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Obama touts Canton for regional manufacturing hub

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

President Barack Obama singled out Canton Tuesday afternoon as one of four manufacturing and research hubs he said can lead to good-paying jobs and "put America at the forefront of 21st century manufacturing."

Obama formally introduced Canton Township Supervisor Phil LaJoy, among those who traveled to Washington, D.C., to attend an unveiling of Obama's vision to forge manufacturing ties between the public and private sectors.

Obama touted four manufacturing hubs - Canton, Chicago, Raleigh, N.C., and

Youngstown, Ohio - as critical to giving the United States a competitive edge against countries such as Germany. He said the latest initiatives can strengthen this country's middle class.

Project leaders have said Canton was chosen for a \$148-million manufacturing research institute for lightweight metals that involves a consortium of more than 50 companies, universities and nonprofits across the nation. It will be led by the University of Michigan, Ohio-based manufacturing technology nonprofit EWI and Ohio State University.

Obama said the initiatives he announced Tuesday can help rebuild the nation's middle

class and return America to a stronger manufacturing base, much like decades past when "the work was hard but the jobs were good."

Already, he said 625,000 jobs have been created over the last four years, leading to what he called "the first sustained manufacturing growth in over 20 years."

'Manufacturing revolution'

Obama said the new hubs "have the potential to change the way we build things in America" and can "lead to a manufacturing revolution." Local officials have said

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President Barack Obama, here during a visit to Redford, singled out Canton as one of four manufacturing and research hubs he said can lead to good-paying jobs and "put America at the forefront of 21st century manufacturing."



Lilley Road south of Ford can jar your fillings loose. BILL BRESLER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Drivers bemoan pothole problem

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

Drivers already weary of having to navigate snow-covered roads in what has turned into a record-setting winter are now having to deal with the seemingly inevitable by-product: Potholes.

And with more than 500 miles of roadway in Plymouth and Canton alone, there are plenty of potholes causing problems. In fact, Canton Township Police over the weekend issued a notice to stay from a variety of areas, mostly on the west side of the township, because of pothole issues and frozen

roads.

Laurie Aren of Westland was traveling to visit a friend at the University of Michigan hospital last week, using Geddes through Canton. She said the pothole dangers are compounded by dark roads.

"In Canton, the roads suck, it's dark and you don't see (potholes) until you're in

them," said Aren, director of community and family outreach for the Plymouth Salvation Army. "As soon as I'd cross over into Washtenaw County, the roads were fine."

Aren said she's also seen pothole problems at Joy Road and Morton Taylor ("It's

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Boss accused of pulling gun on fired employee

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

A 23-year-old Westland man told Canton police he was threatened at gunpoint by an employer who fired him from the BP gas station at Ford and Haggerty roads.

Police investigated the incident Monday night as the 25-year-old employer was facing possible criminal charges. Authorities went to the gas station amid reports of a disturbance between the employer and a worker, according to a police report.

The employer notified police and alleged he had received harassing text messages after he fired the employee. The boss claimed the worker had been giving away food and lottery tickets to his friends.

However, the worker gave a different version, saying he had been threatened with a handgun in a back office of the gas station after his boss climbed up a ladder and concealed a surveillance video camera, the police report said.

The employer denied covering up the surveillance video camera. The worker told police the incident happened after he arrived for work. He said his boss took him to the back room, pulled a black handgun, pointed it at his forehead and accused him of stealing, the police report said.

The worker said his boss then lowered the gun, punched him in the chest and ordered him out of the gas station. The employee said the only item he had given away was a container of Muscle Milk for his brother, the police report said.

The boss denied having a gun, but the police report indicated that an unloaded handgun was found in a filing cabinet drawer inside the gas station office. The report indicated the employer was taken into custody.

The incident remained under investigation.

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Win a new Camaro for \$50? It just could happen

By Darrell Clem
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Imagine spending just \$50 for a 2014 Chevrolet Camaro SS. It could happen.

Or imagine spending \$50 for a raffle ticket and taking home \$43,000.

It's all for charity. The Canton Firefighters Local 2289 Charity Foundation and the Salem High School baseball team are selling only 1,500 tickets for \$50 each for a chance to win the car or cash.

Greg Hunter, firefighter foundation vice president, said Gordon Chevrolet

of Garden City has agreed to offer the Camaro for \$43,000.

"They're giving it to us at cost," he said.

The fundraiser is expected to bring in \$75,000, with after-prize profits of \$32,000 being split between the firefighters' charity foundation and the baseball team's booster club, Hunter said.

The firefighters' foundation uses its money to help Canton residents who are displaced by fires or who face medical bills they can't pay, among other

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Heise files, Dem hopeful also in race

By Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

Two Plymouth Township men, an incumbent and a first-time candidate for public office, seek to represent the Plymouth area (and a small part of Canton) in the Michigan House of Representatives for the next two years.

Second-term Rep. Kurt Heise, a Republican, and Nate Smith-Tyge, a doctoral student and Democratic activist, both say they're in this year's race for the state House 20th District seat. Heise filed for re-election Friday at Wayne County Clerk Cathy Garrett's office; Smith-Tyge said he will file his candidacy papers within the next couple of weeks. Heise, 48, said that with unemployment down, the state's budget balanced, the Michigan Business Tax replaced and more money in a rainy-day fund, an economic turnaround has

begun and he wants to help keep it on track.

'More work'

"The crisis is over, but there is still more work to be done and I want to continue to be part of the team, at least for the next two years," Heise said.

Heise said he wants to make sure state money is spent wisely, keep a positive business climate, invest in education and infrastructure — particularly state roads and bridges — and have a say in regional issues, such as the nascent Regional Transit Authority, which he opposes, and the future of the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department, over which he would like to see more regional control.

Smith-Tyge, 37, while agreeing the economy is on an upswing, takes issue with some of the policies many Republicans have sparkled that turnaround.

Tax reform, he said, amounted to shifting



Heise



Smith-Tyge

more tax burden to middle- and lower-income people and public education hasn't been properly funded, with per-pupil foundation grants taking a hit in the first couple of years of Gov. Rick Snyder's administration.

Education focus

Smith-Tyge, who is working toward a Ph.D. in education at Michigan State University, takes a special interest in education policy, saying education is key to further diversifying an economy that is still heavily dependent on the automobile industry.

"I think we're at a real crossroads for public education in this state," Smith-Tyge said, adding that he's skeptical of

cyber-schools and the proposed broadening of the Education Achievement Authority, a state-run program that oversees mostly Detroit public schools deemed to be failing.

"We need people who are immersed in the issues and immersed in the research and immersed in what's working" in education, he said. Those voices are missing from the debate, he said.

Road money

The candidates agree on the basics of infrastructure improvement, saying more money needs to be invested in roads. Heise said he'd entertain new ideas for road revenue, suggesting that relying heavily on gasoline taxes is outdated in an era of more fuel-efficient vehicles and alternative energy sources.

"We are really feeling the brunt of vest of inaction and lack of maintenance on our

roads and bridges," Heise said. "We've got to do something long term for sustainable, predictable road funding."

Heise is an attorney who worked in municipal law for years and was the director, for six years, of the Wayne County Department of Environment. He has played a role in addressing regional water and sewer issues for years and has House legislation pending that would give DWSJ customer communities a greater voice in running the system.

Heise chairs the House Criminal Justice Committee and serves on the judiciary, elections and ethics and transportation committees. He and wife Catherine, an attorney for an insurance firm, have two daughters, Katie and Claire.

Smith-Tyge is the director of the MSU student food bank. He has worked for Democratic Congressman John Dingell and former Con-

gressman Bart Stupak and was the communications director for Sayer Taj of Canton, an unsuccessful candidate for Congress in 2012. He is a former member of two state review boards and was an associate with the Presidents Council of State Universities of Michigan, a lobbying organization representing the state's public universities.

He and wife Anna, who works in human resources at a Ford Motor Co. plant, have no children.

Potential candidates have until mid-May to enter the Tuesday, Aug. 5, primary in the House race; the general election is Tuesday, Nov. 4. In addition to Plymouth and Plymouth Township, the 20th District includes Northville and Northville Township and an eastern section of Canton.

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Water rate forum scheduled

Though final water-sewer rates hadn't been calculated as of Wednesday, Canton has announced a community forum to educate residents about rates.

The forum is set for 7-9 p.m. Monday, March 3, in the Personal Development Center of Summit on the Park, near the banquet room.

The forum is intended to show residents how water and sewer rates are calculated and to answer questions regarding upcoming rates. It is free of charge and open to the public.

For more information, call Canton's Division of Public Works at 734-397-0011.

POTHOLES

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always horrible, either ice, potholes or snow," she said) and on northbound Morton Taylor.

"I'm not trying to bash Canton," Aren said. "But the roads suck."

Other drivers have noticed potholes in various areas and not just in Canton. Liz Kelley Kerstens, the executive director of the Plymouth Historical Museum, said Warren Road has been "especially treacherous," particularly between Newburgh and Haggerty.

Other residents have cited pothole-saturated areas like the west side of Beck Road, south of Plymouth High School and Colony Swim Club, just

before Gyde Road, and Morton Taylor between Warren and Joy, which Canton resident Jill Engel called "a swallow zone."

There isn't much Canton Township officials can do about it, according to the township's Municipal Services Department, which says Canton Township is not responsible for any of the 373 miles of road in the community.

In Canton, 9 percent of the roads are owned by the state, 68 percent are owned by the county and the remaining 23 percent are owned by private homeowners associations.

The problem for Wayne County roads crews is that Plymouth and Canton roads aren't the only ones for which they're responsible. Ac-

ording to Cindy Dingell, deputy chief operating officer for Wayne County's Department of Public Services, the 140-member road crew staff has to maintain 1,986 lane miles of state highways and trunk lines (I-75, Ford Road, Michigan Avenue, etc.), more heavily traveled county roads like Canton Center, 2,472 lane miles of primary roads and 854 miles of local roads.

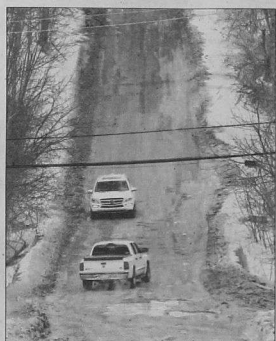
"By the time we're done clearing one round of roads, we've already traveled Pasadena, Calif., and back," Dingell said. "That gives you an idea of how much is out there."

By February alone, the county got almost 2,000 service requests.

"That's a lot higher than it was last month," Dingell said. "Our priority is to get the larger potholes, the ones that are the wheel-busters, to get them patched."

Dingell said drivers can report potholes or other problems two ways: By calling 888-ROAD-CREW or by going to compass.waynecounty.com and clicking the hazard icon in the lower right-hand corner.

State Rep. Kurt Heise, R-Plymouth Township, hopes a bill he introduced can help with the problem. Under House Bill 4015, under consideration in the state House Transportation Committee, two or more townships in Wayne County could



Warren Road east of Napier was closed last week due to ice. It's open now, but cars are dodging a small pond and ruts. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

form a "Road Alliance," an intergovernmental agreement Heise said would allow the alliance to get road funding directly from Lansing, rather than having to wait until it's gone to Wayne County.

In essence, Heise said, the alliance would be creating its own mini road commission. Alliance members would control the money and hire a county road agency — creating competition among, for instance, Wayne, Oakland and

Washtenaw counties — on an independent contractor basis to maintain roads.

"Does it fix everything? No," said Heise, whose 20th District seat represents the Plymouths, Northville Township and a part of Canton. "It would just be another tool in the proverbial toolbox. It's one way to increase road funding for Plymouth, Canton and Northville."

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issues, Hunter said. Salem's baseball team is turning over earnings to its booster club for projects it funds, he said. The winning ticket will be raffled off June 14 during the Canton

Liberty Fest in Heritage Park, he said. The winner may choose to take the car or accept the \$43,000.

"This is a new fundraiser for us," Hunter said. "It's another way to raise money so we can do more in the community."

Firefighters and Salem's baseball team are

expected to get \$16,000 each by splitting the profits.

Tickets are on sale now. Simply send an email to cffc2289@gmail.com or call Hunter at 734-250-2617.

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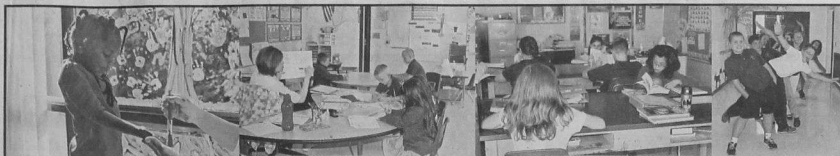
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Beer bandit sought after skipping sentencing

By Darrell Clem
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Canton beer bandit Richard Kenneth Shock failed to appear for his sentencing on felony larceny charges, prompting a judge to issue a warrant for his arrest.

Shock, 48, was supposed to appear Feb. 20 in Wayne County Circuit Court for sentencing after he tussled

with Kroger employees while trying to steal beer from the store near Michigan Avenue and Canton Center.

His no-show prompted Judge David Groner to issue a warrant for his arrest. Shock, an Ypsilanti resident, could face penalties ranging up to 10 years in prison for an incident that occurred last Oct.



Shock

21. Shock was facing sentencing after he pleaded guilty in November to larceny from a person. Police say he fought with Kroger workers as he tried to flee the store with four 18-pack cases of Corona, three 12-packs of Modelo and Cheetos.

Two loss prevention em-

ployees told Canton police Shock shoved them before they tackled him and held him on the ground until authorities arrived, Detective Sgt. Chad Baugh has said.

Shock was allowed to plead guilty to felony larceny charges after Wayne County authorities agreed to dismiss a more serious charge of unarmed robbery, punishable by 15 years in prison.

Baugh has said an investigation indicated Shock may have been trying to steal beer to use as payment to a mechanic for car repairs.

Shock had been released on a \$25,000 personal bond as he awaited sentencing.

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Realtor receives one year in real estate fraud case

By David Veselenak
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The man accused of profiting illegally on several homes in Wayne County has received a jail sentence and will be required to pay hundreds of thousands of dollars in restitution.

Samir Salami, 33, of Canton received a one-year jail sentence and five years probation from Circuit Judge David Groner last week during his sentencing at the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice in Detroit, according to online court records.

Salami pleaded no contest to 12 charges leveled against him by the Wayne County prosecutor, including: conducting a criminal enterprise, embezzlement of \$100,000 or more, using a computer to commit a crime and false pretenses of \$20,000 or more.

In addition to the year in jail and probation, Salami is required to pay back about \$990,000 in restitution between all the charges, according to the Third Circuit Court's records.

The charges were announced last year by the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office. Kym Worthy said in a release that Salami was using his position at a Redford-based real estate business on Plymouth Road to sell homes at a low price to mortgage lenders Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac.

He would then supposedly steer the companies to sell the properties, which were located in Detroit, Dearborn Heights and Redford, at a higher price to another company he allegedly ran. Salami would then pocket the difference, Worthy said, which amounted to several hundreds of thousands of dollars.

With Salami's no-contest plea, the case is treated as if he pleaded guilty in the sentencing phase, but is not an admission of guilt. The case worked its way through Redford's 17th District Court before Salami was bound over last year and sent to circuit court in Detroit.

Salami is currently serving his sentence in the Wayne County Jail.

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Burning car

A 57-year-old Monroe woman escaped a burning car after another driver motioned to her and alerted her to flames underneath her vehicle, a police report said.

The woman had pulled onto the northbound I-275 exit ramp at Michigan Avenue about 6:20 a.m. Saturday on her way to work. She told police her car had been making odd noises.

A driver behind her managed to get her attention and alerted her to the flames, allowing her to pull over and safely get out of the car. Firefighters arrived and doused the blaze, which had spread through the engine area into the passenger compartment, the police report said.

Authorities closed off the ramp until the situation was resolved.

False report

A 41-year-old Canton woman told police she had been drinking when

CANTON CRIME WATCH

she called in a false report that a man at her residence appeared to be unconscious from a possible drug overdose, a police report said.

Police went to Heathmore Court, southeast of Ford and Haggerty, after receiving a 9-1-1 call about 10:15 p.m. Saturday from a woman who said she didn't know what the man had taken and that she couldn't wake him up. She then hung up the phone, called back and said she didn't need assistance and hung up again.

Apparently unsure of the situation, police called the woman back and got her voice mail. Officers went the residence and was told that the woman had been trying to call 4-1-1 rather than 9-1-1. The police report indicated she had been drinking, as had the man.

Police issued the woman a citation for falsely summoning police.

Fraudulent account

A 33-year-old Canton man noti-

fied police after someone opened an AT&T account in his name and accumulated a balance of \$169.65, a police report said.

The man notified police after he apparently had become a victim of identity theft. He said he hadn't given anyone permission to open the account.

The man told police the account had been opened to buy a phone.

Hit-and-run

A 32-year-old Woodhaven man's blue Honda was struck by a hit-and-run driver while he was inside a business in the 6500 block of Canton Center Road shortly before 6 p.m. Friday, a police report said.

A witness went inside the business and asked the man if the Honda was his. The witness told him the vehicle had just been struck by another driver, who drove off in a black SUV.

— By Darrell Clem

PLYMOUTH CRIME WATCH

return to Kmart, police said.

Tax fraud

A township man reported Feb. 21 that someone had used his identity, including his Social Security number, to file an income tax return. He said he was informed of the fraud after trying to file his own return.

The man had reported the incident to the Internal Revenue Service's fraud department.

Wheel thefts

» The wheels were stolen from a Lincoln MKZ earlier this month as the car sat in the resale lot at Hines

Park Lincoln on Ann Arbor Road.

The dealership's used-car manager told police the wheels were discovered missing early Feb. 17, the car had last been seen intact around 5 p.m. Feb. 15. Police said the Lincoln was found resting on bricks.

» All four wheels were stolen from another Lincoln MKZ late Feb. 18 or early the next day. The car, a rental, was parked in a carport at a condominium complex on Newport Drive, in the area of I-275 and Joy Road. The car was found resting on bricks, police said.

— By Matt Jachman



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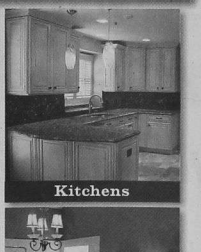
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Western Wayne leaders tak regional economy

When western Wayne County business and political leaders gathered for the first Western Wayne Business Leadership Banquet last fall, many who attended said they want to maintain the momentum created in promoting the region's attributes.

They'll try to do just that Friday, March 14, when the region's local elected leaders are set to gather for the first Western Wayne Economic Development Workshop at Summit in the Park in Canton. Michigan native Jeffrey Kaczmarek, executive director of the Prince William County Economic Development Department in suburban Washington, D.C., will lead the workshop to advise local elected officials, business leaders and economic development experts on strategies to utilize the I-275 corridor and western Wayne County as an economic engine.

of the Livonia Chamber of Commerce, said Oakland County leaders have "consistently talked up the entire county" when it comes to recruiting new business opportunities. However, West said, "there is more of a provincial voice emerging in western Wayne County" with respective economic development leaders marketing their individual towns.

"Many local business leaders said we could attract more high-profile ventures to western Wayne County when they looked at everything offered by the entire region - low tax rate, close proximity to Metro Airport, central location, convenient freeway and roadways, climbing property values, diverse industries and it is home to a dozen college facilities," West said. "Regardless of where a company locates or expands, our whole area benefits with its employees and visitors shopping, living, dining and recreating in the region."

