abolition. I thought it would be cool to do a documentary, mainly because I'm an actor. But I wanted to try out this whole writing, producing, directing thing and see what's behind the camera, not necessarily what's in front."



Jaden started researching the topic and found John Brown and Detroit as a hub of the movement. He also realized that not much had been done with this particular focus. He wrote a script, which "started getting a lot of buzz," and began auditioning actors in Michigan and accepting tapes online.

Picking the cast

"This guy, Ed Kelly, blew us away," Jaden said, so much so that in addition to playing the lead of Brown, he's also the narrator. Kelly portrayed Sen. Dennis Darden in *The Double* starring Richard Gere.

Phillip Edward Van Lear, known for his role on TV's *Prison Break*, fell in love with the script and his character.

"He said, 'I am Frederick Douglas. I have to be part of this project,'" Jaden said.

Next, Jaden approached Tim Holmes, who was producing a film at the time. The Lansing native portrayed the strong man in last year's film *Oz the Great and Powerful*, starring James Franco.

"I told him, 'You really look the part and your voice is this character. Will you be part of it?'" Jaden said. "I sent him the script and the next day I got a phone call from him and an email from his agent. 'We have to be a part of this!' I was just jumping up and down with joy. That completed the cast. Three roles and they all have this chemistry that went so well together."

A "decent size" crew of about 45 was assembled, using film industry grips, gaffers, electricians, assistant directors, cameramen, etc.

"It was a slow time in Michigan — not many films at the time," Jaden said. "They worked for differed pay. If the project makes over a certain amount, they'll get paid."

Novi connection

Through a friend, Jaden met his director of photography, Joel Warren, a professor at University of Detroit Mercy — and the whole script was changed and rewritten.

Jaden actually had three scripts — one detailing the "what and where" of the



scenes, one for the questions to be asked interviewees, and one for the narration.

"It wasn't how most films would be," Jaden said. "Usually, there is just one script."

Jaden's time line was also different than most films. "We edited the film until we could show it to the actors so they could connect and bring their characters to life," he said. "That was also a key factor for the narrator — having that visual and knowing what to write for him to tell the story."

Final editing consumed almost three months. Three hours of film was cut to an hour and 20 minutes and then that was whittled down to 40 minutes.

"We had to be very strategic," Jaden said. "We didn't want to take out the juicy stuff. Forty minutes wasn't a requirement, but I wanted to

make it shorter. Most documentaries, you lose interest. We wanted this to be high intensity from the first second to the credits rolling at the end."

A key part of the film is the soundtrack, with original music composed by David Winsas Jr. (of Detroit's famous gospel family). That Jaden said, "really adds an emotional impact."

Jaden said his film, shot on "the lowest budget ever," turned out much bigger than he expected. He has shown it to family, friends, cast and crew, but Friday was the first time for the general public to view it.

Jaden is submitting "Madman or Martyr" to several festivals — Sundance, South by Southwest, Toronto and Cannes — and is hoping the History Channel, A&E or PBS pick it up as well.

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Wayne-Westland crowns its spelling bee champions

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

It was a "war" of words Thursday as 31 fifth-through eighth-graders squared off in Wayne-Westland's Earle

Chorbagan Spelling Bee. Students tackled words that ranged from simple to difficult as spelling champions were picked from among fifth- and sixth-graders from Adams and Marshall

upper elementarys and seventh- and eighth-graders from Franklin and Stevenson middle schools.

Students tried their luck with words like "verdure," "exorcism," "betrothed," "beebop," "ostracism," "charooteer" and "armistice" in hopes of winning a chance to compete in the regional spelling bee that will be held March 8 at the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History.

The spelling bee was held by Adams Upper Elementary, which it got its start 34 years ago. It's named after Chorbagan, retired middle school principal who has only missed the bee once when he was sick a few years ago. It started out as one spelling bee for students in the fifth through eighth grades, but was split into two spelling bees four years ago.

Winning word

It took 20 rounds and 174 words to crown the upper elementary champ, sixth-grader Jazlyn Gatton of Westland, who correctly



Competitor Thomas Barnes, an eighth-grader at Stevenson Middle School, waits for middle school competition to begin. BILL BRESLER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

spelled "netiquette." "I was a little bit nervous watching her," her mother Windy said. "She practiced almost every day."

Jazlyn said she was "kind of confident" in her spelling abilities and found none of the words hard. She practiced with her mother and by herself.

"I practiced by writing them down," she said. "It took about an hour a day. I'm glad I'm bringing the trophy back to Adams after three years."

The middle school trophy, however, is going

to Franklin after eighth-grader Nakiah Benthford of Wayne correctly spelled "tomahawk" in the 21st round to claim the crown.

"The word I was most worried about was a really simple word, 'disarray.' I couldn't figure out the double letter at first," she said.

The students were given lists of words to study and Nakiah was "frantic" on her way to be that those words would be used, but was "more comfortable" when she realized they were using other words. "I was up until 1 a.m.

studying," she said. "I studied with my sister Lashay, who really helped me in going to websites for the pronunciations, and my sister Daija."

Third appearance

This is her third appearance in the spelling bee and second time by herself. Two years ago, both she and her sister Daija were in the contest together.

Her mother, Shana Wilson, threw her hands in the air when her daughter won.

"Words can't explain how I feel. I'm at a loss for words, I'm overwhelmed by the excitement," Wilson said. "I felt it in me that she would win. It's something she wanted really bad. She was very hungry for this. She's very bright, very goal-oriented. She wants to go to the national bee." Nakiah plans to follow her same routine in prepping for the regional spelling bee. The winner of that bee will advance May 25-31 to the Scripps National Spelling Bee.

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Nancy Czelman
Township Clerk

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Application: 2132-0114-A

Applicant: Centennial Home Group



LEGAL DESCRIPTION: for parcel descriptions, see tax records based on Tax ID no. (s): R-78-037-99-0001-000

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Sondheim musical 'Assassins' debuts Valentine's Day at Players Barn

"Everybody's got the right to some sunshine. Nine characters looking for either love, equality or a common voice, deliver that message on the Farmington Players stage in the Stephen Sondheim musical, *Assassins*. They are determined to change the world by targeting the United States president in pursuit of their own twisted versions of "The American Dream."

Assassins, which won five Tony Awards for its Broadway revival in 2004, will open Friday, Feb. 14, at the Farmington Players Barn. Tickets are available at www.farmingtonplayers.org or at the box office at 248-553-2955.

Players director Mike Smith of Royal Oak said *Assassins* is a compelling history lesson, a "killer" black comedy with the power to move people, while educating them about some of America's darkest times — the product of nine presidential assassins, four who turned out to be killers.

"*Assassins* is first-rate entertainment that presents American history with all its warts and foibles," Smith said.

The production is not recommended for children younger than high school age because of profanity and gun violence, Smith said.

The Barn is encouraging high school and college students to enjoy a special performance on Presidents Day, Monday, Feb. 17. All students will get tickets at half-price, with a complimentary ticket given to a teacher who brings a group of 10 or more students.

The show's premise: Put assassins together in "purgatory," a carnival setting that erases all boundaries of space and time, allowing them the freedom to share their madness in the form of music (including a barbershop quartet singing about their fondness for guns).

Although the subject matter is dark, Smith said it makes for some great theater. "I don't think this show is any darker than other productions out there. Look at *Les Misérables* as an example or *Miss Saigon*. Good dramatic theater often takes the most disturbing parts of society or individual character and presents it to an audience. It's an effort to examine the infinite depths of the human condition ... to see who we are as human beings."

The production serves up a host of colorful characters who demonstrate the contrasts between their reasoning and lega-

'ASSASSINS' DETAILS

SHOW TIMES

8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Feb. 14-15
2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 16 (Senior Sunday, \$2 off)
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8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Feb. 21-22
2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 23
8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 27 (Thrifty Thursday, \$2 off) and Friday, Feb. 28
1 p.m. Saturday, March 1

TICKETS

Adults, \$18; students, \$2 off any production. Available at www.farmingtonplayers.org or at the box office at 248-553-2955

LOCATION

Farmington Players Barn is at 32332 12 Mile, Farmington Hills

CAST

Barb Bruno as Sarah Jane

cy. All of the assassins in the show are people in America's history. Among them are John Hinckley Jr., who tried to kill Ronald Reagan, and Squeaky Fromme and Sara Jane Moore, who provide on-stage comic relief in their plot to kill Gerald Ford.

Other assassins include Sam Byck, who plotted to kill Richard Nixon; Lee Harvey Oswald, who killed John Kennedy; and John Wilkes Booth, assassin of Abraham Lincoln.

Jason Wilhoite of Commerce Township translates the assassins' feats into folk music as the clean-cut narrator "The Balladeer," weaving his sardonic comments through various chapters of American history. Keith Firstenberg of Livonia plays the devilish

Moore: Bob Cox of Plymouth as Giuseppe Zangara; Dan Crosby of Livonia as Lee Harvey Oswald; Barry Cutler of Ferndale as Charles Guitteau; Erik Elwell of Farmington Hills as Ensemble; Keith Firstenberg of Livonia as Proprietor; Jayne Firstenberg of Livonia as Ensemble; David Galido of Novi as John Wilkes Booth; Keith Janoch of Farmington Hills as Leon Czolgosz; Farmington Hills. Also cast are Jim Moll of Farmington Hills as Ensemble; Nick Rapson of Canton as John Hinckley; Martin Rinke of Royal Oak as Ensemble; Pat Rodgers of Novi as Ensemble; Michael Soave of Ferndale as Sam Byck; Alex Spittle of Southfield as Squeaky Fromme; Patrick Whener of Birmingham as Ensemble; Jason Wilhoite of Commerce as Balladeer.

"Proprietor," intent on dragging the assassins into the abyss. The cast is rounded



Some of the assassins include (from left), David Galido of Novi (John Wilkes Booth), Keith Janoch of Farmington Hills (Leon Czolgosz), Barb Bruno of Farmington Hills (Sarah Jane Moore) and Barry Cutler of Ferndale (Charles Guitteau). JAN CARTWRIGHT

with Erik Elwell (Farmington Hills), Jane Firstenberg (Livonia), Jim Moll (Farmington Hills), Martin Rinke (Royal Oak), Pat Rodgers (Novi) and Patrick Whener (Birmingham).

Rachael Rose of Waterford Township directs a score set to popular American sounds of ballads, waltzes, hymns, marches and fairground music, as well as bluegrass and Dixie. Audiences will tap their toes tapping toes to tunes

such as *Everybody's Got The Right, The Ballad Of Booth, The Gun Song, Unworthy Of Your Love and Another National Anthem*.

"All the actors have to work together because the music is almost always a piece of a conversation and when put together in the whole and done well, it is exquisite and a complete conversation or narrative," Rose said. "It is no easy task and this cast is doing a fantastic

job of bringing not only the characters to life, but also the music and themes that Mr. Sondheim intended."

Director Smith considers the components of *Assassins* "great theater." "I want the audience to walk away from this production thinking about what their version of the American Dream is and asking themselves if they're taking the steps to make it happen," Smith said.



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DEPRESSION AND JOINT DISEASE
 Joint pains come on intensely this time of year. Cold and darkness make movement difficult; the need for extra clothes and heavy boots add to the problem of keeping a rhythmic pace.

But there is another source of friction, an obstacle that is not easily identified but can create a troublesome load; I am talking about depression.

