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Regional hub could have ripple effect

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Canton's selection as a trail-blazing site for lightweight metals research and manufacturing could eventually have a ripple effect by ratcheting up demand for area housing, hotel lodging, retail stores and restaurants, local officials and market analysts say.

"I see nothing but great things coming out of this," Canton Township Supervisor Phil LaJoy said. "It's amazing. It's great."

Jason Borregard, sales manager for Clients First Realtors with offices in Canton, Westland and Shelby Township, said the American Lightweight

Materials Manufacturing Innovation Institute is likely to have an impact on the real estate market.

"I believe there is going to be an effect - what effect is the question," Borregard said. "(But) the name Canton is going to get out around the country."

Canton Township Treasurer Melissa McLaughlin said if the institute becomes as successful as its creators hope, it should have a spillover effect on the area's economy. She said the site's employees are likely to spend money on cars, clothing, restaurants and other amenities, while visiting partners pay for lodging, meals and other expenses.

"It could bring housing and commercial development and maybe some off-shoot industrial development," she said. "That is very definitely a possibility."

Alan Taub, a University of Michigan material science and engineering professor and chief technology officer for the project, said the specific site for the institute isn't being confirmed until the lease agreement is signed, which is expected soon.

Fast track

"The institute is incorporated in Michigan and will become operational soon," Taub

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University of Michigan student Jake Adams re-attaches string gauges in an ultrasonic fatigue apparatus in the Gerstaecker Building. UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN



William Anders is bringing his 1937 Ford Club Cabriolet to Autorama.

CANTON CAR OWNERS BRING STYLE TO AUTORAMA

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Two Canton men will have Autorama fans seeing red when they show off their 1937 Fords in Cobo Center during the 62nd event billed as America's greatest hot rod bash.

They don't know each other, but William Anders and Rick Grandke share a sense of style when it comes to classic cars.

Anders brought his red 1937 Ford Club Cabriolet from Modern Classics of Westland in 2012, decades after hot rod legend Boyd Coddington nurtured

it in southern California.

"I knew somebody had put a lot of love into this car," Anders, 67, said. "I had wanted a car like this for a very long time. I didn't want to compromise and get something that wasn't quite

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Water rate hike confirmed as forum nears

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

A typical Canton householder would pay about \$61 more a year under a local proposal to increase water-sewer rates by 5.6 percent, Finance Director Wendy Trumbull said Friday.

Typical consumers using 32,000 gallons of water for a three-month billing period would see their quarterly bills go from \$340.06 to just over \$355.30, amounting to about \$61 a year, she said.

The latest figures, released Friday, came after Canton officials announced a public water rate forum 7-9 p.m. Monday at Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, west of Canton Center. The session is intended to allow residents to ask questions or learn more about how their rates are calculated.

The proposed 5.6-percent increase comes after officials last year left water-sewer rates unchanged. Moreover, Canton residents actually saw a 2.3-percent decrease in 2012.

The new 5.6-percent increase would amount to Canton passing on to its residents the rate hike it has received from the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department, or DWSJ, without tacking on any local increase.

"That's good news, actually," Trumbull said.

Local officials had feared a larger rate hike might be necessary because Canton consumers didn't use as much water last year as officials had projected, due to a rainy season that curbed outdoor irrigation efforts.

In the often-befuddling arena of water rates, DWSJ penalizes communities that don't buy as much

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Bond projects prove popular with bidders

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

When Plymouth-Canton Board of Education members voted to hire McCarthy & Smith as the project manager for the district's 2013 bond projects, they pointed to the fact that every project in the

2004 bond, also managed by McCarthy, came in under budget and on time.

The management firm is off to the same kind of start with the 2013 bond. After the board approved bids for the first two bid packages Tuesday, the projects were already some \$2 million under budget.

The first bid package, consisting largely of work to renovate/create STEM labs at East, West, Pioneer and Discovery middle schools, had been budget at more than \$6.3 million. When bids were awarded, the total came to some \$4.7 million, a savings of more than \$1.6 million.

Bid swing

The second bid package, a general building project that includes assessment work consisting of re-roofing projects, exterior lighting replacements and athletics and

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water as they have projected to purchase. However, Trumbull said Canton officials managed to avoid a larger rate hike due to conservative budgeting by township officials.

Water-sewer rates are expected to become effective May 1, following Monday's water rate forum, a Canton Township Board of Trustees study session March 18 and two formal votes in April.

Canton water consumers last year averted a rate hike after township officials absorbed a 9-percent increase from DWSJ by adopting internal cost-cutting measures and using \$2 million of the township's \$19.6 million water-sewer fund balance.

This year's decision is expected to add a 5.6-percent increase to water-sewer

rates that, according to Public Works Director Bob Belair, are currently \$10.11 per 1,000 gallons.

Canton Township Supervisor Phil LaJoy has said local officials are hopeful of easing future rates possibly by moving, as some communities have, toward using a water storage facility. That could allow Canton to ease usage during peak morning and evening hours.

LaJoy has approached Detroit to determine whether the township might be able to use a DWSJ facility near Joy and Morton Taylor roads for water storage.

Local officials also have voiced hope of long-term efforts to ease water rates amid a restructuring of DWSJ.

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AUTORAMA

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right just so I'd have a (classic) car."

Then he and his wife Stephanie saw it: "I told her it was my dream car."

Anders often drives his car during cruise events on Woodward Avenue, in Hines Park and Downriver. He developed a love for hot rods and drag racing early in life. He recalls being pulled over a few times by police as a young man and also racing at the old Detroit Dragway.

This year, he decided to apply to Autorama, March 7-9 at Cobo Center, for the first time. He was accepted.

"I'm so excited, I haven't been able to sleep," he said.

Grandke, meanwhile, bought his red 1937 Ford two-door sedan in 1978 for \$500 from a family friend who lived on a farm in Marine City. He put restoration on hold as job transfers took him from Michi-

gan to Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin and back home six years ago.

"The car has been following me around all that time," he said. "I finally finished it last year."

Grandke and wife Annette have attended the Woodward Dream Cruise and car shows across the Midwest, but Autorama marks his first indoor show.

He had been to Autorama as a spectator, but to actually show a car, he said, "is really wild."

Grandke has owned muscle cars and sports cars, but the 1937 Ford, with a 450-horsepower Windsor stroke engine, is the oldest he has called his.

According to Autorama organizers, Anders and Grandke aren't the only Canton residents involved in the 62nd Autorama.

Bill and Sheri Amatucci are expected to bring their 1968 two-door Plymouth GTX in silver, gray and red. Phil Corry is set to show two Ford Mustangs, including a black

1968 model and a pepper-gray 1967 car.

Autorama, with nearly 1,000 hot rods, custom vehicles, trucks and motorcycles, is billed as the largest and oldest show of its kind in North America.

A live, outdoor fire-up of Bob Motz's flame-throwing semi-truck is scheduled for 11:45 a.m. Friday at the corner of Washington Boulevard and Jefferson in Detroit, in front of Cobo Center. Moreover, NAS-CAR legend Richard Petty and his son Kyle are scheduled for an appearance 6-8 p.m. Friday.

Autorama runs from noon to 10 p.m. Friday, March 7, from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, March 8, and from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday, March 9. Admission at the gate is \$19 for adults, \$5 for children 6-12 and free for children 5 and under. Discount tickets are available at O'Reilly Auto Parts.

For more information, go to www.autorama.com.

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site improvements, came in at \$1.6 million, more than \$400,000 less than the targeted budget.

"The swing between the high bid and the low bid was \$2.5 million," board President Judy Mardigian said. "You get aggressive bids and you end up under budget."

Bidding was spirited, especially for the first bid package. The package included 28 individual trade divisions and McCarthy & Smith received 216 bids from 149 different contractors.

"We had fantastic bidder turnout," McCarthy & Smith's Doug Underwood said. "We cut open 149 envelopes that day. It was about an hour-and-a-half bid opening."

The second bid package drew 60 bids from 21 different contractors.

Trustee Mark Horvath said he happened to be in the building for the first bid opening and was struck by the number of bidders.

"It was like we were giv-

ing something away for free," Horvath said, jokingly. "I think there were so many (bidders) because we got out there early."

Coming up

Bids on the most prominent project in the 2013 bond construction of the new middle school – were due Thursday. The board is expected to award that contract at its March 25 meeting and construction is slated to begin in April.

Trustee Mike Maloney, who did not support the idea of the bond, reiterated Tuesday he thinks studies that show declining enrollment in tough economic times makes the new middle school a bad idea.

"I'm still very nervous about the whole idea of building a new school when we have ... declining enrollment," Maloney said. "I don't think there's any question within the next four to seven years we're going to be closing another middle school. Spending this kind of money in the kind of climate where we are as a district is a mistake."

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said by email, in response to questions. "The plan is to get the facility ready for occupancy within 90 days after lease signing."

LaJoy and Taub were among the officials at the White House when President Barack Obama officially announced the project Tuesday afternoon, saying it is among four hubs intended to "put America at the forefront of 21st century manufacturing." Other sites are Chicago, Raleigh, N.C., and Youngstown, Ohio.

LaJoy said the institute, largely led by U-M, has put Canton on the national map.

"I think a lot of people are going to be very interested in what happens here and what they're about to come up with," he said. "It's going to be the hub of all that activity involving lightweight metals manufacturing and innovation. I would think people might want to be moving close to it."

Borregard and other real estate executives have said competition is already fierce

for Canton housing.

Taub said project leaders worked with a real estate broker to find a suitable location.

'Good match'

"The facility we found in Canton was a good match to the institute's needs," he said, adding later, "The facility will be used as our headquarters. We will be installing pilot scale advanced manufacturing equipment consistent with the priorities set by the industry needs. The facility will be used for both manufacturing technology development and training."

Taub projected "a limited number of full-time employees" at the headquarters, at least initially.

"However," he said, "the institute has a large and growing partner base of companies, universities and nonprofit laboratories that will be utilizing our technology development and training capabilities. By establishing this area as the national focus for lightweight metals manufacturing technology and workforce training, we anticipate those companies will want to locate their plants in the region."

Project leaders have said the \$148 million institute could create as many as 10,000 jobs across the Midwest. It involves a consortium of more than 50 companies, universities and nonprofits across the nation, with U-M a key player.

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

Obama said the institute is intended to forge manufacturing ties between the public and private sectors and lead to jobs that strengthen the nation's middle class.

Local officials have said the Canton site means the institute will have easy access to Detroit Metro Airport, the I-75 corridor and U-M. Officials aren't sure how much tax revenue the facility might mean for Canton.

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.

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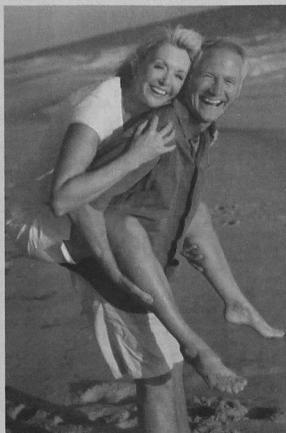
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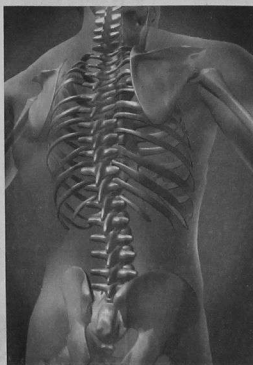
— Charlie Sanders, Former Detroit Lion tight end and NFL Hall of Famer

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Former Spartan delivers tale of hope

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

When Anthony Ianni was in middle school, he was bullied into sticking his tongue to a frozen pole by a fellow student who Ianni said made it his mission to be a bully.

Years later, as Ianni was leaving the Breslin Center — the home of the Michigan State Spartans, with whom Ianni won a pair of Big Ten championship rings — a man approached him with a basketball in hand and asked for his autograph.

The man? That same bully from middle school, providing Ianni with evidence that, despite life's challenges, he had made it to the top.

"Here was a guy who bullied me and now he was asking for my autograph," Ianni said. "I proved that bully wrong."

Ianni, now a motivational speaker working with the Autism Alliance of Michigan,

related that story to fifth-, sixth-, seventh- and eighth-graders during an appearance Thursday at Canton's Achieve Charter Academy.

Diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder at the age of 4, Ianni was the victim of bullying as a child. He went on to graduate from Michigan State University and became the first known individual with autism to play college basketball. He has won a number of awards, including MSU's Tim Bograkov Walk-On Award and the 2012 MSU Unsung Player Award and was named a 2013 Detroit Pistons Community Game Changer Finalist.

And he did it all while toppling pretty much everyone's expectations. "What I love about my story is that doctors told my parents I'd never do well in high school, never graduate college, never do well in sports," Ianni said. "My father always said, 'The harder you work,

the more you earn.' That quote helped me graduate from one of the toughest universities in the country."

Achieve Charter Academy Principal Jennifer Conley said Ianni's presentation fits in well with the school's curriculum.

"We spend a lot of time talking about our morals curriculum," Conley said. "Knowing (Ianni's) story felt like it would be an appropriate topic for the kids."

Ianni is on the "Relentless Tour," a first-of-its-kind anti-bullying initiative that will take Ianni to more than 650 schools this year. He points out that, like him, between 65 and 90 percent of individuals with autism become victims of bullying, "because they're easy targets," he said.

Ianni's purpose in being involved with the tour is to stop that. During his presentation, he tells his story, points out that celebrities like Emi-

nem have been victims of bullies and risen above it and urges kids to "have respect" for everyone in their lives — teachers, other students and family.

He also tells the story of the middle school student at his very first speaking engagement who apologized to the victim after hearing Ianni speak.

The message hit home with Achieve students like Ryan Henderson, a 14-year-old eighth-grader.

"It was inspiring," Ryan said. "I was bullied a lot in sixth grade. (Ianni) inspired me to live my dream." That's the message Ianni hopes kids get from his presentation. The last five minutes or so of his speech focus on the letters "LYD" — Live Your Dreams.

