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Dems forum intended to spur action



A large crowd filled the room as panelists such as David Hecker, president of the American Federation of Teachers of Michigan, and Emily Divoendorf, executive director of Equality Michigan, addressed Democratic issues. BOB MOSHER

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Mobilizing diverse political movements under one umbrella, Democratic clubs in Canton and Plymouth hope to gain momentum for November elections and beyond by focusing on a platform that includes worker rights, women's issues, marriage equality and public education.

They ramped up their efforts by drawing an estimated 90-100 people Wednesday night to a two-hour public forum, Intersections in Progressive Politics, inside the Canton Administration Building.

"There's a bigger picture here. We all have to realize

that and put our differences aside," said David Hecker, president of the American Federation of Teachers of Michigan.

Hecker was among five panelists who implored Democrats to defend their party's ideals against what they view as attempts by Republican lawmakers to dismantle gains made on key issues.

Blasting laws

Libby McGaughey, vice president of Planned Parenthood of Michigan, blasted legislation she said has made it more difficult and costly for women to obtain an abortion even when rape is involved. She said Democrats should work to "keep poli-

ticians out of your doctor's offices." She mentioned one group, Michigan Women Are Watching, that plans to campaign against certain lawmakers.

"Our plan is to go after the people who are continually voting against our values," she said during a forum moderated by Democratic blogger Chris Savage.

Karla Swift, president of the Michigan AFL-CIO, said right-to-work legislation has become "the most symbolic" of efforts to dismantle unions in favor of corporate interests. However, she said fewer than 1 percent of Michigan Education Association teach-

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Canton investigates Crossings furnaces

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Canton Township announced Friday it was investigating potential furnace problems at The Crossings, a large apartment complex near Joy Road and I-275 on Canton's north side. Township Supervisor Phil LaJoy said inspections would be done after a contractor hired by The Crossings management company found "at least" 62 furnaces that could possibly be faulty.

"We're just being proactive and we're going to go in there and figure out if there are any (furnaces) leaking

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IKEA expansion expected this fall

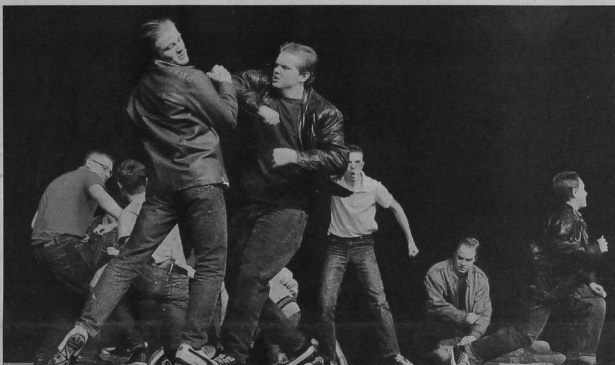
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Staff Writer

Global home furnishings retail giant IKEA has formally announced it plans a major expansion of its 311,000-square-foot Canton store, confirming what the *Observer* first reported in February.

IKEA intends to demolish the former ABC Warehouse building it owns next door to accommodate a westward, 44,000-square-foot expansion. Construction is expected to start this fall and be finished by spring 2015.

The effort to expand its warehouse comes eight years after the Swedish retailer opened its only

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Riff (Travis Ealem) and Bernardo (Travis Babb) and the rest of the Sharks and Jets rumble in the streets in "West Side Story." PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

SHARKS VS. JETS

Park Players take on 'West Side Story'

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

In *West Side Story*, the Jets and the Sharks are rival gang members on the violent streets of New York, doomed by social conditions they can't control.

Despite the violence and despair, the chief protagonist, Tony, is a hopeful character who is very free-spirited.

At least that's how Plymouth High School sophomore Ryan Wagner sees him. Wagner and the rest of his castmates brought Tony, Maria and the rest of the gang members to life this weekend in the Park Players' production of the legendary musical at the Gloria Logan Auditorium in Salem High School.

The show's final performances are Friday and Saturday.

"Tony is very hopeful," Wagner said. "A lot of the other characters in the gangs have a lot of baggage weighing them down. A lot of the show is (Tony) anticipating what's coming next. It's fun to act that out."



Riff (Travis Ealem) convinces Tony (Ryan Wagner) to come to the dance with the Jets.

The show is inspired by Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet* and the relationship between Tony, a Jet, and Maria, the sister of the leader of the Sharks, is the key component.

Madeline Klozik plays Maria, and believes her to be a "sweet, innocent" character who, like Wagner's Tony, is optimistic. After watching a bevy of

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TAKING THE STAGE

What: Park Players production of *West Side Story*

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Snyder touts international business at Bosch

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

Richard Reaume figures Plymouth Township has benefited as much as any municipality from investment from international companies.