In the workshop, coordinated by the Conference of Western Wayne and the Livonia Chamber of Commerce, Kaczmarek will share his years of economic development experience gained from his roles at Oakland County, the Michigan Economic Development Corporation Corp., suburban Kansas City and now in Prince William County, rated in 2012 as Virginia's fastest-growing county and the nation's third fastest-growing county.

His presentation will take place from 10 a.m. to noon at public meeting of the Conference of Western Wayne Board, a group of the city mayors and township supervisors from 18 western Wayne communities.



University of Michigan student Jeong Seop Yoon tests the tensile strength of a piece of aluminum alloy in the S.M. Wu Manufacturing Research Center. U-M President Mary Sue Coleman said in a statement the initiative could help the region build "on its core strengths to become the nation's technology hub for lightweight materials and manufacturing." UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

REGIONAL

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Canton seems a logical place for a \$148-million manufacturing research institute due to its proximity to Detroit Metro Airport, the I-275 corridor and the University of Michigan. A precise location hasn't been named.

"It's a tremendous opportunity," LaJoy said. "We're just down the road from the University of Michigan. We're close to the hub of manufacturing for the nation, really, with Detroit. This is great for Canton. It's great for the whole area."

Canton was thrust into the national spotlight over the weekend - much to the surprise of township leaders - after the White House and U-M announced the community was chosen for a high-tech institute expected to bring 10,000 jobs to the Midwest.

Canton's choice for the American Lightweight Materials Manufacturing Innovation Institute comes after a Canton marketing plan, unveiled last fall by OHM Advisors, cited Canton as suitable to become a research and development hub for manufacturing and other purposes. The study even hinted at U-M support facilities.

Local officials aren't sure how much tax revenue the facility might mean for Canton, still a growing community with more than 90,000 people.

'Extremely excited'
 "We're still waiting to get more information," LaJoy said. "We're extremely excited and we were a little surprised about this opportunity. It's about getting people working."

Project leaders have indicated the institute could open in spring.

"It's a great opportunity for Canton and it proves that Canton is a friendly workplace and environment," township board trustee John Anthony said. "We have the personnel to handle these

types of operations. Canton is looking forward to getting this project off the ground. It's an opportunity for Canton that is well-deserved. We are very pleased."

The federal government is set to invest \$70 million over five years with an additional \$78 million coming from consortium partners.

"This is a tremendous opportunity for Michigan and the region," U.S. Rep. Sander Levin, D-Mich., said in a statement, adding later, "Michigan is an obvious choice to host the lightweight metals hub. It builds our state's core manufacturing strengths and Michigan's skilled workforce."

Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano called the initiative "a game-changing development for Wayne County and all of southeast Michigan," saying it can create the materials and blueprint "for the cars, trucks, airplanes and ships of tomorrow."

Canton Trustee Pat Williams said local officials began learning of Canton's selection over the weekend.

"I believe it's a good thing because it's a good public initiative," Williams said. "Any private investment in our community is welcomed."

Thousands of jobs
 The institute is expected to create 10,000 jobs over five years. Its main office will be in Canton with support in Columbus, Ohio.

U-M announced the institute is designed to establish an ecosystem to support the production of advanced lightweight metals. It will enable research and development projects, as well as education and training programs to prepare the workforce. U-M has said the project is expected to have both national and regional impact.

"Through this initiative, our region will build on its core strengths to become the nation's technology hub for lightweight materials and manufacturing," U-M

President Mary Sue Coleman said in a statement. "Companies from around the country will come here not only because of our technological capabilities, but also because we have the workforce they need in their efforts to revitalize and transform domestic manufacturing."

U-M said the institute is intended to move cutting-edge lightweight metals out of the research lab and into future cars, trucks, airplanes and ships - both for the commercial and military sectors.

U-M said the institute's efforts will encompass the entire transportation supply chain, nurturing innovations from conception through design, development and production. It will contract more than \$100 million in research and development projects with partner organizations, the university said.

The institute also is expected to educate the next generation of manufacturing operators and engineers by establishing science, technology and engineering curricula for programs in grade school to graduate school.

Most of the 10,000 jobs are expected in the metal stamping, metalworking, machining and casting industries that are dominant in the Midwest. The aim is to add 100 more metal-related engineering professionals each year and 1,000 more skilled trade workers. Within three years, U-M said, the project should offer advanced training to an additional 1,000 current employees per year.

LaJoy and other local leaders said they are eager to learn more about the institute and its impact on Canton. The latest initiative comes as Canton already has embarked on a marketing plan to try to lure new companies.

Gannett Michigan contributed to this story.

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Ficano takes up deficit plan and calls for water authority

By David Veselenak
Staff Writer

Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano said Tuesday that creating a regional authority for the area's water supply is a crucial step for the county, especially with some of the water assets being involved in Detroit's bankruptcy case.

"We don't have this kind of time. The judge has a schedule," he said. "They're going to move quickly as to what happens."

Ficano and other county leaders spoke Tuesday in Detroit regarding his State of the County address, his proposed deficit elimination plan and other topics.



Ficano

The proposed deficit elimination plan for the county, which faces a \$75 million deficit, calls for several moves, including the potential sale of the wastewater treatment plant to a new authority that does not yet exist and has some suburban leaders not yet committing until they see more details.

Ficano said it is his hope such an authority could be created to manage the area's water supply and the facilities in Wayne County. That authority, Ficano said, would have more local representation and control than if it were to be transferred to a private company in the city's bankruptcy case.

"If a private entity gets it, or if it somehow stays with the city of Detroit, the rate payers aren't going to get out of this monopoly," he said. "My contention is it's better that we form an authority and, at that point, we know there's got to be improvements, but the improvements are going to go through an authority where the representatives from Oakland, Macomb, Wayne and Detroit and, in this case, the projection was the state of Michigan, sit on the board and try to make these determinations."

Mark Abbo, the county's chief financial officer, said that sale price of the facilities listed in the deficit elimination plan, \$121.4 million, could change, but the estimate is a conservative figure and would expect to increase rather than decrease.

That figure was used in the deficit elimination plan as a starting point and could change if the county begins talking about creating the authority with surrounding communities, Abbo said.

"If you look at the formula we're using, that \$121.4 million is really just a number to arrive at a zero fund balance as of Sept. 30, 2015," he said. "So it's more or less a placeholder, though we've done evaluations that we could arrive at at least that amount for the facilities."

Ficano's proposed deficit elimination plan calls for a decrease in multipliers in the county's pension program from 2.5 percent to 1.5

percent, which could save almost \$2.6 million to the county's general fund; reducing the number of circuit court judges; and a proposed 5-percent wage cut to county employees, which would need to be approved by several of the county's bargaining units.

Wayne County Jail

The issue of the botched jail project next to the courthouse downtown is also a point of contention for the county. A current proposal is to move the jail to the former Mound Road prison in Detroit and have it converted into the county jail.

Ficano said the plan is to move the justice facility—including the jail and courtrooms, if possible—to the site, though the county is looking first at securing a new jail site.

"Our financial nut is one with the jail and that's what we're focusing on," he said.

Work on that jail has been halted since it was determined the project was \$100 million over budget.

With the move could come other redevelopment that could increase revenue for the county via taxes, Ficano said.

"If you move it to Mound, you'll actually be injecting into the neighborhood," he said. "Suddenly, you have to have restaurants, gas stations, all that kind of stuff that goes together with it. And those are revenue-generating tax-wise, as well."



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Tea Party Express backs Bentivolio

By Laura Colvin
Staff Writer

This is a battle worth fighting.

Those were the words of Milford Republican Congressman Kerry Bentivolio, who was back in town last week to accept an endorsement from the Tea Party Express, a Sacramento-based political action committee.

(Bentivolio) understands that big government is the problem. They're not the solution." Tea Party Express Chairman Amy Kremer said during an enthusiastic endorsement speech.

The Tea Party Express endorsed Bentivolio when he first ran for office in 2012 and was fervent about standing behind the U.S. representative again. Kramer said during last week's gathering at Bentivolio's campaign headquarters near the Kroger market in Milford.

Bentivolio, a former Fowlerville Community Schools teacher who won his first election in 2012 after the resignation of U.S. Congressman Thaddeus McCotter, will square off against Birmingham attorney Dave Trott in the Aug. 5 Republican primary.

In terms of fundraising, Bentivolio has been significantly trailing Trott, but the Tea Party Express endorsement could potentially help the incumbent.

The group's political action committee gave him \$5,000 in the last race, but his endorsement could possibly be of greater help as a tool for the campaign to raise money nationwide.



U.S. Rep. Kerry Bentivolio (left), R-Milford, addresses supporters at his campaign headquarters.

in the belly. That's how we won it the first time and that's how he's going to win it again."

Bentivolio touched on a wide range of subjects as he addressed supporters during the Tea Party Express endorsement announcement last week, including education, the national debt, the shrinking middle class, the need for an overhaul of the tax code and his drive to eliminate the Affordable Care Act.

"A war is raging for the soul of America," Bentivolio said. "It is not a war of steel and cartridge. It is a conflict of ideas, fought not in trenches, jungles or in deserts. Instead, it is played out in town halls, round tables, tea party and liberty groups all across the nation. Instead of cannons, there are editorials. Instead of bombs, there are speeches. Instead of rifle volleys, there is education on the blessings of liberty ordained by God and guaranteed by the United States Constitution."

Bentivolio also took the opportunity to describe what he called a "constitutional crisis" and to blast the press.

"Your right to keep and bear arms, to due process, to the most sacred right of religious freedom, freedom of speech, the press,

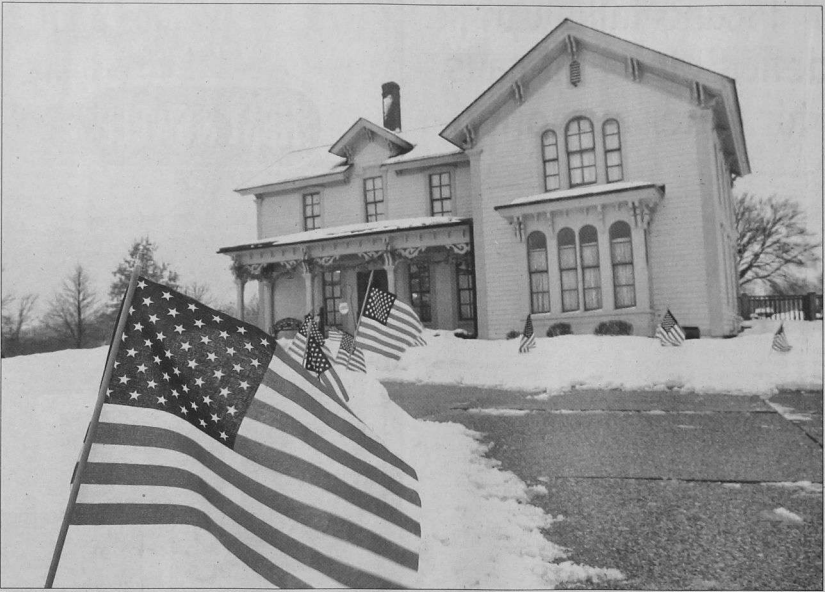
peaceful assembly and the redress of grievances are under attack by the very same government that is supposed to protect your rights," Bentivolio said during his remarks to supporters. "And speaking of the press, servitude cannot be complete if the press is free. The press is a cheap Democratic instrument of freedom. Sadly, many in the press, like many in Congress, have neglected their duty to ensure a free people. This must change. This is a battle worth fighting."

Chuck and Ann Pickett of Livonia also attended the event and said they've supported Bentivolio since before the first election.

"He's not out to impress those in higher places, he's concerned about representing the people he works for, which is the rest of us," Ann Pickett said. "All of us are concerned about the direction the country is going in; we want to rein it in and take it back to what it should be."

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The presidential tea is held at the Alexander Blue House at Greenmead. PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Annual Presidential Tea a winner for Greenmead



Zachary Taylor is memorialized in the tea design.

Approximately 80 women recently enjoyed tea, sandwiches, scones and cookies served from replicas of presidential china while listening to a re-enactor of Mary Todd Lincoln tell her story of life in the White House.

The Feb. 20 event was the annual Presidential Tea at Greenmead Historical Park in Livonia, held every February to coincide with Presidents' Day.

Maureen Casey, recreation supervisor at Greenmead, said the event is one of Greenmead's more popular teas, despite being held in the middle of winter. The event was sold out, as it is nearly every year.

Casey said Darlene Lum's presentation of Mary Todd Lincoln, while dressed in historically accurate attire, "delighted and entertained our guests, giving insight into this very complex woman."

"Darlene's portrayal puts so many more things in perspective."

Casey said people sometimes have a narrow view of Mary Todd Lincoln, who was institutionalized for mental health and criticized for her spending. But Lum points out that, like Jackie Kennedy, Mary Todd Lincoln was refined and wanted to make the White House "a place of national pride."

She was also highly intelligent, very supportive of education and knew how to use social situations to further her husband's career, Casey said, facts few people realize until hearing Lum's presentation.

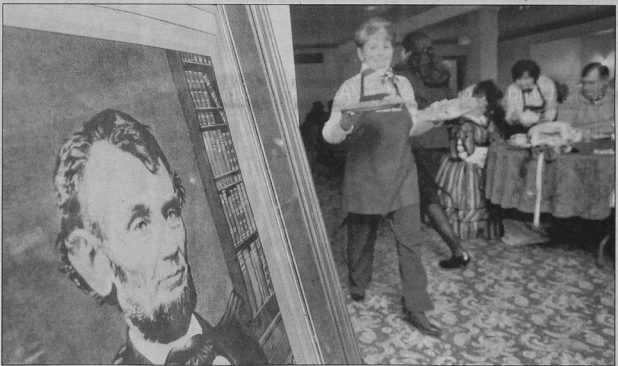
The tea featured favorite presidential cookies made from authentic White House recipe books, including George Washington's jumballs, Lyndon B. Johnson's chewy macarons, Jimmy Carter's pecan squares, Ronald Reagan's brownies and Barack Obama's shortbread.

At least one piece of replica presidential china — be it a tea cup and saucer or a luncheon plate — is at every table. "It's always of interest to the gals at the table," Casey said.

The presidential tea has been going on for more than a decade now and the popular event will be held again next year. Casey advises those who want to attend next February to call 248-477-7375 in January for reservations to make sure they get a seat.

All proceeds go toward preservation efforts at Greenmead Historical Park, located at Eight Mile and Newburgh.

— By Karen Smith



Honest Abe looks over the crowd attending the tea. PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Janet Meloche pours tea for Judi Kutchner.



A decorative plate honors U.S. presidents.



Re-enactor Darlene Lum of Madison Heights portrays Mary Todd Lincoln.



The JFK glass looks like it might have been a gas station giveaway.

A conversation with ...

... a Canton historian

In nearly 40 years, off and on of living and working in Canton, Bill Tesen has done a couple of stints as president of the Canton Historical Society, he's helped open a bank branch and he's helped take care of a precious resource — the Canton Historical Museum.

Tesen, a retired banker, sat down with the *Canton Observer* recently to talk about his love of the community, the changes he's liked (and the ones he hasn't) and what the area has to offer.

Observer: So how long, exactly, have you been around Canton?

Tesen: I helped open the Wayne Bank on Ford Road in 1976 and we moved here in 1984 (I lived here with his late wife Sharon, who passed away from cancer in 2006, and sons Todd and Scott, now grown). I was in Florida for a couple of years, but I came back here.

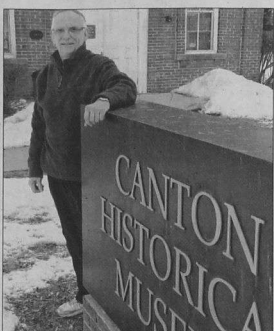
Observer: What brought you back?

Tesen: I love the place. It's got opportunities other communities don't have. It's a great community, we get a lot of support. It's a friendly place.

Observer: What does the president of the Canton Historical Society do?

Tesen: I work with the board to oversee finances, projects, work on different committees. Our big fundraiser is the Beer, Brats and Bands event (it's coming up in September). It started in 2010, I think, as just an idea for a way to raise money to replace money we spent on our pole barn. It's grown a lot from then. The first year, I think, we had 250 people and now we're up to about 500.

Observer: Why do you think it has morphed into such a



Bill Tesen is president of the Canton Historical Society.

popular event?

Tesen: We've learned as we've gone. We've gotten a lot of support from Canton Leisure Services, but it's something the township has never done. They have Liberty Fest, but nothing like this. Tickets are only \$25 and you get a little cup you can keep for a souvenir, you get the bands and you get all the food you can eat. It's a pretty good deal for the money.

Observer: Could it get even bigger?

Tesen: I think we could grow it, maybe use Baseball City or something. But we don't plan on moving it from Preservation Park. We're going to keep it there and we're going to keep the tickets the same.

Observer: Why so involved with the Canton Historical Society?

Tesen: I've always liked history, not so much when I was in school, but I love it now. The basic idea of the Canton Historical Society is to tell Canton's story. Other than

the 90,000 people who live here (he smiles), no one knows about us, really.

Observer: You've been in the community, working or living, basically for almost 40 years. Has it changed much?

Tesen: Immensely. I can remember Ford Road as a two-lane highway. You had Wayne Bank, you had the Cracker Barrel and the nursery and that was pretty much it. I can remember waking up with pheasants in the yard, way back then. That doesn't happen now. There's been a big change, some for the good, some for the bad.

Observer: What do you want people to know about your town?

Tesen: I'd like people to know it's diverse, but I like how it's not divided. It has the amenities people are looking for, it has a great school system. And even with the diversity, we're not divided. We've got all the religions and all the ethnic groups and we're not divided at all.

Draft an estate plan to protect your family

When a celebrity dies, an article is published about what he or she should have done with their estate. Recently, there have been a number of articles written about the death of actor Philip Seymour Hoffman, and the size of his estate and the tax liability.

Bringing this up for a couple of reasons. First, everyone is speculating because no one knows anything at this point. The so-called experts are speculating on things without having the facts. They do it when it comes to analyzing the stock market or commenting on the crisis du jour.

Secondly, almost all the experts are talking about the taxes. They've implied that the only reason that Hoffman should have done any estate planning is to avoid taxes.

Although avoiding taxes is a noble goal, it is not the only one someone should have with regard to their estate. There are many other goals more important than saving on taxes.

I believe the main reason for estate planning is because you care about your loved ones and want to make life easier on them when you are no longer here.

In many situations, in order to protect the family and to do what is right, there may have to be a probate or the estate may be subject to



Rick Bloom
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A perfect example is where the deceased is married to a second spouse and has children from the first marriage.

In order to protect the children of the first marriage, the estate is subject

to an estate tax. In many cases, that estate tax could have been eliminated by leaving everything to the second spouse. However, that may cause issues with the children. The bottom line, estate taxes are not the end all, they're just one item to consider.

For the majority of people, estate taxes are a thing of the past and it's not something to worry about. Currently, the estate tax exemption is a little over \$5 million. What that

means is, if you die, the first \$5 million goes to estate tax-free to whom-ever you choose. Most people do not have an estate of \$5 million.

If you don't have an estate plan, now is the time to do it. There is no reason to delay.

If you have an estate plan, make sure it is current. Remember, family situations change and your estate plan may need to change.

The bottom line is everything can happen and if something did happen unexpectedly, the question to ask is whether our families are protected. If not, now is the time to act on an estate plan.