Its presence at the time of a physician's joint examination is difficult for the doctor to assess. An aching knee can come from a worn cartilage or a torn meniscus but a heavy heart can spill over into the body causing headache, knee ache or both.

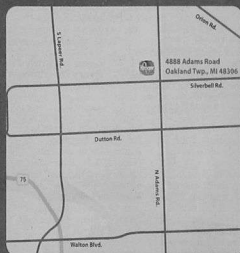
Often a physician has to decide to what extent a joint pain comes from injury and inflammation and to what extent, if any, is the discomfort an expression of depression. Location and direction of the pain are helpful clues. A worn knee cartilage or frayed meniscus have pain patterns that relate to their anatomy and function. The pain of depression tends to assert itself at odd times and be present in places not in keeping with anatomical strain.

In most instances pain associated with depression does not need treatment with pain relievers or medication. First, the usual antidepressants such as Celebra or Zoloft may cause more drowsiness than tranquility. Second, what the person often feels is not additional medicine but more feeling, that is, emotional and social stimulation. The aching comes from movement, from a sense that daily life is dull, from the expectation of losing contact with friends, family or neighbors. What the body yearns for is community.



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Chiefs win Park showdown, 31-29

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

When the going got tough Friday night, Canton seniors Paige Aresco and Rachel Winters went to work.

The Chiefs trailed virtually all night against Plymouth, but Aresco connected on two lay-ups in the final three minutes to square the KLAASouth Division varsity girls basketball game at 29-29.

Winters then won it, 31-29, when she drained a rainbow jumper from the top of the key with just 2.5 seconds to play.

"I knew we had a little time left and I was feeling good, so I shot it," said Winters, who scored 10 points in the contest. "Paige was coming off a screen and she found me. I came off another screen and shot it."

She smiled and admitted she was "feeling it" when the time came to throw up the clutch shot.

"Yeah, Park games are always great," Winters said. "We never know what to expect. Everyone comes in with high energy."

Canton needed to win in order to stay in front of Ply-

mouth in the division. The Chiefs improved to 9-3 overall and 6-0 in the KLAASouth, while the Wildcats dropped to 10-3, 5-2.

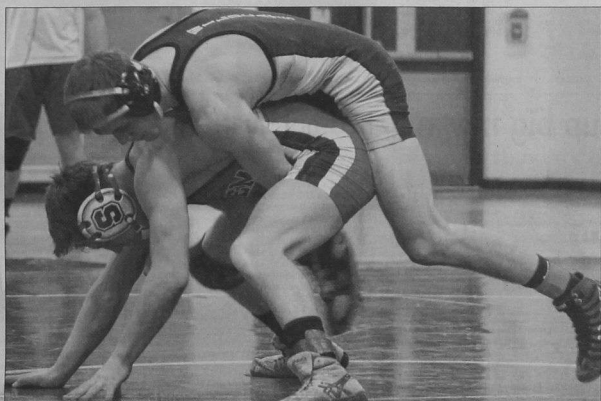
"Rach has been playing outstanding, shooting the ball the best she's shot it in her career," Canton head coach Brian Samulski said. "More importantly than that, she carries herself with so much more confidence right now and it paid off."

Aresco led all players with 17 points, including seven free throws. She tallied seven of her

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Canton's Rachel Winters (No. 10) vies for space against Plymouth's Kylie Robb (No. 4). JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO



Jon Conn (right), one of seven seniors for Plymouth's Kensington Conference champions, battles against Salem's Caleb McCabe in their 145-pound bout Thursday. PHOTOS BY LISA BUSHAW

'CATS SLAM SALEM FOR CONFERENCE CROWN

But Plymouth overpowered by No. 3 Hartland in KLAASouth title dual

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

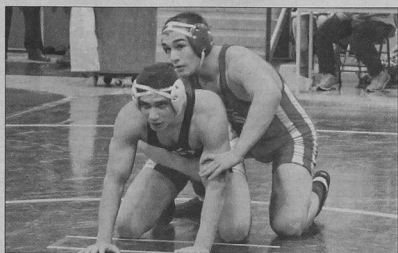
Plymouth senior wrestlers such as Joey Shaver didn't have much time Thursday night to enjoy clinching the KLAASouth Kensington Conference thanks to a 50-14 win over Salem at Hartland.

That's because the Wildcats—also South Division champions—had to hurry up and literally go to the mat against the KLAASouth quad host and Lakes Conference champion Eagles in a showdown for the association trophy.

"For my senior year it's a great way to go out," said Shaver, between dual meets. "We've had a lot of tough years. After not winning districts last year this was a big win for us."

"We got a lot of people who it's important to, we have a big senior team and it just means a lot to us."

As it turned out, Shaver won both



Salem's Mitchell Gross (top) and Plymouth's Tarek Tamimi wait for the go-ahead to begin wrestling Thursday at Hartland High School.

of his bouts. He first bested Salem senior co-captain Connor Thornbury 5-0 in a scrum at 160 and subsequently earned a hard-fought 2-1 decision over Hartland's Logan Vish to pull Plymouth to within 27-17 during the KLAASouth title dual.

The Wildcats got even closer (at

27-21) following a 15-5 major decision by junior Hussein Youssef in his 171-pound matchup against senior Nate Smith.

But other than 103-pounder Collin Reed's third-period pin of Hartland's

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BOYS HOOPS

Williams' return sparks Canton

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Greg Williams returned to Canton's lineup in a big way Friday, scoring 22 points to spearhead the Chiefs to a 45-44 victory over host Plymouth.

Williams convinced Canton head coach Jimmy Reddy that his fractured wrist was good to go. The junior guard's big night was just what the doctor ordered as the Chiefs held off the pesky Wildcats in the KLAASouth Division boys basketball tilt.

"He's back and healthy," Reddy said. "He's had five or six practices under his belt and we weren't sure if he was going to give it a go. But he had a really good night for us."

Another key factor for Canton (10-2 overall, 4-2 in the KLAASouth) was senior forward Davon Taylor's improved proficiency from the free-throw line.

"Davon Taylor, last game against Plymouth he was 5-for-16 at the foul line," Reddy said. "Tonight he made 4-for-4 down the stretch. The last two put us up 45-41 with six seconds left."

That came in handy because Plymouth junior Josh Reynolds drained a 3-pointer at the buzzer to slice the final score to one point. The Wildcats dropped to 6-6 overall and 3-4 in the KLAASouth.

"I'm proud of my boys' efforts," Plymouth head coach Mike Soukup said. "They (Wildcats) played hard, they competed. We had a little trouble rebounding the basketball. We lost the game on the glass."

Plymouth had trouble at the charity stripe, too, making just 10-of-19 tries.

For the Chiefs, Taylor and senior forward Jordan Nobles augmented Williams with 13 and 10 points, respectively.

Reynolds led Plymouth with 12 points, while junior Randall Atkins chipped in with 11.

Reddy and Soukup both will be getting their teams ready for a three-game week, due to make-ups from last week's school closings.

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COMMUNITY FINANCIAL

Jumping to the top

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Going into the 2013-14 season, the Plymouth varsity competitive cheer team had some snarl and swagger, but unfinished business to attend to.

"Our goal this season was to be the team to fear," Plymouth head coach Kayleen Bishop said. "We wanted to turn heads and get noticed."
Foremost, the Wildcats wanted to turn the tables on last season's KLAAS South Division champion, Livonia Churchill. Plymouth did just that by clinching the KLAAS South at Monday's division quad meet at Wayne Memorial. The Wildcats tallied 697.64 points to win the meet and division.

In second place at the meet was Churchill (689.78), followed by Wayne Memorial (679.80) and Westland John Glenn (555.24).

"My goal as a coach was to win the KLAAS South Division," Bishop said. "We went 5-0 and took the title. Last year,

Livonia Churchill took the title. We knew they would be the team to beat.

"We proudly beat them all three times that we competed against them. That was also a big accomplishment for us."

Meanwhile, Plymouth recently nipped the Chargers 676.62-675.08 at another KLAAS South quad meet, hosted Jan. 22 by the Wildcats.
That night, Livonia Franklin finished third (669.78) with Canton trailing in fourth (658).

Leading the way for the Wildcats was a stellar cast of seniors, including Raquel Allen, Morgan Birman, Emilie DeVaney, Lindsay Flood, Heather Heuer, Nicole Jahn, Madeline Michels and Taylor Passucci.

"I have eight seniors that have been through a lot in the past four years," Bishop said. "This successful season is exactly what I wanted and wished for. They deserve it."

The seniors were augmented by 15 underclassmen, including Rose Bowen, Brea Carolan,



Members of the Plymouth varsity competitive cheer team are all smiles Monday after clinching the KLAAS South Division. They wrapped up the team's first title by finishing first at the quad meet at Wayne Memorial.

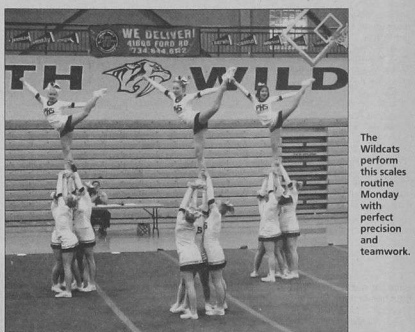
Tori Chlebek, Britney Colvard, Alexis Dunn, Alex Hutko, Sarah Lynn, Nicole Markham, Brianna Mallia, Gabby McCall, Makayla McDaniell, Allison Pascale, Kellilyn Rush, Autumn Salts and Cara Wood.

After this weekend's KLAAS association championship meet at Novi High School, Bishop and assistant coach Kristin Hoffman will get their team prepared for another challenge.

On Feb. 15 at Wyandotte Roosevelt, the Wildcats will compete at the Division 1 districts (as will Canton and Salem).

If Plymouth finishes in the top four that day, next would be the team's first-ever berth in the regionals.

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The Wildcats perform this scales routine Monday with perfect precision and teamwork.

Seniors come up big in win

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Friday was Senior Night for Salem's varsity boys hockey team and the honored players did not disappoint as the Rocks skated to a 5-2 win over Farmington Unified at Plymouth Cultural Center.

Three of the team's 11 seniors scored goals — forwards Jack Driscoll, Jason Newel and Jake Sealy — but it was senior goaltender Parker Godfrey who really was instrumental to the non-league victory.

With Salem (7-10) nursing a 2-1 lead early in the third period, Joey Lajcak broke in up the middle, only to be stymied by Godfrey (26 saves).

The Rocks then scored twice within a 2-30 span to open up a 4-1 edge and hold off the Flyers.

"We had 30 shots through two periods and we still found ourselves in a one-goal game, a one-shot game and that's a big save," Salem head coach Ryan Ossensmeyer said. "Because who knows, maybe they get a little confidence out of that if they score."

"But he (Godfrey) has done that more than a few times for us this year, so I'm not surprised by it."

Salem broke out to a 1-0 lead midway through the first period, when Driscoll scored on the power play. Setting up the goal was sophomore forward Evan Newel.

The Rocks, who peppered Flyers' goalie



Salem's Jake Sealy, shown from earlier this season, was one of 11 players honored on Senior Night. BRIAN QUINTO

Jacob Ponder with 45 shots, went up 2-0 with 11:20 to go in the middle period.

Newcomer Liam Walker, a transfer from Novi-Detroit Catholic Central, buried a shot with assists going to Jason Newel and junior defenseman Noah Saad.

Unified cut the lead in half in the final moments of the second period, when forward Matt Goldin backhanded a low shot past Godfrey with an extended five-on-three about to expire.