"The message is simple: Never give up on anything or anybody in your life," he told the kids. "There's only one



Former Michigan State Spartan Anthony Ianni signs autographs and chats with students following his anti-bullying speech at Achieve Charter Academy in Canton.

person who can stop you — you."

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ON CAMPUS

Wilmington College

Canton resident Megan Ashlee Wieloch is the recipient of a \$14,000 Academic Achievement Scholarship to attend Wilmington College, where she plans to major in athletic training.

She will graduate in 2014 from Plymouth High School. Her main activities/honors include: lacrosse, basketball, track and field, National Honor Society, Link Crew/student ambassador and student athletic trainer.

Wieloch is the daughter of Jacob and Michelle Wieloch of Canton.

Benedictine University

Benedictine University announced that 846 students, including Christopher Kordick of Plymouth, were named to the Fall 2013 Dean's List. The Dean's List recognizes full-time students who achieve a 3.5 grade-point average or above.

Benedictine University is an independent Roman Catholic institution located in Lisle, Ill. 25 miles west of Chicago and has branch campuses in Springfield, Ill., and



Wieloch

Mesa, Ariz.

Benedictine University's M.B.A. program is listed by *Cran's Chicago Business* as the fifth largest in the Chicago area in 2013.

Lake Forest College

Allison Carter of Canton received a Presidential Scholarship to attend Lake Forest College this spring. Carter comes to Lake Forest from Adrian College. Lake Forest College awards annual Presidential Scholarships of up to \$12,000, based on a student's application for admission, curriculum, transcript, interview, recommendations and standardized test scores. Lake Forest College is

a national liberal arts institution located 30 miles north of downtown Chicago. The college has 1,600 students representing 47 states and 81 countries. For more information, visit www.lakeforest.edu.

Detroit-Mercy

Canton resident Chase Zebardi of the University of Detroit-Mercy will be heading to Chicago to participate in the university's alternative spring break program.

These experiences include manual labor such as rebuilding homes, learning about other's cultures, helping others in need and participating in daily prayer and reflection. Participants exemplify the Jesuit education goal, being "men and women for

others" and the Mercy tradition of "compassionate service to those in need," both part of UDM's mission as an institution of learning.

Southern Methodist

Reid Conlon, a resident of Canton and a first-year student at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, is listed on the honor roll. To be listed on the SMU honor roll, students must be in the top 15 percent of their school of record. SMU's Fall 2013 enrollment included 10,972 students.

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tional reach of seven degree-granting schools.

Miami University

Andrew Jonathan Terhaar of Canton was named to the Miami University dean's list. Also making the list were John Dooley, Leah Powers and Lauren Walker, all of Plymouth.

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Canton man among phony oil suspects

Attorney General Bill Schuette this week announced felony criminal charges against four Wayne County individuals for allegedly selling intentionally mislabeled motor oil products to retailers across the state.

Schuette charged Moussa Kaddouh, 58, of Dearborn; Ali Kaddouh, 34, of Dearborn; Joe Kdough, 61, of Dearborn Heights; and Ayman Faraj, 36, of Canton, with felony charges for intentionally selling an improperly labeled commodity, as well as misdemeanors for possessing a non-certified measuring device to sell commodities.

"Michigan consumers deserve full confidence in the products they purchase," Schuette said. "We will continue to aggressively

ly pursue anyone seeking to skirt the rules at the expense of hard-working families."

Faraj is charged with four counts of intentionally offering for sale an improperly labeled commodity, felonies punishable by up to five years in prison and/or a \$20,000 fine, and two counts of possession of an unsealed/uncertified measuring device used for the sale of a commodity, misdemeanors punishable by up to one year in prison and/or a \$10,000 fine.

Faraj was arraigned before Judge Millicent Sherman in Detroit's 36th District Court and was released on a \$5,000 personal bond.

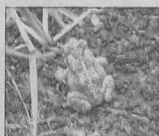
He is next due in court March 10 for a preliminary examination before Judge Joseph Baltimore.

Volunteers needed to listen for frogs and toads

Friends of the Rouge is recruiting volunteers that live within the Rouge River Watershed for the 17th annual Rouge Frog and Toad Survey. Training workshops begin this week, with the first one taking place Tuesday, March 4, at Canton's Summit on the Park. Additional workshops are scheduled for the Livonia Civic Center Library and at the Northville Township Hall. Volunteers need to attend the one workshop that fits their schedule.

The workshops provide participants with a background on the eight types of frogs and toads found in southeast Michigan and what their calls sound like. Surveyors are assigned their own survey area, which must be within the Rouge River watershed.

Surveys are conducted independently on warm spring evenings after dark from March (once it gets warm enough) through mid-May. Interested volunteers need to register for a work-



The American toad is one of the amphibians that will be surveyed during the Friends of Rouge's annual Frog and Toad Survey.

shop. The presence of frogs and toads is used as an indicator of wetlands health as the animals disappear when wetlands are too polluted. Diverse, healthy wetlands support diverse assemblages of amphibians. To learn more about the findings from the survey, visit the FOR website at www.frogs.org.

The survey is funded through a grant from the Rouge River National Wet Weather Demonstration Pro-

ject and local Rouge communities.

The workshops are:

» 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, March 4, at Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton.

» 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 8, at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile.

» 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 15, Northville Township Hall, 44405 Six Mile.

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Student leaders impress school board

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

The Plymouth-Canton Board of Education heard a good deal about a new leadership program being implemented at Eriksson Elementary School, but the presentation came with a twist.

Instead of building leadership and staff making the presentation – although they were there, too – trustees heard directly from the people benefiting the most.

The students. Seven Eriksson students were among nine speakers as the board recognized the "Leader in Me" program being phased in at Eriksson (it's also being taught at Miller and Smith elementary, with equal success). They joined Eriksson Principal Kevin Learned and teacher Mike Mardeusz at the podium to talk about the program.

"Eriksson's work on the 'Leader in Me' has been our response to your initiative of having a character education program in every building," Learned said to board members.

Superintendent Mike Meisen said the program is part of setting the foundation for students at this stage of their academic careers.

"We know the foundation we build is critical to future educational success," Meisen



Eriksson Elementary School students (from left) Tanner Younglas, Katie Montroy, Asmita Tuladhar, Tiona Johnson, Jackson Lehnis, Torrance Johnson and Dante Favor pose with the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education following their presentation Tuesday.

sen said. "At this stage, we have an awesome opportunity not only to educate young minds, but also help future leaders. There are young leaders everywhere. It's very obvious the students own this initiative and they're very engaged."

The "Leader in Me" program is based, Learned explained, on the book *Seven Habits of Highly Effective People* by Stephen Covey. The book, named by *Time* magazine in 2011 as one of the 25 most-influential business management books, presents an approach to being effective

in "attaining goals by aligning oneself" to what Covey calls "true north" principles of a character ethic. Learned said the school's leadership team has "been researching this for two years" and the plan for the first year is to train staff and students, then add the parents to the training in the spring "so that all areas of our school community are represented."

"We did some book studies on it, we visited some neighborhood schools in the metro Detroit area to see how they were implementing it and saw

it was a really, really good fit for us," Learned said.

According to Mardeusz, staff "came together" in the summer to go through the "Leader in Me" and *Seven Habits* training together "to internalize it before we could bring it into our school culture."

"After we had time to digest what we had heard, we brainstormed and thought of ways to bring the instruction to children very explicitly at first and then how to weave that into daily lessons and the culture of our building as a whole," Mardeusz said.

"We've continued these discussions every month. We continue to go along this path and it's been a good one."

Learned talked about how the program is already having an impact school-wide. One building initiative was to see how clean kids could make the cafeteria following lunch periods. Statistics showed an average of 19 (out of 32) tables were left dirty after lunch. After a Dec. 2 assembly during which leaders outlined the goal of reducing it to six dirty tables, Learned said an even steeper drop was experienced.

"We showed them what a dirty table looked like ... and explained what the expectations are," Learned said. Learned also pointed to discipline data, which he said

has improved dramatically. For instance, he said, first-semester discipline referrals dropped by almost 60 percent and suspensions decreased by more than 30 percent, compared to data from the last two years.

"That's all based on the tremendous work our staff is doing," Learned said. "And we have a wonderful group of student leaders."

Those leaders were on display Tuesday, following Learned to the podium to talk about the seven habits and how they're working them into their own lives. It was an impressive display of leadership that wowed board members. When they were done, Learned took a moment to brag about them.

"Aren't they great?" he asked board members. "And I get to spend every day with them."

Board President Judy Mardigan noted it wasn't often board members got to see students at their meetings.

"It means so much to all of us that you've put this initiative in your school. The principal and the staff are behind it," Mardigan said. "More importantly, you are all working hard toward this phenomenal climate and culture you're building."

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YMCA hosts breakfast

By Linda Rose
Correspondent

With an emphasis on developing a strong community, fostering healthy lifestyles and being accessible to every child, the Plymouth Family YMCA hosts a community appreciation breakfast 7:30-9 a.m. Wednesday, March 5, at the Red Olive Banquet Center in Plymouth.

"This breakfast serves a few purposes," said Sage Hedgal, the YMCA director. "It is an opportunity for everyone to hear firsthand how the Y strengthens our community, as well as providing a platform to kick off our 2014 annual campaign. We want the community to know the Y is very active with current youth and adult programs, but is also looking toward the future as we develop new programs to better serve the community."

Hedgal added that she

hopes some prospective board members attend the breakfast.

"We strive for diversity on the board, not only ethnically, but in terms of abilities," Hedgal said. "We hope to build a board which reflects the ethnic makeup of the communities we serve, including Plymouth, Northville, Canton and Belleville. We certainly can use members with expertise in accounting, government, real estate, law, health care or banking, but really all that is needed is a drive to help our community move forward and an understanding that this can only come from all of us working together to invest in our kids, our health and our neighbors."

Those who attend the community breakfast will hear stories of the positive impact the Y has on the area.

"Attendees will also

learn how donations to the annual campaign help us provide programs such as school age child care, youth sports, Girls on the Run, summer camp, Youth Volunteer Corps and more" Hedgal said. "Donations also provide scholarships to young people whose families cannot afford YMCA programs. For families who cannot afford child care or recreational programs in the summer, for example, YMCA scholarships cover the cost of summer camp for those in financial crisis. For many parents, these scholarships mean peace of mind, knowing that their child is in a safe and engaging environment."

To learn more about the community appreciation breakfast, Plymouth YMCA programs or board membership, visit the website at ymca-detroit.org/plymouth or call 734-453-2904.

Your tax liability on inheritance

Q: Dear Rick: Last year, I inherited a variety of things following the death of a relative. I need some help in determining what I have to pay taxes on. I inherited a little more than \$20,000 in an IRA. I cashed the IRA out last year and used the money to pay off my charge cards. In addition, I inherited outside the IRA seven stocks. I sold four of them and hung on to three. I also inherited some jewelry, which I'm going to keep. What is my tax situation?

A: The basic rule is that inherited property that acts alone does not create a tax liability.

Our tax laws are such that if there are any estate taxes, they are owed by the estate itself, not



Rick Bloom
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by the beneficiaries. Beneficiaries typically inherit property tax-free. It is when they dispose of the inherited assets that the tax liability occurs.

In reviewing your situation, you have to pay tax on the IRA that you cashed in. That money would be taxed at your ordinary income bracket. The one exception to this rule is if the IRA was a Roth IRA.

I believe you made the right decision to pay off your charge cards. The typical charge card interest is 18.5 percent, which is not tax-deduct-

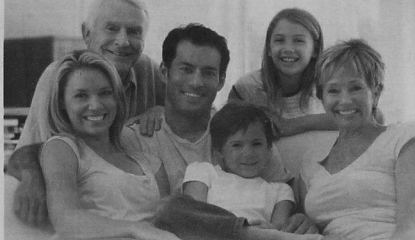
ible. When you pay off a high-interest rate charge card, it is like getting an 18.5-percent return. I don't know of any investment that pays a rate of return that high.

With regard to the stocks, your basis with those is the fair market value as of the date of death. Therefore, there is no tax liability on the stocks that you did not sell.

There's always confusion when it comes to inheritances. Typically, there are no tax consequences when we inherit property.

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Fourth-grader is council's spelling champion

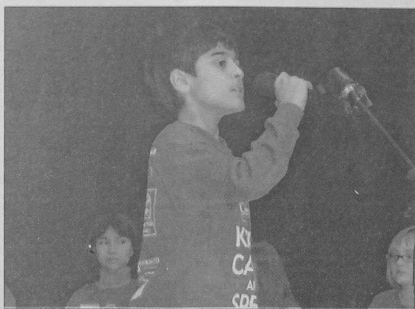
By Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

Nawfal Raza was the last speller standing Wednesday after the Plymouth-Canton Community Literacy Council's first youth spelling bee at Discovery Middle School.

Nawfal, a fourth-grader at Miller Elementary in Canton Township, outspelled and outlasted 17 other fourth- and fifth-graders to take the trophy, correctly spelling "turquoise" after runner-up Aashna Kalyankar bowed out on the word "possess" in the 13th round.

"I feel awesome! Everybody's congratulating me," Nawfal, of Canton, said by phone Thursday evening. Classmates in teacher Matt Gold's room at Miller gave him a rousing "attaboy" when the news was announced in school Thursday, he said.

Nawfal, who studied a sixth-grade level word list to prepare for the



Fourth-grader Nawfal Raza won Wednesday's 13-round spelling bee at Discovery Middle School. He said support from classmates at Miller Elementary helped him.

bee, said he was nervous in the early going, but relaxed as the contest went on. It helped, he said, that the last three spellers on stage with

him were classmates. "At the start I was really nervous, but it got better and better," he said.

Nawfal's father, Syed

Raza, credited Nawfal's mother Waqar with helping her son study and his brother and sister for keeping quiet while he did so.