Good luck.
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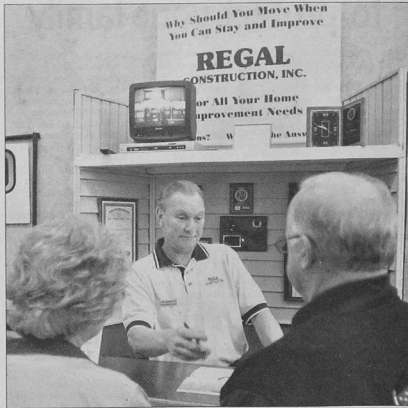
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Canton hosts home improvement expo

Canton's annual Home Improvement Expo takes place from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, March 1, and from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, March 2, at Canton's Summit on the Park.

Highlights at this year's expo include free parking and refreshments, live broadcasts from special guest stars Murray Gula, host of "Your Home with Murray Gula" on FTRadio.com and Joe Gagnon, "The Appliance Doctor" from WAAM-AM (1600), how-to workshops on a variety of topics, live wood-carving demonstrations,

a hands-on children's project center and multiple raffles throughout the weekend, including wood projects made by Canton Construction along with the Michigan Regional Council of Carpenters.

Those who attend can stop by a welcome station and pick up a free Expo Advertisement Booklet. The booklet is filled with vendor coupons, a map of the show, workshop schedules and several home improvement tips. All expo attendees will also receive a free, reusable canvas bag. If you attended last

year's event and still have your bag, go green and reuse it for this year's event.

To view a complete list of the vendors, obtain the Expo layout and download the workshop schedule, visit www.canton-mi.org/homeexpo.aspx. The expo is free of charge and hosted by Canton's Building and Inspection Services Division, the Chamber of Commerce and Observer & Eccentric Media.

For more information, call Canton's Building and Inspection Services Division at 394-5200.

Tony Sacco's to open Canton eatery

Tony Sacco's Cool Oven Pizza opens its newest location in Canton on Sunday, March 9, in the Center Village shopping center. The unique family restaurant prepares menu items in a coal-fired oven that generates an internal temperature of more than 1,000°F, allowing food to cook quickly and create a perfect crust while leaving toppings al dente.

Tony Sacco's offers an extensive lunch and dinner menu that includes salads, sandwiches, wraps, wings, pizza and dessert.

All food is made fresh, never frozen or cooked in a microwave. Professional pizza maker Doug Blair has been working hard to perfect the coal oven method.

"This is the way pizza was made originally in 1915," Blair said. "It took a little relearning, but the end result is worth it. I'm confident our customers will appreciate the unique taste of this amazing pizza. Rotolis are my favorite menu item. I could eat them with every meal."



Tony Sacco's Cool Oven Pizza, where menu items are prepared in a coal-fired oven, will open its newest location Sunday, March 9, in Canton's Center Village shopping center.

"We are in the perfect location to embrace neighboring businesses, theater goers and tourists," Tony Sacco's owner Bobby Kramer said. "We hope to become an active member of the neighboring community and believe with our unique menu, comfortable environment and local staff, we are well on our way." Kramer owns the Tony Sacco's restaurants. His Novi location opened in 2011 and Hartland

opened in 2013. There are now 14 restaurants in the growing chain.

The atmosphere at Tony Sacco's is contemporary, yet cozy. While it focuses on the family experience, many workers will enjoy a work after work or relax at the trademark granite bar for cocktails and happy hour appetizers.

For more information and to follow the progress, visit tonysaccos.com or Tony Sacco's Canton on Facebook.

PLYMOUTH-CANTON CHAMBER CHAT

Scholarship fundraising

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce is starting their fundraising for the Student Citizen Scholarships.

The Chambers' Education Committee awards scholarships to up to five students based solely on their community service during their years in high school.

Last year, the chambers were able to offer five students \$1,100 each.

For more information on how to donate, call the Plymouth chamber at 734-453-1540 or the Canton chamber at 734-453-4040.

Canton dinner auction

The Canton Chamber of Commerce hosts its annual dinner auction, this year themed "The Luck of the Irish," 6:30-11:30 p.m. Saturday, March 15, at Burton Manor Banquet & Conference Center, 27777 Schoolcraft, in Livonia.

The event offers the business community a night of networking possibilities while socializing with more than 400 key business people and community leaders. Attendees should come dressed in Irish attire (lots of green). Tickets are \$75 and include strolling dinner, open bar, green beer, entertainment, live

auction, raffles and more.

Sponsorship opportunities are available at various levels and include event tickets and sponsorship recognition before, during and after the event. Sponsorships range from \$375 to \$2,500.

Donations are needed for the \$2, \$5 and \$10 raffles, as well as the live auction. This is a great way to show your support for the chamber.

For more information, call the Canton Chamber of Commerce at 734-453-4040.

Chamber luncheon

Canton's State of the Township Luncheon is set for 11:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 5, at the Village Theatre at Cherry Hill.

Township Supervisor Phil LaJoy will address the audience. The event is sponsored by Oakwood Healthcare Systems and the Xuereb Law Group PC.

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill is located at 50400 Cherry Hill. For more information, call the chamber at 734-453-4040.

Coffee connection

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce sponsors its next Coffee Connection, hosted by Ambassador co-chair Debra DeMa, at the Huntington Bank, 8:9 a.m., Thursday, March 13.

Chamber officials called the Coffee Connection a "great way to start

your business day. You can enjoy a cup of coffee and breakfast treats while making new connections with other chamber members."

Huntington Bank is located on Five Mile (across from The Inn at St. John's). These events are designed for 20-40 members to meet in a comfortable setting where they can get to know each other. There is no fee to attend this event.

Anyone interested in attending should call Teri at 734-453-1540.

Showcase and Taste

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce's 2014 Showcase and Taste event is set for April 14 at the Inn at St. John's.

The event generally draws more than 90 exhibitors, including 20 restaurants, and attracts more than 600 people. This year's event will be held in the main ballroom and adjoining garden gallery at the Inn at St. John's.

Major sponsors include Community Financial and Hines Park Lincoln.

The chamber is now taking exhibit space reservations. The cost is \$110 (plus \$10 if you need electricity) and includes a 6-by-3-foot skirted table.

Anyone interested in exhibiting should email terip@plymouthchic.org or call 734-453-1540.

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New manager

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Webb holds a bachelor's degree in construction management from Eastern Michigan University.

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Wellness

Integrative Chiropractic Wellness Center of Plymouth is launching Wellness Wednesdays to better serve the health and wellness needs of the people in its community. Every Wednesday, it will be offering free health or chiropractic consultations, posture evaluations, stress, body composition analyses, antioxidant

scores and/or scoliosis screenings. Schedule an appointment from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. or 2-6:30 p.m. any Wednesday.

"We decided to launch Wellness Wednesdays because we want to help families in our area live a healthy, active lifestyle," said Dr. Elizabeth Sisk, director of Integrative Chiropractic Wellness Center. "There is so much chiropractic services can do for your health and overall wellness and we want to bring awareness to the community. We welcome people of all ages. This is a great opportunity to get your family and friends a health checkup."

For more information about Integrative Chiropractic Wellness Center and the new Wellness Wednesday program, visit www.ichiro.com, call 734-454-5600 or email info@ichiro.com. Integrative Chiropractic Wellness center is located at 1075 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth.

PR pros

Public relations professionals across the region recently welcomed new leaders for

PRSA-Detroit, the 400-member professional organization. Elected officers for the board of directors for a one-year term, which began Jan. 1, include president Dan Artman, APR, Capomagnoli; president elect Debra Lacey-Ortisi, APR, Johnson Controls; treasurer Debra Tanner, APR, Capomagnoli; secretary Jim Burke, Federal Mogul; and immediate past president John Austerberry, APR, DTE Energy.

The group also welcomed new members to its 16-person board, for a three-year term, including Maribeth Farkas, Capomagnoli; Public Relations, Anne Santori, APR, CareTech Solutions; Stephanie Scheer, Flex Systems, Inc.; Megan Scott, APR, Airflow; and Beth Marmarelli, University of Michigan-Dearborn. They are joining existing members board member Barbara Karp, Davonport, Stratacom; Kim Eberhardt, Tanner Friedman; Jasmín Nadalizadeh, Stratacom; Tom O'Connell, Capomagnoli; Katy Teer, Plex Systems, Inc.; and Tim Wieland, APR, Airflow.

Some Detroit-area winters have been colder, snowier

Record books don't always tell the whole story

We sure like to talk about the weather, especially this winter. In fact, the winter soon passing (we hope) has put the weather, starting with the icicles on our roofs and the snow piles in our driveways, at the top of conversation topics locally and nationally — everywhere except Florida and Hawaii.

The Detroit area recorded its snowiest January in official weather history (31.5 inches), but not its snowiest month or winter season ... not yet anyway.

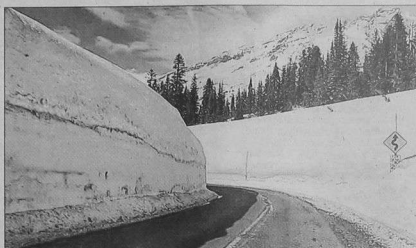
Our snowiest month on record was February 1908, when 38.4 inches fell. Our snowiest winter since 1870, when official weather records were first kept, was 1880-81. The snow that season totaled 93.6 inches. This winter, with 78.9 inches so far, we will likely move into second place (78.9 inches) any day now.

This area's snowiest day ever (24.5 inches) was on the unlikely date of April 6, 1886. Our biggest single snowfall since then was Dec. 1-2, 1974, when we received 19.3 inches. Most recent biggest snowfall: 16 inches on New Year's Day 2008.

For all of Michigan, that's 29 inches (29 inches) came Feb. 23, 1872, at Ishpeming, Thompson Pass, Alaska, north of Valdez got 62 inches in one day (Dec. 2, 1955) on the way to 551 inches that winter, more than twice what falls during an average Upper Peninsula winter.

The state record for the most snow in one season? That's 333 inches at Tahquamenon Falls near Paragonia (Michigan), that is, the winter of 1976-77.

World snow record
Snowiest place on Earth? Since the 1898 Winter Olympics, ski resorts north of Nagano, Japan, have been making that claim: 600-700 inches



Nineteen feet of snow borders state highway 410 near Paradise, Wash., in Mt. Rainier National Park. EXPLORE.NORTH.COM

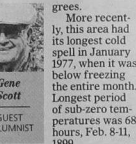
a season. Thompson Pass passed that years ago in 1952-53 with 974 inches and Tide Lake, British Columbia, accumulated 1,104 inches in 1971-72. But none of these are the record.

This belongs to another Paradise, the one in Washington near Mt. Rainier, where 1,122 inches (93.5 feet) piled up the winter of 1971-72.

Locally, we've had snow on the ground since early December — nearly three months. But this is below the local record of 119 days set in the winter of 1903-04, when there was snow cover from late November to early March.

Younger folks might think we've experienced our coldest night ever this past Jan. 6-7, when the temperature dipped to minus-14 degrees, but not so. Coldest night in this area was three days before Christmas 1872, when it was minus-24.

Two years later, the winter of 1874-75 may have been the coldest of all, when January and February had an average daily temperature of 13.7 degrees. Or was it the winter of 1880-81, with 86 days of below-freezing temperatures? Ironically, the following winter (1881-82) was the warmest of the century (19th century, that is), when the average daily temperature here was 37 de-



Gene Scott
GUEST COLUMNIST

grees. More recently, this area had its longest cold spell in January 1977, when it was below freezing the entire month. Longest period of sub-zero temperatures was 68 hours, Feb. 8-11, 1899.

In the 1920s, the Detroit area had three winters in succession without a sub-zero reading. The local record for warmest winters was 1953-58, with no sub-zero nights five winters in row.

Coldest temp ever recorded
The coldest night in Michigan — minus-51 degrees — happened Feb. 9, 1934, compare that to the coldest temperature ever recorded on Earth: minus-128.6 degrees July 21, 1983, at Vostok Station, Antarctica. There also is a NASA report of minus-135 degrees having been recorded Aug. 10, 2010, in east Antarctica.

So far this winter, we've had 14 nights of sub-zero temperatures. The record for cold nights here: 23 in 1884-85. It should be noted that there are slight variations (usually) between temperatures recorded at City Airport on the east side, a weather station since 1934 (before that in downtown Detroit), and one other official weather stations at Detroit Metropolitan Airport and White Lake/Pontiac. Sub-

urban stations also often report slightly lower temps and different rain and snow amounts. A principal factor is closeness to Lakes Erie and St. Clair.

Will we set a new record here for snowfall this winter? Maybe, if you believe the *Farmers' Almanac* predictions, but I'd rather not count on it.

How do we know what the weather might have been like here or anywhere before the mid-19th century when reliable weather records were first kept? Daniel Fahrenheit's thermometer wasn't invented until 1714 and it wasn't until 1870 that the National Weather Service was established in the War Department Signal Office, forerunner of the U.S. Weather Bureau. According to early histories of Detroit, the winter of 1784-85 may have been among the coldest the city has ever known. A device for measuring temperature at that time recorded 23



Daughter Rose Scott (then age 6) likes to be on top of things, like the 19 inches of snow that came down during the Detroit area's last biggest snowstorm, Dec. 1-2, 1974. GENE SCOTT

sub-zero days in January and February. The Detroit River had frozen over by Jan. 7 and February went out with a roar at minus-10 degrees. The ice on Lake St. Clair that winter didn't melt until May. On the other hand, the winter of 1824-25 was so mild that grass grew a foot in January.

During the 1855-56 winter, people could walk across the Detroit River to Windsor. Ice-fishing shanties dotted the river for two months and there was a concession built on the ice to sell liquor and supplies. The winter of 1869-70 was so bitterly cold that more than 100 ships were still waiting April 26 for 10-foot-thick sections of ice to clear in the channels of Lake St. Clair. Who can recall winters quite like these in the last 100 years?

None of these records and recollections from earlier times are official records. Those were not

kept until 1870. So there are historic weather records and modern-day official records.

Want to know more about Detroit and Michigan weather history? Try these sources at many public libraries: *All About Michigan Almanac*, *Detroit Free Press Almanac*, *Silas Farmer's History of Detroit and Wayne County*, *Information Please Almanac*, *Richard Kean's Michigan Weather*, *Mal Sillars' Detroit Weather Book*, *J. Van Eichenlaub's Weather and Climate of the Great Lakes Region* and other listings in library catalog files and website searches.

Gene Scott has been a Livonia Historical Society member for about 12 years. He is a retired editor and teacher who has published four books on the histories of Michigan towns. The most recent is "Michigan Shadow Towns." He and his wife Barb have lived in Livonia for 23 years.

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ADVERTISEMENT REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS (PCCS)
BID PACKAGE #6 - 21ST CENTURY CLASSROOM PROJECT
PCCS BOARD OFFICES: 454 S HARVEY ST., PLYMOUTH, MI 48170

Sealed Responses to a Request for Proposal (RFP) will be accepted for the 21st Century Classroom Project at the PCCS Board Offices.

Bidders MUST comply with the Pre-Bid Process as prescribed below. Please refer to the full RFP documentation for additional details.

RFP Publication available on or after February 21, 2014
RFP drawings and documentation will be available by contacting Russ Gill rgill@shwgroup.com or Dwayne Henderson dhenderson@shwgroup.com at SHW Group (email only). Site viewing shall be scheduled for February 27, 2014 at 2:00pm EST at Salem High School, 46181 Joy Rd, Canton, MI 48187. A second viewing will be scheduled for March 7, 2014 at 2:00pm EST (if required).

Pre-Bid Meeting, March 7, 2014, 1 PM EST
A Non-Mandatory Pre-Bid Meeting shall be held at the PCCS Board Offices on March 7, 2014, 1:00 PM EST.

Bidder's Questions, March 11, 2014, 5 PM EST
All questions pertaining to this RFP shall be issued in writing (email) and directed to rgill@shwgroup.com by March 11, 2014, 5:00 PM EST. Responses to questions will be issued on an addendum and submitted through NewForma to the interested Vendors by March 12, 2014 by 11:00 AM EST.

Proposals Due, March 17, 2014, 1 PM EST
Proposals shall be delivered to PCCS Board Offices, ATTN: "Bid Package #6 - 21st Century Classroom Project" by March 17, 2014, 1 PM EST. Late bids/proposals will be returned unopened. PCCS will not consider or accept a bid/proposal received after the deadline. PCCS reserves the right to accept or reject any of all Proposals and waive any informality or any qualifications should PCCS consider it to be in its best interest. Bids/proposals shall be publicly opened and read at the PCCS Board Offices immediately following the submission deadline.

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INVITATION TO BID
BID NO. 8 - MIDDLE SCHOOL TECHNOLOGY INFRASTRUCTURE FOR PLYMOUTH CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

The Plymouth Canton Community Schools Board of Education ("Owner") will receive firm, sealed Bid Proposals for all labor, materials, equipment and all other services to complete the Technology Infrastructure Bid package.

Bid Documents can be obtained on or after March 4, 2014 from ARC (1009 W. Maple Road Clawson, Michigan 48017, phone: 248.288.5600), and will only be available through electronic downloads. Bidders will be responsible for all costs including download and printing.

Bid documents will be available to view only free of charge from the PlanWell Enterprise System on-line by accessing the website at: https://order-arcc.com/arcEO/PWELL_Main.asp?menu=72.

Three complete copies of your Bid Proposal (including the Familial Disclosure form, bid bond, and other attachments), marked "BID PACKAGE 8 - Middle School Technology Infrastructure", noting the category that your Proposal is for, must be delivered no later than 2PM, Tuesday, March 25, 2014, to Brodie Killian, Deputy Superintendent of Business & Operations, E.J. McClendon Educational Center, 454 S Harvey St, Plymouth MI, 48170. All Bid Proposals received on or before the Due Date will be publicly opened and read aloud immediately thereafter in the Board Room, in order of category number. Bid Proposals received after the due date will not be considered or accepted.

A pre-bid meeting has been scheduled for March 10 at 1:00PM at the E.J. McClendon Educational Center, 454 S Harvey St, Plymouth MI, 48170. This pre-bid meeting is not mandatory, but is highly recommended.

All Bidders must provide a Familial Disclosure Form, Iran Sanctions Act Form, and a bid bond and attach the information to the Bid Proposal. The District will not accept a bid proposal that does not include this information.

The Board of Education reserves the right to accept or reject any or all Bid Proposals, either in whole or in part, to award the Contract to other than the low Bidder; to waive any irregularities and/or informalities; and in general to make awards in any manner deemed to be in the best interests of the Owner.

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OUR VIEWS

Michigan's lousy roads are just a disgrace

State lawmakers need to reform funding

A half century ago, Michigan families were part of that great summer expedition Out West to see the national parks that was so well-documented in Ken Burns' PBS documentary.

What those families saw, in addition to natural wonders, was the state of the country's man-made road system. What those families found was a sense of pride, learning that Michigan's roads were well-recognized as among the best in the nation and that the state boasted the northern terminus of what would become the country's greatest north-south freeway - I-75.

How times have changed. Now travelers comment frequently about knowing when they have entered the state of Michigan, because the roads immediately change - for the worse, far worse.

The truth is that funding for roads is just about as broken as the roads themselves. Part of the reason for that lies with the vehicles that use them. As vehicles have become more fuel-efficient, the amount of revenue derived from tax levied on each gallon of gas, or diesel, has dropped. With fewer gallons purchased, tax revenue drops.