The big Godfrey stop on Lajcak ended Salem to stay in front just two minutes into the final period.

Jason Newel subsequently blasted a wrist shot from between the circles that sailed over Ponder's glove to give Salem a 3-1 edge with 13:26 left to play.

At 5:59, junior winger Richie Corso banged in a rebound off assists by junior defenseman Nick Smith and junior forward Noah Willer.

Then with the Rocks trying to kill off a major

assess to Driscoll (for checking from behind), Sealy tallied a short-handed goal.

Sealy sent a shot from along the goal line that banked in off the Unified goalie's skate. Senior defenseman Cam Clark earned an assist on the night's final goal.

"We've been struggling to score goals, so getting five tonight was nice to see," Ossensmeyer said. "Our seniors are a big part of this team. Not only in numbers, but what they mean to the team, and it showed tonight."

Other seniors include Colin Pietroni, Taylor Burris, Cam Clark, Nick Danis, Steven Homrich, Cam Nixon and Trevor Mac.

They and their parents were introduced between the first and second periods.

WALERS RECAP On Friday night at CompuServe Arena, Plymouth Whalers goalie Alex Nedeljkovic stopped 49 of 52 Kingston shots, but it wasn't enough as the Whalers dropped a 3-2 Ontario Hockey League decision. Kingston's Sam Bennett scored on the power play with just 52 seconds left in the third period for the victory.

Scoring for Plymouth (17-27-5) were Ryan Hartman and Zach Leventy (the 20th of the season). Both Whalers goals were on the power play.

Red-hot guards not enough for MU

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Madonna University senior guards Bobby Naubert and Travis Schuba played the roles of cold-blooded thrillers Wednesday night against visiting Cornerstone University, knocking down one clutch-coverage shot after another.

But it was the Wes Hudson-led Golden Eagles who walked away from the high-intensity Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference duel with an 84-77 victory.

Cornestone padded its WHAC lead over the Crusaders to two games as it improved to 20-3 overall and 14-1 in the conference. Madonna slipped to 16-7 overall and 12-3 in the WHAC.

Naubert, who shredded Cornerstone's defense with a series of lane-splitting drives, poured in a career-high 34 points while Schuba added 21 — most of which resulted from fade-away, hand-in-his-face three-point bombs — to help the hosts overcome a deficit that reached 14 at one point in the half.

The high-stakes contest was knotted at 73-73 with 2:25 to play after Madonna's Jordan Short stepped in front of a Golden Eagle pass near mid-court and, four dribbles later, finger-rolled in a layup.

However, Hudson, who finished with a team-high 25 points, gave Cornerstone the lead for good seconds later when he canned a pair of free throws. The senior guard was money all night from the stripe, burying 15 of 17 attempts.

"I thought Cornerstone just made one or two more plays than we did tonight," said MU head coach Noel Emehiser. "Down the stretch, I thought we defended well, but then they'd hit dagggers from 27 feet. For the most part, we did everything we could. I was proud of the way we played tonight."

The sharpest dagger was delivered by Golden Eagle Cory Cox, whose well-defended deep triple with 1:17 left expanded his team's lead to 78-73. What made Cox's net-finding rainbow more heart-breaking for the Crusaders was that the 35-second shot clock hit



Madonna University senior guard Travis Schuba drives hard to the basket during Wednesday night's game.

zeros just as the ball left Cox's fingertips.

The victors' final six points all came from the line. MU's final four points came on driving layups from Naubert, the latter of which brought the Crusaders to within 81-77 with 28 ticks to go.

Schuba found all net on back-to-back threes with just under three minutes to play to help slice the Crusaders' deficit to two, but MU could never quite get over the hump.

"Both those guys did a great job tonight," said Emehiser, referring to Naubert and Schuba. "They helped get each other open and they hit some really tough shots. They kept us in the game for a while."

Other than the senior guards, the next-highest scorers for MU were Short and Matt Jenkins, who both contributed five points.

"The other guys do a great job of getting Bobby and Travis open," Emehiser emphasized. "They trust those guys to make shots, so they do whatever they can to put them in positions to score."

Led by Hudson, four of the five Golden Eagle starters registered double-digit scoring nights. Six-foot-seven forward Ben Lanning popped in 15, junior guard Travis Wells netted 12 and forward Jake Plite chipped in with 10 points and a game-high 10 rebounds.

Wells, a recent addition to the Cornerstone starting line-up, had a near-perfect night, hitting all five of his shots — including a pair of threes — and both of his free throws. The sleek 6-2 junior also ripped three steals. The Crusaders shot

better than their visitors from the floor — 48.1 percent to 45.8 — but Cornerstone won the game at the line, making 33 of its 40 free throws (82.5).

Schuba, MU's all-time leader in three-pointers made, drained half of his 12 long-range missiles. Naubert was also lethal from beyond the arc, canning all three of the treys attempted.

The game was played before a pumped-up crowd, which filled most of the seats in the MU Activities Center.

"The atmosphere was outstanding," Emehiser concluded. "We had an outstanding showing from our students, alumni and families."

Ocelots crushed

Thirteen different players scored Wednesday as Wayne County Community College (15-2, 9-0) rallied in the second half for an MCCA Eastern Conference win over host Schoolcraft College (10-9, 8-0), 74-45.

The Wildcats, ranked No. 7 in the latest NJCAA Division II poll, trailed 26-24 at halftime before outscoring Schoolcraft 50-19 in the second half.

Shaun Duncan and Montel Williams paced a balanced Wayne County scoring attack with 15 and 14 points, respectively.

Darerra Jackson added a double-double with 12 points and 11 rebounds, while Paul Standtke pulled down and game-high 16 rebounds.

Terrance Coles (Redford) Thurston paced Schoolcraft with 12 points. The Ocelots made only 18-of-57 shots from the floor (31.6 percent), 8-of-22 free throws (36.4 percent) and committed 27 turnovers.

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GIRLS GYMNASTICS

DUAL MEET RESULTS
PLYMOUTH 140.25
LIVONIA 133.8

Jan. 30 at Plymouth
Vault: 1. Rebecca Siro (P), 9.2; 2. (tie) Julia Taylor (Red) and Holly Hino (P), 8.2; 3. (tie) Jaymevick (P), 8.1; 4. Makala Hillie (Red), 8.0.
Uneven bars: 1. Simu (P), 8.6; 2. (tie) Molly McClewen (P) and Mad. (P), 8.4; 3. Jackie Douglas (Red), 8.2; 4. Marissa McKinley (Red), 8.0.

Balance beam: 1. Metz (P), 9.2; 2. McCoy (Red), 9.25; 3. Brigid Conroy (P), 9.1; 4. Kaiti Salazar (P), 9.0; 5. Chava Ryzakova (Red), 8.75.
Floor exercises: 1. Metz (P), 9.3; 2. (tie) Madly Parryoff (Red), McCoy (Red) and Janco (P), 8.8 each.
All-around: 1. Metz (P), 39.8; 2. Simu (P), 35.3; 3. McCoy (Red), 34.8; 4. (tie) Emma (P), 32.75; 5. Hillie (Red), 32.25.
Dual meet records: Plymouth 154.4 over 4 KLAAS Kensington Division, Livonia Red, 4-5 overall; 1 KLAAS Kensington

CROWN

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Noah Lopez in the night's final bout, the state-ranked Eagles (34-2, No. 3 in Division I) were in command and won 45-27 for their second association title in a row and fifth in six seasons.

Hopes of an upset grew after Plymouth broke out to a quick 8-0 lead against Hartford Junior Brandon Harris won a 9-4 decision at 112 over Reece Hughes and senior Mohamad Youssef registers a 20-3 major decision at 119 over Garnet Potter.

After the Eagles took the 125-pound bout, Plymouth sophomore Dylan Dwyer powered his way to a second-period pin (2:31) against Ryan Pietila and all of a sudden Plymouth was up 14-6.

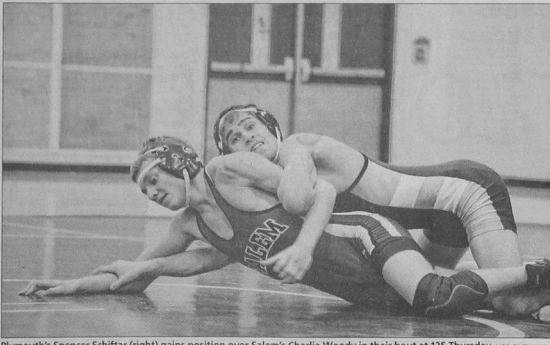
Another level

That perhaps woke up a sleeping giant as the West Division champion Eagles (also two victories Thursday over North Division winner Waterford Kettering) collected 21 unanswered points before the Shaver-Vish bout.

"It was a good experience for our team," Wildcats head coach Quinn Guernsey said. "I think our guys did well, hanging with them (Eagles), matching their intensity."

"They're just at another level than we are right now, they're who we'd like to be in the near future."

Plymouth's split gave the team an outstanding record of 33-4 going into Wednesday's DI districts hosted by Canton High School. Central Division champion Salem (19-7) also will be part of that district, along with the host Chiefs and Livonia Churchill.



Plymouth's Spencer Schiffr (right) gains position over Salem's Charlie Woody in their bout at 125 Thursday. USA BUSHAW

"Obviously you don't want to look past anybody," Guernsey added. "Salem has a solid team, they both have some good kids they could bump around and do some different things with."

"But it (tonight) lets us know where we stand and we're in a good position," Guernsey credited a strong cast of seniors for Plymouth's breakthrough season — winning the division and conference for the first time in school history.

In addition to Shaver and Mohamad Youssef, the Wildcats' lineup features seniors Jon Conn, Sam Campbell, Daniel Ahearn, Sofus Nielson (sidelined Thursday) and Tarek Tamini.

"Seniors have been coming through all season, they just keep doing it," Guernsey said. "We're going to miss them after this year."

In the Plymouth-Salem

KLAAA WRESTLING RESULTS

KLAA CHAMPIONSHIP QUADS
PLYMOUTH 54
SALEM 14
 103 pounds: Colin Reed (P) won by major decision over Akash Soti (S) 11:11; Brandon Harris (P) won by fall 1:19; Mohamad Youssef (P) pinned Andrew Linsley 3:34; 125: Spencer Schiffr (P) vs. Charlie Woody (S) 2:11:10; Dylan Dwyer (P) won by fall 1:35; Dan Ahearn (P) won by major dec. over Bruce Haddis 1:15; 140: Hannah Alford (P) vs. Sterling Schiffr 3:31; Jon Conn (P) pinned Caleb McCabe 4:12; 152: Sam Campbell (P) vs. Peter Bushaw 5:2; 160: Joey Shaver (P) vs. Connor Thornbury 5:0; 171: Hannah Haddis (P) vs. Ray Foster 8:2; 189: Mitchell Gross (P) won by technical fall over Tarek Tamini 15:0; 215: Tyler Moore (P) vs. Zach Lathrop 4:2; 285: Michael Jordan (P) won by fall 1:11.
Plymouth's dual meet record: 39-3 overall, won KLAA Konington Conference. **Salem:** 11-7 overall.