Dad said that during the contest, he thought Nawfal would trip on the word "saunter," which came up about three-quarters of the way through the bee. But Nawfal took his time, asked for it to be used in a sentence and spelled it right.

"I was really surprised. I didn't even know that word," the elder Raza said.

\$1,500 raised

The literacy council's first youth spelling bee raised money, through sponsorships, for its programs. The roughly \$1,500 raised will pay for training 37 new volunteer tutors and for renewing subscriptions to online magazines written specifically for people trying to improve their English literacy skills, council program coordinator Amy D'Urso said.

The council has long sponsored an annual adult spelling bee (this year's is 7 p.m. Wednes-

day, March 26, at Canton High School), but decided to also give kids a chance to shine this year, D'Urso said.

It's likely to become an annual event, she said. "We were very pleased with the outcome. The contestants seemed to have fun" and families were supportive, she said. The contestants should be proud of what they accomplished, D'Urso said.

The council used social media to encourage students to sign up for the bee and also distributed fliers through local schools.

Miller, with eight participants, was heavily represented in the contest, but other spellers came from each of Far- rand and Bentley elementarys, Plymouth Scholars Academy and Our Lady of Good Counsel.

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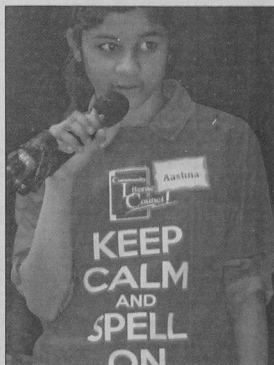
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Aashna Kalyankar glances at the judges Wednesday after correctly spelling "accurate." Aashna was the runner-up in the 13-round contest.

About the literacy council

Founded in 1985, the Plymouth-Canton Community Literacy Council, Inc., is a nonprofit through which volunteer tutors help improve the literacy skills of adults in the area who read or write at below a ninth-grade level.

The council, headquartered in a portable building at Tonda Elementary School, offers one-on-one and small-group tutoring, conversation groups and book clubs for those learning English and writing workshops. The group is planning to add citizenship classes later this year.

The council draws clients from the Plymouth-Canton area and several other western Detroit suburbs, like Livonia and Farmington Hills, program coordinator Amy D'Urso said. With 48 tutors, it

currently serves about 130 clients, not including people who drop in casually at the twice-a-week conversation groups, which are each Thursday and Friday morning at the Canton Public Library, D'Urso said.

Many of the council's clients are studying English as a second language, D'Urso said, while some dropped out of school at a young age and want to continue their studies.

With money raised through Wednesday's spelling bee, the council plans to train 37 more tutors. The 12 hours of training are scheduled for three days in late April and early May.

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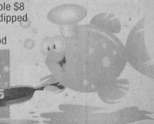
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Bottom of the ninth for sports memorabilia store

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

Mike Odatella has spent most of his adult life buying and selling sports memorabilia and collectibles, along with hats and apparel in recent years.

Now as he prepares to close his Westland store Play Ball after more than 25 years, Odatella said he isn't sure what he'll do next.

"I'm only 53, I wish I could retire," said Odatella, who cites a number of reasons for his decision to close his store. "Business has changed. There's the economy, online sales. It's a number of things, I guess."

It's hard to miss Play Ball on Warren Road opposite Westland Shopping Center—there's a giant Steve Yzerman likeness on the front of the building.

"I have nearly 35 years in the business. I started as a collector in the mid-to late '80s," said Odatella, a Canton



Rima Aneed folds shirts on display at Play Ball in Westland. With the store closing, she will be looking for work after 18 years. BILL BRESLER / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

resident. "I started doing a few card things—I liked them. Then I did it as a side business."

Trading cards for an 'A'

Eventually, Odatella opened his first store—an approximately 1,000-square-foot trading card shop.

"I did \$10 in business the

first day. I thought, 'Oh my God, what did I do?' But it took off in a couple of months."

Odatella said. "I'd say 80 percent of the customers then were little kids. For every 'A' on their report cards, we'd give them a pack of trading cards."

The original store was located on Warren Road next to

Goodyear and in 1990 moved to the current location. During the 1990s, Odatella said Play Ball was one of the first stores to bring in athletes to sign autographs.

Over time, Play Ball expanded to take over adjoining space that had housed a pizza and Dunkin' Donuts to a 7,500-square-foot store.

Unique items

Over the years, Odatella said a lot of unique items came through the store, including game-used baseball bats and items autographed by Babe Ruth.

One item was a hand-written note from Ruth, denying any problems with teammate Lou Gehrig.

"This lady brought it in. Her grandfather was the newest reporter, so he was at the end of the line when the note was passed along in the press box," Odatella said. "It was signed George Herman Ruth. She showed me the note."

Asked his favorite athlete

who visited the store, Odatella didn't hesitate in mentioning Ali. He recalls an older woman using a walker who Ali spotted waiting in line for an autograph.

"Ali stopped the line and walked over to her so she didn't have to walk to him. He (Ali) kissed her hand. It was very cool. He was the classic," Odatella said. "Ali treated everyone like they were special."

As a group, Odatella said hockey players were the nicest and most approachable of the professional athletes.

With more 4,000 sports logo items in the store—ranging from caps, jerseys and shirts to flags, trash cans and mugs—Odatella is starting a clearance sale this week.

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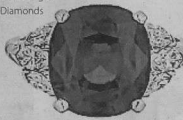
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Lutheran High Westland stages 'Annie'

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

Little Orphan Annie, Daddy Warbucks and that nasty Miss Hannigan will come to life on the stage of Lutheran High School Westland next weekend as students present the musical *Annie* at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, March 7-8.

More than 65 students are involved in the production, which has Mara McMahon of Dearborn appearing in the title role of Annie. A sophomore, this is McMahon's first appearance in a play at the high school.

"I actually didn't try out for a specific role, it just worked out that I got to be Annie," McMahon said. "I really like the play."

McMahon has a lot stage experience, appearing in productions at Guardian Lutheran School in Dearborn. For

her first one at Lutheran High, she spent two weeks repeating the script "multiple times" to learn her lines.

"I've always liked to do plays and musicals are a lot of fun," she said. "That's why I decided to try out. It's going to be awesome when we get on stage. The hardest part now is saying the lines and seeing the people in the audience watching you."

Bryce Ingersoll of Livonia will play Daddy Warbucks, the billionaire industrialist who takes a liking to Annie and decides to adopt her. But it takes the help of the president and the FBI to foil a plan to kidnap Annie by Miss Hannigan, played by Natalie Freeman of Livonia. Hannigan's brother Rooster, played by Matthew Parent of Dearborn, and his girlfriend Lily, played by Gwen Ulrey of Dearborn,



Emily Blasilia (from left) of Ann Arbor, Sarah Braden of Dearborn and Becky Priest of Dearborn Heights rehearse a scene from "Annie." SUE MASON

Musical experience

This is director Kate Ulrey's first experience with a musical. Her forte is Shakespeare. As the head of the high school's drama department, she has staged *A Midsummer's Night Dream* and *Romeo and Juliet*. She also was the director of the Backyard Shakespearean Players, a 30-member troupe that performed in outdoor settings like her backyard and Garden City Park.

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This year's play was selected by musical director John Boonberg, who wanted to do a musical. He's been working with the cast and the pit orchestra in preparing for the production.

"We have approximately 50 students involved, including the pit and backstage," Ulrey said. "When we include younger siblings, it's about 65 people."

Rehearsals have been "intense" since they started in January and the production was hit hard with the loss of four days of school due to weather. Ulrey admits that it's "been crazy," but said the students have taken ownership of the production.

Seniors Jane Ulrey and Annalee Kuhn, both of Dearborn, have joined assistant director and choreographer Jeanene Wyly in designing the dances, including the orphan's dance. Stage manager Abby Schaffer of Romulus has been meticulous in keeping track of everything that happens and needs to be done, Kate Ulrey said.

Many roles

Some cast members shift between their stage roles and help with other aspects of the production like Parent, who also is in the pit.

The play has 11-12 scene changes. To accommodate that, it will have a minimalist set with pieces carried on and off stage. Volunteers Dick and Catherine Bradbury figured out what was needed in basic pieces "and then the kids took over," Ulrey said. They started building the walls last Monday and had them painted and in the beginning stages of being set in place.

For play goers, the treat will be intermission. The parents provide the snacks free of charge, Ulrey said.

"This has been one exceptional group," Ulrey said. "They always step forward and help. One student says they like doing costumes and they're doing what they say they'll do. I've had no worries."

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Lawmakers get up-close look at career tech center

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

State Sen. Mike Kowall says he understands that not every student leaving high school is geared for a four-year college degree. He also has heard first-hand from businesses about their difficulty in finding skilled people to hire.

"That's one of the resounding things I hear — companies and manufacturers talking about the lack of skilled workers," said the White Lake Township resident who represents the 12th District. "Michigan has 65,000-75,000 unfilled jobs because of the lack of skilled people."

Kowall was among a group of state lawmakers and representatives from the Michigan Department of Economic Development who recently toured Wayne-Westland's William D. Ford Career Technical Center to see the training that is provided for students and adults.

Hosted by district Superintendent Greg Barbery, Principal Steve Kay and Assistant Principal Sue Wile, the group included state Sens. Glenn Anderson, D-Westland, Patrick Colbeck, R-Canton, and Hon. Yung Hongood, D-Taylor, as well as state Rep. Robert Kosowski, D-Westland, who received a tour of the facility courtesy of the students.

According to Anderson, the on-site visit stemmed from a conversation Kowall had



State Sen. Mike Kowall, R-White Lake (from left), and state Rep. Robert Kosowski, D-Westland, talk to a student in the graphic design class at the William D. Ford Career Technical Center in Westland.

with Barbery in Lansing. Kowall asked Anderson about the center "and I told him to come and see the amazing things they're doing there," Anderson said.

They're doing training you see at the community colleges," he said. "The William D. Ford provides different levels of training for these folks. We have a need for skilled tradesmen. They're doing phenomenal things at the center."

18 training programs

Built in 1981, the career technical center offers 18 distinct technical training programs. Each program has state-of-the-art equipment, technology and instruc-

tion to prepare high school and adult learners to gain skills directly related to the goal of employment.

The tour highlighted some of the classes and technology being used. Michigan is a test site for automated motor vehicles and the students showed off their Innovative Vehicle Design that they showcased at the North American International Auto Show in January. Automated vehicles are able to sense their surroundings and navigate without human input.

The center has competed in IVD competition for the Square One Education Network for more than 10 years. It has won state honors for an electric Thunderbolt

II vehicle students designed and built and was named a Center of Science and Engineering Excellence in 2007 by the Convergence Education Foundation.

"Michigan wants to become the hub for autonomous vehicles," Kowall said. "That's going to be \$1 billion for the auto industry — but they need the skilled workers."

Both Anderson and Kowall agree that not every student leaving high school is geared for four years of college. There is a need to encourage the students who aren't headed for college to move into other careers.

"It's terrific if they have a master's degree or a Ph.D., but who's



Students in the center's culinary arts program demonstrate their skills for the visiting state lawmakers.

going to build our buildings?" said Kowall, who is a cabinet maker by trade. "I have a friend who's a plumber and has done very well for himself. He makes over \$100,000 a year. By all intents and purposes, he's very successful."

Anderson pointed out that when support for adult education declined, it decimated that program at the center. The state's new rigorous high school curriculum also has had an impact. But the center has fine-tuned its programs, dropping some classes and adding others, like EMT training, to rebuild enrollment.

Underutilized

The one thing about the career tech center, I think, is that it is underutilized by business," he said. "It could be used to train employees. There are definite gaps in the levels of education for these folks and using the center can minimize the cost. There are careers

that don't need a two-year college. The center can offer advanced training for some so they can move into a career."

Kowall was so impressed with the center that in a conversation with Anderson on the floor of the Senate he said that Gov. Rick Snyder and more folks from the MEDC need to visit it.

"The things they teach are things that need to be learned, that's why I went there to see it," he said. "I want to see what we can do as state government. I can't say enough good things about the center."

"I'm hopeful he'll do what he says," Anderson said of the governor visiting the center. "I hope he will get him down here. No worker can be left behind and as the governor said, career tech can do it quicker and for a lot less."

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Common Ground: Let's talk about mental health, suicide

By Joanne Maliszewski
Staff Writer

Her son's suicide not only left her with inconsolable grief, but it turned her family's life upside down, resulting in loss of employment and eventually their home.

"We didn't know what to do," said Terry Meerschaert, one of a number of speakers at the recent Crisis to Hope program, hosted by Farmington Suicide Awareness for Everyone.

The Farmington Hills program provided some 80 attendees with information about Common Ground, a crisis intervention agency in Bloomfield Hills that helps about 70,000 people annually.

Following her son's death, Meerschaert called her therapist — the one she used during her son's struggle with difficulties: "I was told that suicide is something different."

That led her to Common Ground, where she found not only acceptance, but help and people who allowed her to be vulnerable. She and her husband learned coping skills. "Common Ground

gave us a safe place. It gave us the tools to get our lives back together," she said.

The program's speakers spoke not only of their grief from suicide, but the grief that accompanies all of life's tragedies.

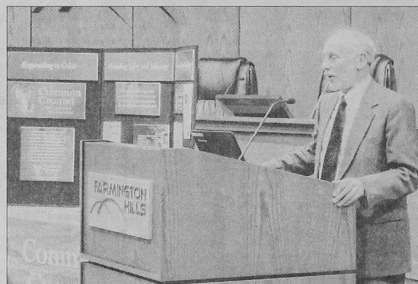
Key message

Tony Rothschild, Common Ground CEO, spoke of his father's suicide. But as is typical with mental and emotional problems, including suicide, Rothschild said no one wants to talk about it. And that was certainly true following his dad's first suicide attempt.

"We were shocked and dismayed," Rothschild said, recalling his family's reaction to his dad's first attempt. Still, as a college student, Rothschild was happy and satisfied when his dad promised he wouldn't do it again.