The problem with road funding, however, doesn't lie just with fuel efficiency or the materials used to build and repair roads - although that should be questioned as well, following the yearly work on Telegraph. The problem lies with the source of the potential solution - the broken leadership in the state Legislature and the U.S. Congress.

Gov. Rick Snyder has called for measures that would change and increase funding for roads. We aren't talking chump change here. Consider that the Road Commission for Oakland County says that it takes \$1 million to pave just one mile of a gravel road. His calls have gone unanswered by a Legislature unwilling to do what members were elected to do - lead. That should read, unwilling to face constituents who are loath to pay tax increases.

According to a recent EPIC-MRA poll of 600 Michigan residents, 36 percent of respondents said the state's budget surplus should go to improving roads.

The poll points out not only how serious the problem is, but that motorists are committed to solving it.

Visit just about any tire shop in the metro area and it doesn't take long to find a frustrated car owner whose car suffered a blowout thanks to a pothole.

A tire costs \$150, a rim another \$200 and suspension work even more. Residents are weary of the oft-used excuse that our shoddy roads are due to a vicious freeze-thaw cycle that is somehow isolated to Michigan.

No matter what happens with funding, it will be a long time before Michigan's roads return to reliability.

It should also be remembered that poor roads are a deterrent to economic development, with businesses not wanting to locate in places where they have trouble getting goods to market.

Constituents, meaning voters, need to insist that legislators buckle themselves into their elected seats and drive home a solution to Michigan's lousy roads.

Enough excuses already. Think about this - the Pure Michigan campaign is bringing more people to our great state than ever. What message do we want them taking back home? That our roads are the worst they've ever driven on or that our lakes, beaches and forests offer the perfect backdrop for a family vacation?



There are far too many massive potholes in Michigan. JOHN STORMZAND/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

OUR VIEWS

Levine touched many lives

The sentiment that fits the departure of Marybeth Levine can be summed up the same way Levine went about doing her work.

Simply put, Marybeth Levine will be missed.

Levine, the founder of the Detroit Area Diaper Bank, announced recently she's moving to Mexico with husband Steve and their sons, John, 11, David, 9, and Nathan, 7. Her husband, an auto industry purchasing manager, has a new job assignment.

Mexico's gain is certainly a loss, not only for Canton, but for western Wayne County. Levine spent five years of her life volunteering to collect and distribute more than 1.8 million diapers to nonprofit social service agencies across southeast Michigan.

She saw a void in government safety-net programs and filled it.



Levine

She worked long hours for no pay. She did it because she believes impoverished children and sickly adults who need diapers shouldn't go without.

She touched tens of thousands of lives, of people who will never know her and many who do.

Mary Deiker, who coordinates food and baby-care distributions for The Hope Clinic in Ypsilanti, said Levine's diaper bank has had an immeasurable impact, calling it "vital to what we're doing."

The Canton Public Library has routinely helped Levine with diaper collection. Library director Eva Davis once said Levine "doesn't just point out a problem... she looks inside herself and does something about it."

Levine has engendered great respect in her efforts, largely because it's difficult to say no to

someone so passionate. Davis and the library staff are huge supporters. Extra Space Storage in Canton gave her a place to store diapers. M.S.A. Delivery Services, also in Canton, helped with large shipments of diapers from corporations.

"Canton has been an amazing help for us," Levine said. Truth is, Levine has been an amazing ambassador.

Levine has worked in Washington, D.C., as a congressional special assistant and as a higher education lobbyist. She once owned her own business as an employee recruiter.

Yet here's all you need to know about her: She has said her volunteer role with the diaper bank was more fulfilling.

Levine said she has no regrets. But the Canton community has one big one - losing her.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Money pattern

In regards to the two articles in the Feb. 9 Observer, first being the governor's budget.

Gov. Snyder has taken away money from our schools since he has been in office. Now and only after he announces his re-election campaign is he going to give some of the surplus back. Sounds to me like we are supporting his re-election campaign, whether we want to or not.

Second is the school board's sinking fund. I don't have a problem supporting education, but why doesn't the school board get our money from Lansing?

Seems like a pattern. We pay school taxes, the governor takes money away so our Board of Education's answer is for us to pay more taxes.

Don Kelm
Canton

Selective fairness

Reading the Feb. 13 Canton Observer letters to the editor, "CBO boosts ACA," one gets the impression everything is wonderful with Obamacare.

Even before the CBO report came out, there were numerous reports of companies reducing

workers' hours to part time, reports of companies reducing the number of full-time employees below 50, others not expanding to 50 or more employees, so they would not be required to provide Obamacare.

There are reports of unions complaining about Obamacare below 50, others not expanding to health insurance and other health care-related costs. Also being ignored is the fact that the statements "if you like your insurance, you can keep your insurance" and "if you like your doctor, you can keep your doctor" are not true, with numerous people with very serious health problems losing their insurance, just the people Obamacare was to cover.

Over 6.1 million people lost their health insurance because of Obamacare; of the 3.3 million people who have signed for Obamacare, 30 percent have not paid their premiums, leaving only 2.3 million who actually have insurance. Obamacare cuts funding for Medicare by over \$700 billion, the program that we the working taxpayers have been paying into, while the Medicaid program expanded by 6,600,000, the program that is paid for by everyone who works' tax dollars.

STAFF COLUMN

Brush with cancer has wake-up call effect

There's been a lot of cancer in my life lately.

Most of it came - coincidentally, that is - in various ways at roughly the same time. It started with the biopsy ordered for my 16-year-old son Robert by his doctor. He's had swollen lymph nodes popping up on various parts of his body, including on the back of his head the doctor found particularly, to use his word, "worrisome."

Blood tests ruled out mono-nucleosis, but didn't really rule out much else. His doctor, being thorough, decided to order a biopsy.

Here's the thing I learned in the last couple of weeks: The word "biopsy" is much scarier when it's being said about a loved one than it is when you hear it applied to others. It's particularly scary when it's followed by words like "non-Hodgkin's lymphoma" and "leukemia." I didn't even hear the doctor explain he wanted to "rule those things out" when he was describing his thought process. In fact, for several minutes, I didn't hear anything else, because those words were still blaring in my ears.

At about the same time, stories about breast cancer in various forms suddenly started popping up in my professional life. There was The Dance Connection, the Canton-based dance studio conducting fundraisers to fight lung cancer, a passion for Melissa McParlane ever since her mother, long-time studio owner Carol Jackson, was diagnosed with the disease in 2010 (Jackson ultimately lost that fight in 2012).

There was Abigail Stonerook, whose passion for the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life is contagious. She's the ACS staff partner for the Canton Relay for Life. It's already maybe the biggest one the ACS runs in Michigan, but watch what Stonerook does with it. The bet here: It sets a fundraising record.

And, for the second time in

three years, there was Eric Baczyński, a warrior in the fight against children's cancer, asking me to share my head for the annual St. Baldrick's Foundation fundraiser he organizes every year.

These are stories we cover every year, because they're important causes and because supporting them has become a part of the fabric of this community.

But never before (except the year I found out my mentor had breast cancer) have these stories resonated with me the way they did this year. I wrote all three stories during the longest few days of my life - the days after they took the biopsy from the back of Robert's head and before we got the all-clear.

I've written dozens of stories about cancer in my career, listened and nodded sympathetically to folks telling me about the effects of the disease as had on their lives. For the couple of hours my son was in the operating and recovery rooms, I thought about those interviews, replayed them in my mind and wondered how someone would write this one.

Thankfully, it doesn't need to be written. Whatever it is affecting my son, it isn't cancer, and I couldn't believe how much easier it was to breathe when we found that out.

But the story still needs to be written for millions of others. Did you know the disease is the biggest killer of women in the United States (according to the American Heart Association)? Neither did I. I would have thought it was breast cancer, considering the American Cancer Society estimates some 232,700 women will be diagnosed with it this year and some 40,000 will die from it.

The LUNgevity Foundation, a nonprofit organization "committed to making an immediate impact on increasing quality-of-life and survivorship of people with lung cancer by accelerating research into early detection and

more effective treatments," says one in 14 people will be diagnosed with lung cancer at some point. The disease, the foundation says, kills more people than breast, prostate and colon cancer combined.

Lung cancer research gets less federal funding than any of those, a paltry \$1,400 per death caused (which is, in itself, a macabre way of doling out funding).

You can help all of them. If you want to:

» Support the Canton Relay for Life. You can find everything you need to know at www.relayforlife.org/canton/.

» Support The Dance Connection's Dancing Divas in their fight against lung cancer, there's a vendor sale at the studio, 1672 S. Lilley in Canton, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 1. To help, call 734-397-9755 or go to the website www.the-dance-connection.com.

The event, to be held at the Plymouth Rock, has already raised nearly \$7,000.

If you don't feel inspired to support any of these events, there are many, many others you could find with a Google search. The point is, help is needed.

I'm happy to say there's no cancer in my life or, most importantly, my son's life. We don't have to live with that fear and certainly don't pretend to know what it's like for those who do.

And there are millions of them. Doing what I can to help those still fighting the fight is the least I can do.

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County summit focuses on mental health care issues

Quality mental health care and making sure it reaches those who need it — especially children — was the topic at a summit held Monday in Livonia.

Redford's Commission on Children's Issues and Redford's 17th District Court sponsored "Navigating Mental Health 2014 & Beyond" at the St. Mary's Cultural Center.

The program brought together educators, mental health workers, local officials and others to discuss challenges and upcoming changes to the way mental health issues are handled in Wayne County.

"We have the responsibility to take over \$700 million of the people's money and give quality care," keynote speaker Tom Watkins said.

"We will decide what constitutes quality" mental health care, he said. "We should stop buying crap."

Watkins took the position of president, CEO and executive director of a newly created Detroit Wayne Mental Health Authority as of Oct. 1, 2013.

The Detroit-Wayne County Community Mental Health Agency, which served more than 72,000 providing services for people with mental illness, developmental disabilities, serious emotional disturbances and substance use disorders, converted into an authority similar to the Wayne County Airport Authority on Oct. 1.

The new authority has the responsibility to re-bid the county's mental health services, which haven't been bid out since 2002, Watkins said.

Forums set

Public forums on the proposed changes will be held in March and April throughout Wayne County including 5-8 p.m. March 13 at the Westland

Public Library and 5-8 p.m. April 3 at the Redford Community Center.

Among the changes are an "elimination of real and perceived conflicts of interest up and down the system" and coordination of case management, Watkins said.

"We believe that we can and should do better," he said.

School social workers and guidance counselors, although the first to be cut when budgets are tight, are an important part of helping kids, state Rep. Phil Cavanagh of Redford said.

Cavanagh has served as an appointee to the Detroit-Wayne County Community Mental Health Agency.

"A lot of kids don't have a strong family unit," he said. A large percentage of those with mental health issues are diagnosed while in the juvenile criminal justice system, he noted.

Other speakers on the panel included Dale Yagiela, executive director of Growth Works; Christopher Wignett, superintendent of Wayne County RESA; and Tamela Rusch and Tracy McCullough of the Michigan Department of Mental Health.

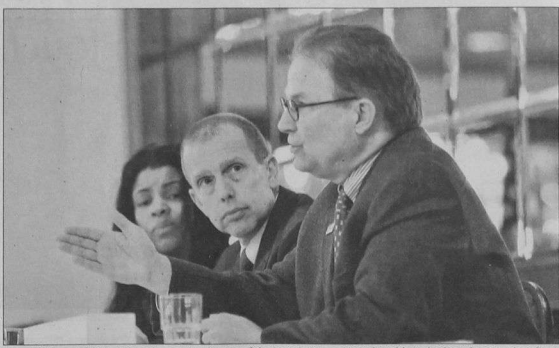
Mental trauma has emerged as a second leading issue after substance abuse among teens who use Growth Works services, Yagiela said.

Last resort

The juvenile justice system often becomes the treatment of last resort, he said.

Treatment options have also been very limited offering only "plain vanilla treatment," he said. A lot of issues call for a different way of doing things, he said, but "the process moves glacially."

"It's safe to say we aren't providing what we



Tom Watkins, president, CEO and executive director of the Detroit Wayne Mental Health Authority, takes questions from the floor. To his right are Christopher Wignett, superintendent of Wayne County RESA and Tracy McCullough of the Michigan Department of Human Services. PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Dr. Stanley Sczotka of the Garden City School District questions the ability of students to access services.

need to," RESA's Wignett said.

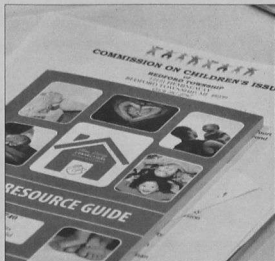
Common Core, EAA, making up snow days and MEAP scores don't mean anything if children aren't ready to learn, he said.

Students with mental health issues often don't get the attention they need until they are in the

criminal justice system, he said.

Another issue is children "aging out" of the foster care system with no family to go back to, Rusch said.

Foster children with mental health issues are also at a higher risk to become homeless as adults, McCullough said.



The health summit addressed changes to the state's mental health system.

Only half of foster children finish high school, 20 percent go to college and only 2.9 percent finish a bachelor's degree, she said.

Her department works to connect the dots between education, doing and successful life outcomes, she said. "They don't have the support that many of us had in college," she said.

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Agent Orange town hall

Date/Time: Saturday, April 26, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (registration 8:30 a.m.).
Location: Northville High School, 45700 Six Mile, Northville

Details: Vietnam Veterans Chapter 528 sponsors an Agent Orange Town Hall to inform and register veterans, their families and community, that have been affected by Agent Orange and other dioxins used during the Vietnam War up to the present. The effects of these dioxins are carried in the DNA of the affected person for up to seven generations. The National Academy of Sciences and Veterans Administration has connected Agent Orange and other dioxin exposure during this period, to include 12 diseases, 38 cancers and 20 birth defects. Reservations are required for this event.

Contact: To RSVP or for more information, go to www.VVA528.org.

Bingo night

Date/Time: Wednesday, March 5, 7:15 p.m.
Location: Sunflower Club-house, 45800 Hamford, Canton

Details: Canton Newcomers and Neighbors' Bingo Night features prizes donated by local businesses, a slice of pizza from Benito's, a raffle to benefit First Step and an opportunity to sign up for activities for the entire family at the next adult general meeting. Request a complimentary March newsletter at www.cantonnewcomersandneighbors.org.
Contact: To RSVP, donate a small prize or with any questions, call Noreen at 734-981-0486 or email nrybar@yahoo.com.

Medicare/Medicaid counseling

Date/Time: March 5, 1-3 p.m.
Location: United Home Health Services, 2200 N. Canton Center Road, Ste 250, Canton

Details: United Home Health Services offers free individual counseling with a certified MMAP counselor who will help you understand Medicare/Medicaid eligibility, transitioning from employer coverage to Medicare, plan options, assistance programs, drug insurance and Medicare/Medicaid fraud and abuse identification and reporting. Medicare plan enrollment and subsidy application assistance also provided.
Contact: Call Heather Pinage at 734-727-2063 to schedule an appointment. For MMAP information, visit www.mmapi.org/pages/about.html

Schoolcraft open house

Time/Date: 5-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 12
Location: VisiTech Center, Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia

Details: Learn about your new education options in nursing, health information administration, communication

and criminal justice through Schoolcraft College and The University of Toledo, along with Schoolcraft and University of Toledo advisers in one location at one time.
Contact: www.schoolcraft.edu/STCU; 734-462-4426

Blood drives

Dates/Times/Locations:
» Sunday, March 9, 8 a.m. to 1:45 p.m., Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, N. Territorial.
» Friday, March 14, 10 a.m. to 4:45 p.m., Plymouth Library, 223 S. Main.
» Sunday, March 23, 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., St. Kenneth Church, 14951 Haggerty, Plymouth.
» Monday, March 24, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., City of Plymouth City Hall, 201 S. Main.
» Tuesday, March 25, 1:30-7:15 p.m., St. Michael's Church, 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton.

» Friday, March 28, 3:30-8 p.m., Dodson Elementary School, 205 Beck, Canton.
Details: The American Red Cross sponsors the above blood drives. All donors will be entered into a raffle for a two-year lease on a 2014 Ford Fusion, with a \$5,000 cash option. Donors will also be entered into a weekly raffle for a \$125 gas card. Walk-ins are welcome.

Contact: Donors can call Diane Risko at 313-549-7052 or email at Diane.Risko@redcross.org to set up an appointment.

Building bridges

Date/Time: Saturday, April 12, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Location: The Muslim Community of Western Suburbs (Canton Mosque), 40440 Palmer, Canton.

Details: The Muslim Community of Western Suburbs hosts the annual "Building Bridges — A Family Fun Day," a free open house event, with the goal of meeting neighbors and fellow citizens to foster communication and build relationships. There will be fun activities, henna, calligraphy, information on Islam around the world and a variety of ethnic food.
Contact: For more information, contact mwsuburbs@comcast.net or RSVP at mcs.org/outreach.

Spelling bee

Date/Time: Wednesday, March 26, 7 p.m.
Location: Canton High School Allen DuBois Little Theatre.

Details: The Community Literacy Council hosts its 2014 spelling bee, a night of what organizers call "spirited spelling competition" that supports the local literacy program. Businesses, groups and organizations can sponsor a team, make a donation, be a speller or be part of the cheering section. The event is designed to "make a difference for many adults in our community who are not proficient in English."
Contact: For more information, call chairperson Carol Saunders, 734-455-4940, email causaunders64@comcast.net or visit www.plymouthcantonliteracy.org

Church fundraiser

Dates: Through March 21
Location: Abundant Life Church, 2100 Hannan, Canton

Details: The youth department of Abundant Life Church of God is holding a Little Caesars® fundraiser to raise money for Summer Youth Revival & Community Service Activities. Pizza kits, cookie dough and pie kits range in price from \$12 to \$19 and contain all the ingredients to bake pizza, bread, pies and cookies at home in minutes.
Contact: To order items from Abundant Life Church of God, contact Pastor Bobby Curry at 734-249-1801 before March 21.

Community conversation

Date/Time: Thursday, March 20, 7 p.m.
Location: Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main, Plymouth

Details: The Center for Michigan will hold a Community Conversation at which the public is invited to provide their input regarding education, jobs and prosperity, quality of life and public-use priorities, among other state issues. This is an opportunity to engage in meaningful and informative conversations that make a difference to Michigan residents.
Contact: To RSVP, email irenelamannen@gmail.com

Charity Mom2Mom

Date/Time: Saturday, April 5, 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Location: Summit on the Park in Canton

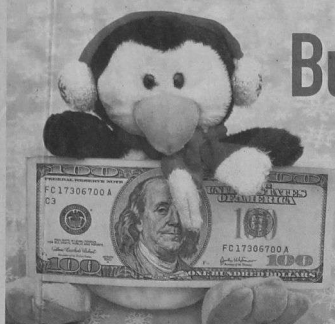
Details: In anticipation of their Mom2Mom Sale benefiting Big Family of Michigan, which serves the needs of Michigan's foster children and young adults, the Canton Newcomers and Neighbors Club, a social, civic and charitable organization, invites table renters to sell new and gently used maternity, baby and child items including furniture and larger play equipment.

Contact: For more information, call Carrie at 313-520-5626 or email rpollackclia1975@yahoo.com

Hospice support

Date/Time: Third Saturday of each month, 10:15-11 a.m.
Location: Compassionate Care Hospice, 5730 N. Lilley, Suite A, Canton

Details: Compassionate Care Hospice conducts a caregiver support group, "Compassionate Words," providing emotional support to any adult grieving the loss of a loved one. The group focuses on the various stages of grief and incorporates basic journal writing as a way to express feelings. The program is free of charge.
Contact: To register, contact Ann Christensen, compassionate care hospice bereavement coordinator at 888-983-9050 or email achristensen@cchn.net.