HARTFORD 45
PLYMOUTH 27
 Jan. 29 at Edell Field
 112 pounds: Brandon Harris (P) vs. Reece Hughes 9-4; 119: Mohamad Youssef (P) vs. Ryan Pietila 20-3; Major Decision over Garnet Potter 20-3; 125: Sage Cardillo (P) pinned Spencer Schiffr 4:25; 130: Dylan Dwyer (P) vs. Ryan Pietila 2:31; 135: Nate Hughes (P) vs. Ryan Pietila 2:31; 152: Nate Hughes (P) vs. Ryan Pietila 2:31; 171: Nate Hughes (P) vs. Ryan Pietila 2:31; 189: Nate Hughes (P) vs. Ryan Pietila 2:31; 215: Nate Hughes (P) vs. Ryan Pietila 2:31; 285: Nate Hughes (P) vs. Ryan Pietila 2:31.
Salem: 19-7 overall

conference tilt, the Wildcats broke out to a quick 32-0 lead via major decisions by Reed (103), Ahearn (135), pins by Mohamad Youssef and Spencer Schiffr (119, 125, respectively), and Salem voids at 112 and 130.

Still Salem battled until the end and got on

the board at 140 when senior co-captain Hamad Abed pinned Sterling Schiffr at 1:11.

Plymouth took the next four matchups, but each one was closely contested: Victorious at 145 was Conn, with a 4-2 decision over Caleb McCabe; at 152, Campbell broke away from Peter

Bushaw in the third period to prevail 5-2; Shaver garnered his win over Thornbury at 160; Hussein Youssef decided Roy Foster 8-2 in a power-packed matchup at 171.

Giving credit
 The Rocks finished with two straight wins before voiding the heavy-

SHOWDOWN

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team's 14 points in the first half, which ended with Plymouth leading 19-14.

Plymouth defenders Shelby Cheston and Jada Woody gave Canton players fits early on, as the Chiefs could not gain position in the paint.

Cheston, however, turned up the pressure in the third quarter and put the clamps down on Plymouth's scorers. Rachel Winters and sophomore Natalie Winters combined for eight steals, four each.

Still, the Wildcats hung on to a 23-22 lead going into the fourth and had a 29-24 edge with five minutes remaining after Cheston (five points, five boards, three blocks) drained a hook from short range.

Missed chances and turnovers in the final minutes finally did the trick, as, although head coach Nick Brannen and Canton credited the Chiefs' athleticism and team defense.

"This is the most important game on our schedule," Brandon said. "I thought their intensity and heart reflected that. We just need to finish against this team."

"This is the second game now where we've had leads in the fourth quarter against Canton and haven't been able to finish."

Senior point guard Kylie Robb led Plymouth with six points, while Wood and junior post Leah Kilczynski added four points each.



Plymouth center Shelby Cheston (No. 34) deals with Canton's Shannon Perry (No. 11) while looking for a teammate to pass the ball. JOHN KEMSKI/EXPRESS PHOTO

Samulski praised Aresco and Winters for the way they stepped up in the clutch.

"They're both seniors, they're both four-year players," he said. "I don't need to say a whole lot. They do what they do and I asked them if they wanted a timeout and they just wanted to play ball. That's why they're good players and good competitors."

SALEM 38, STEVENSON 25: A big hot hand victory Salem to K.L.A.A. Central Division girls basketball win Friday night.

The Rocks (9-4, 4-3) were up 27-4 at halftime and were in command the rest of

the way.

Kylie Kawulich led Salem with nine points while Shara Long contributed seven points and nine rebounds. Adding six points each were Katy Whelan and Jazmya Wilson.

"We came into the game with a lot of nerve in our eyes," Salem interim coach Lindsay Klemmer said. "They took one from us at home and we had to get it back. Our energy and intensity was strong from the jump. Our girls have really started buying into team first both on offense and defense and that is why we are successful right now."

PCA 35, LUTHERAN N WEST 24: Plymouth Christian Athletic Association moved to 7-4 overall and 4-1 in the MLC West Division by defeating Lutheran Northwest.

Although the Eagles struggled to convert shots under the basket, head coach Robb Wilder said hot shooting from the perimeter more than made up for that.

PCA hit 49-of-112 3-pointers, with Marissa Wilder (10 points) connecting on three of them.

Shooting 15 points was Rachel Smith, while senior Jen Makelin led with nine rebounds.

CANTON

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"We got to control what we can control," Reddy said. "And that's getting better and playing the team that's the next game, which is Wayne on Monday."

"It's about us getting better right now and getting better for when championships are won, in the middle of February and March."

Salem tops Spartans

The ongoing cold weather did not ice Salem's offensive attack Friday night, as the Rocks registered a 79-72 win over visiting Livonia Stevenson.

Salem (11-2 overall, 7-0 in the KLAA Central Division) trailed 12-11 after the first, but unleashed a 28-point attack in the second to take a 39-27 halftime lead.

Stevenson bounced back in the third and trailed just 53-48 entering the fourth, but the Rocks took care of business down the stretch.

Coming up big for Salem were junior forward Allante Wheeler (19 points) and junior guard Jake Strope (11 points), both off the bench.

"Allante did a good job for us coming off the bench and Jake Strope came off the bench and did a nice job for us," Salem head coach Bob Brodie said. "That's been our forte all year. We're getting a lot of help and a lot of contributions from players on the bench and players on the



Canton players Chase Winningham (No. 4) and Jordan Nobles (No. 15) put the defensive clamps on Plymouth's Randall Aikins (No. 2). JOHN KEMSKI/EXPRESS PHOTO

"It's about us getting better right now and getting better for when championships are won, in the middle of February and March."

JIMMY REDDY

Canton boys basketball coach

floor. That's a good thing."

Helping the Salem cause with 16 points was senior guard Connor Cole, with senior forward Alec Winfrey (12 points) and senior guard Brady Cole (six points)

chipping in. The top rebounder for the Rocks was junior forward Tyler Brooks, with 10.

Stevenson's top scorer was Noah Campbell, with 32 points.

COLLEGE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Katelyn Cousins shot the lights out Wednesday for the No. 23-ranked Cornerstone University women's basketball team, who rolled to an 87-71 victory over host Madonna University.

The senior guard made 11-of-16 shots from the floor and added 9-of-11 free throws en route to a game-high 33 points as the Golden Eagles improved 16-6 overall and 11-

in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference.

Other contributions for Cornerstone came from Janae Trombley, 17 points and nine rebounds; Jill Hendrickson, 11 points, 10 rebounds; and Tanner Hostetler, 10 points.

The Golden Eagles connected on 40-of-57 shots from the floor (52.6 percent).

MU (10-12, 8-7), which had its momentum through game winning

streak snapped, got a team-high 20 points and six rebounds from junior guard Chelsea Williams (Livonia Franklin).

Lizy Otten added 17 points, while the team's leading scorer Rachel Melcher was limited to nine as the Crusaders couldn't overcome a 49-37 halftime deficit.

MU committed 21 turnovers and made only 20-of-65 shots

from the field (30.8 percent).

Lady Ocelots fall
 Sabreanna Beard scored 18 points to lead three players in double figures Wednesday as Wayne County Community College (6-9, 6-3) stopped host Schoolcraft College (7-12, 3-6) in an MCCA Eastern Conference matchup.

Shantique Tolbert added a double-double with 16 points

and 10 rebounds, while April Douglas and Jasmine Holmes chipped in 14 and 10 points, respectively, for the victorious Wildcats, who led 38-28 in intermission.

Jessica Parry scored a team-high 17 points, while Brianna Berberet (Ledy Ocelots), who committed 27 turnovers and shot only 4-of-12 from the foul line.

Golden Eagles swoop past Madonna women

THE WEEK AHEAD

BOYS BASKETBALL
Monday, Feb. 3
Plymouth at Franklin, 7 p.m.
Ware at Canton, 7 p.m.
Luth. Westland at Livingston, 7 p.m.
Salem at Warren Valley, 8 p.m.
Tuesday, Feb. 4
Northland at Canton, 7 p.m.
Plymouth at Wayne, 7 p.m.
Salem at North, 7 p.m.
Luth. Westland at Huron Valley, 7 p.m.
PCA at Oakdale Christian, 7:30 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 7
HVI at Luth. Westland, 5:30 p.m.
Canton at Franklin, 7 p.m.
John Glenn at Plymouth, 7:30 p.m.
Canton at Franklin, 7 p.m.
SOUTH BASKETBALL
Monday, Feb. 3
Steele at Huron Valley, 8:30 p.m.
Canton at John Glenn, 7 p.m.
Franklin at Plymouth, 7 p.m.
Northland at Salem, 7 p.m.
Tuesday, Feb. 4
Luth. Westland at Huron Valley, 5:30 p.m.
Canton at Churchill, 7 p.m.
Luth. Westland at Baptes, 7 p.m.
Merry of Leifwood, 7:30 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 7
Salem at South Lyon, 7 p.m.
Franklin at Canton, 7 p.m.
Plymouth at John Glenn, 7 p.m.
Franklin Road at PCA, 7 p.m.
HVI at Luth. Westland, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 8
Salem at Oakdale Christian, at Central, 7 p.m.
Tuesday, Feb. 4
County Line at PCS, Negotiation, at Arcic Edge, 8:30 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 7
Plymouth at MHS, Showcase, at Canton, H.S., 5:30 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 8
Plymouth at MHS, Showcase, at Warren, TBD
Canton at MHS, Showcase, at Canton, 7 p.m.
WRESTLING
Wednesday, Feb. 5
Division I Team Districts
Churchill, Salem, Canton, Plymouth at Canton, H.S., 5:30 p.m.
Thursday, Feb. 6
Luth. Westland, A.P. Inter-city at Canton, H.S., 5:30 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 8
(MHS Individual Districts)
Division I at Salem, 10 a.m.
Division I at Canton, 10 a.m.
Division I at North, 10 a.m.
Division I at Richmond, 10 a.m.

Division I at Clinton, 10 a.m.
BOYS SWIMMING
Thursday, Feb. 6
Salem at W.C., 6:30 p.m.
Canton at Franklin, 6:30 p.m.
Plymouth at Plymouth, 6:30 p.m.
GIRLS GYMNASIACS
Friday, Feb. 4
Canton at Plymouth, 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 5
Northside at Salem, 6:30 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 8
Oakdale Christian vs. PCA
PREP BOWLING
Monday, Feb. 3
John Glenn vs. Salem, Wayne vs. Plymouth, at Superior Bowl, 5:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 5
Lafayette vs. Merry at Lathrop, 5:30 p.m.
Thursday, Feb. 6
Lafayette vs. Murray at Moore Lane, 5:30 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 7
John Glenn vs. Canton, Wayne vs. Northside, at Town 'N' Country, 3:30 p.m.
Sunday, Feb. 9
Valerius (Invitational)
Northland vs. North
GIRLS COMPETITIVE CHEER
Thursday, Feb. 6
MAC, St. Clair Christian, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 8
DeWitt (Invitational), TBA
Warren Woods, Lower Hill, TBA
PREP BOWLING
Thursday, Feb. 6
Division Championships at Salem, TBA
Friday, Feb. 7
MEN'S COLLEGE HOOBS
Wednesday, Feb. 5
GCC at Schoolcraft, 7:30 p.m.
GCC at Schoolcraft, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 8
Sema Heights at Madonna, 3 p.m.
Henry Ford at Schoolcraft, 1 p.m.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE HOOBS
Wednesday, Feb. 5
Lawrence Tech at Madonna, 6 p.m.
GCC at Schoolcraft, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 8
Sema Heights at Madonna, 1 p.m.
Henry Ford at Schoolcraft, 1 p.m.
HOCKEY LEAGUE
Friday, Feb. 7
Sou Grayhounds vs. W. Whitefish, 7 p.m. at Compatives.
TBA - time to be announced