That's why when Gov. Rick Snyder came Friday to the township's Robert Bosch, LLC, plant on Haggerty to talk about the importance of international investment, Reaume understood completely.

Resume, in his third term as Plymouth Township's supervisor, estimated "probably eight different countries" are represented in the township's business world, including Bosch.

"We're very supportive of international investment and the job creation that comes with it," he said.

Snyder was at Bosch for an evening lauding the Organization for International Investment, which released findings of a study the Washington-based

group commissioned that produced an appraisal of responders from 100 U.S. chief financial officers about the business climate in the United States.

The OFII cited Michigan for its creation of 255,000 jobs since December 2010 and as the state that's recovered most from the Great Recession. Meanwhile, Washington is recognized for setting a new exports record earlier this year (\$81.9 billion) and as a state that counts one in three

jobs related to international trade.

OFII President/CEO Nancy McLernon applauded Michigan for steps such as elimination of the Michigan Business Tax, development of Michigan's talented work force and impressive results from a high priority on job creation.

Included during Snyder's visit was a tour of the plant and a visit with the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park's FIRST Robotics team, Team 862, and

its robot, Neo. Team members praised Snyder for his support, not only of STEM initiatives in general, but of FIRST Robotics in particular.

Michigan leads the nation in robotics teams and Bosch - which mentors Plymouth-Canton's team - supports some 40 teams around the country. Snyder spent time with the P-CEP team at last year's state competition and vowed to do so again next month at the 2014 state meet.

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ers have thus far declined to keep paying dues.

Swift said it's difficult to assess the impact right-to-work will have because most union contracts, approved before the law went into effect, haven't expired.

Emily Dienvordt, executive director of Equality Michigan, said Michigan lags behind many states that have made strides toward marriage equality and other issues affecting the LGBT - lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender - community.

Depending on the outcome of court rulings, she said a campaign may be mounted for a 2016 ballot proposal to repeal the ban on gay marriage.

Opinion shift

LGBT proponents also are pushing for Michigan communities to adopt ordinances making it illegal for local employers to discriminate based on sexual orientation. Already, 32 municipalities have adopted such rules.

"In Michigan at this point it is perfectly legal to be fired for being gay," Dienvordt said, imploring Democrats to work harder to elect lawmakers and local officials who support their views.

Democrats indicated polls are showing a shift in public opinion that is more supportive of LGBT issues, even

among some Republicans, religious groups and older voters.

Heater Wheeler, assistant Wayne County CEO and former executive director of the NAACP Detroit branch, drew the biggest laugh of the night when he scanned the audience and remarked, "I had no idea there were this many Democrats on this end of Wayne County."

Wheeler said situations involving emergency managers have disproportionately hurt African Americans in cities and school districts, calling it "tragic" that blacks in places such as Detroit have little say over who governs them.

Wheeler said it's not a coincidence that Gov. Rick Snyder appointed Kevin Orr, an African American, as Detroit's emergency manager. Wheeler said Orr "is my color, but he's not my kind" and said his selection was "deliberate."

When asked by Savage if the emergency manager situation is racist, Wheeler replied, "Hell, yeah, it's racism. It's an insult."

Steven Sneideman, Canton Democratic Club president and township trustee, said Wednesday's forum could be a springboard as local Democratic clubs to try to broaden their support.

"Everything we do is building toward success in November and beyond," he said.

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carbon monoxide or anything like that," LaJoy said Friday.

Canton's building and public safety departments were mobi-

lizing to investigate the situation.

Canton Township issued a statement Friday saying local officials had been made aware of the "potential issue" and that officials would ensure measures are taken to protect the health and safety of Cross-

ings residents.

"We just want to make sure there's not any kind of health and safety problem," LaJoy said.

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IKEA

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Michigan store at Ford and Haggerty roads, where the massive blue-and-yellow store has drawn customers from other states and Canada.

IKEA plans to remain open during an expansion that will leave the store with 355,000 square feet of space. The project involves expanding the self-serve furniture area where shoppers pick up their packaged furniture, rearranging customer service areas and enlarging the home-delivery area, the company announced.

"IKEA is thrilled with the success of IKEA Canton. But as our customer base and sales continue to grow - along with product assortment - the store's warehouse capacity now is less than ideal," Hunsicker store manager Matt Hunsicker said in a company-issued statement. "Extending the store's self-serve furniture area so it can hold more products would allow us to improve the shopping experience to meet our customers' needs more easily and to enhance our ability to keep lowering prices."

IKEA said the ability to increase its inventory is expected to reduce transportation costs.