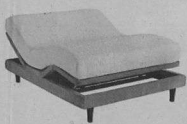


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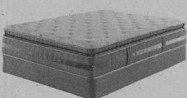
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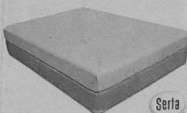
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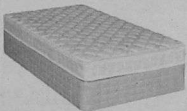
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CHIEFS OF WEIGHT

Canton wrestlers Pantaleo, Griffin eye Palace podium to cap stellar prep careers

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

They both are from families who eat, sleep and drink wrestling.

They also have simultaneously carved out amazing legacies with the Canton Chiefs varsity wrestling program that will long outlast their final prep matches this weekend at the Palace of Auburn Hills.

So it follows along perfectly that Canton seniors Alec Pantaleo and Ben Griffin don't just plan on being on the podium in their respective weight classes when the Division I state finals conclude Saturday (the three-day tourney begins Thursday).

Pantaleo (49-0) and Griffin (46-3) will compete at 145 and 130, respectively.

"My goal is to be at the top

of the podium," said the 17-year-old Pantaleo, who actually did win a state title as a sophomore in the 135-pound weight class.

Likewise, Griffin isn't about to come that close to the ultimate achievement and not reach it. He painfully remembers 2013, when a knee injury curtailed his bid for a championship.

"My last performance last year was a grueling experience on my knee," said Griffin, also 17. "The year before that I was the state runner-up. This year, I won't be satisfied with anything but the top. I'll regret it if I don't win it now."

Lots of wins

Both four-year seniors have combined for nearly 400 victories with the Chiefs since first stepping onto the mat in 2010-11.

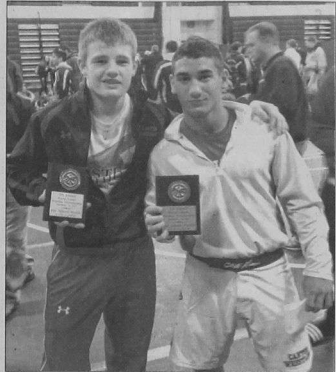
Griffin reached the 200-win plateau in the recent DI team districts.

Pantaleo — who will wrestle at the University of Michigan, where his uncle was an All-American — might have reached that mark too, if not for a broken hand that wiped out the final couple months of his junior season.

He has over 170 career wins and only eight losses in four splendid seasons with the Chiefs.

No matter what happens at the state finals, Pantaleo-Griffin will always be regarded as an outstanding Canton combo.

It will be hard to think about one wrestler without thinking about the other, perhaps like the Detroit Tigers' double-play combination of Alan Trammell and Lou Whit-



It's nothing new to see Canton senior wrestlers Ben Griffin (left) and Alec Pantaleo clutching medals. They have amassed many in their four-year careers with the Chiefs.

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Salem senior forward Jake Sealy (No. 9) accepts high fives from teammates after scoring the first of two goals on Monday night against Canton. PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER (STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER)

Relentless Rocks

Willer's hat trick leads Salem to 9-1 mercy-rule rout of Canton

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Early penalty trouble wasn't what short-handed Canton needed in Monday night's Division I pre-regional boys hockey game at Plymouth Cultural Center.

But Salem scored two power-play goals within 47 seconds to break a scoreless tie, and the Rocks kept on shooting and scoring the rest of the night in a 9-1 mercy-rule victory.

Junior forward Noah Willer's third goal of the night opened up the eight-goal spread with 13 minutes remaining in the third, at which point the game was called.

Salem (11-14-1) will face Plymouth at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in the pre-regional semifinal.

"This is good to see, because we've struggled to score goals all year," Salem head coach Ryan Ossenmacher said. "Everything up to this point is basically getting ready for this and you need balanced scoring. You can get a line that produces, but you need more than one line."

"Tonight we had three lines going and every one of them chipped in."

Also scoring two goals each were senior forwards Jake Sealy (who also had three assists), Jason Newell (three points) and Jack Driscoll.

Powering up

For Chiefs first-year coach Brad Barath, the relentless Salem attack (a 49-7 score in shots on goal) was too much for his squad.

"It's not what I expected or what anybody else really expected. I thought we were going to come out here and have a battle. But that cer-



Cutting around Canton defender Bryan Eastman (No. 10) is Salem senior forward Jack Driscoll (No. 28).

tainly was not the case.

"... They've got a good power play and our PK has struggled all year. Having guys in the box with a short roster, it's not going to be any good."

Salem's first goal of the night came with just two seconds remaining in a 5-on-3 power play.

Willer hammered home a centering feed from junior forward Liam Walker (three assists) with Jason Newell also assisting a helper.

That fired up the Rocks because they still had about 90 seconds with

the extra man.

"It felt good, that 5-on-3 really put us on top and we scored with two seconds to go," Sealy said. "And we scored the 5-on-4 right after that." Scoring with a slam dunk at the right post was Willer, after receiving Sealy's crisp cross-ice pass. Starting the play was junior blue liner Noah Saad.

Just 32 seconds after that, Driscoll got in on the fun to make it 3-0.

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'Cats ward off rally by Rocks

Salem's uprising too late; Plymouth to face Novi

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

If the Plymouth Wildcats varsity girls basketball team ever had that sinking feeling in the second half Monday against Salem, Brooke Senkbeil took care of it.

With the Rocks charging back into the Class A district opener at Northville, senior wing Senkbeil helped ward off that comeback with perfect shooting (4-for-4) from the free-throw line in the final stanza to cap off Plymouth's 45-40 victory.

Salem outscored the Wildcats 19-14 in the fourth — all but two tallied by junior forward Hayley Rodgers and junior forward Shara Long — but could not finish the rally.

"Credit Salem a lot for being relentless and making some big plays in the fourth quarter," Plymouth head coach Nick Brandon said. "But I was also really proud of some of our standout players, notably Brooke Senkbeil, for stepping up and making some gutsy shots in the second half to help us win."

"We let our lead slip near the end of the game, but to our team's credit we gained it back at crunch time to earn an obviously important win."

Senkbeil led the Wildcats (17-4) with 12 points, while senior center Shelby Cheston (10 points) and senior wing Jada Woody (eight points) also chipped in.

For Salem (12-9), Rodgers nearly pulled off the comeback for her team. She drained three treys in the fourth quarter and led the Rocks with 11 points.

Collecting 10 points (eighth in the fourth) was Long.

Plymouth enjoyed leads of 12-6 after one quarter and 19-14 at halftime before opening up a 31-21 edge after three.

Salem 'family'

The Rocks were not about to go without a fight, with an 11-0 run cutting the deficit to two with a minute to go.

"We had a couple opportunities to tie

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Plymouth senior point guard Kylie Robb (left) dribbles past Salem junior guard Janyra Wilson on Monday night at Northville. JOHN KEMSKI EXPRESS PHOTO

KENSINGTON CONFERENCE MEET

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P-CEP squads finish 5-6-7 as Spartans nip Mustangs

By Brad Emmons
Staff Writer

It seemed most of the stars aligned Saturday for the Livonia Stevenson boys swim team.

After losing the KLA.A Central Division title just a week earlier to Northville, 655-5-608, the Spartans reversed their fortunes at South Lyon East in a big way by repeating as the Kensington Conference champions by a mere 4.5 points, 888.5-881.

Central Division teams Novi (758.5), South Lyon Unified (615) and Salem (376) took the next three places followed by KLA.A South Division squads Plymouth (305.5), Canton (236), Livonia Churchill (211), Westland John Glenn (188), Wayne Memorial (181.5) and Livonia Franklin (72).

Salem head coach Chuck Olson was pleased with how his squad performed. "We had some great swimmers," Olson noted, "led by captain Matt Pairitz with state qualifying times in the 50 and 100 free."

Pairitz finished fourth in the 50 freestyle with a time of 22.25 seconds and came in fifth in the 100 free (48.98).

Olson listed several others as rising to the occasion.

Those included Charles Liu (200 free with state qualifying time of 1:48.39, 100 breast), Patrick Casey (200 IM, 100 back), Brendan Wellman (100 fly, 100



Salem's Matt Pairitz qualified for the D1 state meet in two individual events and one relay.

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back), Phil Collingwood (200 IM, 500 free), Colin Urbacewski (200 IM, 100 fly), Greg Payne (100 fly, 500 free), Noah Fleming (50, 100 free) and Brian Kuhn (200 free, 100 back).

Divers Michael Falzon and John Vary also scored to help the Rocks to their fifth-place finish, Olson said.

Casey's 57.01 in the 100 back just missed the 56.50 qualifying time.

Salem's 400 free relay (Pairitz, Collingwood, Kuang, Liu) and Plymouth's 200 medley relay team of Ben Yang, Garrett Beauprez, Ryan Heinze and Michael Wischer also qualified with respective times of 3:22.26 and 1:43.09.

But Salem's efforts could not offset the dominance by Stevenson, winners of nine of 12 events.

Leading the Spartans was senior Nick Arakelian, who figured in four first places including individual wins in the 200-yard individual medley (1:49.2) and 100 freestyle (46.48).

Arakelian's most impressive victory came in the 200 IM as he was more than 10 seconds faster than runner-up Joel Bischoff of South Lyon (1:59.7). Arakelian also broke the meet record of the first-place 400 freestyle relay (3:08.94) which included Jake Goeddeke, Parker Belmore and O'Dowd.

Both were meet records.

BOYS SWIM RESULTS

KENSINGTON CONFERENCE BOYS SWIM MEET

FINAL RESULTS

Feb. 27-29 at South Lyon East
TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Livonia Stevenson 888.5 points, 2. Northville 881.3, 3. Novi 758.5, 4. South Lyon Unified 615.5, 5. Livonia Franklin 72, 6. Plymouth 305.5, 7. Canton 236, 8. Livonia Churchill 211, 9. Westland John Glenn 188, 10. Wayne Memorial 181.5, 11. Livonia Franklin 72.

A MEET RESULTS

200-yard medley relay: 1. Stevenson (Parker Belmore, Grant McClain, Bradley Pugh, John Goedel), 2. Livonia Stevenson 3:08.94, 3. South Lyon Unified (Joel Bischoff, Matt Pairitz, Noah Fleming), 4. Novi (Greg Payne, Colin Urbacewski, Noah Fleming), 5. Livonia Franklin (Noah Fleming, Greg Payne, Colin Urbacewski), 6. Livonia Churchill (Noah Fleming, Greg Payne, Colin Urbacewski), 7. Canton (Noah Fleming, Greg Payne, Colin Urbacewski), 8. Plymouth (Ben Yang, Garrett Beauprez, Ryan Heinze, Michael Wischer), 9. Livonia Franklin (Noah Fleming, Greg Payne, Colin Urbacewski), 10. Livonia Churchill (Noah Fleming, Greg Payne, Colin Urbacewski), 11. Livonia Franklin (Noah Fleming, Greg Payne, Colin Urbacewski), 12. Livonia Franklin (Noah Fleming, Greg Payne, Colin Urbacewski).

200 individual medley: 1. Nick Arakelian (S.L.) 1:49.2 (meet record), 2. Joel Bischoff (S.L.) 1:59.7, 3. Blakeis (S.L.) 2:00.79, 4. James Kuhn (S.L.) 2:01.55, 5. John Liu (N.V.) 2:01.71, 6. William (S.L.) 2:01.85, 7. Tom O'Donoghue (S.L.) 2:04.78, 8. Chris Gung (N.V.) 2:06.18.

50 freestyle: 1. Goodie (S.L.) 21.61, 2. Andrew Wenzel (N.V.) 21.85, 3. Wilkinson (S.L.) 22.14, 4. Matt Paritz (S.L.) 22.25, 5. Cody Hodges (N.V.) 22.14, 6. Michael Chen (S.L.) 22.92, 7. Robb (S.L.) 23.18, 8. Alan Ruan (N.V.) 23.18.

1-meter diver: 1. Ethan Schmitt (S.L.) 389.50 points, 2. Ethan Butler (S.L.) 387.50, 3. Matt Meadows (S.L.) 383.20, 4. Levi Oates (S.L.) 318.85, 5. James O'Neil (S.L.) 316.15, 6. Nathan Perleto (N.V.) 302.82, 7. Brian Ayles (S.L.) 293.80, 8. Anton Travis (N.V.) 278.45.

100 butterfly: 1. Vincent Nouri (S.L.) 52.46, 2. Brad (S.L.) 52.99, 3. Patrick (S.L.) 54.18, 4. Sid Karandy (N.V.) 54.35, 5. Xue (N.V.) 54.87, 6. Blakeis (S.L.) 54.87, 7. Ryan Peretz (S.L.) 55.78, 8. Frank Zhang (N.V.) 56.94.

100 freestyle: 1. Arakelian (S.L.) 46.48, 2. Westphal (S.L.) 47.34, 3. O'Dowd (S.L.) 47.44, 4. Wilkinson (S.L.) 48.59, 5. Paritz (S.L.) 48.98, 6. Vorhies (S.L.) 50.77, 7. Lee (S.L.) 51.04, 8. Kaminski (N.V.) 52.19.

500 freestyle: 1. Laforce (S.L.) 4:44.62, 2. Makhanina (S.L.) 4:54.11, 3. O'Dowd (S.L.) 4:54.18, 4. Phillip Collingwood (Salem), 4:57.29, 5. Fred Schatz (N.V.) 5:00.67, 6. Matthew Schafar (Salem), 5:01.56, 7. Peck (S.L.) 5:04.28, 8. Dan the oak (Salem), 5:13.4.

200 freestyle relay: 1. Stevenson (Arakelian, Chen, Lee, O'Dowd), 1:27.68 (meet record), 2. South Lyon (Wilkinson, Bischoff, Williams), 1:28.3, 3. Northville (Xue, Ruan, Kaminski), 1:29.53, 4. Plymouth (Yang, Beauprez, Heinze, Wischer), 1:31.87, 5. Canton (Venzel, Yang, Salas), disqualified.

100 backstroke: 1. Vincent Nouri (S.L.) 1:32.21, 2. Belmont (S.L.) 1:33.73, 3. Goeddeke (S.L.) 1:33.74, 4. Ryan (S.L.) 1:34.09, 5. Casey Patrick (Salem), 1:37.01, 6. Peter (S.L.) 1:37.12, 7. G. Williams (N.V.) 1:41.59.

100 breaststroke: 1. Makhanina (S.L.) 1:00.04, 2. O'Donoghue (S.L.) 1:00.72, 3. Lu (N.V.) 1:01.05, 4. Baga (N.V.) 1:01.25, 5. Gong (N.V.) 1:01.89, 6. Weis (S.L.) 1:02.47, 7. Ruan (N.V.) 1:02.55, 8. Wang (S.L.) 1:03.17, 9. Canton (Venzel, Yang, Salas), disqualified.

400 freestyle relay: 1. Stevenson (Arakelian, Goeddeke, Belmore, O'Dowd), 3:08.94 (meet record), 2. Northville (Xue, Kaminski, Liu, Westphal), 3:18.52, 3. Novi (Karandy, Xu, James Robbins, Vorhies), 3:18.94, 4. Salem (Schafar, O'Dowd), 3:27.09, 5. South Lyon (Bischoff, Wayne, 3:30.48, 6. Canton (31.77).

MEN'S COLLEGE HOOPS

Crusaders beaten by WHAC foe N'western

Schoolcraft wins to earn District 10 playoff spot

The Madonna University men's basketball team is literally limping into the postseason.

The Crusaders ended their Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference regular season Saturday with a 70-57 setback at the University of North-western Ohio.

MU, which slipped to 19-11 overall and 15-7 in WHAC (fourth place), suffered its fifth loss in its last eight games.

But the good news was that senior All-American point guard Bobby Naubert (Livonia Stevenson) returned to the lineup after sitting out the previous game with an injury.

Naubert finished with a team-high 15 points, while Derek Lennen (12), Travis Schuba (11) and Salem's Tyler Stewart (10) all scored in double figures.

Junior center Donald Owens also grabbed 10 rebounds for MU, which trailed 37-33 at the half.

The Crusaders committed 21 turnovers and shot 23-of-52 from the floor (44.2 percent). Ed Jenkins paced the third-place Racers (21-7, 17-5) with 21 points, while Johnny Elliott added 17. Derrick Tate chipped in with 16 points and 10 boards.

MU the fourth seed, will open WHAC tournament play beginning at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at home in a quarterfinal matchup against fifth-seed Aquinas College (15-15).

SCHOOLCRAFT vs. KIRTLAND: Canton's Terrell Sokol scored 20 points, while Kirtland's Darius Smith scored 20 points in the game to help Kirtland Community College (14-13, 7-10) to an M-100 Eastland Conference playoff over Kirtland Community College (14-13, 7-10).

Schoolcraft, which dropped only eight players, also got 18 points and eight rebounds from Oshawn Cole (Livonia Franklin). Schoolcraft shot 52 percent from the floor (33.6).

Senior Cole (Livonia Franklin) added 15 points, while Seneca's Myrtille Jackson was named as fourth place Schoolcraft secured a berth in the upcoming NCAA Division II District 10 tournament Saturday, March 4 on the road against third place Flint Mercy (23-9, 19-3).

Jack Oshawn led Central with 22 points, while Collin Craven and Ivan Valovic added 17 and 11, respectively. The Redskins, who trailed 36-24 at halftime, shot only 33.3 percent from the field. 23-9, 19-3.

FUN! MTT 114. SCHOOLCRAFT 68: On Saturday, host Flint Mercy Community College shot 70 percent of 20 points in the game to help schoolcraft College (13-1, 6-0) in an M-100 Westland Conference game.

The team, who shot a blistering 48-of-81 from the floor (59.4 percent), also won 12 rebounds. Darrin Foster who shot 10 points, along with senior center and NCAAA Division II Player of the Week Mike Anderson.

Russian Hayward also got on the bench to add 10 points, while Derrick Tate added 12 in the second half.

Anderson (Livonia Franklin) led Schoolcraft with 28 points and eight rebounds, while Andrew Magley added 14 points and seven rebounds. Schoolcraft committed a total of 24 turnovers.

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Carrying the puck from Salem's zone down the right side of the rink was Driscoll, with left wing Walker as a decoy for Canton starting goalie Nick Borg to worry about.

Driscoll ripped a high shot from the right circle over Borg's trapper. Junior defenseman Nick Smith was credited with the lone assist on the play.

Glimmering hope

Canton (3-19-1) showed a spark of life to open the second period, and needed just 40 seconds to get on the board.

A faulty clearing attempt by the Rocks landed on the stick of Canton senior defenseman Collin Smith at the left point.

Smith wired a slapshot that squeaked through Salem senior goalie Parker Godfrey to make it a 3-1 contest.

Then came what Ossenmacher agreed was probably the biggest goal of the night for his team, the one that reopened a three-goal spread with 12:45 left in the frame.

A point shot by Saad (two assists) caromed off the boards behind the net into a pileup of players to the left of Borg, who was caught out of position after coming out to cut the angle on the blast.

The rebound was jammed in by Jason Newel.

The fourth one definitely put us back in control," Ossenmacher said.

But for good measure, Sealy and Driscoll (again) found the rebound before the second period concluded, opening up a 6-1 lead.