And he and the family never again spoke about it — until 1985, when his father's second attempt was successful.

The tendency for society to avoid talking about suicide is part of the problem, said Rothschild, who joined Com-



Tony Rothschild, CEO of Common Ground, spoke about the agency's plans at the Crisis to Hope program in Farmington Hills. Photos by JOANNE MALISZEWSKI

mon Ground in 1990.

Like the Farmington area's Common Ground leaders and volunteers want to talk very publicly about mental and emotional illness and how far too often it leads to suicide.

Suicide and attempted suicides are far more common than most people would think. In Farmington Hills in 2013, six people committed sui-

cide, compared to seven in 2012 and 10 in 2011, said the information provided by Farmington Hills Police Chief Chuck Nebus.

In 2013, suicide threats topped 77, compared to 52 in 2012 and 57 in 2011. But in 2013, 60 people attempted suicide, a decrease from the 79 in 2012 and 52 in 2011.

Psychiatric services

Mental health problems and suicide are becoming such a problem that approximately 58 percent of what Common Ground addresses and provides are psychi-

atric services, followed by crisis services. The agency's three distinct areas of impact include:

» Responding to crisis with a 24-hour telephone hotline, crisis intervention, 24-hour psychiatric emergency screening services and free legal services. Common Ground's 24-hour crisis line is 800-231-1127.

» Safety and advocacy: Providing shelter and graduate apartment supports for runaways and homeless youths, intervention for victims of crime and street outreach for youths living on the streets.

» Building communities of support: Providing support groups and education for survivors of suicide and homicide, adolescent sexual abuse survivors and victims of domestic violence.

There's plenty more that Rothschild wants to do with Common Ground. First, he wants the agency to continue to grow. That can be achieved by collaborating with community partners, he said.

Secondly, Common Ground wants to ensure that no one dies because they don't feel safe telling others of their problems or are afraid to ask for mental health help. The plan is to continue training volunteers to work with those who need help.

Thirdly, Rothschild wants to add programs, such as art therapy, to help those in need move



Magician Tony Grupido literally showed how he felt following a brain injury that turned his life's plans upside down. He was among a number of speakers at the Crisis to Hope program, hosted by Farmington Suicide Awareness for Everyone.

from crisis to hope and turn their lives around. "We have a model. We have a building. We have a mission," said Cheryl Rossman, Common Ground director of advancement and donor relations.

Reggie Harrison, Common Ground development specialist, said that the agency keeps current with various ways to communicate, including texts. The agency's chat and text program is 248-809-5550 and is available 4.0 p.m. Monday through Friday.

As a testament to the help he received when his life was at its lowest point and struggling with bipolar disorder, Keith Arbenowsky said Common Ground saved his life and his future.

"I watched broken people be positive," he said. "I helped strengthen my faith in the process (at Common Ground). Now my life is fantastic. I don't want the days to end."

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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.

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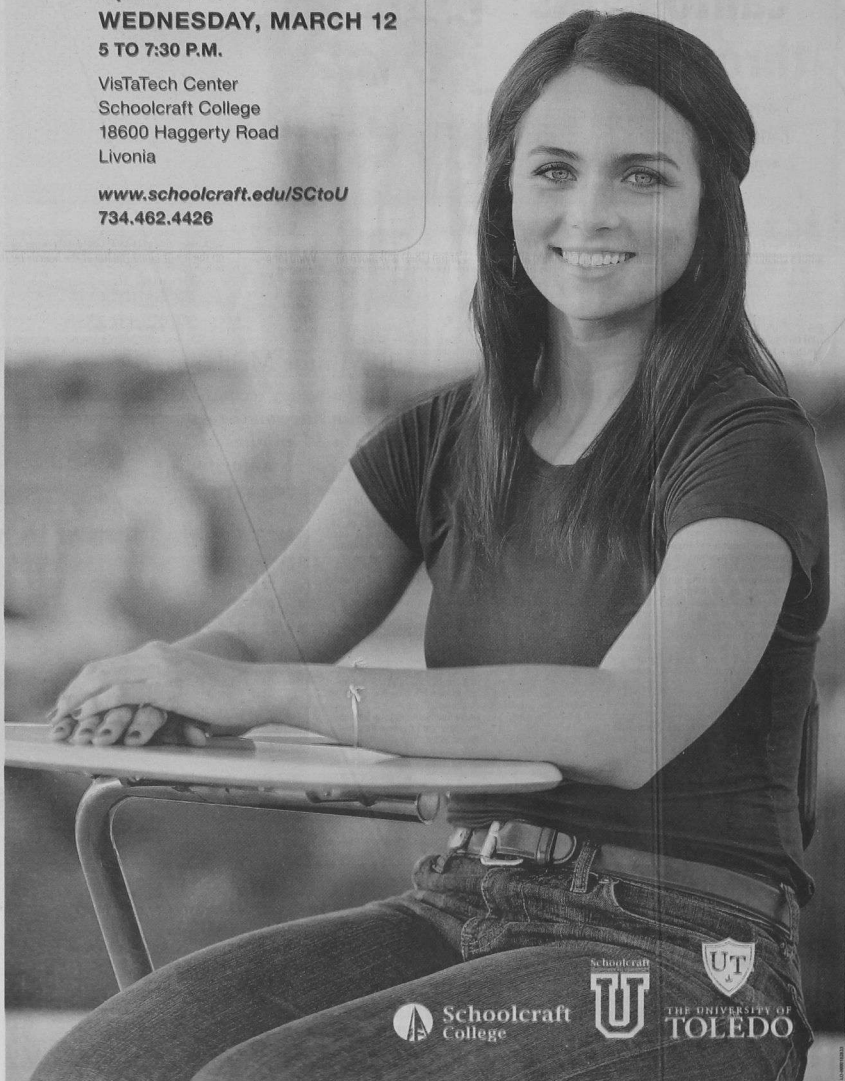
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Front and center during Canton's district title celebration are seniors Taylor Hunley and Rachel Winters (No. 10). PHOTOS BY ANN ESPINOSA

Canton vets throttle 'Cats

Senior Chiefs lead team past Plymouth to win their third district in four years

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Friday night's showdown for the Class A girls basketball district title at Northville featured campus rivals who played two ferociously tight games earlier this season. Not the case this time. Canton's experienced tourney team — led by seniors Paige Aresco, Taylor Hunley, Rachel Winters and Shannon Perry — put their collective foot on the gas early to the tune of a 16-2 lead over rival Plymouth after one quarter. After that, the outcome was

all but decided as the Chiefs won 48-34 for their third district championship in the senior quartet's four-year careers. "Plymouth's a great team. I thought our kids came in really focused and ready to roll," said Canton head coach Brian Samulski, who has helmed all three title teams. "The first quarter we got off to a great start and that's what propelled us through the game. "Our four seniors, they've been outstanding all year. They don't get talked about a whole lot... They've got a lot of big-game experience. They were huge tonight."



Canton (18-4) will move on to the West Bloomfield regional, against the winner of the Fenton-Holly district final. The Chiefs will tip off at 7 p.m. Tuesday. "We really wanted to get Plymouth, they're a huge rival," Aresco said. "It's our

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Vying for a rebound Friday night are Canton's Taylor Hunley (left) and Plymouth's Shelby Cheston.

BOYS HOCKEY PRE-REGIONAL

'Cats again break Salem hockey hearts

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

A bounce, a blast and a mob scene along the glass at is how Wednesday's thrilling Division I pre-regional final boys hockey game ended at Plymouth Cultural Center.

Just like in 2013, the Plymouth Wildcats were doing the celebrating while the Salem Rocks could only watch — stunned and silent at the other end of the rink.

And for the second straight postseason, it was a goal in double overtime that crushed the Rocks. This time, Plymouth senior forward John VanDenBeurgery scored the winner at 2:02 of the second OT for the 3-2 victory.

The Wildcats will play 6:30 p.m. Saturday at the Dearborn Ice Skating Center in the final of the Dearborn Edsel Ford regional. Plymouth will face the winner of Thursday's Edsel Ford-Woodhaven contest.

"Unbelievable, I can't put it in words," said VanDenBeurgery about his winning goal. "I don't know what to say. It just all came together, a team effort out there. A bounce went our way and it just all came together. It's just unbelievable. I feel great right now."

"A gift from the hockey gods I guess you could say. It just happened."

The puck was chipped into the neutral zone by senior forward Charlie Supernois and it hopped over a Salem defenseman's stick.

VanDenBeurgery took control of the puck, skated in on Rocks senior goalie Parker Godfrey and buried his shot into the top-right corner.

"Bergy's got great wheels and he got a head of steam and he buried it," said Plymouth head coach Gerry Vento, whose team improved to 14-10-2. "He's been playing great the last month and it's a fitting end for him."

Victory and defeat

The winner sparked a happy celebration that started in a pile of players in the middle of the Salem zone. It then shifted over to the boards, where they wanted to share the win with their student fans.

Players slammed their gloves against the inside of the glass while fans reciprocated by pounding away at the outside of it.

Conversely, after reality sunk in that Salem's ship was sunk once again by their campus rivals, the Rocks (11-15-1) could only sit in agony on the ice or along the top of the boards by their bench.

"I thought this year was a little different (than the 2013 loss to Plymouth)," Salem head coach Ryan Ossensmacker said. "We carried the play in both overtime. Last year I think they carried the play a little bit."

"But it's never easy. You lose in regulation, you lose in overtime, it still ends your season. I feel bad for these guys, they deserve better,

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She's just getting started

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Ninth graders don't often win an individual bowling regional.

But Canton freshman Meghan Macunovich is not your typical ninth grader.

The 15-year-old Macunovich already has a work ethic and desire to be an elite bowler that some prep bowlers never have.

Her efforts were rewarded on Feb. 22 when she finished first out of 64 participants at the Division 1 individual girls bowling regional hosted by Super Bowl Lanes in Canton.

"It's a big accomplishment, but I don't feel like it is because it's not states," said Macunovich, before Thursday's practice at Super Bowl (home for all P-CEP teams). "To me, states is more important and it will probably feel like a bigger accomplishment."

Macunovich said she expects to be in the mix at the D1 individual finals Saturday at Sunnyside Lanes in Sterling Heights. That kind of confi-

dence also isn't what one might expect from a freshman.

She couldn't believe all the hoopla in the crowd last weekend when she was announced as champion with a six-game total of 1,282 pins.

Cheering her on

"When I went up to get my medal and they announced me, everybody cheered," Macunovich recalled. "I was kind of taken back by that. Even people who aren't from Plymouth-Canton schools were cheering for me and I was kind of astounded."

She rolled four 200 games at the individual regionals, including a 255 score in Game 5. That nearly matched her season's best game of 256; her average is a very impressive 204.

"Really I was trying to at least make the cut," said Macunovich, recalling her mindset last week. "After the first game, I shot 201, and I knew I was in the cut somewhere. And I just had to make sure I followed through with my arm

and my form was perfect, and that I hit my mark."

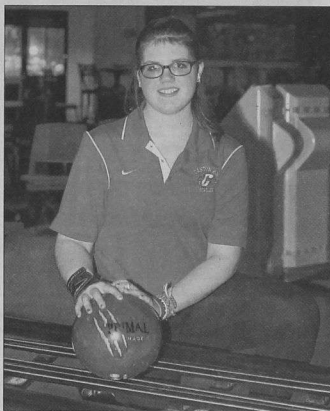
"I just kept striking. My biggest thing was picking up my spares when I left a pin. My fifth game I shot 255, so I was pretty confident at that point that I would be at least in first by the fifth game."

Macunovich started bowling when she was 4 years old in the Strike Force Youth Bowling Club at Super Bowl and has been sharpening her strikes and spares since fourth grade in the Western Wayne Youth Travel Classic.

Helping to encourage and inspire her right from the start have been parents Michael and Suzanne Macunovich of Canton (who are both serious bowlers, too) and various bowling instructors at Super Bowl and other venues.

Another avenue to improve that she happily takes is the Michigan Junior Masters Association, where a lot of good bowlers congregate once a month. They want to bowl well

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Canton freshman bowler Meghan Macunovich loves the sport and wants to turn pro someday. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

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Kenrick's college decision in the Cards

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Alex Kenrick loved being part of National Signing Day last month with other college-bound athletes from Salem High School.

The senior had his picture taken, congratulated the big day with his friends and enjoyed the refreshments immediately after the ceremonies were over.

It's just that he had to wait a little longer to officially announce where he would be kicking field goals at the collegiate level.

Kenrick, 18, was all set to sign with Division II Saginaw Valley State University until a late opportunity came his way from the U.S. Naval Academy football team that he had to seriously consider.

After weighing his options, Kenrick said

thank you very much to Navy but opted to go to SVSU.

"Navy was amazing, the coaches were great," said Kenrick, explaining his choice. "It's just such a huge commitment, I wasn't sure if I was ready in my life to make a choice like that, to sign and be in the Navy."

"I don't come from a military background or family, so when they offered it was definitely a new thing for me."

Kenrick took the question he had to answer from another angle. "I thought, 'Would I call it right now? If not then I shouldn't attend the academy.'"

SVSU's better fit

Navy's loss will be Saginaw Valley State's gain. It was officially announced in mid-February by Cardinals head coach Jim Collins that Kenrick was part of the

program's 27-player recruiting class of 2014.

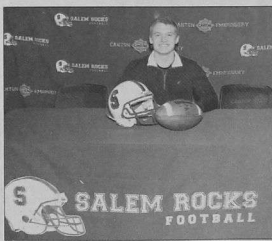
"SVSU is a great school, with amazing facilities," Kenrick noted. "It's one of the top D-II programs in the country. It really fits me. The coaching staff is great here, huge commitment there to the players, to success. Coaching staff at SVSU just really sold me."

"I will be kicking field goals. And competing as a freshman to start at the punting job."