Canton Community Planner Jeff Goulet said IKEA has submitted an amendment to its planned development district agreement and site plan. The proposals are under review and will require a public hearing, which hasn't yet been scheduled.



IKEA has revealed an architectural drawing of what its expanded Canton store will look like. IKEA

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IKEA's exit-area bistro and Swedish food market aren't expected to move during the store reconfiguration. The company said it hopes to minimize disruptions during its expansion.

"This project may require some flexibility by our customers, but we are confident it will create an enhanced shopping experience with access to a bigger product selection and greater quantities of each item," Hunsicker said.

IKEA is located on 30 acres along Ford Road west of the

I-275 corridor, in the heart of Canton's retail shopping district. It has 52 different room settings, three model home interiors, a supervised children's play area and a 350-seat restaurant.

IKEA, founded in 1943 in Sweden, installed Michigan's largest array of solar panels atop its roof in 2012. The company has more than 350 stores in 44 countries, including 38 in the United States.

IKEA spokesman Joseph Roth has said IKEA doesn't disclose annual sales for specific stores. He said U.S. stores had \$4.1 billion in sales for 2012, compared to \$34.6 billion for 349 sites worldwide.

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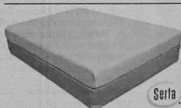
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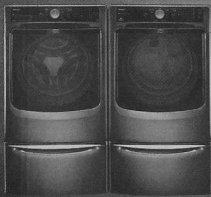
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High school writers get their big chance

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

If Adam Duxter has his way, he'll be interviewing professional athletes for a living when he graduates from the journalism school at the University of Missouri a little more than four years from now.

So when the Detroit Red Wings, through their annual High School Journalist Day, offered the opportunity to tour Joe Louis Arena, watch practice and interview coach Mike Babcock and others, Duxter jumped at it.

Duxter, along with Plymouth High School junior Hailey Foster, recently spent the day experiencing the life of a sports reporter. The pair are co-sports editors for *The Perspective*, the student newspaper at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

"It was a blast," said Duxter, a Canton High School senior who also works for WSDP-FM (88.1), the student radio station known as the Park. "I get to cover high school games. It's one thing covering high school sports, but a totally different aspect going into a professional setting."

"I'm a huge Red Wings fan, so when I found out I could get close to the guys, it was a cool chance I didn't want to pass



Plymouth High School junior Hailey Foster was one of two Plymouth-Canton students to take part in Journalist Day.

up," he added.

Some 70 high school reporters from around the state took part in the program, which started with a question-and-answer session featuring a panel of reporters, including Kevin Allen of USA Today, Michael Caples of Michigan Hockey, Bob Duff of the *WindStar* and Ken Kal, the radio play-by-play voice for the Red Wings.

Students then toured the Joe Louis Arena press box and watched the Red Wings practice. Babcock, former Wings player Kris Draper and others took part in a series of three press conferences.

Foster, who said she won't pursue a career in journalism — she wants to go into equestrian studies or pre-veterinary medicine — called the event "a really cool experience."

"It was very informative about the life of a sports journalist," Foster said. "They gave a lot of advice about things you need to do in order to be suc-

cessful."

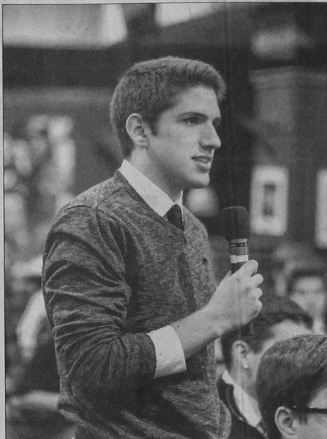
Foster said her experience on *The Perspective*, while it was "a great learning experience," showed her a career in journalism wasn't the right path for her.

"Journalism is not what I want to go into," she said. "It's not the right fit for me, but ... I will take a lot of life lessons away from the class."

But for Duxter, the experience was "awesome" and heightened his enthusiasm for the journalism career path. He said he's been "really involved" at the radio station, but this is his first year at *The Perspective*.

"I've always wanted to do something with broadcasting," Duxter said, adding that he hasn't decided between a print and a broadcast career. "I'm going into J-school undecided. I hope to get a good feel for what might be good for me."

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Canton High School senior Adam Duxter asks a question at one of three press conferences during Detroit Red Wings High School Journalist Day.

ON CAMPUS

Olivet Nazarene

Olivet Nazarene University announced that three students from this area have been named to the dean's list for the recently completed fall 2013 semester.

Among the dean's list students are Karalynn Hewett and Grace Talbott of Canton, along with Plymouth resident Kaitlyn Robertson.