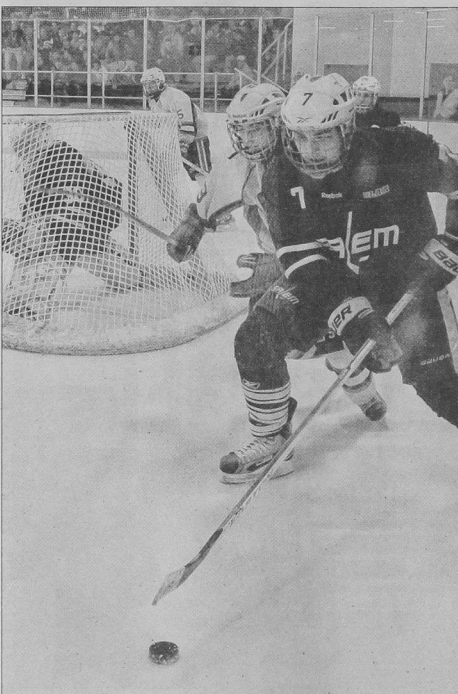
Sealy's second of the night made it 5-1 with seven minutes to go in the middle stanza.

On target

Sophomore forward Evan Newel set up the goal with a perfect pass up the middle. Sealy, moving to his left into the circle, roofed the puck over Borg's glove.

"I just saw the D step up on me," said Sealy, describing the goal. "I walked around him and saw the fat side open, so I just went far side high."

That goal was the end of the



Chasing the puck behind the Salem goal are Rocks defenseman Nate West (No. 7) and Canton forward Matt Eastman (No. 19). BILL BRESLER / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

night for Borg, pulled in favor of sophomore Isaac Salinas. Driscoll's second of the night was set up by line mates Walker and junior Richie Corso (two assists).

The onslaught continued in

the third, with Jason Newel scoring (from Sealy) at the 17-second mark.

Barath brought in his third goalie (senior Justin Kolbie) at that point, but it didn't mat-

Shots by Sealy and Willer (from senior forward Steven Homrich) beat Kolbie with in a one-minute span to finish off the Chiefs.

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COLLEGE BASEBALL ROUNDUP

Crusaders take two from St. Francis

Madonna University ended its four-game weekend baseball swing Sunday in Marion, Ill. by sweeping a double-header at host St. Francis, 6-4, and 6-0, at Rend One Park.

The Crusaders, now 6-4 overall, will start their southern road trip Saturday in Auburndale, Fla., with a double-header against Hannibal-LaGrange (Mo.).

Freshman right-hander Mike Kanitra (Livonia Stevenson) picked up his first win as a

Crusader going six strong innings in the nightcap. While working out of a fifth-inning jam, Kanitra allowed five hits while walked only one and struck out five.

Reliever Alec Padilla pitched a scoreless seventh to complete the shutout. Offensively, Shane Dobey went 2-for-4 with two RBI. Donny Holland also added two hits, while Ryan Lech and John Lauro each added an RBI.

In Game One, Ben Matigian (Livonia Churchill) went 2-

for-2 with two RBI and Lauro added two hits.

Winning pitcher Adam Prasad, a sophomore, improved to 2-0 allowing five hits and one earned run over the first six innings. Reliever Dan Stoney (Canton) was roused up for three earned runs in the seventh, but MU hung on.

The loss dropped St. Francis to 5-5 overall. **ST. FRANCIS (Ill.) 3-5, MADONNA 1-4**: On Saturday, host St. Francis (Ill.) took the loss, while Justin Folsom pitched two scoreless innings. Lauro went 2-for-4 with an RBI, while Scott Cooper also knocked in a run for the Crusaders.

open 3-1. Panayiotov struck out four and walked only one.

Pitcher Evan Pichota (1-1), a sophomore right hander from Stevenson, allowed just two earned runs on five hits over six innings, but suffered the loss. Joe Ruffe knocked in two runs, while Luke Wynn added an RBI for the victorious Saints.

Thomas Dalton collected two hits, while Luke Wynn knocked in MU's lone run. In Game Two, Anthony Feliciano went 2-for-3 with three earned runs and knocked in two runs as St. Francis earned a 5-4 victory.

Winning pitcher Jake Butler went five innings allowing five earned runs on eight hits and four walks. He struck out just before Ruffe came on in the seventh for the Saints.

In Game Two, Anthony Feliciano (Livonia Franklin), the MU starter, gave up four earned runs on six hits over five innings. Reliever Jake Varico (1-1) took the loss, while Justin Folsom pitched two scoreless innings. Lauro went 2-for-4 with an RBI, while Scott Cooper also knocked in a run for the Crusaders.



Salem's Jake Lenders (20) tries to get past Glenn defender Mo Foani. DOUGLAS BARBERSTOCK

Rocks fall in bid for conference title

Everette, Pruitt lead John Glenn to victory

By Brad Emmons
Staff Writer

The Sochi Olympics provided plenty of golden moments. And the winter of 2014 has also proven to be memorable as well for the Westland John Glenn boys basketball team.

The Rockets, who came in as the KLAAs South Division champs, picked up their second title of the season Saturday night by downing host Salem, the Central Division champs, 56-51, for the Kensington Conference championship.

John Glenn, now 14-5 overall, will now take on White Lake Lakeland, also 14-5, for the overall Association crown beginning 7 p.m. Thursday at home.

The Rockets' one-two punch of 6-foot-4 senior forward Isaac Everette (26 points) and 6-6 senior forward James Pruitt (10 points, 16 rebounds) proved to be too much for the Rocks, who slipped to 15-4 overall.

But it was a team effort for Glenn, which was able to withstand a late Salem push after leading by as many as 11 points early in the fourth quarter.

Glenn paced out to a 21-10 first quarter lead as Everette scored nine points, including a three-pointer. Triples by Michael Bradley and Mo Foani also helped create the 11-point advantage.

Salem came out full-court pressure to start the game and made 8-of-15 first period shots.

"We just try to get some energy going," Glenn coach Dan Young said. "Nothing special, just try and pick up and get some pressure from the start. Just try and get a good start, be aggressive, and not be passive, that's all."

Slow start

Meanwhile, it was not the start Salem envisioned. "Glenn came out of the blocks blazing, and they never looked back," Salem coach Bob Brodie said. "They led from wire to wire. It was a force. They played tough both ends of the court. They're a big, strong team... fast. Isaac (Everette) didn't play us the first time, and he did a nice job. And Pruitt was tougher than heck inside."

Salem cut the lead to 28-22 at halftime, but Glenn outscored the Rocks 16-11 in the third quarter to go up 44-33. Salem shot 15-of-35 from the field through three quarters (42.8 percent) and hung around in the final quarter despite going 9-for-23.

Michael Hoover's basket with 1:28 left in the fourth cut the deficit to 49-45. And the Rocks thought they had possession arrow going their way after forcing a jump ball just three seconds later. But officials ruled Glenn had asked for a timeout prior to the tie-up and Everette nailed six straight free throws to seal the victory.

Salem committed only nine turnovers on the night, but

shot only 1-of-7 from the foul line.

"In the game like this we told the kids, 'If you're going to win a game like this you've got to have shots fall,' and we didn't shoot that well tonight," said Brodie, whose team finished 24-of-58 from the floor (41.3 percent).

"There was a lid on the bucket up there, but give Glenn credit also. They changed the trajectory of our shots quite a bit, too."

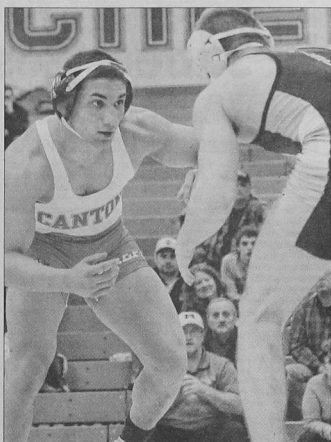
Senior guard Connor Cole paced Salem with 14 points, while junior forward Tyler Brooks added 10. Hoover grabbed a team-best six boards.

"It was tough, but we hung in there," Brodie said. "I was proud of the way the kids hung in there. It looked like it could have been a blowout at a time, but we fought back into the game."

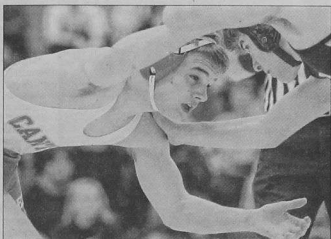
Salem will play its regular season finale also on Thursday at home against Walled Lake Central.

"We'll try and regroup and use that last (regular season) game as a springboard into the state tournament," Brodie said. "It's a brand new season again. We lost a game late in our division schedule — South Lyon got us — and you wonder how you're going to bounce back, and they did a pretty good job, so hopefully they bounce back."

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Canton's Alec Pantaleo (left) wears down opponents with quick legs and mental toughness. DR. ANDREW RUBENSTEIN



Nothing bothers Canton's Ben Griffin (left) when he's in the heat of battle. DR. ANDREW RUBENSTEIN

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aker. They seem to know that, too.

"We are like brothers," said Griffin, slated to join the Eastern Michigan University wrestling program next season.

"Our legacy, I honestly think we might be one of the best duos to come through here, through the Park. We have been together since we were 6 years old. We were dual partners from 6 to 18."

"It's been a wild ride. Not many people can say that they've been that close-knit and that hard-working for so long."

Leaving their mark

Concurring with the maelstrom yet soft-spoken Pantaleo, who despite being just 5-foot-5 looks like he could bench press a small car.

"Definitely, I think we are going to leave our legacy here," Pantaleo said. "I'm just hoping that there will be some place in the school, not in the wrestling room, where (people) see our names and see what we did. That's the only thing I want after leaving here."

During those recent team districts, Pantaleo peered up at the crowded bleachers at Canton High School and may be realized he doesn't have to worry so much about that.

"I look in the crowd and see a giant group of my friends that are watching," Pantaleo said. "That's always sweet looking in the crowd and seeing people that usually don't go to tournaments."

He acknowledged that it takes time to get to know the sport's nuances and tactics. But once somebody makes that kind of investment in learning about wrestling, that person undoubtedly is a fan for life.

"It's a very confusing sport," Pantaleo said. "I mean, even I get confused and I've been in it for years now. The thing is about wrestling, once you watch it you're going to love it because it's so exciting. "There's different stuff that can happen at any time. Unlike football, where it's basically just straightforward right in front of your face."

And wrestling fans can see just how special Pantaleo and Griffin are, and have been, throughout their Canton careers. All they've had to do is watch how fiercely they compete.

Down the road

Astonishingly, their career paths have almost been in

lockstep. Pantaleo said he started wrestling as a little kid when his dad (Mike Pantaleo, Chiefs assistant coach) opened the Canton Youth Wrestling Club.

The seed, of course, had been planted as soon as he could walk, with his family's link to wrestling featuring an uncle, Joe Pantaleo, who was a two-time NCAA All-American at Michigan.

Alec Pantaleo recalled his first big victory, winning a state championship trophy in a youth league while in sixth grade and "after that I realized I had a lot of potential" in the sport.

That feeling of accomplishment fueled a work ethic that only elite athletes can relate to. Pantaleo said he weighed 101 pounds in sixth grade, but bulked up over the ensuing years to 152.

"I work out every day," he said. "Sometimes more than I need to. I work out a lot."

Ben Griffin — whose dad, Ben Griffin Sr. also is on Canton head coach Cory Mancuso's staff — often was Alec's opponent during those early formative years at the Canton Youth Wrestling Club.

The older Griffin encouraged him and instilled in him a jaw-dropping work ethic that the youngster makes sure to never forget. (For the record, the wrestlers also give major props to their moms, Wendy Pantaleo and Andrea Griffin.)

"I might have not been wrestling if it wasn't for my father right now," Griffin said. "He was a big support and a big push, and he is the one who taught me this work ethic. "At the beginning it was him pushing me. And now it's me pushing him to get out of bed to get me to practice."

And now, he said he has an unquenchable thirst to keep working, improving, getting better.

"It's all about a competitive state of mind," Griffin said. "Once you get mentally tough and you know you're mentally tough and you know you're good, it excites you."

"It's always fun getting better at stuff. It's never fun getting beat up and getting worse."

Pantaleo is as strong as they come. But he added how important mental toughness is to succeed in wrestling.

"You get a fast wrestler tired he's not so fast, you get a strong wrestler tired he's not so strong," Pantaleo said. "But you can't get a mentally tough wrestler tired."

Sounds like a plan — a championship kind of plan.

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the game and came up short," Salem interim coach Lindsay Klemmer said. "I believe we played hard enough to win that game."

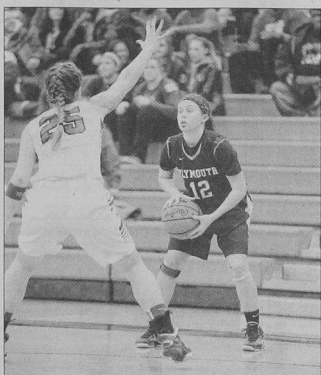
Salem's season was filled with tragedy and emotion, with the late December death of longtime coach Fred Thoman. But the Rocks showed Klemmer a lot during the past couple months, under adverse conditions.

"All in all, the amount of commitment and courage these girls showed this season was inspiring," Klemmer said. "We fought through a lot and came out as a family in the end."

Meanwhile, Brandon described the contest as having "that special feeling of a Park rivalry game, proved by that neither team quit until the final buzzer."

Plymouth will meet Novi at 5 p.m. Wednesday in what Brandon expects to be a battle.

"Novi will present us with great challenges with (senior point guard) Kerri McMahan as their leader," Brandon said. "She is a talented player in so many ways, but what really



Getting set to take a shot Monday night is Plymouth's Brooke Senkbeil (No. 12), while Salem's Kelly Whalen (No. 25) defends. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

makes her so effective is her competitiveness and mental toughness.

"We'll have to match it if

we are going to have success on Wednesday night."

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HIGH SCHOOL POMPON

'Sabarettes' make a 'state'ment

Plymouth pompon team captures Mid-American state championship

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

On the same court Michigan State University men's basketball coach Tom Izzo seeks perfection, Plymouth High School's junior varsity pompon squad turned in a slam-dunk performance Feb. 8 at the Mid-American Pompon State Championships.

In an event held at MSU's Breslin Center, the Sabarettes racked up 471 points to outdistance several other JV teams from throughout Michigan.

Saginaw Heritage finished second with 458.5 points, just

ahead of Midland Dow (456). Canton placed sixth.

All of the competing teams advanced to Breslin in qualifying at a regional event earlier this winter.

The pom teams perform routines set to music and are judged in a variety of categories, including appearance, form, execution, choreography, team unity and showmanship. Points are deducted for mistakes.

The JV Sabarettes, who perform at halftime of Plymouth boys basketball games, also placed first in the only other major competition they entered this season.



The previous time Plymouth's JV pompon team won a Mid-American state championship was in 2005.

The team is coached by Jillian Couvaut and Taryn Howlwick.

Pictured are Plymouth High School junior varsity pom team members (front row from left) Emily Lindboom, Kelsey Correll, Emma Belanger, Megan Baker, Michelle Zydeck, Kaitlyn Glud, (second row from left) Ali Bologna, Brittany King, Kelsey Sawyer, Kenzie Jones, Anastasia Plovak, Emily LeBlanc, Kara Timko, (third row from left) Olivia Dillaha, Izzy Bologna, Chelsea Justice, Jordan Kelley, Alyssa Salkoum, Erin Berger, Nina Pasqua, (fourth row from left) coach Jillian Couvaut, Sarah Gamble, Urara Kaneko, Gabby Olsen, Haley Kowalski, Makin Engstrom and coach Taryn Howlwick.

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SPORTS ROUNDUP

London tops Whalers, 4-3

The goalkeeping heroes of Alex Nedeljkovic nearly helped the Plymouth Whalers steal at least a point Saturday night from OHL powerhouse London.

Nedeljkovic faced 54 shots at Compuware Arena and kept his team in the mix right until the final minutes as London prevailed 4-3 in front of 2,864 fans.

Nikita Zadorov's power-play goal at 14:25 of the third period snapped a 3-3 tie.

Lighting the lamp for Plymouth were Danny Vanderviel, Victor Crus Rydberg and Zach Lorenz (his 23rd).

The Whalers return home for a 7 p.m. Saturday matchup against Windsor.

OT loss for PCA girls

Plymouth Christian Academy's varsity girls basketball team lost 46-41 to Bloomfield Hills Roccop in double overtime Friday.

Leading PCA (10-10) with 11 points was Rachel Fuller, while Rachel Smith and Jen Malcolm added nine and eight points, respectively.

Martha Mullett's try at the end of the first OT kept the Eagles alive, forcing a second extra session.

The Eagles were scheduled to open play in the Class D districts Wednesday night against Allen Park Inter-City.

Triple Threat tryouts

Boys basketball players (grades 5-8) looking to sharpen up their game and take it to the next level are invited to attend this weekend's Triple Threat Training tryouts.

The sessions run from 2-3 p.m. Saturday and TBa on Sunday at High Velocity Sports on Michigan Avenue in Canton.

T3 is a basketball developmental club focusing on improving skills, conditioning and agility.

For more information, contact coach Troy Coleman at 734-341-1336 or toleman@t3sports.net.

Strike It Rich

Canton Community Foundation's "Strike It Rich for First Step" bowling fundraiser is 1-3 p.m. Sunday at Super Bowl Lanes in Canton.

Funds raised from the event will benefit First Step of Western Wayne County, an agency that provides shelter and services to victims.

Super Bowl is located on Ford Road east of Canton Center.

Rocks baseball clinic

The Salem Rocks Dug-out Club announced the annual varsity baseball clinic is Saturday, March 29, in the Salem High School gymnasium.

Session 1 (players ages 7-10) is 9 a.m. to noon. Session 2 (players ages 11-15) is 1-4 p.m.

Visit www.rocksbaseball.com to download a flier or call Anne Driscoll of the Dugout Club at 734-392-4901.

UNDEFEATED!



The Salem freshman girls basketball team defeated Brighton on Friday night to "run the table" and finish the season 18-0. It was the first undefeated season for head coach Bill Mair and assistant coach John Lenders. Standing (from left) are Lenders, Emily Stewart, Khadeja Mohammed, Jayna Lenders, Kyleigh Gavin, Cecilia McIntosh and Mair. In front (from left) are Frankie DiVirgilio, Isabel Rodriguez, Darby Scott, Kristin Mihalic and Karmyn Thomas. Not present due to injury is Gabrielle Teodorescu. JOHN KERMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

INDIVIDUAL BOWLING REGIONALS

Canton frosh tops regional field

Friday's Division 1 team bowling regionals were disappointing for all three Plymouth-Canton Educational Park high schools.

But there was redemption Saturday when the DJ individual regionals yielded a champion and several other state qualifiers. The top-10 boys and girls performers qualified for the state finals, Friday and Saturday at Sunnysdale Lanes in Sterling Heights.

Canton Freshman Meghan Macunovich was the star at Super Bowl in Canton on the girls side of things. Macunovich won the individual championship with a six-game tally of 1,282. In second was Allison Morris of

Ann Arbor Huron, with 1,238.

Also making the cut among Park girls was Plymouth senior Caitlyn Webb. She finished ninth with a score of 1,091.

Howell's Jack Herdel ran away with the individual boys championship, registering 1,374. Finishing second was Salem's Tyler Ridgeway with a 1,258 tally. He qualified for the state meet along with teammate Steven Cadwell (seventh, 1,196), Canton's Josh Pozan (tied for third, 1,248) and Plymouth's Jordan Orzech (eighth, 1,192).