Kenrick, also a varsity soccer and basketball player during his high school years, carries a 3.38 grade-point average and is considering business as his college major.

The Plymouth resident's parents are Kathryn and Lawrence Kenrick.

The kicker said things started rolling late as far as being recruited, but he was concerned. He also had a chance to be a preferred



Salem's Alex Kenrick ultimately decided he wanted to be a kicker at Saginaw Valley State University. (JOHN KEMSKI) EXPRESS PHOTO

walk-on at Penn State. "For me recruiting was a little tough, I am short for a kicker-punter," Kenrick continued. "So a lot of this stuff came late in the process. So to sign that paper and

know that it was done, and I am going to college to play, meant so much." Sharing National Signing Day with several soccer teammates — and with his football workout partner during high

school, Austin Peay University-bound tight end Michael Hoover — was like a dream come true for Kenrick.

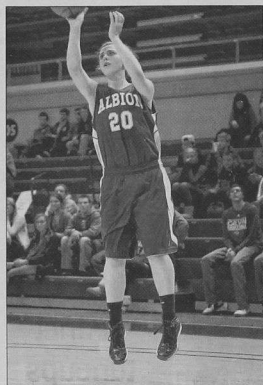
"It was awesome to see all the different places we were going," Kenrick added. "Plenty of hard work went into all of those opportunities, and Kenrick knows he will have to keep plugging away at SVSU."

"I believe I have the ability to make a huge impact on an already great football team and program," Kenrick said. "I think throughout my time here I can help the team win, whether it's (getting good) field position during a game or just being a leader."

"I believe that I work hard, and have the ability and talent to really have a positive impact in college."

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Finishing a career



Salem alum Brett de Bear, pictured from earlier this season, concluded her stellar women's basketball career at Albion College with a 29-point game Feb. 22 against Saint Mary's College. She moved up to second in career scoring for the Lady Britons, with a total of 1,249 points (450 this season). (LOWELL MCGINNIS) ALBION COLLEGE

By Brad Emmons
Staff Writer

Bobby Naubert was willing to try anything to keep his basketball season alive.

The 5-foot-10 Madonia University senior point-guard, who has been nursing a sore hip, decided to change things up going into Wednesday's Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference playoff opener against visiting Aquinas College.

Sporting a new haircut, the Livonia Stevenson High grad scored 19 points and dished out 11 assists as the Crusaders notched their 20th win of the season with a 76-66 victory over the Saints.

"We lost the last couple of games and everything had been going downhill so I decided to switch it up — got a Mo-

hawk today — hopefully it worked out," Naubert said. "It was my roommate (Derek) Lennen, not a trained professional as you can see. But he does the job."

MU (20-11) was tied 35-all with 17:24 left in the second half before going on a 10-0 run to take control capped by Tyler Stewart's triple to make it 45-35 with 13:56 left.

"I think we started moving the ball and Tyler Stewart hit some big shots, some huge shots," said Naubert, who hit 7-of-14 shots from the field. "He (Stewart) played a really good game."

The Crusaders led by as many as 15 with 7:30 left, 61-46, on a layup by

senior Derek Lennen. Aquinas (15-16) cut the deficit to four, 63-59, on a pair of free throws by Jake Bullock, but could get no closer.

Stewart, a transfer guard from Salem, tallied a career-high 14 points.

"It's great," MU coach Noel Emmerich said. "Anything you get a contribution like that off the bench ... step out and hit four threes." That

really changed the way they had to play us on ball screens. Getting a contribution like that is great."

Junior center Donald Owens contributed 14 points and nine rebounds, while Lennen, a senior forward, finished with 13 points.

After being tied 28-28

at halftime, the Crusaders shot a blistering 65 percent (13-of-20) in the second half.

"Our senior class has meant a lot to us over the past couple of years," MU coach Noel Emmerich said. "Their passion and energy really carried us through. Guys stepped up and made plays when they had to. Things you can't draw up on the chalkboard."

MU advances to the WHAC semifinals beginning at 3 p.m. Saturday in Grand Rapids against WHAC regular season champion and top seed Cornerstone (27-4). The Golden Eagles are ranked No. 5 in the latest NAIA Division II coaches poll.

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New-look Naubert sparks MU playoff victory

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especially the seniors."

Salem might have enjoyed the taste of victory if not for clutch goalkeeping by Plymouth junior Jared Maddock, who stopped 38 of 40 shots.

Maddock really came up big in the first overtime, getting a shoulder on a blazing shot from the low slot by Salem senior forward Jake Sealy.

Ossenmacher then concurred with the assessment that their might not be a more-entertaining game the rest of the state tournament.

"I don't expect so," Ossenmacher said. "It was pretty fast, up and down, lots of opportunities both ways. That's why there were 500 people here."

"That's the type of game they want to see and that's what high school hockey's all about. Unfortunately, somebody's got to lose the game and that was us."

Plot twists

Before the dramatic conclusion to the contest, there were plenty of twists and turns, spectacular goal-tending (Salem senior Parker Godfrey also was excellent, with 36

saves) and a disallowed Plymouth goal in the second period.

It was apparent to many in the crowd that the shot by junior forward Josh Smith beat Godfrey, which at the time would have snapped a 1-1 tie with over 13 minutes to go in the frame.

But a referee waved the goal off because he thought the netminder had the puck covered.

"We thought a couple calls went the wrong way on us, but that's the way it goes sometimes," Vento said. "We had to battle, we knew it was going to be tough tonight and it was."

Salem got their fans into it first, however.

At the midway point of the first period, senior forward Nick Daniels walked the puck out of the left corner and surprised Maddock with a low shot inside the far post to make it 1-0.

Setting up the marker were junior forward Noah Willer and senior defenseman Cam Clark.

Plymouth scored the equalizer two minutes into the second period.

Sophomore forward Alex Bump batted in Josh Smith's cross-crease feed, with senior forward Mike Schultz also assisting.

Then came the disallowed goal. Yet that didn't deter the Wildcats, as they continued with strong fore-

checking that drew several penalties.

With 8:20 remaining in the period, Smith scored one that did count. He backhanded the rebound of senior forward Kyle Melnick's slapshot over Godfrey.

Crazy good

That lead held for quite a while, thanks to efficient penalty killing by Plymouth and timely stops by Maddock when called upon.

"They got a dynamite power play," Vento said. "We had a plan that we tried to execute against them and it worked. It paid dividends."

Salem did score as a Wildcatters penalty elapsed with 5:46 to play in regulation, knocking up the game at 2-2.

Junior winger Liam Walker's shot from the right circle was turned aside by Maddock. But the puck slid over to senior forward Jason Newel near the left post and he found the net.

All of that merely set the stage for a wild finish.

"It's unbelievable, these games are crazy, whether they're playoff, regular season," Vento said. "It's always a one-goal game and this time we came out on top."

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Plymouth girls win Battle of the 'Cats

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

In a game of huge ramifications, the "little things" can mean the difference between winning and losing. Plymouth varsity girls basketball coach Nick Brandon saw plenty evidence of that out of his players in Wednesday's 48-43 win over Novi in a Class A district semifinal at Northville.

Such as junior wing Kendall Rose following up her own missed free throw to get into a scrum and force a jump ball, enabling the Wildcats to keep the ball leading 46-43 with 19 seconds on the clock.

That was a key sequence simply with the way Novi senior point guard Kerri McMahon was feeling it in the fourth — she scored all 10 of her team's points in that frame and finished with 26 for the game.

"Kendall Rose does all the little things that a lot of people that watch games don't notice," Brandon said. "I thought that was finally her opportunity to do a little thing on a big stage at a big moment."

Rose's refusal to lose the rebound turned into a putback by Plymouth standout senior center Shelby Cheston (21 points, 15 rebounds) that put the game away.

Inside dominance

"We couldn't stop the girl inside (Cheston)," Novi coach Bill Kelp said. "... Credit goes to that girl. She dominated the game."

So did McMahon, the spectacular fourth-year player



Plymouth's Kendall Rose (No. 11) drives around Novi defenders Taylor Pavlika (No. 10) and Alexandra Felice (No. 33). JOHN KENSKI/EXPRESS PHOTO

who galloped into the lane for numerous buckets to keep Novi in the game.

And it was a see-saw game of runs throughout.

Plymouth opened on a 9-0 tear, which Rose got going with a trey from the left corner. She finished with eight points.

"That kind of got my mind going, knowing that I could knock a few down later," said Rose, about that early triple.

Cheston scored the next three baskets, on inside layups, making it a nine-point lead with 3:30 left in the first.

Kelp called a full timeout and his team responded by tallying the next 10 points to take a 10-9 lead after one.

Scoring on a putback at the buzzer was senior forward Kristen Schürbrink.

McMahon took it from there in the second, scoring nine of Novi's 10 points in the

quarter and scooting into the paint for a field goal to put her team in front 20-18 at halftime.

Reason to worry

"I've been worried about her (McMahon) for 48 hours, she's that kind of player," Brandon said. "We certainly didn't stop her."

The second half opened similarly to how the game started, to Kelp's chagrin.

"We didn't come out," Kelp lamented. "That puts you behind the 8-ball."

Plymouth went on a 7-0 run, with Rose connecting on her second 3-ball of the contest.

Back came Novi, with a 15-5 rally that stretched into the fourth, to go in front 35-30 following a backdoor layup by McMahon.

Following that was another Plymouth surge of seven points, with senior point guard Kylie Robb's layup and one giving Brandon's team a 37-35 advantage. Robb scored six points.

Novi (15-6) would not lead the rest of the way.

A three-point trip by Cheston put Plymouth in front to stay at 42-39, with three minutes remaining.

Registering eight points for Plymouth was senior post Jada Woody.

Novi senior forward Taylor Pavlika scored eight, the team's second best output.

That fact alone underscored Novi's inability to have a balanced attack.

In the end, the headband-wearing McMahon could not do it all.

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Chiefs glide into district finals

By Evan Paputa
Correspondent

Canton's girls basketball team took easy street Wednesday en route to a 41-25 Class A district semifinal over host Northville.

The Chiefs' victory was due in large part to their suffocating defense and ability to extend possessions with offensive rebounds, according to head coach Brian Samulski.

"Our defense has been the staple of what we have been trying to do all year. I think that carried us," Samulski said. "Our rebounding was solid. Defensively and offensively, being able to get some second shots."

After an offensively slow first quarter, the Chiefs scored 14 points in the second quarter and outscored the Mustangs by nine points to take a 19-8 halftime lead.

Canton's offense picked up in the second half as they opened the third quarter on a 9-0 run in the first five minutes.

"We were able to get some stuff off of our defense and I thought we were pretty good at attacking their zone," Samulski said.

Canton continued to play the game at their pace in the fourth quarter outscoring the Mustangs 11-9.

"We got a big enough lead where our defense allowed us to go ahead and plug away," Samulski said.

Paige Aresco and Taylor Hunley led the Chiefs with 14 and 13 points respectively.

Rachel Winters helped the cause with eight points and



Canton's Jordan Church (No. 21) dribbles against Northville defender Christina Minna during Wednesday's district semifinal. JOHN KENSKI/EXPRESS PHOTO

Shannon Perry chipped in with four points.

As a team, Canton shot 13-13 from the free throw line.

Friday night the Chiefs will play for the district championship against cross-campus foe Plymouth.

If the first two meetings are any good, the Chiefs and Wildcats will duel in another tight game.

"We expect it to be another battle like the first two were. Plymouth is a very good team," Samulski said.

"They're solid all around. They have some pieces offensively. It will be a good game."

Friday night's district final is set to tip off at 7 p.m. at Northville High School.

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senior year, we definitely wanted to get the district one last time. It turned out really well, it was a great game."

Early juggernaut

The fast start meant the Wildcats' first season under head coach Nick Brandon would not make the second round. Plymouth did win a new school mark for wins (finishing 18-5).

"Canton's always prepared," Brandon said. "They're very well-coached, they've been doing what they do for a very long time and they looked really fresh tonight."

I thought Canton came out easily with more energy and fresher legs. They competed harder early in the game. And against Canton, you just can't give up at any kind of lead early."

Two of the seniors instrumental to the victory, Aresco (18 points, three assists) and Hunley (eight points, three rebounds, three blocks), both said it was important to neutralize Plymouth's 6-foot-4 senior center Shelby Cheston, who was the catalyst in the Wildcats' semifinal win over Novi.

"We tried to pull their big defenders away from the rim so we had a better chance at finishing," Aresco said. "Taylor did a really good job of playing in the high post area and opening up the rim for us."

Hunley also helped spread out the Plymouth defense, draining a pair of jumpers from the top of the key midway through the first to open up a 7-2 lead and really get the Chiefs rolling.

"We were practicing me coming a little bit higher to open up the lane a little bit for more driving, more movement," Hunley said. "My teammates gave me confidence to go ahead and shoot



With the ball up for grabs, Canton's Rachel Winters (No. 10) is surrounded by Plymouth's Brooke Senkbeil (No. 12), Leah Kizicinski (No. 33) and Kendall Rose (No. 11). ANNI ESPINOSA

when I was open." Senkbeil's just a resilient kid," Samulski said about Perry. "She hung in there, kept battling. I thought she had a huge game tonight and was a big factor why (Canton) won."

Another factor was how relatively few mistakes the Chiefs made, in a pressure-packed game. Canton committed only four turnovers, Plymouth made 13.

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Answer time

The Wildcats were down 22-6 when senior wing Brooke Senkbeil (six points) buried a trey, clapping her hands trying to get her team to respond.

That spark didn't last, as Winters quickly answered with her own triple to make it 25-9 with 2:50 to go in the first half.

Perry made some key contributions in the first half, scoring seven points. She missed the 2013 tournament after suffering a knee injury and also was sidelined for

part of this season. "She's just a resilient kid," Samulski said about Perry. "She hung in there, kept battling. I thought she had a huge game tonight and was a big factor why (Canton) won."