OC's Patterson in receives Hall of nod

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer



Patterson

On a sunny afternoon in spring 2008, members of the Garden City softball team congregated around head coach Barry Patterson in the left-field portion of the school's softball field. The Cougars had just completed a thorough, skills-building practice, but their most important lesson of the day was still to come. "We all sat down on the grass and Barry read us the Dr. Seuss book 'If', 'The Place You'll Go,'" said Kristina Sussala, a senior third baseman on the 2008 team. "His message was that the road to victory isn't just about how well we played, but how we played together, as a team. That's what makes Barry such a great coach; he not only knows everything there is to know about softball, but he knows how to inspire his players." Oh, the places that 2008 team went a few weeks later - all the way to Battle Creek, where it captured the Division I state championship. On Friday, Feb. 7, in Lansing, Patterson will

be inducted into the Michigan High School Softball Coaches Association's Hall of Fame - an honor that won't surprise anyone who has played for or coached against the ultra-successful strategist. Entering the 2014 season, Patterson has constructed an amazing 641-246 record (.723 winning percentage) in his 27 years as the Cougars' varsity head coach. In addition to the 2008 Division I state championship, he has led the Cougars to the final four five other times. "I felt very honored and privileged when I first heard it was going to be induced," Patterson said. "It has been an incredible journey. I am most thankful to the people who have made my coaching career so fulfilling - my players, assistant coaches, the players' parents and the athletic directors I have worked for. And there is no place else in the world I'd rather be coaching than in Garden

City. Most of the friendships I have forged over the years are with people I have met through coaching in Garden City." Patterson's teams are respected throughout the high school softball community for their level of preparation and attention to detail. "One thing that makes Barry such a great coach is that he is always looking to learn new things about the sport he coaches," said Hallie Minch, the starting pitcher for the 2008 squad and a current varsity assistant softball coach at Garden City. "He's very humble and doesn't think he knows more than anybody else, so he's willing to listen to other people's ideas." "Barry not only knows how to teach his players, but he genuinely cares for his players," added Melissa Bako, a 1998 graduate of Garden City. "When you coach a coach cares about you, you're going to play harder for him because you don't want to let him down." Patterson has worked under three athletic directors at Garden City

-Bill Pinnell, who initially hired him in 1985; Bob Dropp (1992-2010), and current AD Rob Phillips. Part of Barry's success is due to his unwavering work ethic," Phillips said. "He works as hard as any coach I know." "And he's very consistent in everything he does, whether it's the workouts or his rules. He treats every player equally, whether you're a superstar or the 15th, 16th or 17th girl on the roster." Patterson couldn't speak highly enough about the assistant coaches - including current assistants Chuck Dreyer and Al Russell - who have joined him in the dugout over the past three decades. "My mantra has always been that I'm only as good as my assistant coaches," Patterson said. "The knowledge and passion for the sport that they have is incredible." Patterson said he hasn't put a time table on how long he intends to coach. The longer, the better, his many admirers would agree.

Canton girls lacrosse

The Canton High School girls lacrosse team is having an informational meeting for students and parents. The meeting will be 7-8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 5, in the Canton High School Career Center, Room 127. No experience is necessary. For more information, contact head coach Dave Bower at 734-634-8797 or dcbower@cantongirlslacrosse@gmail.com.

Rocks seek assistant coach

Salem girls track & field is looking for an assistant coach for the 2014 spring season that specializes in the throwing events of shot put and discus. If interested, contact the Salem ath-

letic department at 734-416-7774, head coach Dave Gerlach at 734-416-7708 or refer to the employment/coaching positions on the district website www.pccs.k12.mi.us.

65-plus softball team needs players

A new Canton senior citizen softball team is being formed to join the Suburban Senior Softball League of Western Wayne County. The team needs up to 20 players who either are 65 or who will turn 65 during 2014. The formation of the squad will give the Canton area two teams in the league, which is governed by the Amateur Softball Association. The league also has teams based out of Livonia, Redford, Westland, Dear-

born and Taylor. Interested players are encouraged to attend an information meeting 10 a.m. Monday, Feb. 17, at the Canton County Island restaurant, located off Lilley Road south of Joy Road (next to the Secretary of State Office). Call 734-502-7477 or email wbp@comcast.net for more information. Malcom up for MHSAA honors Plymouth Christian Academy senior forward Jen Malcom is one of 120 finalists for the Michigan High School Athletic Association's Scholar-Athlete Awards for 2013-14. Malcom is one of the finalists eligible for one of two scholarships for Class D female student-athletes. Farm Bureau Insurance underwrites

the Scholar-Athlete Awards and will present a \$100 scholarship to each recipient. Since the beginning of the program, 608 scholarships have been awarded. Selection of the 32 scholarship recipients will take place in early February. Class C and D scholarship recipients will be announced Feb. 4. A ceremony honoring the recipients will take place during halftime of the Class C Boys Basketball final, March 22, at the Breslin Student Events Center in East Lansing. Students must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.50 (on a 4.0 scale), and previously have won a varsity letter in at least one sport in which the MHSAA awards a postseason tournament.

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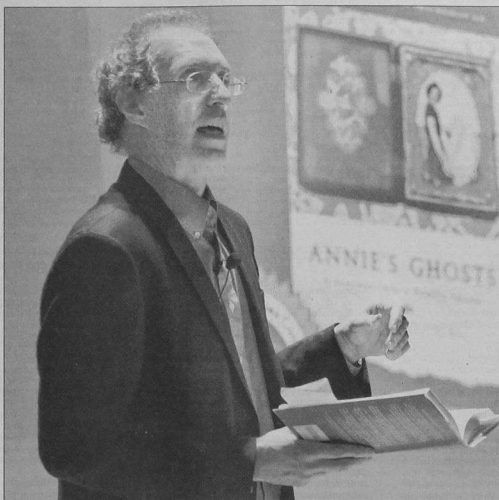
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ANNIE'S GHOSTS

Author tells story of family secrets at Schoolcraft College

By Sharon Dargay
Staff WriterSTEVEN
LUXENBERG
SPEAKS

11:30 a.m.
Wednesday, May 21, at Jewish Family Service of Metropolitan Detroit, 6555 W. Maple, West Bloomfield
7 p.m. Wednesday, May 21, at the Holocaust Memorial Center, 28123 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills
10 a.m. Thursday, May 22, at the Westland Public Library, 6123 Central City Parkway, Westland
7 p.m. Thursday, May 22, at The Rust Belt Market, 22801 Woodward Ave., Ferndale

Steve Luxenberg talks about family secrets. A photo of his book, *Annie's Ghosts* is on the screen in the background.
PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER
[STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER]

Annie Cohen was 21 years old in 1940 when her parents committed her to Eloise, an asylum for the mentally ill, that was located in what is now Westland.

Annie's older sister, Beth, kept her sibling's existence a secret, later telling own children that she was an only child.

Six months after Beth died in 1999, her son, Steven Luxenberg, discovered a letter — meant for his mom — from the cemetery where his grandparents were buried. His mother had been paying custodial fees on her parents' graves. But there also was a third grave — for Annie Cohen. The mystery sent Luxenberg on a journey to unlock his mother's lifelong family secret. The Detroit native, who is an associate editor at the *Washington Post*, turned his research into a book, *Annie's Ghosts*, which became the Michigan Humanities Council's selection for its 2013-14 Great Michigan Read program, a biennial statewide reading discussion.

"It's a wonderful program that's been in existence about eight years. It's a big honor to be chosen for this year," Luxenberg told an audience Thursday, Jan. 30, at Schoolcraft College in Livonia. Page-turners, the campus book club, had arranged the event which included a Q&A after Luxenberg's talk and a book signing.

Annie's Ghosts is a combination of detective mystery, family story and an exploration of the mental health care culture of the 1940s-60s.

"I'm not a genealogist. I am a storyteller. And the stories in this book are enriched by my genealogical techniques, as amateurish as they were. I came to this book not knowing anything about family research. It's something I had to learn."

Luxenberg researched records at archives, libraries, government offices, museums, courthouses and spoke with family members, friends, acquaintances, government officials and mental health professionals.

Although the notion of secrets is a major theme in the book, *Annie's Ghosts* also raises questions about memory and identity. Luxenberg pointed out that his mother "re-invented herself when she left Annie behind in that institution," moved away from the old Detroit neighborhood where she grew up — and where neighbors remembered her sister — married and raised her own family.

Entering the asylum

Annie, who walked with a wooden stick, insisted she was not insane when her parents committed her to Eloise. Her mother said her daughter had become paranoid, wasn't eating and refused to leave the



Steven Luxenberg drew students, mental health professionals, book club members and other listeners to his talk at Schoolcraft College.

house. The two doctors who evaluated her made different diagnoses. One said Annie was insane and required treatment in an institution. The other said her physical disability had caused an inferiority complex and that although she had difficulty finding employment, was nervous and "feeble-minded" she was not insane. A third

doctor, the tie-breaker, decided that "a little treatment in an institution may help" and Annie was committed — at first on a temporary basis — and then permanently.

"In the 1950 census record, you find she has no address," Luxenberg said, adding that his aunt was among some 5,000 "inmates" at Eloise, which by

then had been renamed the Wayne County General Hospital and Infirmary. "In 1940 the legal standard for commission to a mental health institution was that the state owed care and treatment to its defectives. That's not the standard today — you're a danger to yourself and others. It's a much tougher, more reasonable standard."

"In my aunt's time, patients didn't have a lot of rights. Today you can't force someone to have treatment without a lot of very good reasons. And then you have to have a review of their case every six months."

Luxenberg said the peak of mental health care institutionalization was 1955 when a half million individuals were housed in asylums. Today that figure is around 40,000, he said.

During the Q & A, two former mental health nurses in the audience defended institutions, saying they gave patients shelter, food and treatment.

Luxenberg said that although he believed his aunt had mental health issues, some of the medication she received likely wasn't appropriate.

"She ended up with a lot of side effects that were the result of one medication in particular," he said, also pointing out that Annie was barred from attending her own commitment hearing "because it was expensive" requiring transportation and security.

"Today we start with the premise that the patient has a right to participate. We don't start with the premise that a

patient has no rights."

Audience members react

Suzanne Martoia-Gordon of Redford, a student nurse at Eloise in 1973 and now a nursing instructor at Schoolcraft, identified with the book's theme of family secrets.

"My family secret was always alcoholism, the family disease," she said, during the Q&A. "And it went on from generation to generation in our family. Finally I was a child let out the secret and I was severely punished for letting out the secret. And I think mental health is also a secret that many of us carry."

Kathleen Richardson of Canto, who attended the lecture after reading the book, said she believes "every family has a secret."

She regrets not having asked her late mother about family secrets and stories.

"I think it's not just secrets, but family stories, so we can pass them on to the next generation. Share some things when you can, before it's too late."

Luxenberg said his book is meant to strike a universal chord with readers.

"It's a book about every body's family. It's a book about any woman who confronted a situation like my mother did in 1940 and any woman like Annie whose parents felt would do better going to an institution and so they made the hard choice of agreeing with the medical authorities and sending Annie to Eloise. And it's for every son who inherits these stories."

Telethon, comedy show help animal groups

Valentine's Day telethon

What better way is there to say "I love you" than to support a furry friend this Valentine's Day?

The Michigan Humane Society will present its 2014 Valentine's Telethon from 5 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 13, on WXYZ-TV Channel 7. News anchor Alicia Smith will host the telethon, which will air in commercial breaks throughout the day. Funds raised help with MHS care for homeless animals.