Placing ninth was Novi-Detroit Catholic Central's Joey Krzywonos (1,169).

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

Sealed bids for the Plymouth Canton Community Schools, Bid Package #4, consisting of Technology Electrical Upgrades at:

Elementary Schools	High Schools	Other Facilities
Allen	Canton	Tanger Center
Bentley	Dow	Plymouth Building
Dodson	Farmington Hills	Starwalkster Academy at Fiegler
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Field	Gallimore	
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will be received at the office of Mr. Brodie Killian, Deputy Superintendent of Business & Operations, Plymouth Canton Community Schools, 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth, MI 48170 until 1:30 P.M., local time on Tuesday, March 11, 2014 at which time they will be opened and read publicly at Plymouth Canton Community School, E.J. McClendon Educational Center, 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth, Michigan, 48170. Bids received after this time and date will be returned unopened.

Bidders may obtain one (1) set of 1/2 size bidding documents for a refundable \$50.00 deposit, beginning at 12:00 P.M. on Thursday, January 20, 2014, by contacting the Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith, Inc., at (248) 427-8400. Deposit checks should be payable to Plymouth Canton Community Schools. Deposit will be refunded upon return of complete documents in good condition to McCarthy & Smith, Inc. no later than fifteen (15) calendar days after the bid opening.

Bidders may download bid documents from Gradebeam.com free of charge by contacting the Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith, Inc., at (248) 427-8400. Bids are to be submitted in a sealed envelope. The bid divisions/being bid/are to be identified on the outside of the envelope.

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

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED USE OF THE 2014 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS MARCH 18, 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 Rooms of the Plymouth Township Hall located at 9655 N. Haggerty Road on Tuesday, March 18, 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.

ESTIMATED 2014 ALLOCATION BASED ON 15% PUBLIC SERVICE CAP

PUBLIC SERVICES	Allocation
Senior Services	\$7,283
Council on Aging	\$5,059
Senior Alliance	\$2,224
Senior Transportation	\$7,282
Senior Transportation	\$7,282
ADMINISTRATION	\$9,710
Administration	\$9,710
BRICK & MORTAR	\$72,827
ADA Township Park Improvements	\$72,827
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

PUBLIC SERVICES	Allocation
Senior Services	\$11,124
Council on Aging	\$8,900
Senior Alliance	\$2,224
Senior Transportation	\$33,986
Senior Transportation	\$33,986
ADMINISTRATION	\$9,710
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 Vignoe, Solid Waste and Public Service Coordinator, Charter Township of Plymouth, 9655 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, MI and must be received by Friday, March 14, 2014.

Nancy Conzelman
Clerk, Charter Township of Plymouth

Celebrate Irish culture at two musical events

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer



Local musicians and dancers will perform at the Doctors Without Borders fundraiser, March 1 in Redford.

Fiddler Mick Gavin of Redford will give you two big reasons to love Irish music next month.

He and his band, Crossroads Ceili will perform, along with pipers, dancers, singers and guest musicians at a Doctors Without Borders extravaganza Saturday, March 1, in Redford, and later this month, at his 30th annual St. Patrick's Irish Fest, in Westland.

Harpist Siobhan McKinney, singer Katie Else and flutist and penny whistle player Colleen Shanks will open the fundraiser at 5 p.m. It runs to midnight at the Ancient Order of Hibernians Hall, 25300 Five Mile, Redford. Admission is a donation at the door, with checks made out to Doctors Without Borders.

"I thought it would be lovely to have the three young ladies perform," Gavin said. "I think we'll have a lot of seniors coming in at 5 p.m. to have a corned beef sandwich, a beer, coffee or tea, to hear an hour of traditional folk songs, tunes on harp, flute and penny whistle." The menu also will include hamburgers, hot dogs and a cash bar and performers will play throughout the evening.

Gavin started the annual Doctors Without Borders fundraiser five years ago in response to the earthquake in Haiti.

ANIMALS

DETROIT ZOO

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. through March 31

Location: I-696 service drive and Woodward, Royal Oak

Details: Admission is \$14 for adults, \$5-61 for senior citizens 62 and older, and \$9 for children ages 2-14; children under 2 are free. Parking for cars and vans is \$5. Detroit Zoological Society members get free admission and parking.

Contact: 248-541-5717

ART & CRAFTS

CITY GALLERY

Time/Date: Through March 14; open during business hours

Location: Cstick Center, 28600 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: The fiber artwork of artist Cynthia Bodene is on exhibit

Contact: 248-473-1856

LIBERTY STREET BREW PUB

Time/Date: Through March 29; open during brew pub hours

Location: In the Upper Hall Gallery at the pub, 149 Liberty, Plymouth

Details: "Open Source" exhibit includes works by Gerard Antunes, Colin McGroarty and Scott Moelich

Contact: 734-207-9690

NORTHVILLE ART HOUSE

Time/Date: Gallery hours, 1:50 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, through March 1

Location: 215 W. Cady, Northville

Details: Eighth annual Member Exhibition. Submissions due 5 p.m. April 12 for "West of Center," an all-media show that will run June 6-28.

Contact: 248-344-0497; <http://www.northvillearts.org>

AUDITIONS

BARFOOT PRODUCTIONS

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, March 10-11

Location: 240 N. Main, Plymouth

Details: *S Women Wearing the Same Dresses* offers roles for five women, portraying ages 21-37 and one man, approximately age 28

Contact: [justgobarefoot.com](http://www.justgobarefoot.com)

DANCE

BERMAN CENTER

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 12

Location: 6600 W. Maple, West Bloomfield, on the cam-

"We raised quite a lot of money at that time, \$8,000 or \$9,000. I had a lot of musicians and dancers with me, a lot of guys from Ireland. We said let's do it again. It would be a nice thing to have a benefit again. And the parents of the youngsters I teach really enjoy it. They like that their children are involved in something like that. They think it's a worthy event."

"I make sure they (students) get up and play (during the benefit) even if it's only one tune."

Continuous music

Performers this year also include Anne McCallum Set-Dancers, Terrence Bradley Highland Pipers, Frank Kennedy, Ray Maguire, Colin Pace, Michael Gavin, Steve Agacinski, The Chambers Family, Suzanne Camino, Marty Somberg, Conor O'Neill's Session group, Ardan Academy of Irish Dance, Mike Houston, Brendan McNulty, Craig Wagner, Nicolas Brown, and the MacNeill Family Cape Breton Band.

Paddy Homan, originally

from Ireland and now from Chicago, Ill., is the special guest tenor.

"Paddy is quite a character. He's a social worker, and he spent time in the priesthood, too. He is devoted to the elderly. A part of his job is visiting the elderly who live alone. He sings a song for them and tells a story. Paddy is always telling stories. I think he can't help it," Gavin said. "He has two CDs to his credit and he sings *Danny Boy* in Gaelic, which is a rare version and he sings it in English."

St. Patrick's Day show

Many of the local performers, including Gavin's Crossroads Ceili, will play both the fundraiser and St. Patrick's Day event, which will run from 3 p.m. to midnight Sunday, March 16, the day before St. Patrick's Day, at Hellenic Cultural Center, 36375 Joy Road, Westland. It's the first time the group won't perform on the holiday.

"Sunday is more suitable for families, for mom and dad and grandparents and the kids to come out. The parade is that day — it starts at noon — and it will be over by 2 p.m. We'll have food and entertainment ready by 3 p.m.," said Gavin, referring to the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Detroit.

The Irish Fest is a family-oriented event that will include food and beverages for purchase in addition to continuous music. Admission is \$10, with children admitted free.

"We have people come from as far away as Flint, and Downriver and Ann Arbor," Gavin said. "We put in a big dance floor and we have a big party. Everybody has a good time and people can bring their children."

For more information about the Doctors Without Borders event or St. Patrick's Day Irish Fest, call Gavin at 313-537-3489, Chris Murray at 313-563-2078, Peggy Gray at 734-891-4871 or Irishman O'Neill at 313-96-IRISH.

GET OUT! CALENDAR

Time/Date: 7 p.m. meet and greet, 8 p.m. screening, Thursday, Feb. 27

Location: 17360 Lahser, north of Grand River Avenue, Detroit

Details: *Madman or Martyr*, a documentary on the life of John Brown by Detroit Country Day student, Luke Jaden, \$4

Coming up: *Wait Until Dark*, 8 p.m. Feb. 28 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. March 1, \$5; *The Lady Eve*, 8 p.m. March 14 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. March 15, \$5

Contact: 313-537-2560

MUSIC

BASELINE FOLK SOCIETY

Time/Date: Open mic sign up, 6:15-6:45 p.m.; performances 7-9 p.m., the third Saturday of the month through May

Location: The JWH Center for the Arts, Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth

Details: Open mic musicians may perform two songs, original or cover. Tickets are \$5 at the door. Annual memberships are \$25 for individuals and include free admission.

Contact: Scott Ludwig at BFSPresident@aol.com for additional information

BERMAN CENTER FOR PERFORMING ARTS

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 16

Location: On the campus of the Jewish Community Center, 6600 W. Maple, West Bloomfield

Details: Yael Strom & Hot Pstrom perform klezmer music; tickets \$13, \$10 for Jewish Community Center members

Contact: 248-661-1900

BLUES+THE ELKS

Time/Date: 7-10 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month

Location: Plymouth Elks Lodge 1780, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth

Details: \$5 donation at the door.

Contact: 734-453-1780

FARMINGTON PLAYERS BARN

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. March 7-8

Location: 32232 12 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: Blackthorn band performs, with Tim O'Shea. Tickets are \$19 for adults and \$17 for seniors and students. Buy tickets at the Costick Center, 28600 W. 11 Mile, by calling 248-473-1848 or by visiting recreg.fhgov.com

Contact: 248-473-1856

JAZZ+THE ELKS

Time/Date: 7-10 p.m. the last Tuesday of the month

Location: Plymouth Elks Lodge 1780, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth

Details: \$10 donation at the door includes hors d'oeuvres.

Contact: 734-453-1780 or [### hoo.com](http://email.plymouthelks1780@ya-</p>
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MICHIGAN PHILHARMONIC

Time/Date: 2 p.m. Sunday, March 2

Location: First Methodist Church, 4520 N Teritorial, Plymouth

Details: The symphony and Plymouth Oratorio Society perform together in this "The Ives of March" concert. They will perform Dvorak's *Te Deum* and the choruses from *Carmen Burana*. Tickets are \$30; seniors, \$25 and over; pay \$25 and students with ID pay \$10. Available online at www.michiganphil.org

Contact: 734-451-2112

TRINITY HOUSE THEATRE

Time/Date: Most shows start at 8 p.m., doors open at 7:30 p.m.

Location: 38840 W. Six Mile, Livonia

Details: Jill Jack, Feb. 28; David Nefesh, John Finan and Bob Young in the Round, March 1; Empty Chair Night, March 2; Drive South, March 7; Krista Detor, March 13; Kitty Krista, March 14; The Porters Field, March 15; Khalid Hanifi, March 21; Christopher Mark Jones with Steve D'Angelo, March 22; John Batdorf and James Lee Stanley, March 23; Nathan Bell, March 28. Most shows tickets are \$15, and \$12 for subscribers. Only cash and checks accepted.

Contact: 734-464-6302

THEATER

BARFOOT PRODUCTIONS

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Feb. 28 and March 1 and 2 p.m. March 2

Location: 240 N. Main, Plymouth

Details: *Twilight of the Gods*, directed by Craig Hane, is a dark comedy that raises questions about morality. An audience discussion will be held after the show on March 2. A Livonia teacher and three students will facilitate the discussion. "The Challenges of Raising a Child who is Different" tickets are \$15.

Contact: [justgobarefoot.com](http://www.justgobarefoot.com); 734-560-1493

EMERGENT ARTS

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Feb. 28 and March 1

Location: The Mix Studio Theatre, 8 N. Washington St., Ypsilanti

Details: The Improv Mixer consists of two nights of improvisation. Feb. 28 acts are Hexagonal Knife Fight performing *The Harold*, Haren of Handsome with a dating game structure and montage of scenes, and Gut Shot, with a montage of scenes. Damage Control will perform monologues and a variety of scenes on March 1. Tickets are \$8, available online at emmergents.com or at the door

Contact: 734-985-0875

Dixieland band plays Mardi Gras music



Trombonist Ron Kischuk and his Tartarsauce Jazz Band will perform Sunday, March 2 at First Presbyterian Church, Farmington Hills. ARCHIVE PHOTO

Trombonist Ron Kischuk and his Tartarsauce Jazz Band will celebrate Mardi Gras, 4-6 p.m. Sunday, March 2, at First Presbyterian Church of Farmington, 26165 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills.

The band features Johnny Trudell, trumpet; Gene Parker, clarinet; Marian Hayden, bass; Bill Cairo, drums; and Chuck Sherman, piano.

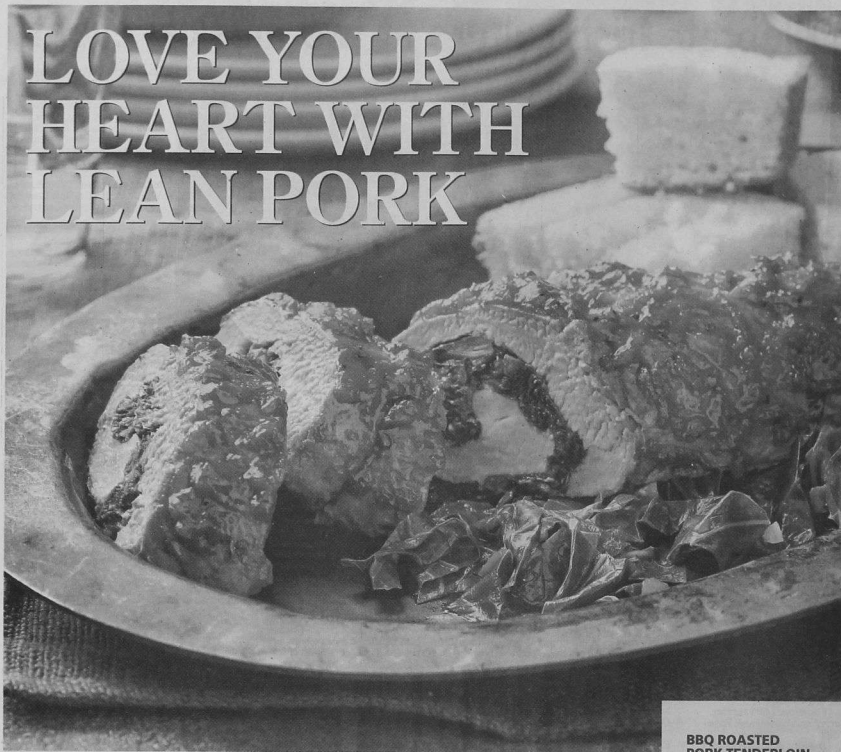
The Dixieland band is one of the most popular musical groups to perform in the church's seven-year concert series.

Tartarsauce Jazz Band is the ensemble-in-residence at Greenfield Village, and plays there throughout the summer. The group also performs extensively at local and regional jazz festivals, private functions, and Detroit Tigers games.

No tickets are required. A donation of \$15 per person and \$25 per family is suggested.

For more information about the Performing Arts Series at First Presbyterian Church of Farmington, visit www.farmington-pres.org or call 734-985-0875.

LOVE YOUR HEART WITH LEAN PORK



According to Chef Judson Allen, a "Next Food Network Star" finalist and chef who has maintained a 150-pound weight loss, Americans can take care of their hearts without sacrificing their favorite foods.

For chef Allen, those favorite foods include fried pork, greens and cornbread—a meal he remembers enjoying with his family on Sunday nights. "Just like so many people across the country, there are certain meals that I just don't want to give up," said Allen. "When I decided to create a healthier version of that dish, I used pork tenderloin, which is certified as heart-healthy by the American Heart Association, and so flavorful and versatile enough to include in any generational recipe."

For a complete meal that everyone will love, serve chef

Allen's BBQ Roasted Pork Tenderloin Stuffed with Braised Collard Greens & Caramelized Onions with cornbread and a salad on the side. Or try other healthy pork dishes, such as Mexican Pork Chops or Cajun Pork Pinwheels. And remember, for a tender eating experience, cook pork loin roasts, chops and tenderloins to an internal temperature between 145°F (medium rare), followed by a three-minute rest and 160°F (medium), using a digital thermometer to ensure an accurate reading.

Learn about all the leanest cuts of pork and try even more great-tasting pork tenderloin recipes at porkbeinspired.com.

Courtesy of Family Features

BBQ ROASTED PORK TENDERLOIN STUFFED WITH BRAISED COLLARD GREENS & CARAMELIZED ONIONS

Yield: 4-5 servings

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 cup onion, chopped
- 1/2 cup red bell pepper, finely chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1/2 teaspoon sea salt to taste
- 1/2 teaspoon black pepper
- 1 cup low-sodium chicken stock
- 1/2 cup stout beer or 1 cup low-sodium chicken broth
- 1 tablespoon apple cider vinegar
- 1 tablespoon honey
- 1 pound collard greens, washed and cut
- 1 tablespoon no-fat cream cheese
- 1 teaspoon hot sauce
- 1 pound pork tenderloin
- 1 1/2 cups any jarred BBQ sauce

Toothpicks

In heavy pot, add oil and onions and cook over medium heat until caramelized. Add red peppers, garlic, sea salt and black pepper. Cook for about 2 minutes.

Add chicken stock, beer, vinegar and honey and bring liquid to a boil. Add greens to liquid. Cook for about 45 minutes to an hour or until tender. Remove pot from heat and drain remaining liquid. Add cream cheese and hot sauce and stir.

While greens cook, prepare pork tenderloin. Butterfly your pork tenderloin by cutting a slit down middle. Do not cut through pork. Cover pork with plastic wrap; pound with flat side of meat mallet until about 1/2-inch thick, starting from middle and working outward. Discard plastic wrap.

Spread collard green mixture over tenderloin and tightly roll. Secure seams with toothpicks.

Place pork in baking dish and brush liberally with BBQ sauce. Bake in 350°F preheated oven for 25-30 minutes or until internal temperature of pork has reached 145°F. Let pork rest for 5 minutes and then slice and serve.

Nutrition information per serving: Calories 290, fat 8 grams, saturated fat 1 gram, protein 26 grams, sodium 330 mg, cholesterol 65 mg, carbohydrates 34 grams, fiber 4 grams

MEXICAN PORK CHOPS

Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 15 minutes
Marinating time: 4 hours
Servings: 4

- 4 New York (top loin) pork chops, 1 1/2-inch thick
- 1 4-ounce can green chiles, chopped
- 2 teaspoons oregano
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 teaspoons ground cumin
- 4 tablespoons cider vinegar
- 2 teaspoons oil

In blender container, place chilies, oregano, garlic, cumin, and vinegar. Puree until smooth. Marinate chops in mixture 4-24 hours, refrigerated. Heat oil in heavy skillet. Remove chops from marinade, and cook 6-8 minutes on each side until internal temperature on a thermometer reads 145 degrees Fahrenheit, followed by a 3-minute rest time.