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Plymouth, Canton drop district tuneups

A 25-point performance by Brighton's Dylan Bennett Thursday night keyed his team's 65-57 overtime win over host Plymouth in a KLAAs tournament consolation boys basketball game.

Nearly matching Bennett for the Wildcats (9-10) was junior Josh Reynolds, who tallied 17 points along with nine rebounds.

Junior Randall Atkins and sophomore Brent Davis each scored nine points for Plymouth, while sophomore Chris Walls chipped in with eight points and seven rebounds.

Plymouth will look to quickly bounce back. Coach Mike Soukup's squad will visit Canton 7 p.m. Monday in a Class A district opener.

Canton falls

Speaking of Plymouth's campus rival, the Chiefs, they also were defeated Thursday night in a consolation contest, 57-48 by visiting Grand Blanc.

Canton senior forward Javon Taylor had another outstanding game, however, with 22 points — hitting 10 of 12 from the floor. Taylor grabbed seven rebounds.

Also in double figures for Canton (13-7) was junior point guard Greg Williams. He collected 10 points. Senior forward Shaune Keyandwhit hit all four of his field goal tries to finish with eight points.

WC 46. SAYS: Host Salem (15-5) dropped the regional finale Thursday against Walled Lake Central.

The Rocks now are idle until Wednesday, having received a first-round bye in the Class A district at Canton. Salem will play the 5 p.m. game against the winner of Mondak's Northville-Novi game.

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Eagles fly from start to finish to win district championship

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

There apparently was no stopping Plymouth Christian Academy Friday night, not even in Class D title on the line.

PCA led 13-6 after one quarter and proceeded to build an insurmountable 26-13 halftime lead against district host Taylor Baptist Park, going on to a 48-34 victory.

The Eagles now move on to the Class D regionals begin-

ning at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes. PCA will face Rudolf Steiner in the match-up.

Senior Rachel Smith again was a powerhouse for PCA, scoring 18 points.

Also coming up big for the Eagles were senior center Jen Malcolm (10 points, nine rebounds), senior guard Martha Mullett (nine points, six rebounds) and senior guard Rachel Fuller (six points, five boards).

"Toughness on both the offensive and defensive play made the difference tonight," PCA head coach Rod Windle said. "Rachel Fuller especially worked hard tonight to slow down and bother their point guard (and) Jen Malcolm did a great job establishing herself in the post."

"When our guards are hitting threes, we are a tough team to defend. Rachel Smith and Martha Mullett both hit big shots from deep tonight. This

was a good team win tonight."

Freshman guard Aliyah Pries was strong on the glass, with 10 rebounds to lead the team.

Aliyah came up big off the bench tonight. Her rebounds and tough defense was a big lift to our team," Windle added.

PCA 43. INTER-CITY BAPTIST 37: Plymouth Christian Academy's girls basketball team defeated Allen Park Inter-City Baptist Wednesday night, in a Class D semifinal at Taylor Baptist Park.

The Eagles watched a 20-10 halftime lead evaporate as Taylor hit a 3-3 run in the fourth, tying the contest at 23-23. PCA regained a 23-23 edge entering the fourth on free throw throws by

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THREE GENERATIONS

Painters show 'sustainable patterns' in upcoming exhibit

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Ellen Moucoulis of Livonia will exhibit her work this month with two of her favorite artists — Ellen Wilt of Ann Arbor and Natalie Estep of Canton.

"It's something I've had in the back of my mind," said Moucoulis, who organized the monthlong exhibit at Northville Art House. "Ellen not only was my professor, but has been a friend of mine for over 30 years. I've followed in her path, teaching and working as an exhibiting artist."

I had a special student, Natalie, who had all the ingredients for success. It was the perfect storm of ingredients — raw talent, a willingness to work hard, tenacity. She was very special. I thought, why not get the three of us together? I went to Natalie and she was enthusiastic. Ellen took it on full force."

Wilt, who is in her 90s, taught Moucoulis at Eastern Michigan University from 1983-86 and Estep, 27, took classes from Moucoulis at Schoolcraft College from 2004-07. They and Moucoulis chose "human biology" as a theme for their show, "Sustainable Patterns: Three Generations of Women Painters."

It runs 1-5 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, March 7-29 at Northville Art House, 215 W. Cady, Northville. The opening reception is 6-9 p.m. Friday, March 7. Admission is free.

Exploring anatomy

"We've been working on it for a year now and we've met a number of times to show our work and discuss it and distill the idea. We are focusing on sustained patterns and using the vehicle of human biology to express that," Mourcoulis said. "Biologically we're from three generations and we have patterns in our own lives reflected in each other."

"When we went to Ellen's in Ann Arbor, she put out her hand and said, 'I'm ancient.' We all put our hands out. They were in different stages of aging. Ellen pulled the skin back on her hand and it looked just like Natalie's. It was something we wanted to explore, with the appreciation that there are so many patterns within anatomy and birth and gestation."

Wilt's paintings depict human anatomy and have examined working parts coming together. Moucoulis, who painted in acrylic both on wood and canvas, used her grandson's birth as inspiration for her works. Estep researched C-sections, the manner in which she was born, and painted her birth story. She also created a necklace that represents the umbilical cord.

"Usually for me, my painting comes from a feeling, emotion or an idea close to me," said Estep, who works as an assistant curator at the Janice Charach Gallery, on the campus of the Jewish Community Center of Metropolitan Detroit in West Bloomfield. She also designs and paints sets for the Berman Center for the Performing Arts, located on the JCC campus.

"For me, being the youngest, I automatically thought of the need to look



Ellen Wilt, (left) Natalie Estep and Ellen Moucoulis discuss their exhibit, "Sustainable Patterns: Three Generations of Women Painters."



Musketor by Ellen Wilt of Ann Arbor

back to my beginnings. I had to look at my baby story. I was breech with the cord around my neck," she said, adding that her pieces depict birth from the baby's viewpoint.

Art school

After graduating from Salem High School, Estep planned to major in biomedical technology at Schoolcraft College. She dreamed about making life-like prostheses but evolved into an art student after taking two art classes with Moucoulis. She switched to graphic arts and with Moucoulis' help, landed a scholarship to the College for Creative Studies in Detroit.



It's a Boy is an image from a polyptych by Ellen Moucoulis of Livonia.

"She had admissions people come to Schoolcraft and look at the work I was doing. It was a cool surprise to me," Estep said.

She returned to Schoolcraft and finished her work for an associate's degree in graphic arts after graduating from CCS with a bachelor of fine arts degree.

Moucoulis credits Wilt for making "a big difference" in her life.

Moucoulis's grandmother and mother both taught and her father worked in the architectural field. She initially took art classes at Michigan State University, but worried that she couldn't make a living with her work. She ended up working in mechanical drafting at general motors, but soon went back to



Revealed, a painting by Natalie Estep of Canton

school at Eastern.

"I took a watercolor class with Ellen and fell in love with it. She was so generous. She did everything to help me get through school at the time and I had two little kids at home and was taking years to finish up," Moucoulis said.

"She is very innovative and has no fear about trying new things. She never does the same thing twice. She's my hero."

For more information about the exhibit, visit northvillearthhouse.org or call 248-344-0497.

Four-time cancer survivor shares experiences through her blog



Lorie Brady of Canton shows off her lavender hair, meant to raise awareness of cancer.

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Blondes may have more fun but "lavenders" make a stronger statement. In Lorie Brady's case, her new light purple hair aims to shout "cancer awareness."

"I've always been a blonde," said Brady, a Canton resident and cancer survivor. "So, going from blonde to lavender is interesting, but it's all for a good cause."

She asked readers of her blog website and Facebook page — both are called "Breast Cancer Sucks" — "I've always been a blonde, but I want to vote on a new hair color that would help start conversations about the disease. Lavender won and Brady headed to Steven Michael's Hair Studio in Canton last Tuesday for a free color makeover."

Brady, 56, created a blog 10 years ago after being diagnosed with breast cancer, but stopped writing after developing other medical problems unrelated to cancer. After a stint in the hospital last December for pneumonia, her second hospitalization in one year, she decided it was time to revisit the site to detail her cancer experiences. She hopes others will find support and information on its pages, along with hope.

"The first (bout with pneu-

monia) shocked me and by the second one I thought it's time to get a move on and get my story out there," she said. "I was in the medical ICU and it wasn't looking good. Fortunately I came out of that."

"My sweetheart, Larry (White) kept telling me 'you have a story and a voice and can help others by finishing your blog.'"

Brady said a young acquaintance she knew from vacationing at Torch Lake also motivated her to resume writing. The child's mother called Brady at Christmas to tell her the girl had written a "Jesus Christmas letter" praying for Brady to get well.

"It solidified that I had a voice and that maybe I could help others. This 8-year-old girl gave me a push, so I started writing again."

Cancer experiences

She started a separate Facebook page and a Twitter account in conjunction with the blog. The stories on breastcancersucks.com recounts her experiences with Hodgkin's lymphoma at age 17, treatment for two different kinds of skin cancers years later and her breast cancer diagnosis, mastectomies and treatment in 2004 — just a few months before she and White had planned to marry.

Brady said she included the



Lorie Brady takes a last look at her blonde tresses while awaiting a color change at Steven Michael's Hair Studio in Canton.

words "breast cancer" in her website title because it was the "most ominous" diagnosis she had received over the years.

"It was the toughest journey I went through," she said, adding that she hopes readers understand the importance of breast self-exams. "I found the tumor by a self-exam."

Brady, who grew up in Los Altos, Calif., was treated for Hodgkin's while in high school, finishing treatment at

Fundraiser, raffle benefits child advocacy group



Julie Yolles
SOCIAL SCENE
COLUMNIST

The 18th annual Circle of Friends fundraiser was held over two days. First, the Preview Party, which was attended by 130 Patrons and sponsored by the Roberts Restaurant Group and Celani Family Vineyards, was held at CARE House in Pontiac, the charity recipient. The next day, child advocate and keynote speaker John Walsh spoke to a sold-out crowd of more than 350 at the Townsend Hotel in Birmingham.

Walsh, who hosted and created the television show *America's Most Wanted* for 25 years helped in capturing more than 1,200 wanted criminals worldwide.

"It's your job to 'parent up' and open the lines of communication with your children," Walsh urged. "If your child is on Facebook, then friend him or her. The Internet is a private hunting ground and can become a very dangerous place."

"It's a whole different world out there today."



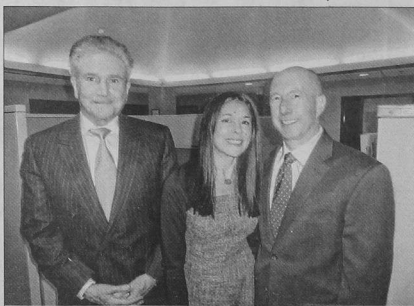
Tom Celani shows the 2014 Harley Davidson Softail Breakout motorcycle that he and his wife, Vicki, donated from their Motor City Harley Davidson store in Farmington Hills. It is being raffled to benefit CARE House.

he added. "You have to talk to your kids." CARE House's mission is to prevent child abuse and neglect and protect children through advocacy, education, intervention, research and treatment, in collaboration with the community.

CARE House, Board President Vicki Celani and her husband, Tom, of Bloomfield Hills, established the Celani Child Advocacy Center at CARE House a few years ago. Celani's store, Motor City Harley Davidson in Farmington Hills, was the event presenting

sponsor. It also donated a 2014 Harley Davidson Softail Breakout motorcycle and a customized CARE House gas tank for a raffle. Tickets are \$25 and available through Aug. 16 when the winner will be drawn during a Dream Cruise fundraising event at CARE House. Go Hog Wild for Kids and call 248-332-7173 to purchase tickets.

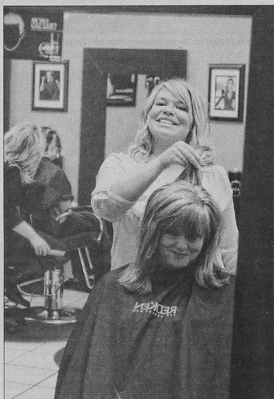
Contact Julie Yolles at socialscenejulie@gmail.com or leave a message at 248-642-9465.



Bob Sloan (left) of Farmington Hills and Laura and Scott Goldstein of West Bloomfield enjoy the CARE House fundraiser. PHOTOS BY JULIE YOLLES, SOCIAL SCENE COLUMNIST



Livonia resident Julie Borg, owner of Bee Waxed Salon in Livonia, is revved up to buy raffle tickets for this 2014 Harley Davidson Softail Breakout motorcycle, complete with a customized CARE House gas tank.



Jennifer Kowal styles Lorie Brady's lavender hair.

CANCER

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the end of April in her senior year. She recalls that two classmates lifted her to the podium to receive her diploma before her classmates threw their hats into the air in a sign of support.

Jobs in health care recruiting and a dental office followed, as Brady married, gave birth to a son, and subsequently divorced. During that time, she moved from California to Florida to Georgia before coming to Michigan in 2000. She and White have been sweethearts since meeting online.

Boyfriend and advocate

"He is the best patient advocate I could ever hope for. He has picked up the slack when I was sick. As tough as it is to go through an illness, I think it's even tougher for the caregiver. I give him a lot of props. He could have said adios."

Brady said she has been treated for various skin cancers through the years, both before and after meeting White.

Some have been removed from her face.

"I looked terrible. I couldn't look at myself in the mirror," Brady said, explaining why she agreed to be a guest on Sally Jessy Raphael's television show in 2001. The plan was to get a makeover on the show. "I never got the makeover, but I got a proposal from a white knight."

White proposed to her on the show, but had to cancel wedding plans three years later because of Brady's breast cancer diagnosis.

Now that she has distanced herself from that diagnosis by 10 years, she is looking forward to throwing a "big party" this year. She hopes her experiences will help other cancer patients and survivors stay positive and optimistic.

"It's not about me. It's about others. Through my posts and messages, I'm hoping someone gets this, that cancer is not a death sentence. I'm still here and so you will be too."