"So many animals in our community rely on the Michigan Humane Society, and this extremely cold, snowy winter only increases the need for our care services," said Debby MacDonald, MHS chief cruelty investigator, in a press release.

"But we can't do it alone. We rely on the support of pet lovers across Michigan to help us care for animals who are homeless, hungry, neglected and abused."

The 18th annual MHS Telethon will feature adoptable pets and stories that show how MHS assists area animals. As a private, nonprofit agency, MHS receives no government funding and is not affiliated with any national humane organizations. It relies on donations from supporters.

Donations can be made on or before Feb. 13 either online at www.michiganhumane.org/ telethon or by calling 855-MHS-GIVE (647-4483), 24 hours a day.

Save the date
Guardian Angel Animal



Alicia Smith holds "Rosie" during the 2013 Michigan Humane Society's Valentine's Telethon.

Rescue in Livonia wants your donations — and laughter — March 14 when it holds its annual comedy fundraiser at Joey's Comedy Club, 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia. Seating starts at 7:30 p.m.

and the show begins at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$15 in advance or \$20 at the door. In addition to proceeds from ticket sales, 25 percent of the sale of appetizers and pizza ordered during the show will go to GAAR.

GAAR re-homes animals rescued from the streets of Detroit, from shelters and dangerous situations. It accepts surrendered, abandoned and abused animals into its program, which is run on a foster home basis. For advance tickets to the comedy show, call Sandy at 734-788-6857 or Pete at 734-716-8743. Or email garden_angel_rescue@hotmail.com.

Partnership

Detroit Bully Corps is partnering with Pets for Patriots Inc., a nonprofit organization that helps ease rescue animals into the homes of military veterans and servicemen and women.

"Every day a canine is in our program, it costs us \$3.50 or more if it needs extra medical care," said Missi Belloc, co-founder of Detroit

GARDEN CALENDAR

Send material for the Garden & Nature Calendar to Sharon Dargay, Observer & Eccentric, sdargay@hometownlife.com.

Farmingdon Garden Club

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

Livonia Garden Club

John MacInnis, a master woodland manager, will speak at the club, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 4, in the Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, Livonia. MacInnis runs the maple syrup project at Michigan State University’s Tollgate Farm in Novi. The presentation will include a video and maple syrup samples. For more information, visit livoniagardenclub.org

4 Seasons Garden Club

Joanne DeBruhl from Stone Coop Farm will be the guest speaker at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb.

4, at the senior center at South Lyon High School, located on 11 Mile and Pontiac Trail, in South Lyon. Stone Coop Farm specializes in vegetables and fruits, including many heirloom varieties. For more information, call 248-437-8293 or email mchell-checatgand@yahoo.com.

60-Minute Seminars

Master Gardeners of Western Wayne County presents four hour-long 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 7-8 p.m.

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

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

» Feb. 18 — Brian Hinz, 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 mgwvcorg@gmail.com.

English Gardens

» Learn how to get orchids to re-bloom at home, along with other tips in a free demonstration, 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 8. At 2:30 p.m. get tips on reporting orchids. Speakers include Kathy Mykolajenk, past president of the Michigan Orchid Society, at the Ann Arbor store; Carolyn Butcher, past president of the Michigan Orchid Society, at the Dearborn Heights store; Patti DeMaire, orchid hobbyist, at the Royal Oak store; and Joe Peterson, an accredited judge for the American Orchid Society, at the West Bloomfield store.

» 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. Free Area stores are at 155 N. Maple, Ann Arbor; 734-332-7900, 22650 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. Topic for this month is owl prawn on Feb. 9. The fee is \$10 per class in advance and \$12 per class paid at the door. Register online at recreg.fghov.com.

» The nature center at the park offers classes for preschoolers Monday-Thursday mornings through March 6. Each class offers a different nature theme each week and time outdoors if weather permits: Nature’s Little Artists, for ages 1-4; 9:30-11:30 a.m. Monday, Little Trekkers, ages 1-4, 10-11:30 a.m. Tuesday and Wednesday; Young Explorers, ages 4-6, 9:30-11:30 a.m. Thursday. Reregistration is required for Nature’s Little Artists. The fee is \$56 for residents and \$66 for non-residents. 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 recreg.fghov.com or at the Costick Center.

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



English Gardens’ annual Orchid Festival continues Feb. 8 with free demonstrations and displays of more than 20 varieties of orchids. This flower is a speckled purple phalaenopsis orchid.

COMMUNITY LIFE BRIEFS

Open house

New Morning School will hold an open house 1-2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 9, at 14501 Haggerty, Plymouth Township.

The open house is designed for prospective families interested in preschool through eighth grade. The school’s annual Museum Experience follows the open house from 2-3 p.m. It showcases student in self-selected research topics and projects, including dioramas, graphs, maps, models, characterizations and more.

New Morning School is a nonprofit, parent cooperative offering individualized education, daily student planning, and multi-age classrooms. For more

information, visit www.newmorningschool.org or call 734-420-3331.

Peace group meets

Motivational speaker Robert Weir will lead the discussion at the next meeting of Citizens for Peace, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 11, at Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile, Livonia.

He’ll raise the question “What does peace look like?”

Citizens for Peace’s three-part series on nonviolence also starts this month. The sessions are based on Michael Nagler’s book, *The Search for a Nonviolent Future: A Promise of Peace for Ourselves, Our Families, and Our World*. They each include a video and discussion designed to aid

in understanding the principles of nonviolence, learning strategies and applying the principles to one’s life.

The sessions run 7:30-8:30 p.m. Feb. 13, March 13 and April 10 at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, Livonia.

For more information about Citizens for Peace, call Colleen Mills at 734-425-0079 or email cmills0079@yahoo.com.

Art critique

Local artist Jean-Paul About Dib will offer tips on art technique as he analyzes artwork by members of the Three Cities Art Club, 7-9 p.m. Monday, Feb. 3, in the lower level of Canton Township Hall, 1150 Canton Center Road, south of Cherry Hill

Road, in Canton. About Dib received a scholarship to the College for Creative Studies where he earned a bachelor’s degree in fine arts before receiving a master’s degree of fine arts from Wayne State University. Since then, he has taught art in Canton, Northville and Dearborn. His works have won numerous awards and are in collections owned by such notables as music legend Eminem.

For more information about this free event, contact Marilyn Meredith at 313-231-3939. To learn more about the art club, visit www.threecitiesartclub.org.

ANIMAL

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Bully Corps. “Working with Pets for Patriots, we hope to motivate our local veterans and service members to give these animals a loving home. This will help us place more hard-to-adopt pets with good people who need or want a companion animal.”

Veterans join Pets for Patriots for free, although they are responsible for the Detroit Bully Corps adoption fee. To help transition the animals into their new homes, Pets for Patriots sends \$150 gift card upon proof of eligible adoption to help with food and other essentials, and provides access to local veterinary partners who agree to offer ongoing

discounted care.

“We are able to place about 10-20 dogs each year,” said Bill Bellotte, president of Detroit Bully Corps. “Through our partnership with Pets for Patriots, we hope to provide forever homes to even more canines with the many service members and veterans in our area.”

Individuals must first apply through Pets for Patriots and provide proof of their military service or honorable discharge. Approval typically takes one to two business days, after which they can contact Detroit Bully Corps for assistance in choosing their new dog.

Visit Pets for Patriots at petsforpatriots.org. For more about Detroit Bully Corps, visit dbccdog.org.

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RELIGION CALENDAR

FEBRUARY AUCTION

Location: Helenic Cultural Center, 36375 Joy Road, Westland
Details: Concordia Lutheran School annual auction. "Winter Wonderland" will include appetizer, dinner, desserts, beer, wine and soft drinks, in addition to an auction. Tickets are \$30 per person or \$270 for tables of 10.
Contact: Macann Kusch at 248-474-3949

DINNER DANCE

Time/Date: 6:11 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 15
Location: Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 28000 New Market Road, Farmington Hills
Details: Valentine Dinner Dance will include dinner and music for dancing by the Dennis Coffey Band. Tickets are \$20 per person.
Contact: 248-553-3880

DUELING PIANOS

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 8
Location: St. Damian, 30055 Joy Road, Westland
Details: Dueling Pianos show includes light refreshments, cash bar, and 50/50 raffle. Tickets are \$20, available at the parish in Westland. Most of Midwest.
Contact: Karen Crunk at 734-421-2853 or email klcrunk@westmid.net

WIDOWERS' GUILD

Time/Date: 9:30 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 10 a.m. meeting, Wednesday, Feb. 5
Location: Faith Covenant Church, 14 Mile and Drake, Farmington Hills
Details: The group project is needle cases. If Farmington Schools cancels for weather problems, the Guild meeting is, too.
Contact: 248-474-6771

GRIEF SUPPORT

Time/Date: 7-8:45 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 4-March 25
Location: Faith Covenant Church, 35415 W. 14 Mile at Drake, Farmington Hills
Details: Free, presented by New Hope Center for Grief Support. Register by calling Arlene Hallertman at 248-661-9191
Contact: pastor Dennis Carlson, dennis.carlson@fcoc.org

JUDICA ON DVD

Time/Date: 1 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 5-26
Location: Congregation Beth Aham, 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield
Details: Howard Lupovitch delivers his four-part series "Sacred Remnants: Rediscovered Treasures of the Jewish Past" on DVD. "The Dead Sea Scrolls: A New View of Ancient Judaism," Feb. 5, "The Cairo Geniza: The Day-By-Day Lives of the Jews of Islam," Feb. 12, "The Aleppo Code: The Real Text of the Torah," Feb. 19, and "The Dead Sea Scrolls: The Unknown World of Eastern Europe," Feb. 26
Contact: Nancy Kaplan at 248-737-1931; nancykaplan@bethaham.net

POMEGRANATE GUILD

Time/Date: 1 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 9
Location: Prentiss Apartment Community room, located 10 Mile and East of Greenfield in Oak Park
Details: The group will hold a fabric, yarn, pattern and half-finished project swap.
Contact: Judy Galperin at 248-661-5337

WIDOWED FRIENDS

Time/Date: 1:30-3:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 2 to March 9
Location: St. Edith Church, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia
Details: This bereavement support series is designed to help deal with emotions, loneliness and other issues experienced after the loss of a spouse. Widowed Friends is a peer support group in the Archdiocese of Detroit.
Coming up: Dinner, games and fellowship, Wednesday, Feb. 12, at Cori's Italian Restaurant, 2790 East Seven Mile, Livonia. Social hour at 5 p.m. with dinner buffet at 6 p.m. Cost is \$15 and includes buffet, beverage, dessert and tip. Meet at the door with cash only in the exact amount. RSVP by Feb. 8 to Cooke at 248-553-2183. Pat at 248-545-8348 or Carol at 248-924-3777
Contact: Priscilla at 734-591-7879

MARCH CHILDREN'S CONCERT

Time/Date: 1:30 p.m. Sunday March 2
Location: Sacred Heart Bandstand and Conference Center, 29125 Six Mile, just east of Middlebelt, Livonia
Details: "The Donkey Man" Rob Evans and his musical Duncan will perform original Bible story songs such as "The Beginning and The Miracle Song." Families are encouraged to sing along and dance in the aisles. Tickets are \$5 for the children; 2 are admitted free.