Nutrition information: Calories 162, protein 22 grams, fat 7 grams, sodium 38 milligrams, cholesterol 55 milligrams, saturated fat 2 grams, carbohydrates 1 gram, fiber 0 grams

CAJUN PORK PINWHEELS

Prep time: 20 minutes
Cook time: 45 minutes
Servings: 6

- 2 pork tenderloins, 1 pound each
- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
- 1 cup red bell pepper, finely chopped
- 1/2 cup onion, finely chopped
- 1/2 cup celery, finely chopped
- 1 teaspoon dried thyme leaves, crushed
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic salt
- 1/2 teaspoon cayenne pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon paprika
- 1 tablespoon fennel seed, crushed
- 1 to 3 teaspoons lemon pepper

Using sharp knife, cut lengthwise slit down center of 1 pork tenderloin almost to, but not through, bottom of tenderloin. Open tenderloin so it lies flat; cover with plastic wrap. Working from the center to edges, lightly pound tenderloin with flat side of meat mallet or rolling pin until about 1/2 inch thick; remove plastic wrap. Repeat with remaining tenderloin.

Heat oven to 325 degrees F. Heat oil in large skillet over medium heat. Add red bell pepper, onion, celery, thyme, garlic salt, red pepper and paprika; cook about 5 minutes or until vegetables are tender, stirring frequently. Spread vegetable mixture evenly over each flattened tenderloin to within 1 inch of edges. Starting with shortest side, roll up; secure edges of each roll with toothpicks or tie each with string. In small bowl, combine fennel seed and lemon-pepper; press mixture onto top and sides of each tenderloin roll. Place rolls seam-side down on rack in shallow pan. Roast for about 45 minutes or until meat thermometer registers 160 degrees F. Let rolls stand 5 minutes. Remove toothpicks or string, slice.

Nutrition information: calories 197, protein 31 grams, fat 7 grams, sodium 275 milligrams, cholesterol 84 milligrams, saturated fat 2 grams, carbohydrates 4 grams, fiber 1 gram

FRUITED PORK MARSALA

Prep time: 15 minutes
Cook time: 20 minutes
Marinating time: 15 minutes
Servings: 4

- 4 butterflied pork chops, cut 1/2-inch thick
- 1 cup water, boiling
- 1/2 cup mixed dried fruit
- 3 tablespoons flour
- 1 tablespoon butter
- 1/2 cup chicken broth
- 3 tablespoons Marsala wine
- 1 tablespoon cornstarch
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cloves

In a small bowl, pour boiling water over dried fruit. Let stand 15 minutes; drain well. Set aside. Lightly pound chops with meat mallet. Dredge chops in flour and brown in butter in large skillet over medium-high heat. Add 1/2 cup chicken broth and 3 tablespoons Marsala. Cover tightly and simmer over low-heat for 8-10 minutes. Remove pork and keep warm, reserving pan drippings in skillet. Combine 1/2 cup chicken broth, water, 1 tablespoon Marsala, cornstarch and cloves; mix well. Gradually add to pan drippings. Cook over medium heat until thickened and bubbly, stirring constantly. Add fruit to sauce; cook until heated through. Serve sauce over chops. **Suggestions:** Pork cutlets simmered in Marsala and dressed with a dried fruit sauce, this elegant skillet supper is easy enough to fix on a Wednesday night. Serve with hot couscous.

Nutrition information: Calories 220, protein 20 grams, fat 8 grams, sodium 210 milligrams, cholesterol 55 milligrams, saturated fat 2 grams, carbohydrates 15 grams, fiber 1 gram



RELIGION CALENDAR

MARCH
ASH WEDNESDAY
Time/Date: 7-8:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.
Location: Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 3902 Five Mile, Livonia

oriented strength and stretch work...
Details: Six-week sermon series and Bible study, "40 Days in the Word"

Time/Date: Breakfast at 7 a.m. and study at 8 a.m.
Location: Kirby's Coney Island, 21200 Haggerty, Northville

Ward Presbyterian
Time/Date: 7 p.m. Mondays
Location: Room A101, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville

of infants through kindergarten.
Contact: Ethnie DeFarge at 734-658-4617 and Jody Hieszar at 734-658-2463

Dunning Park Bible Chapel
Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. first and third Tuesdays
Location: 24800 W. Chicago Road, Redford

ASH WEDNESDAY
Time/Date: 7 p.m. March 5
Location: Good Hope Lutheran Church, 26880 Cherry Hill, Garden City

Details: Service marks beginning of Lent. The church holds a soup supper at 6 p.m. every service at 7 p.m.

SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE
Time/Date: 1-4 p.m. Saturday, March 8
Location: Concordia Lutheran Church, 9600 Levee, Redford

SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE
Time/Date: 1-3 p.m. Sunday, March 9
Location: St. Paul's Preschool and Daycare, 2005 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills

SHIRLEY GRACE
Age 86, born September 9, 1927 in Detroit, MI. Beloved daughter of Leslie and Vida Leslie passed away on February 12, 2014 from complications of Alzheimer's Disease.

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 5
Location: La Park Lutheran Church, 14750 Kinloch, Redford

AUCTION
Time/Date: 6 p.m. Saturday, March 1
Location: St. Damian Catholic Church, 29891 Jay Road, Westland

Details: "Totally 80s" auction with dinner served at 7:15 p.m. and the auction at 8:45 p.m.

WIDOWED FRIENDS
Time/Date: 1:30-3:30 p.m. Sunday, through March 9
Location: St. Edith Church, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia

BLOVER, SHIRLEY (NEE ATKINS)
Age 95, died Friday, January 17, 2014 at home in Beverly Hills, Michigan. She was born on December 17, 1920 in Highland Park, Michigan and was predeceased by her husband Philip Richard Bloyer to whom she was married for 65 years.

MAYER, SONIA JUNE
February 21, 2014, of Plymouth. Visitation 1 p.m. until the funeral service at 3 p.m. at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Road.

Time/Date: 1:30 p.m. Sunday, March 2
Location: Sacred Heart Banquet and Conference Center, 29125 Six Mile, just east of Middlebelt, Livonia

CHILDREN'S CONCERN
Time/Date: 1:30 p.m. Sunday, March 2
Location: Sacred Heart Banquet and Conference Center, 29125 Six Mile, just east of Middlebelt, Livonia

RELATIONSHIP SEMINAR
Time/Date: 7 p.m. March 10-13, with banquet at 6 p.m. March 14
Location: Plymouth Seventh-day Adventist Church, 4295 Napier, Plymouth

SEMPATUS CASEY CENTER
Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday, March 11
Location: Trip to the center depends on John Neumann parish lot, 44800 Warren Road, Canton

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Time/Date: 1:30-3:30 p.m. Sunday, through March 9
Location: St. Edith Church, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia

VERMEULEN FUNERAL HOME
Paying tribute to the life of your loved one.

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 5
Location: St. Damian Catholic Church, 29891 Jay Road, Westland

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MAYER, SONIA JUNE
February 21, 2014, of Plymouth. Visitation 1 p.m. until the funeral service at 3 p.m.



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'COMMERCIAL INVESTORS' 'OPTIMISTIC'

Commercial real estate investments are expected to produce generally solid returns in 2014, according to the authors of *Expectations & Market Realities in Real Estate 2014—The Future Unfolds*, an annual forecast report released by Real Estate Research Corporation (RERC), Deloitte, and the National Association of Realtors.

The three organizations have drawn on their respective capabilities to examine the economy, capital markets, and commercial real estate property markets; thoroughly assess and analyze existing research; and offer an objective outlook for commercial real estate for 2014 and beyond. Findings indicate that although uncertainties remain, the economy is expected to continue to grow slowly and improve modestly in 2014. Capital is flush, and commercial real estate investment has expanded to the secondary and tertiary markets. In addition, the report carefully analyzes and offers a research-based assessment

of the office, industrial, apartment, retail, and hotel property sectors. The report also provides an outlook for the three most likely economic and investment scenarios for 2014 and beyond.

"We have seen steady if slow progress since the commercial real estate market collapsed in second quarter 2008, and as the future unfolds, we expect that the positive returns for commercial real estate will continue," stated Kenneth Riggs Jr., president and CEO of RERC. "The value increase from the trough is now about 30 percent, just slightly less than the value lost during the past six years. Although returns are likely to be positive in 2014, we forecast them to be a little lower than in 2013, but still a very reasonable approximate average of 8.75 percent."

"The stabilization that we have seen in the commercial real estate markets during the past year has added greatly to the 'cautiously optimistic' outlook we have for the year ahead," said Matthew

Kimmel, principal and U.S. real estate sector leader for Deloitte Transactions and Business Analytics LLP. "Overall, we see the potential for moderate and continued growth in the volume of commercial property transactions and in property prices."

The commercial real estate recovery is expected to continue throughout 2014, based on slightly stronger economic growth, noted Lawrence Yun, Ph.D., NAR chief economist. "We anticipate the economy to grow at an annual rate of approximately 2.6 percent, with about 2.2 million jobs to be added in 2014. More jobs mean increased demand for office, retail, apartment, and other commercial real estate sectors," noted Yun.

Expectations & Market Realities in Real Estate 2014—The Future Unfolds can be obtained electronically at www.rerc.com, www.realtor.org/produser.nsf and www.deloitte.com.

Slip and fall case facts vary

Q: We listed our home with a real estate company and allowed it to have an open house. We left the house key with the broker when we did not to be present at the open house. A potential buyer who slipped on the open house, came to our driveway, walked to the garage, and fell on the driveway. When we left, the sun was shining and the driveway was completely clear of snow. The buyer is threatening to sue us and our broker. Do you think they have a case?

A: While each case depends upon its facts, in a similar case that was decided by the Michigan Court of Appeals, the suit against the owners was dismissed because they were not in possession of the property at the time of the accident. Had the listing broker been held liable because he was in control of the property at the time and was responsible for the buyer's protection. The court stated that case noted that the sellers had taken reasonable measures to clear the snow from the driveway and sidewalk, and then turned over possession and control of the premises to the broker. You should check with your attorney as each case has to be considered on its individual facts.



Robert Meisner

Q: Can you tell me what my real estate agent's obligations to me are?

A: There are six general common law fiduciary duties that a real estate agent owes to his or her client. They are: Obedience—following your lawful instructions. Loyalty—agent must act only in your best interest. Disclosure—agent must tell you all relevant facts about the property or sale. Confidentiality—agent must keep your confidence. Accountability—agent must be accountable for your possessions, such as keys, money, important papers. Reasonable care and skill—agent must act competently. These are in addition to any other specific duties spelled out in the agreement you sign with your agent.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of *Condo Living 2: An Authoritative Guide to Buying, Selling and Operating a Condominium*. It is available for \$24.95, plus \$5 for shipping and handling. *Condo Living 2* is available in both print and e-book editions. The e-book is available for download through iTunes, Amazon.com, and BarnesandNoble.com. He is also the author of *Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track*, second edition. It is available for \$39.95, plus \$2.20 for tax, shipping and handling. Call 844-644-4633 or visit bmeisner@meisner-law.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

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

Bonnie David, broker/owner of Quantum Real Estate, is the presenter. It will be 6 p.m. each Thursday at 128 N. Lafayette in downtown South Lyon. Additional parking is across the street in back. Please call the office at 248-782-7130 or email jane-quan@qmre.com for your reservation or additional information.

Seminar each Tuesday, Thursday
A free seminar on government-insured reverse mortgages is offered by Colonial Mortgage Corp. at 6:30 p.m. each Tuesday and Thursday at each Thursday at various locations. RSVP with Colonial Mortgage at 800-260-5484.

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Oct. 7-11, 2013, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.	4230 Orchard Way \$355,000	29215 Greening St \$99,000	39754 Village Wood Cir \$75,000
	4931 Rands Rd \$359,000	33677 Heron/Cir \$70,000	30662 Vine Ct \$155,000
	338 S Cranbrook Rd \$45,000	28537 Heronwood Dr \$157,000	23984 Weston Dr \$380,000
	15705 Hill Blvd \$113,000	28328 N Skye Dr \$157,000	24329 Willowbrook \$300,000
	911 Tartan Trl \$190,000	28331 Quail Hollow Rd \$78,000	SOUTH LYON
	6285 Turbur Dr \$420,000	21797 Sheffield Cir \$315,000	440 Second St \$120,000
	923 Washington St \$250,000	23110 Westwood Dr \$130,000	1178 Padstock Dr \$278,000
	482 Westwood Dr \$491,000	21927 Sumnerwood Ct \$196,000	23757 Copperwood Dr W \$137,000
	128 Hamilton Rd \$435,000	30390 Tanglewood Dr \$354,000	1094 Fountain View Cir \$398,000
	COMMERCIAL TOWNSHIP	28409 Westleigh Rd \$170,000	54894 Genevieve Cir W \$335,000
	923 Washington St \$240,000	21514 Wheeler St \$119,000	1178 Hidden Creek Dr \$357,000
	3228 Belle Terre \$75,000	FRANKLIN	23781 Maple Ct \$305,000
	8674 Buffalo Dr \$129,000	26471 Crestwood Dr \$500,000	23846 Maple Ct \$414,000
	11626 Dickert St \$130,000	MILFORD	22996 N Fremont Dr \$406,000
	2450 Greenlawn Ave \$142,000	1347 Honeshoe Cir \$223,000	1178 Padstock Dr \$269,000
	2832 Orenda St \$170,000	377 Panorama Dr \$105,000	59026 Peters Barn Dr \$380,000
	2975 Solace Dr \$55,000	19105 Millford Rd \$127,000	23736 Point O Woods Ct \$575,000
	1965 Golfcrest Dr \$250,000	NORTHVILLE	23598 Winterberry Ct \$396,000
	2450 Greenlawn Ave \$142,000	47255 Battleford Ln \$408,000	53224 Woodfarm \$258,000
	2832 Orenda St \$170,000	20930 Currie Rd \$300,000	172 Woodland Dr \$111,000
	2975 Solace Dr \$55,000	741 Grace St \$590,000	SOUTHFIELD
	2377 Trillium Hills Dr \$55,000	22279 Lyon Dr \$75,000	20280 Alhambra St \$116,000
	FARMINGTON	948 New Haven Ct \$170,000	20905 Andover Rd \$125,000
	3210 Grand River Ave \$37,000	48759 Veneto Dr \$185,000	27115 Arlington Dr \$165,000
	Unit 1	NOVI	28715 Fairfax St \$40,000
	3212 Belle Terre \$68,000	2501 Albert St \$280,000	22965 Kenwood Cir \$115,000
	FARMINGTON HILLS	21209 Southampton Dr \$273,000	24290 Loos \$140,000
	37854 Amber Dr \$291,000	41878 Canterbury Dr \$148,000	24292 Lodi Dr \$92,000
	23220 Ashley St \$128,000	46792 Cheltenham Dr \$615,000	18278 Nadol Ln \$68,000
	23898 Fairfield St \$178,000	27634 Cromwell Rd \$725,000	23470 Riverview Dr \$219,000
	37656 Blossom Ln \$280,000	23115 Dartmoor Dr \$475,000	20165 Rodcoe Ct \$29,000
	29791 Briarcrest Knls \$125,000	21201 Drakes Bay Dr \$292,000	2517 Saint James \$109,000
	29665 Briarstone St \$197,000	24973 Fairy Hills Dr \$245,000	27305 Shagbark Dr \$78,000
	35886 Castlemeadow Dr \$135,000	22853 Gilbar St \$60,000	20906 Stachelin Rd \$78,000
	21796 Greenlawn Ave \$110,000	49899 Lyndale Grove Ln \$285,000	2719 Gary Ave \$184,000
	29046 E Marklawn St \$194,000	39970 Jacon St \$246,000	WHITE LAKE
	38652 Evanshire \$105,000	42171 Ladene Ln \$218,000	58 Danforth St \$68,000
	35870 Fredericksburg Rd \$269,000	42900 Ledgewood Dr \$286,000	8941 Glasgow Dr \$189,000
	38216 French Pond \$300,000	51000 Leakes Ln \$705,000	2870 Lynn Dr \$190,000
	20823 Gill Rd \$325,000	51200 Lyndale Ln \$285,000	9483 Mandon Rd \$189,000
	31024 Glenmuir St \$195,000	51279 Mayfair Tr \$305,000	8750 River Run Dr \$327,000
	29519 Gramercy Ct \$165,000	24759 Portsmouth Ave \$310,000	283 Rosario Ln \$365,000
	29675 Grand River Ave \$110,000	30758 Tanglewood Dr \$260,000	8270 Woods Edge \$40,000

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These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Oct. 28 to Nov. 1, 2013, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.	2635 Stanton St \$371,000	14638 Richfield St \$159,000	49048 Woodway Dr \$373,000
	43338 Stonington Ct \$215,000	29660 Richland St \$154,000	REDFORD
	43568 W Arbor Way Dr \$71,000	29840 Saint Martins St \$125,000	26061 Dow \$131,000
	41623 Fairway Rd \$172,000	20209 Southampton Dr \$273,000	20202 Lexington Ct \$21,000
	463 Waterview Ct \$471,000	45131 Trillium Ct \$211,000	15874 Loda Ln \$32,000
	GARDEN CITY	34222 Trillium Ct \$250,000	9559 Nathalie \$47,000
	5631 Belton St \$65,000	18306 University Park Dr \$60,000	9364 Sarasota \$80,000
	18208 University Park Dr \$100,000	225 S Center St \$100,000	8965 Belmont St \$29,000
	29714 Rosslyn Ave \$78,000	9269 Virginia St \$129,000	18664 Woodworth \$63,000
	LIVONIA	NORTHVILLE	WAYNE
	28715 Bayberry Ct W \$140,000	42065 Baintree Tr \$117,000	34865 Annapolis St \$55,000
	28726 Corynne Cir W \$135,000	18489 Silverpoint Cir W \$125,000	3996 Gloria St \$60,000
	35015 Willow St \$188,000	19714 Dearborn Ct \$315,000	5240 Williams St \$110,000
	11726 Camden St \$72,000	16859 Dover Dr \$152,000	WESTLAND
	12484 Cardwell St \$66,000	46470 Pinehurst Cir \$650,000	37149 Amhurst Dr \$91,000
	14651 Cavour St \$100,000	225 S Center St \$100,000	33114 Armadillo Ct \$72,000
	31733 Delaware St \$136,000	19947 Schoolhouse Ct \$116,000	8307 August Ave \$115,000
	15752 Edgewood St \$90,000	39404 Springwater Dr \$176,000	30654 Bradford St \$90,000
	15755 Ellen Dr \$180,000	41941 Sutters Ln \$308,000	36650 Fairchild St \$92,000
	18223 Fairway Rd \$139,000	42099 Southampton Dr \$310,000	3345 Oakley Ave \$123,000
	38750 Grandon St \$107,000	18315 Woodbury Ct \$395,000	7765 Gary Ave \$34,000
	12026 Haller St \$87,000	PLYMOUTH	1360 Mar Ann Dr \$65,000
	19054 Harrison Ave \$164,000	41463 Crestwood Dr \$171,000	1825 N Livonia St \$93,000
	14718 Hubbard St \$126,000	829 Forest Ave \$525,000	5818 N Walton St \$72,000
	36878 Joy Rd \$199,000	1400 Hartsough St \$286,000	38281 Overbrook Ln \$190,000
	18328 Lathers St \$179,000	777 Karmada St \$62,000	35541 Pleasant St \$102,000
	17557 Laurel Dr \$322,000	48640 Northlawn Rd \$40,000	547 S Hawthorne St \$29,000
	15667 Liverpool St \$187,000	8921 Northampton Dr \$60,000	7333 Sycamore Ln \$87,000
	32430 Lyndon St \$205,000	49970 Plymouth Way \$160,000	
	9723 Middlebelt Rd \$142,000	842 Sutherland St \$190,000	

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