Visit her Breast Cancer Sucks blog site at www.breastcancersucks.com. Connect with her on the Breast Cancer Sucks Facebook page.

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MYOFASCIAL PAIN SYNDROME

Many people are aware of Fibromyalgia, the pain condition that involves the whole body and which is often accompanied by headaches, fatigue, difficulty sleeping and sensitivity to even small doses of medication.

But far fewer people know about a companion condition, Myofascial Pain Syndrome. People with Myofascial Pain Syndrome do not experience widespread pain, but note specific areas that ache daily; the most common site is about the neck and shoulders. People with Myofascial Pain Syndrome think that they have arthritis of the neck or that they have a shoulder problem such as a rotator cuff tear.

However, on examining the patient and asking where the pain is worse, a doctor can discern that the problem is with the trapezius muscle. It originates in the scapula and inserts in the back of the skull; the muscle layers over the shoulders and over the neck. It is not difficult for a person to believe that the pain is coming from the cervical spine and the shoulder joint rather than from the muscle overlying these bones.

Treatment for Myofascial Pain Syndrome is similar to what physicians prescribe for Fibromyalgia. A number of medicines meant to act as muscle relaxers work no better in Myofascial pain than they do in Fibromyalgia. Daily exercise, heat and massage, and knowledge that the muscle pain will not spread or lead to impairment are the only therapies that have proved useful over time.

In Fibromyalgia, the cause appears to be a midbrain pain center that is set at too sensitive a level for daily living. Investigators have not found a comparable center or site to explain why Myofascial Pain Syndrome has its own particular pattern of pain.

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Maple sugaring

» Maple Sugaring in Your Own Backyard runs 1-3 p.m. Sunday, March 9 and 23, at Heritage Park, 24914 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills. The cost for each class is \$7 per person or \$21 per family of four. All materials are provided, as well as take-home resources.

Dress for the weather — a portion of the program is outdoors. Pre-registration is required online at <https://recreg.thuy.com> or at the Costick Center, 28600 11 Mile, Farmington Hills. For more information, call 248-477-1133 or email asmth@fhgov.com.

» "Maple's Sweet Story," runs noon-3 p.m. Saturday-Sunday through March at Kensington Metropark Farm Center near Milford/Brighton. Take a guided walk through the farm's sugar bush to learn the secrets of tapping a tree. Watch sap being boiled down into maple syrup at the sugar shack. Maple syrup products will be available for sale and to sample. The fee is \$5 for adults; \$3 for seniors and children, 3-12; children under 3 are free. For more information call Kensington Metropark at 248-684-8632.

Butterfly garden

Local gardener John Blair will use a PowerPoint presentation at the next meeting of the Wayne Garden Club to show how he built his butterfly garden. The

meeting is set for 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 12, at the Wayne Public Library, 3737 S. Wayne Road, Wayne. Refreshments will be served. For more information, call 734-716-0780 or email darhawley3479@wowway.com.

Multiplying plants

Judy Cornellier, founding member of the Troy Garden Club and a member of the Michigan Herb Society, will be the guest speaker at the next meeting of the Livonia Garden Club, 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 4, at the Civic Park Senior Citizen Center, 15218 Farmington Road, south of Five Mile, Livonia. Cornellier, who is a staff member at Telly's Greenhouse, in Troy, will demonstrate how to multiply plants. Refreshments will be served. For more information, visit www.livoniagardenclub.org. Or call Ruth Mott at 734-525-5167.

Terrariums

Lisa Steinkopf will present "Terrariums: Gardens Under Glass," at the next meeting of the Farmington Garden Club, March 3, in the Spicer House in Heritage Park, 24914 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills. The meeting will start at noon, followed by the presentation at 1 p.m. Steinkopf will talk about choosing plants and accessories to bring snippets of nature indoors. Questions? Call Pat, 248-943-6026.

English Gardens

Get tips on perennial garden plant selection and care, 1 p.m. Saturday, March 8. Free

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ASH WEDNESDAY

Time/Date: 7:43 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 5
Location: Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia
Details: The Rev. Linda M. Golden, pastor of the church, will offer ashes in the morning by drive-thru in the front driveway of the church, and ashes distributed in the evening inside the church. The outdoor ashes distribution is part of a new service called "Ashes to Go." For more information, visit ashstogo.org.

Contact: Hlt@holytrinitylivonia.org or 734-424-0121

ASH WEDNESDAY

Time/Date: 7 p.m. March 5
Location: Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28880 Cherry Hill, Garden City
Details: Service marks beginning Lent. The church holds a service at 7 p.m. every subsequent Wednesday during Lent.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 5
Location: Loka Park Lutheran Church, 14750 Lincoln, Redford
Details: Free soup and sandwich supper served at 6 p.m.

Contact: 313-0532-8655 or 734-968-3333

CHILDREN'S CONCERT

Time/Date: 1:30 p.m. Sunday, March 2
Location: Sacred Heart Banquet and Conference Center, 29124 Middlebelt, just east of Middlebelt, Livonia
Details: "The Doughnut Man" Rob Evans and his sidekick Duncan will perform original Bible songs and songs from "The Beginning and The Miracle" song families are encouraged to sing along with the choir. The girls' teams are 55 and the boys' teams under 2 are admitted free.

Contact: the Rev. Joseph Marzulli at 734-522-3165

EXERCISE CLASS

Time/Date: 10-11 a.m. April 14
Location: St. John Neumann Parish, 14800 Warren Road, Canton
Details: Joe Mason, certified personal fitness trainer, leads a class that includes aerobic movements for warm-up, balance and strength training, high repetitions with light hand weights, followed by yoga-oriented strength and stretch work, abdominal and back exercises and final cool down.

Contact: 734-455-5910

FILM

Time/Date: 6:30 p.m., Friday, March 14
Location: Fireside Church of God, 11441 Hubbard, Livonia
Details: Premiere of the new VeggieTales movie, *Veggies in Space: The Fennel Frontier*. Admission is free, snacks and an activity page included. The family will receive a \$2 off coupon towards the purchase of the DVD at stores. Register at www.firesidechgo.org or call the office.

Contact: 734-644-0990

GRIEF SUPPORT

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 12 for five consecutive weeks
Location: St. Michael the Archangel Church, 11441 Hubbard, Livonia
Details: Grieving with Great Hope is for anyone who is mourning the loss of a loved one. It is conducted by God Mother Ministry, a local Catholic bereavement organization co-founded by John and Sandy O'Shaughnessy. Register

through the ministry's website or through the church.
Contact: 734-261-1455; goodmommunity@net.net

GRIEFSHARE

Time/Date: 6 p.m. Sunday, beginning March 16
Location: Faith Community Church, 14560 Merriman, Livonia
Details: This 13-week, non-denominational program features Christ-centered, biblical teaching that focuses on grief topics associated with the death of a loved one. Includes a video seminar featuring grief experts and real-life stories; support group discussion and workbook-based personal study and reflection. Grief-related handouts available weekly. Fee is \$15 and includes the workbook.

Contact: pastor Roger Wright at 313-882-7491

GUEST SPEAKER

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday, March 6
Location: St. Linus Church, 6466 Evangeline, Dearborn Heights
Details: Al Kresta, author and host of the radio show *Kresta in the Afternoon* on AM 990 WDEO, will talk about "The New Evangelicalism: the Church of the Church, Bless the Nation."

Contact: 313-274-4500 for more information

LENTEN SERVICES

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesday from March 5-April 9
Location: Loka Park Lutheran Church, 14750 Lincoln, Redford
Details: Theme is "From Garden to Glory"

Contact: 313-0532-8655 or 734-968-3333

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
Details: Emerson Eggerichs' book about understanding and communicating with the opposite sex in this seminar on DVD; admission free, optional workbook available for \$8

Contact: Register at 989-965-4861

SERMON, BIBLE SERIES

Time/Date: 8 a.m. traditional, 11 a.m. traditional and contemporary services, Tuesday
Location: St. Matthew, 5885 N. Varsity, north of Warren Road, Westland

Details: Six-week sermon series and Bible study, "40 Days in the Word"

Contact: 734-425-0360

SEVEN DEADLY SINS

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Thursday, from March 6 through April 10
Location: St. Michael the Archangel Parish, 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Road, Livonia
Details: The Siena Heights University Campus Ministry team will lead the series for teens. The series is based on the Rev. Robert Barron's new video series that focuses on the way pride, envy, anger, sloth, gluttony and lust may affect a person's life and relationships with God and others. Includes suggestions for "curing" each sin. Registration is required; cost is \$12.95 for accompanying study guide

Contact: 734-261-1455, Ext. 207; www.livoniamichael.org

SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Time/Date: 1-4 p.m. Saturday, March 8
Location: Concordia Lutheran School, 9600 Leveaux, Redford
Details: Tour the school and view the annual spring carnival. Includes carnival games, book fair, food and more. New stu-

dents can receive a coupon for \$5 in free carl cards by calling the campus or visiting online.

Contact: 313-937-2233; www.concordialschool.org

SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Time/Date: 1-3 p.m. Sunday, March 9
Location: St. Paul's Preschool and Care, 28085 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills
Details: Child care for ages 2½ and up; preschool for ages 3-4; Young Five class extended care and summer camp for all ages

Contact: 248-274-4888

SOLANUS CASEY CENTER

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday, March 11
Location: 1509 Newburgh, Livonia
Details: This weekly bereavement support series is designed to help deal with emotions, loneliness and other issues experienced after the loss of a

spouse. Widowed Friends is a peer support group in the Archdiocese of Detroit.

Contact: Priscilla at 734-591-7879

ONGOING CLASSES/STUDY

Men's Bible study
Time/Date: Breakfast at 7 a.m. and study at 8 a.m.
Location: Kirby's Conely Island, 21200 Haggerty, Northville Township
Contact: John Shulenberger at 734-644-9491

Our Lady of Loretto
Time/Date: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday
Location: Six Mile and Beech Day, Redford Township
Details: Scripture study

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Time/Date: Friday, 4-15 p.m. for Sunday paper • Wednesday, 9-45 a.m. for Thursday paper

ADAMS, ANNABELLE D.

February 26, 2014, age 94. Beloved wife of the late William. Dear mother of Barbara (Wayne) Gash and Janis (Bill) McDonald. Also leaves six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Services were held Friday at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home Plymouth. Share your memories at www.schrader-howell.com

CALVIN, MARCIA LOOMIS

Of Wakefield, Massachusetts, formerly of Smyrna, Connecticut, and Birmingham, Michigan. February 21. Wife of the late John C. Loomis. Mother of Lucy C. Skeldon and husband Michael J. Skeldon of Wakefield, MA. Calvin and Marcia Loomis, California. Sister of Linda Loomis of Ithaca, New York, and Peter and Rob Loomis, IV, of Chambersburg, Pennsylvania. Also survived by her three grandchildren, Kathryn, Christopher, and Alexander Skeldon. A Memorial Service will be held at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Wakefield, 326 Main St., Wakefield, MA, on Monday, April 12, at 10 a.m. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Marcia's name to the Memorial Fund of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Wakefield, P.O. Box 529, Wakefield, MA 01880. For obit, directions, and guestbook, visit www.guestbook.com

MARTINI, LUIGI

Long-time resident of Farmington Hills, joined our father in heaven on February 9 after 93 wonderful years of life. Filled with love, laughter, and endless love and support to his extended family and friends. He was preceded in death by his cherished wife, Christine, in 2009, after 46 years of marriage, and his sister, Mary Collica, of Royal Oak. He is survived by his daughter, Jeanette, son Ronald (Becky), six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Luigi was born on August 24, 1920 in Castellini, Italy, to Emilio and Veneranda Martini. His family immigrated to the United States and settled in the Detroit area when he was 7-year-old. A graduate of Cass Technical High School, Luigi positively served his country in the U.S. Army from 1945-1947, as an aviator. A graduate of Cass Technical High School, Luigi positively served his country in the U.S. Army from 1945-1947, as an aviator. A graduate of Cass Technical High School, Luigi positively served his country in the U.S. Army from 1945-1947, as an aviator. A graduate of Cass Technical High School, Luigi positively served his country in the U.S. Army from 1945-1947, as an aviator.

DRITSAS, JAMES B.

A Bloomfield Hills business attorney for 55 years, died February 26, 2014 in Sacrament, California. Born in Detroit, he practiced law in Detroit and was a member of the Detroit Bar. He received his Bachelor of Philosophy (BPhil) in 1963 and, as with his other degrees, he received his Juris Doctorate (JD) in 1966. After graduation law school, he practiced law with his father for 15 years. In 1972, he and his partners formed the Vetschick Dritsas, Evans and Vetschick law firm in Bloomfield Hills. He leaves to cherish and forever hold dear his memories, his loving wife, Carolyn, his five children, William, Jane (Lehman), David, Susan (Steve) and Elizabeth (John), his sisters Sylvia (Michael) and Catherine (Paula), ten grandchildren and a host of dear family and friends.