To qualify for inclusion on the dean's list, a student must have been enrolled as a full-time undergraduate student and must have attained a se-

mester grade-point average of 3.5 or higher on a 4.0 grading scale.

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Grand Valley

Three students from Plymouth and nine from Canton were among more than 1,000 who earned their degrees from Grand Valley State University in December.

Plymouth students included Cameron K. Groenewoud, Jessica A. Thoe and Jacqueline A. White.

Canton students earning degrees included Sabrina L. Burcroft, Kirsten E. Clemans, Terra L. Devine, Lisa J. Ealy, James P. Hanley, Diane M. Postel, Sarah M. Thomas, Paige M. Visser and Brienne N. Winowiecki.

Saginaw Valley

Five students from Canton were among 445 named to Saginaw Valley's president's list for fall 2013.

To be eligible for the president's list, a student must take at least 12 credit hours and earn a 4.0 grade-point average. Canton students making the list included Emily Lipa, Cassandra Misiolek, Kaila Antaleo, Mitch Reinhart and Andrew Tidwell.

More than a dozen students from Canton and two from Plymouth were among 1,950 students named to the fall 2013 dean's list.

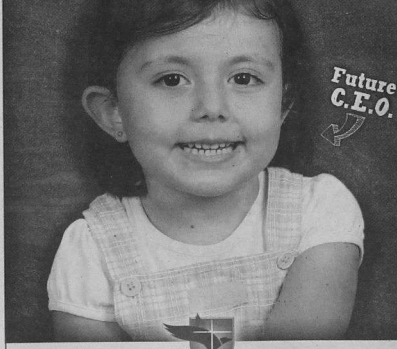
To be eligible for the dean's list, a student must take at least 12 credit hours and carry a semester GPA of 3.4 or bet-

ter.

Canton students making the list included Katelyn Adams, Anna Bushey, Kyle Cameron, Margaret Donnelly, Courtney Hendges, Stacey Jedele, Eric Madill, Ben Merbler, Jacob Misiolek, Christopher Perkovich, Lachlan Savage, Chynsa Williams and Rachael Wingard. Katelyn Moss and Mitchell Posuniak of Plymouth also made the list.

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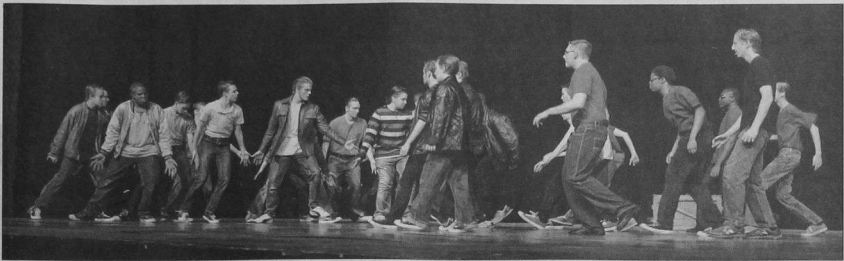
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The Sharks meet the Jets. PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

PLAYERS

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famous actresses play her. Klozik, a junior at Salem High School, called having the opportunity to play Maria "an amazing experience."

"She's such a sweet, innocent character with some amazing songs," said Klozik, who has also been in *The Glass Menagerie*, *The Sound of Music* and *Little Women*. "She is so optimistic and naive, but at the same time she is a strong-minded girl."

Wagner said he's always enjoyed *West Side Story*. When he read for Tony, he looked at the songs and thought, "I can sing this." He said lyricist Steven Sondheim was "not kind" to the people he wrote music for, but decided the challenge was worth the effort.

Wagner, last on stage as the Big Bad Wolf in *Shrek*, said there are some similarities between him and his character.

"In some ways, he's like me. ... Both of us are pretty optimistic, but Tony is a lot more passionate than I am," Wagner said. "I'm a pretty passive guy in real life. Tony has a lot of emotions. (Bringing that out) is part of the acting. For every scene and every song, I write out an objective, what I want to accomplish, and from there I put myself into Tony's mind-set - what would Tony be doing to accomplish this? It makes it easier to put a



Anita (Sydney Hicks) just might approve of the love between Maria (Madeline Klozik) and Tony (Ryan Wagner).



The war council: Bernardo (Travis Babb) and Riff (Travis Ealem) settle the terms for the gang war.

lot of emotion into it." Klozik said there have been some challenging aspects to playing Maria. "The most challenging part has been embodying her purity," Klozik said. "The challenge would have to be reverting to a

state of complete optimism, where she can fix anything with love and a kind heart."

Klozik she sees a little of Maria when she looks in a mirror.