St. Edith Church

Time/Date: 7:30 a.m. Thursday
Location: 15089 Newburgh, Livonia
Details: Enter through the back doors. Music, singing, prayer
Contact: Grace at 734-664-1896, Shirley at 734-664-3656 or Geri at 734-664-8905
St. Michael Lutheran Church
Time/Date: 6-7 a.m. Monday-Friday
Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday
Location: 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton
Details: Praying silently or aloud together; prayer requests welcomed.
Contact: 734-459-3333

SINGLES

Detroit World Outreach
Time/Date: 4-6 p.m. Sunday
Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford, Room 304
Details: Detroit World Outreach is a group designed for individuals going through divorce, those who are divorced or separated. Occasionally includes guest speakers; open to the public and visitors are welcome.
Contact: The facilitator at 313-283-0160 or info@dwoutreach.org
First Presbyterian Church
Time/Date: 7:15 p.m., social time; 7:30 p.m., announcements; 7:30-8:30 p.m., program; 8:30-9 p.m., ice cream social, Thursdays
Location: 200 E. Main St., Northville
Details: Single Place Ministry, cost is \$5
Location: 248-349-0911 or visit www.singleplace.org
Steve's Family Restaurant
Time/Date: 9 a.m. second and fourth Thursdays
Time/Date: 15:00 Middlebelt, 14 Mile and Five Mile, Livonia
Details: Widowed men of all ages may attend the Widowed Friends Men's breakfast. This is an informal "group" where men have an opportunity to meet with others.
Contact: 313-534-0399

WARD EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN

Time/Date: 11 a.m. Sunday
Location: 40000 Six Mile, Northville Township
Details: Single Point Ministries, for 30 and up, offers fellowship, coffee, doughnuts, conversation.
Contact: 248-374-5920

CONGREGATION BETH AHAM

Time/Date: Noon to 12:30 p.m. every Shabbat
Location: 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield
Details: Sing zemirot (Shabbat songs) and celebrate Kiddush following morning services. Nancy Spere provides translations as well as the original Hebrew.
Contact: 248-737-1931 or email nspere@bethaham.net

SUPPORT

Apostolic Christian Church
Time/Date: 5 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily
Location: 29667 Wentworth, Livonia
Details: Adult day care program at the church's Woodhaven Retirement Community. Funding available from TSA, AAA-1-C OIG.
Contact: 734-261-9000; www.woodhaven-retirement.com

Detroit World Outreach

Time/Date: 4-6:30 p.m. Tuesday
Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford, Room 202
Details: Addition No More offers support for addictive behaviors, drug, alcohol, overeating, gambling, etc.
Contact: 313-255-2228

Farmington Hills Baptist Church

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. second Tuesday of the month except January, July and August
Location: 28301 Middlebelt, between 12 Mile and 13 Mile in Farmington Hills
Details: Western Oakland Parkerson Support Group
Contact: 248-433-0111

Merriman Road Baptist Church

Time/Date: 1-3 p.m. second and fourth Thursdays
Location: 2055 Merriman, Garden City
Details: Metro Fibromyalgia support group meets; donations accepted
Contact: www.metrofibrogroup.com; or call Ruthann with questions at 734-981-2519

Riverside Park Church of Christ

Time/Date: 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday-Friday
Location: 11771 Newburgh, Livonia
Details: Adult Day Ministry offers an adult daytime care program with a specialty in dementia care. Not a drop-in center.
Contact: 734-367-4220 or 734-664-0990; www.riversideparkchurch.org or email rc@riversideparkchurch.org
St. Andrew's Episcopal Church
Time/Date: 10 a.m. to noon Saturday morning
Location: 16366 Hubbard, Livonia
Details: A weekly drop-in Food Cupboard (nonperishable items)

is available

Contact: 734-421-8451
St. John Neumann
Time/Date: 7:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesdays
Location: 44800 Warren Road, Canton
Details: Overeaters Anonymous meets
Contact: Mary at 734-634-7154 or Traci at 734-718-5575 for additional information
St. Thomas a Becket Church
Time/Date: Weigh-in is 6:15-6:55 p.m.; support group meeting starts at 7 p.m. Thursday
Location: 5555 Lily, Canton
Details: Take Off Pounds Sensibly encourages members of the organization to lose weight and keep it off for good
Contact: Margaret at 734-838-0322 for additional information
Unity of Livonia
Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday
Location: 28666 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster,

LAIRD-GIOVANNI

Missella Jean Laird and Sean James Giovanni were married Oct. 19, 2013, at the Inn at St. John's in Plymouth. The Rev. James O'Neill officiated.

WEDDING

The bride, daughter of Michael and Dorothy Laird of Novi, is a graduate of Central Michigan University with a bachelor's degree in science during her husband's degree in humanities and legal studies. She is pursuing a master's degree in dietetics.

The groom, son of James and Colleen Giovanni of Farmington Hills, is a graduate of

Detroit Catholic Central. He is a record producer and owns and operates the Record Shop recording studio in Nashville, Tenn.

SAGER-THOM

Rachel Mary Sager and Brady Robert Thom announce their engagement. The bride and groom both graduated in 2008 from Stevenson High School in Livonia and in 2012 from Michigan State University. Sager, daughter of Marty and Julie Sager of Livonia, is a special education teacher in Huron Valley Schools. Thom, son of Jerry and Chris Thom of Livonia, is a vehicle test engineer at FT Techno America, LLC.

A July wedding is planned at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Northville, with a reception afterward at BayPointe Golf Club in West Bloomfield.

KEVRA-BROWN

Kelly Michelle Kevra and Mark William Brown II announce their engagement. Her fiancé, son of Pamela and Vernon Childers of Goodlettsville, Tenn., is working on his nursing degree from Eastern Michigan University. He served in the United States Navy for 13 years as a search and rescue swimmer. Mark has been on three differ-

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GO RED FOR WOMEN DRIVE SETS KICK-OFF EVENTS

The American Heart Association launches its monthlong heart disease awareness campaign, Go Red for Women, Feb. 7 with National Wear Red Day.

The organization encourages everyone to don red attire and reminds women this month to:

» Ask your doctor to check your blood pressure and cholesterol.

» Stop smoking, lose weight, exercise and eat healthy.

» Consider the risk that heart disease kills one out of three women. It's the No. 1 killer of women.

» Make healthy food choices and teach your children the importance of staying active.

» Remember other women to "go red."



Locally, a Kick Off Rally and Lighting Ceremony will be held 11:30 a.m., Thursday, Feb. 6 at Freudenberg North American Corporate Center, 4774 W. Anchor Court, Plymouth. The event is free and will feature Annette Sciberas, R.N., a national spokeswoman for the campaign.

Sciberas, 54, Cardiac Progressive Care administrative manager for the Beaumont Health System, is among 11 women chosen to represent Go Red for Women nationally. They were selected from hundreds of women who have shared their stories about heart disease and stroke at local events and on the American Heart Association website.

Born with a congenital heart defect, Sciberas had open-heart surgery in 1965 to repair a faulty valve. As an adult, Sciberas became interested in health issues and pursued a career in cardiac nursing. She soon found herself taking care of her patients and her aging parents, who both battled heart disease. But like many caregivers, she put her own health aside to focus on her family, ignoring cardiac warn-

ing signs. "In retrospect I know the signs were all there — I see patients with heart disease every day," she said. In a press release, "But I was juggling my four children, a demanding job and my parents' declining health and I just ignored the chest pains I was having."

When her mother died after a heart attack and a stroke, Sciberas collapsed and was diagnosed with "broken heart syndrome," a kind of cardiomyopathy caused by extreme stress. Ironically, her mother had been warning her months before that she needed to focus on her own health again.

"My mother spent her last months of life trying to convince me to take better care of myself," she said. "This event was a wake-up call and it made me feel closer to her than me ever."

"I wanted to help people the way my mother had helped me." She became an advocate for women's heart health with the message that balancing work and family obligations must become a priority.

"We have to learn to manage stress and all the demands of daily life better. As women we worry about others but we must also recognize the importance of our own health."

According to the American Heart Association, more women than

men have died each year from heart disease and stroke since 1984, yet women comprise only 24 percent of participants in all heart-related studies.

For more information on the Plymouth event, email Melissa Thrasher@heart.org. RSVP at freudenberg@fnacc.com.

The campaign's main event in southeastern Michigan is the annual Detroit Go Red for Women Luncheon, 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Feb. 14, at the MGM Grand in Detroit. The luncheon will include a health expo and a heart-healthy lunch at noon. Tickets are \$250. Call Catherine Smith at 248-936-5820 or visit www.detroit.goredforwomen.org.

Girlfriends Go Red, a free event, is set for 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 20, at Beaumont Hospital, 2601 W. 13 Mile, in Royal Oak. Sciberas will be on hand and attendees may wear their red shoes. The event includes a health panel followed by dance and fitness demos and health screenings. RSVP on the AHA Southeast Michigan website. Visit heart.org, click on "local info" and type your ZIP code to bring up the page.

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

UPCOMING

ATRIAL FIBRILLATION

Dipak Shah, M.D., a cardiologist, will offer a free seminar on atrial fibrillation, the most common abnormal heart rhythm, 6-7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 25, in conference room A at the Outpatient Center, Providence Park Hospital, 47601 Grand River Ave., Novi. He'll talk about diagnostic and treatment options. The likelihood of developing atrial fibrillation increases with age and increases the risk of stroke. Pre-registration is recommended by calling 888-751-5465.

BREAKFAST WORKSHOP

Learn how eating a healthy breakfast can help you stay healthy in an interactive workshop led by a dietitian from Botsford Hospital, 6-7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 12, at Busch's Fresh Food Market, 37083 Six Mile, Livonia. Cost is \$5 and includes recipes, samples, nutritional advice, and a \$5 Busch's coupon. Tickets available from Busch's guest services counter or by calling 734-779-6100. Registration required.

CELIAC SUPPORT

Stefano Guandalini, M.D., will present an update on celiac disease, gluten intolerance and other highlights from the 2013 International Celiac Disease Symposium, at the next meeting of the Tri County Celiac Support Group, 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 10, at the First Presbyterian Church, 26165 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills. Members admitted free, nonmembers \$5. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. For more, visit www.tccsg.net.

HEARING LOSS SUPPORT

Learn about hearing aids at the Hearing Loss Association of America, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 12, at Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster Road, Garden City. Call Tony at 734-664-3297 or email aferack@comcast.net

Heart Disease

Is Often Avoidable, Make It Personal!

Ask A Garden City Hospital Health Expert



Dr. Habbab
Cardiologist

Heart disease is not only the leading cause of death in this country, it's also a major contributor to disability. So if you could significantly reduce your chances for heart disease, wouldn't you? Well, the good news is you can. Cardiologist and GCH Health Expert, Dr. Nizam Habbab, explains how small steps can lead to big strides in your personal fight for heart health.

Q: What is the primary cause of cardiovascular disease?

A: Coronary heart disease (CHD) is a narrowing of the small blood vessels that supply blood and oxygen to the heart, caused by the buildup of plaque in the arteries to your heart. The plaque build up is a combination of fatty materials and other substances that adhere to the walls of your coronary arteries, and increase your risk for heart disease.

Q: What are the risk factors for heart disease?