In October 2012, Jim and his wife, Carolyn, moved to California to be closer to their children. Jim enjoyed his work and was a popular and trusted advisor throughout his career. Professionally, he was as personally. Jim sought to be conciliatory, and his integrity was beyond reproach. His love of his clients and his love of his friends and family were his greatest joys. He lived for over 40 years. Jim and Carolyn loved to travel, but they traveled extensively throughout Europe, including his parents' native homeland Greece (where he had many relatives), Australia, New Zealand and much of the U.S. An avid Detroit sports fan, he was a patron of the arts and enjoyed jazz, live theater in Stratford, Ontario and opera at the Detroit Opera House. As the patriarch of his extended family, Jim was loved and admired by all for his generosity, kindness, wisdom, humor, charisma and intelligence. He touched and enriched in precious ways the lives of his sisters, children and grandchildren. His legacy is filled with love, charitable donations and a deep peace with his five children and his great-grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, please send a donation to either the National Fragile X Foundation or the National Stroke Association. Condolences be sent Carolyn Dritsas at 672 661 Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95818. A Memorial will be held at the Academy of the Sacred Heart in Bloomfield Hills on April 26

Location: Trip to the center depends on St. John Neumann parking lot, 4800 Warren Road, Canton

Details: Participants will carpool to the Center in Detroit. Cost is \$15 and includes tour and lunch. Deadline to pay and register is Monday, March 3, at the church, 734-455-5910

Contact: jliglio@wowway.com; shortcove@wowway.com for more information

WIDOWED FRIENDS

Time/Date: 1:30-3:30 p.m. Sunday, through March 9
Location: St. Edith Church, 1509 Newburgh, Livonia
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ONGOING CLASSES/STUDY

Men's Bible study
Time/Date: Breakfast at 7 a.m. and study at 8 a.m.
Location: Kirby's Conely Island, 21200 Haggerty, Northville Township
Contact: John Shulenberger at 734-644-9491

Our Lady of Loretto
Time/Date: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday
Location: Six Mile and Beech Day, Redford Township
Details: Scripture study

WILSON, JOYCE MCCORMICK

A life well lived. Joyce Wilson, beloved wife of Charles Erwin Wilson, Jr., left this earth on February 21, 2014. Daughter of the late John and Ella McCormick, and daughter-in-law of Charles E. Wilson, president of General Motors and Secretary of Defense under President Eisenhower. Joyce was a tiny dynamo-woman who loved adventure, never met a party she didn't want to attend, or a piano she didn't want to sing with. She travelled the world of Europe over their 47 year marriage, seeing places most of us only read of in National Geographic, maharajahs, the Dalai Lama, hunted in terrible conditions, as well as beautiful ones. She never hesitated when it came to venturing some place new, and always enjoyed every country she visited. She was Erwin's constant companion and best friend. They loved running the Sportsman in Birmingham together for many years; they shared a love for sports and were blessed with five children. Joyce is survived with her three children: Kate Long (Mike), Sal Aldrich (Lynn), and Gannett (Clark) (Louise), along with her step-children Linda Gamage-Wilson (Pete) and Patricia Wilson (Dick), Charles Wilson III (Dick), Robert (Sandra), and Jeffrey. She was proud to have 19 grandchildren and soon-to-be 6 great grandchildren. One of Joyce and Erwin's favorite places to go was their home on Wallon Lake, Teljer Lodge. She spent many summers enjoying the lake, her many gardens, and her tennis group, along with her wonderful friends. Winters, she and Erwin loved their place outside of Naples - their dog Jenny was a constant and beloved companion. Her sense of humor, and energy, and her sense of style will long be remembered by those who loved her. Joyce was very missed. A Memorial Service was held Tuesday, February 25, 2014 at Christ Church Cathedral in Bloomfield Hills. In lieu of flowers, family suggests memorial tributes to the charity of Joyce's service. View obituary and share memories at DesmondFuneralHome.com

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Mondays
Location: Room 401, 4000 W. Six Mile, Northville Township
Details: Learner's Bible study is held

Contact: 248-374-5920

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Help your kids get sufficient, quality sleep

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Celebrate National Sleep Awareness Week, March 2-9, by practicing good sleep habits with your family.

"Relax before bedtime. An hour before bedtime turn off all electronics, including TV. TV is not something you should have on right before bedtime. Electronics stimulate the brain with light, which tells the brain to stay up," said Nancy Maxwell, executive director of Sweet Dreamzzz, the Farmington Hills-based organization that educates parents and youngsters about the importance of sleep.

For a bedtime snack, Maxwell suggests "a light carbohydrate, nothing heavy and not a lot of sugar."

Routine is the key to making good sleep preparation into a habit. If 8 p.m. is bedtime, start preparing by 7 p.m. Include washing and brushing teeth as a part of the routine. The darker the bedroom the better.

"A small, dim nightlight is OK, but even that is a dim stimulant to the brain," Maxwell noted. "Keep temperatures low at night. As the body temperature goes down, it's a signal for it to fall asleep. A higher temperature may be harder for kids to fall asleep and stay asleep."

She suggests dialing the thermostat to 68 or less.

Sleep education

The National Sleep Foundation presents National Sleep Awareness Week annually the week leading up to daylight



saving time, when most Americans lose one hour of sleep. Maxwell said some youngsters routinely get inadequate or interrupted sleep.

That can lead to poor school performance, weight gain, impaired growth, problem behaviors and diabetes development, according to Dr. Ronald Chervin, M.D., professor of neurology and director of the University of Michigan Sleep Disorders Center. Chervin is also a member of the Sweet Dreamzzz Advisory Council.

"In some of these cases, simple, low-cost education of

children and parents about the importance of sleep is likely to have a dramatic impact," he said.

Sweet Dreamzzz will take its sleep education programs to children at the St. Vincent Sarah Fisher Center in Detroit March 3-4 and the Detroit International Academy on March 7 and will give each child a sleep kit with a sleeping bag, tote, nightshirt, toothbrush and toothpaste. Maxwell said a sleeping bag gives a child a personal sleeping environment.

"We have families where

there are multiple children in a bed. It's not an effective sleeping environment if the covers get pulled," Maxwell said. "We might not be able to give them their own bed, but we can at least give them their own environment."

How much sleep?

Children, 3-5, need 11 to 13 hours of continuous sleep. Elementary school students need at least nine hours, Maxwell said. Through its educational programs, Sweet Dreamzzz has encountered many parents who believe

eight hours of sleep is sufficient for preschoolers.

"It's not that they don't want the best for their children, it's that they don't know," Maxwell said. "And we have families doing split shifts. One mother with six children would get in at 4 a.m. and the kids would wake up through the night waiting for her to get home."

"We had one father getting home at 11 p.m. and he would wake his child up because he hadn't seen her all day. How about a phone call instead at 8 p.m. to talk to daddy? Our goal is if we can move closer to the recommended number of hours (of sleep), then you're truly supporting children."

Sweet Dreamzzz asks schools and businesses to celebrate Sweet Dreamzzz Pajama Day on Friday March 7, by allowing students to wear their pajamas and employees to wear blue jeans. The event can be held in conjunction with a collection to buy sleep kits for economically disadvantaged youth. Maxwell said Our Lady of Sorrows School in Farmington Hills turned a donation drive into a contest between classrooms and raised enough money to buy sleeping bags for an entire elementary school.

"Have your own pajama day at home. Give us feedback on our Facebook page and tell us how you celebrate (Sleep Week) in your own home," she added.

For more about Sweet Dreamzzz, visit www.sweetdreamzzz.org. For more on National Sleep Awareness Week, see sleepfoundation.org.

Oakwood hospital system changes facilities' names

Oakwood Healthcare is changing the name of its four acute-care hospitals to reflect the Oakwood brand.

Oakwood Hospital & Medical Center has become Oak-

wood Hospital-Dearborn and Oakwood Heritage Hospital has been changed to Oakwood Hospital-Taylor. Later this year Oakwood Ann Arbor Hospital will become Oakwood

Hospital-Wayne and Oakwood Southshore Medical Center will be renamed Oakwood Hospital-Southshore.

"Oakwood is well known for providing uniquely personal-

ized patient care at all of our facilities," stated Brian M. Connolly, Oakwood's president and CEO. "When someone steps into any Oakwood hospital, clinic or facility, they can

be assured of receiving the same great experience no matter where they go. The new hospital names confirm that commitment to system-wide quality and service."

Gestational Diabetes Testing ...It's a big deal for your little one

Ask A Garden City Hospital Health Expert



Dr. Farhat
Obstetrics/Gynecology

While gestational diabetes occurs in nearly 18% of all pregnancies, chances are if you haven't had a baby yet, you probably never heard of it. Caused by a temporary rise of high blood sugar levels during pregnancy, Obstetrician and GCH Health Expert, Dr. Ibrahim Farhat, from the GCH Center for Women's Health, explains why every expectant mother is tested for gestational diabetes, and what to expect if your tests come back positive.

Q: What causes gestational diabetes?

A: We don't know the exact cause, but we have some clues. The placenta supports the baby as it grows. Hormones from the placenta help the baby develop. But these hormones also block the action of the mother's insulin in her body. This problem is called insulin resistance, which makes it hard for the mother's body to use insulin. Thus, she may require up to three times the amount of insulin she normally would.

Q: How can gestational diabetes affect my baby?

A: Gestational diabetes affects the mother in late pregnancy, after the baby's body has been formed, but while the baby is busy growing. Because of this, gestational diabetes does not cause the kinds of birth defects sometimes seen in babies whose mothers had diabetes prior to pregnancy.

However, untreated or poorly controlled gestational diabetes can hurt your baby. When you have gestational diabetes, your pancreas works overtime to produce insulin, but the insulin does not lower your blood glucose levels. Although insulin does not cross the placenta, glucose and other nutrients do. So, extra blood glucose goes through the placenta, giving the baby high blood glucose levels. This causes the baby's pancreas to make extra insulin to get rid of the blood glucose. Since the baby is getting more energy than it needs to grow and develop, the extra energy is stored as fat.

This can lead to fetal macrosomia, or a baby who's significantly larger than average at birth. Babies with macrosomia can face health risks, including damage to their shoulders during birth. Because of the extra insulin made by the baby's pancreas, newborns may have very low blood glucose levels at birth and are also at higher risk for breathing problems. Babies with excess insulin become children who are at risk for obesity and adults who are at risk for Type 2 diabetes.

If you would like to read more about Gestational Diabetes from Dr. Farhat, look for his article in the upcoming Spring issue of Garden City Hospital's Healthy Generations Magazine.

Are you trying to get pregnant or already expecting? Then you don't want to miss GCH's "What to Expect, When You're Expecting" event on Saturday, March 15 at Westland Mall. Come hear OB-GYN, Dr. Chad Haddad and certified nurse midwives, Kelly Summerfield and Mary Ann Abass, as they discuss everything from pre-conception to postpartum depression. The event is free and starts at 1 p.m., and includes lunch.

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Cadillac Bursts On Electromobility Scene with High Hopes for ELR



By Dale Buss

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Cadillac is selling its new ELR plug-in hybrid only by the dozens at this point rather than by the thousands, because it's only been available at dealers for a few weeks. But if Cadillac CMO Uwe Ellinghaus has his way, ELR will become a high-volume flagship for the brand in the way that its sibling, the Chevrolet Volt, never has achieved that hope for Chevy.

The 2014 Cadillac ELR luxury coupe blends dramatic design and industry-leading extended-range technology to deliver a driving experience that is both sport and environmentally friendly. It represents the first application of plug-in technology by a full-line luxury auto brand, as distinguished from the all-electric Model S that is making Tesla a household name.

The car provides a driving range of 340 miles, and most daily commutes will

require zero gasoline with zero emissions. Longer-range trips are free of the "range anxiety" that has tripped up mainstream all-electrics and has been a hindrance for Model S as well.

ELR also represents yet another branch on the rugged tree of the Cadillac design language that has helped turn around the brand over the last decade. Vertical headlamp and taillamp elements create a Cadillac design signature for ELR.

Meanwhile, Ellinghaus is betting the early days of his tenure as the brand's new CMO on getting luxury-car buyers worldwide to appreciate the new ELR. That's why he made one big decision about the aggressively American "Poo-side" ad that debuted on NBC during the Sochi Olympics.

The ad already was essentially in the can when Ellinghaus came aboard at Cadillac a few months ago,

but he decided to have the ad tout the new ELR rather than another model he declined to identify.

The timing of the sales launch of the car would coincide perfectly with the brand's Sochi sponsorship and the debut of the commercial, he concluded. And besides, what better chance to get traction for his repositioning of the Cadillac brand than to underscore its most technologically advanced and adventurous product to date?

"It's the most progressive statement Cadillac has in the market," Ellinghaus told me. "So I said, why don't we use this 'Poo-side' commercial for ELR?" During tentpole events such as the Olympics, he said, "You have a reach that you have on very few other occasions during the year."

As long as the brand was "going to reach so many people," Ellinghaus figured "it would be lovely to reach all of them positively with a car they might not expect from Cadillac—and still may not know we have it."

In his few months at Cadillac after coming over from BMW marketing and brand strategy, Cadillac has posted a 22 percent increase in 2013 sales over 2012, and has garnered kudos for its new ATS and CTS.



Inside, ELR's appointments make it unique in the electric-car segment.

But Ellinghaus has determined that "we need to build desirability for Cadillac and surprise people positively in ways they've never seen Cadillac before."

He also wanted to make sure that, in this era when the all-electric Tesla Model S is finding strong appeal for electromobility among luxury-car buyers, there was no mistaking in "Poo-side" that Cadillac was promoting its own electrified vehicle.

"I thought it would be a nice surprise effect if it featured the car that was visibly recognizable as one with an electric drivetrain," Ellinghaus explained. "So [actor Neal McDonough] unplugs it" in the ad.

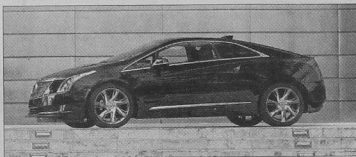
Ellinghaus credits Tesla with throwing down the gauntlet to the traditional luxury-car business "so that we realize electromobility can work and we can be successful with it. There's a good business case

for all of us to realize there is demand even for sports cars—with the performance and design and prestigious aspects that they've always had—with an electric drivetrain, and that these cars may reduce driving pleasure for the entire industry.

"That's why we're proud of ELR—it's not a 'rolling declaration' but rather a premium car with an electric drivetrain."

The success of Tesla, the debut of ELR and the imminent arrival of BMW's i8 plug-in hybrid, Ellinghaus said, disprove the early theory about EVs that "if they worked, it would be at the bottom of the market. This was why the initial EVs weren't premium at all. This was flawed."

By contrast, he said, the industry is finding that "customers interested in electromobility are educated human beings and make good money and don't want to give up the joy of driving" for being green.



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