A: There are several risk factors for heart disease. Some are controllable, others are not. Uncontrollable risk factors include:

- Being male
- Older age
- Family history of heart disease
- Post-menopausal
- Race (African Americans, American Indians, and Mexican Americans are more likely to have heart disease than Caucasians)

Still, there are many heart disease risk factors that can be controlled. By making changes in your lifestyle, you can actually reduce your risk for heart disease. Controllable risk factors include:

- Smoking
- High LDL, or "bad" cholesterol and low HDL, or "good" cholesterol
- Uncontrolled hypertension (high blood pressure)
- Physical inactivity
- Obesity (more than 20% over one's ideal body weight)
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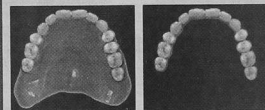
Q: What can I do to lower my risk of heart disease?

A: Making changes in your lifestyle is a proven method for reducing the risk of heart disease. While there are no guarantees that a heart-healthy lifestyle will keep heart disease away, these changes will certainly improve your health in other ways, such as improving your physical and emotional well being. Also, because some risk factors are related to others, making changes in one area can benefit other areas. If you're a smoker, quit! If you sit at a desk all day, find reasons to walk more. Try to eat a healthy well balanced diet and control portion sizes. Most importantly, see a physician for regular check ups, especially if you have one or more risk factors.

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

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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 PM 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
Senior Services		
Council on Aging		\$5,276
Senior Alliance		\$2,224
Senior Transportation		\$7,500
Senior Transportation		\$7,500
ADMINISTRATION		
Administration		\$9,710
BRICK & MORTAR		\$72,392
ADA Township Park Improvements		\$72,391
TOTAL ALLOCATION		\$97,102

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		
Council on Aging		\$8,900
Senior Alliance		\$2,224
Senior Transportation		\$33,986
Senior Transportation		\$33,986
ADMINISTRATION		
Administration		\$9,710
BRICK & MORTAR		\$39,812
ADA Township Park Improvements		\$39,812
TOTAL ALLOCATION		\$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 Service Coordinator, Charter Township of Plymouth, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, MI and must be received by Friday, February 7, 2014.

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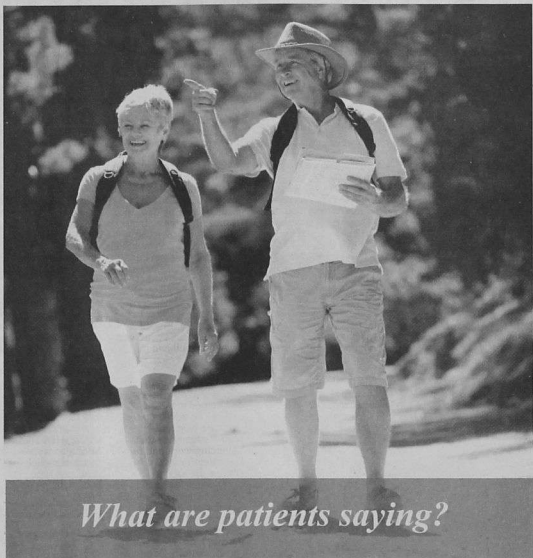
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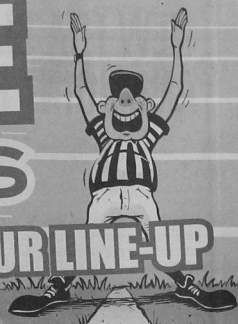
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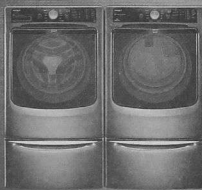
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10 mistakes every first-time job seeker makes

Debra Auerbach
CareerBuilder writer
There's a lot that first-time job seekers bring to the table. They're often eager and enthusiastic, technologically-savvy and up-to-date on the latest skills and trends in their desired field.

1. Putting too much weight on their GPA.

"A mistake first-time job seekers make is believing that high academics is the most important factor in finding a job," says Stephanie Kinkaid, program coordinator for the Wackerle Career and Leadership Center at Monmouth College in Monmouth, Ill. "Graduates need leadership qualities and the ability to articulate how those experiences have created a well-rounded individual."

2. Not doing enough research.

"Many times, job seekers don't realize the importance in conducting research," says Debra Ann Matthews, professional resume writer and certified career coach. "Learn about how to obtain a job, go to the library and read about job-search tools. Go to your local career center and see what you have to offer. Then take your inquiry a step further; see if these same institutions have social media services."

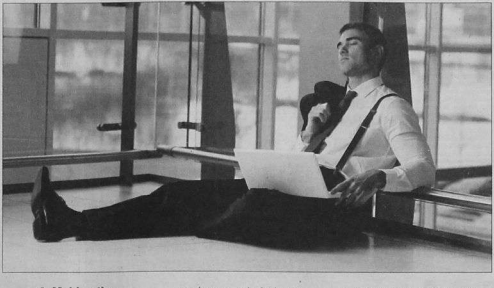
3. Not staying up-to-date on industry trends.

"Graduates should do research not only on the company to which they are applying, but about the field in general,"

Kinkaid says. "For instance, if you are entering the medical field, you should be knowledgeable about the Affordable Care Act, how politics affect medicine and social issues."

4. Only considering full-time jobs.

"First-time job seekers devalue the benefits of term and short term and placement services," Matthews says. "Temp jobs can be of value to a job seeker by giving that job seeker work experience in various tasks. Many temp agencies will offer computer-based trainings that can be learned and applied to résumés and used by job seekers to leverage their job search in a more strategic manner."



6. Making the interview about them, not the employer.

"Job seekers who spend their initial interview talking about why they need a job, how much they want some company benefit, etc. instead of talking about how they will solve problems for the company and bring value are ensuring they will not be asked back for second interviews or hiring," says Karen Southall Watts, consultant, coach and speaker. "Everyone is well aware of the fact that people need jobs. Hiring managers want to know why, all of the needy, worthy candidates, they should hire you."

7. Dressing inappropriately in professional settings.

"Often, first-time job seekers have not been exposed to work-appropriate attire," says Lindsay Taylor, manager of practice development at RiseSmart, which provides next-generation enterprise career management software. "How dress directly affects how people

perceive you and whether or not they will take you seriously. For this reason, make sure you are dressed professionally when networking and interviewing. If you aren't sure what is appropriate, ask for the opinions of a few people you trust who have a few years of successful professional experience under their belt."

8. Being unenthusiastic.

"Enthusiasm is critical to being considered for a position," Wichter says. "If you appear bored or as if you have something better to do while interviewing or networking, hiring managers will not consider you as a viable candidate. Show enthusiasm not only through your conversation, but through your knowledge about the company and your interest in the position."

9. Focusing on salary.

"Young professionals often fail to look at the big picture when deciding whether or not to take a position and instead focus too much on the salary," says Tich Pits-Kyver, speaker

on career/fit topics for young professionals and author of "Embracing the Real World: The Black Woman's Guide to Life After College." "But how happy will they be with what seems to be a great salary if their benefits are meagre, the commute gives them a headache or their workload is insane? Everything about a company and what it offers and does not offer should be taken into consideration prior to accepting or rejecting a job offer."

10. Knowingly taking the wrong job.

"Times are hard, and it's not always wise to hold out for the perfect job," Watts says. "However, when you get that sinking feeling, and you know a position is a poor match for your skills or temperament, you are wise to pass. When in doubt, discuss with a mentor before making irreversible decisions."

Debra Auerbach is a writer and blogger for CareerBuilder.com and its job blog, The Work Buzz. She researches and writes about job search strategy, career management, hiring trends and workplace issues.

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Car Report

Advertising Feature

Carmakers Dominate Super Bowl Advertising Once Again



By Dale Buss

No industry has come to define Super Bowl advertising quite like the car business. Automakers, after all, are among the biggest U.S. advertisers and marketers by dollar volume. So for the third straight year, on Big Game Sunday the auto industry was expected to be the biggest advertiser for the third straight year.

"We like to build a lot of conversation before game day," Loren Angelo, head of brand marketing for Audi of America, told me. For the brand and the only A3 sedan, that meant releasing not only an online teaser of its "Doberhuahu" spot but the entire spot itself several days before Super Bowl Sunday.

Here's a snapshot of what the auto brands planned for Super Bowl XLVIII:

While not using any big Hollywood names, Audi deployed its trademark Super Bowl humor in a spot featuring singer Sarah McLachlan (who spoofed her PSAs for PeTA with a teaser) and a hilarious dog hybrid, a "Doberhuahu," that exemplifies the horrible results that come from compromise. The point

game report. Chrysler, as usual, didn't give away its plan for the Big Game, forsaking all the pre-game teasers and other buzz-generating activities that rivals are using more and more before the actual telecast.

Hyundai has a new US CEO but some of the same challenges: how to effectively keep the brand stretched across a broad range of product segments yet battle some supply issues and stiffening competition across the board. With two spots—one called "Nice," for the Hyundai Elantra starring Johnny Galko of Big Bang Theory and another ("Dad's Sixth Sense") for the luxury sport Genesis sedan, focusing on its driving-assistance features—the brand spread its Super Bowl bets once again.

Agar, now owned by India's Tata Motors, is continuing its comeback with its first Super Bowl spot. The dramatic 60-second ad featured actors Sir Ben Kingsley, Tom Hiddleston and Mark Strong as a trio of British villains in a spot helmed by The King's Speech director Tom Hooper.

Laurence Fishburne to reprise his role as Morpheus in the cult movie series The Matrix to pull that off.

Toyota last year effectively used actress Kaley Cuoco for a mainstream message, and this year the brand was going back to a proven platform by including the Muppets and Terry Crews as it focused on everything one can do in a new Toyota Highlander.

Volkswagen is more in need of a pick-me-up now than it has been for three years, as US sales have leveled off. So reached for nostalgic levers similar to its Star Wars-themed ads from three years ago, "The Force" (often called "Little Darth Vader" for its adorable mini-darth), which became the most-shared and YouTube-viewed spot in Super Bowl history. This time around, featuring a teaser that featured Carmen Electra, VW had "Wings," in which the brand played a bit with the "legend" of how every type a reliable VW turns over 100,000 miles, a VW engineer gets his "wings." Jimmy Stewart, star of It's a Wonderful Life, might have been bemused.

"We are thrilled with this year's creative, which highlights the enthusiasm around our

Hyundai and Chrysler, according to Kantar research cited by USA Today, made the top



The Silverado HD stars in one of Chevy's ads in the Big Game.

five biggest spenders in the past five Super Bowls, along with Bud Lite and Budweiser parent Anheuser Busch InBev, PepsiCo and Coca-Cola.

And of course, any more it's not just Super Bowl Sunday but for the entire season surrounding the game that carmakers dominate much of the conversation. It has become standard practice to run pre-Game teasers (trailers, in a sense, of the Game Day spot), and viral videos promoted across YouTube, Twitter and Facebook with hashtags.

is that the German automaker's new A3 sedan, launching in the US this spring, is anything but an exercise in compromise, even though it's priced beginning under \$30,000.

General Motors returned to the Super Bowl after taking a one-year break, with Chevrolet slated to occupy two 60-second spots during the game. One spot, "Romance," featured a voiceover by John Cusack and promoted the 2015 Silverado HD with the hashtag #SilveradoStrong. Two other 30-second ads were to air during the post-



Laurence Fishburne is an ominous presence in the Kia Super Bowl ad.

Kia is facing a similar challenge now as Hyundai did a few years ago. The Korean brand sibling wants to use the Super Bowl to further legitimize its pricey first luxury model, the K900 sedan. It pulled up actor

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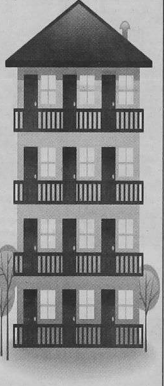
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