"I relate to Maria in a few ways," Klozik said.

"We both are pretty optimistic young women. We are both suckers for romance and put our hearts into everything we do."

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Maria (Madeline Klozik) and Tony (Ryan Wagner) meet at the dance.



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Seniors prep backpacks for W-W roundup

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

Seniors who frequent the Dyer Senior Center had their jobs cut out for them — filling 1,200 backpacks that will be given to incoming members of the Class of 2027.

An important cog in the district's annual Kindergarten Roundup that will be held Tuesday, March 25, the seniors formed assembly lines Thursday morning to fill the backpacks with books, activity sheets, crayons and glue sticks, all meant to help prepare youngsters for their first day of school.

"I've been doing this for three years," said Mary Galan of Garden City, who started out unzipping the backpacks. "I started when I retired and joined the senior club. I've done the packing and the zippers. The zippers can get tough, but I've learned how to open them."

Center Director Mary Browe and volunteers spent more than two hours Wednesday afternoon setting up the assembly line, which also included an area where seniors in teams of two helped fill folders with registration information that will be given to parents at the roundup.

With a theme of "Learning That Is Out of This World," the annual Kindergarten Roundup will be held at 9 a.m. Tuesday at the district's 11 elementary schools. Jackie Wryrkowski, a secretary in the district's instruction department, begins ordering backpacks, T-shirts and school supplies in December.

Counting kids

"We do the fall and winter counts and come up with a number for backpacks for each school and go from there," Wryrkowski said. "We never run short. We bring back what's left and when parents come to register during the summer, we give them a backpack. When they come in, we like to give them something. We give them out until we run out."

"Last year we got through June and July before we ran



Maria Galan helps unzip the 1,200 backpacks that will be given out during Wayne-Westland's Kindergarten Roundup.

out," she added.

Kay Heard of Westland helped with the backpacks for years before moving away three years ago. Now that she's back, she's walking the line.

"When I got back, I jumped right back in," she said. "I saw a need. Mary needed help and I came in."

Heard likes the idea that the backpacks go to the children.

"I know how happy they must be to get these backpacks," she said.

Heard has helped with other things at the center, including volunteering at the center's monthly spaghetti dinner. She picks up trays and with music by the Waco Band. "You've heard of the singing waiter, I'm the dancing waiter," she said.

Dave Kapla of Westland started with the backpacks,

but eventually moved over to fill the folders.

"Every time I do this, I say I'm going to get one of those rubber finger tips," he said. "I have to wet my thumb."

'We love it'

It might be work, but Beverly Konkright of Westland said the backpack event is fun.

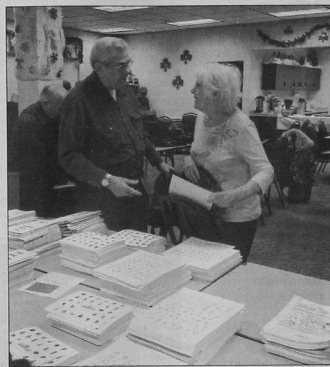
"We love it, especially because it's for the kids," she said. "We use our joints. It keeps you moving."

"It's better than sitting around at home," said Ilene Maas of Westland. "Once you retire, you have to stay busy or you get bananas."

Within two hours of starting, the stacks of backpacks had been moved from one end of the room to the other. Filled with the school supplies, the volunteers were pitching in to



Dyer Senior Center Director Mary Browe (from left) works with Pat Gregoire of Westland and Paulette Osenroth of Wayne in filling folders that will be given to students at the Kindergarten Roundup.



Bill Jacobs and Kay Heard, both of Westland, stop to chat while filling backpacks. PHOTOS BY SUE MASON

make sure each one had 10-items and then zipped them up. They were them put in bags and labeled for delivery to the individual schools.

"Before the seniors started doing this, the individual schools did," Wryrkowski

said. "They used to get parent volunteers to do it. We'd send the stuff out a month before so they could get it done."

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PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Barefoot auditions
Date/Time: Monday, March 31, 7-9 p.m.

Location: Barefoot Productions Theatre, 240 N. Main, Plymouth
Details: Barefoot Productions announced auditions for *Motherhood Out Loud*, a comedy conceived by Susan R. Rose and Joan Stein with contributions from 14 American writers. This production is co-directed by Craig A. Hane and Dana Naughton. This inventive production is a collection of comedic and poignant monologues, duets and short scenes. There are roles for two men and three to nine women (ages 19-70). Actors should bring a head shot and resume, if available. There will be cold readings from the script. Performances are May 16-18.
Contact: For more information visit our website at www.just-barefoot.com or call Craig Hane at 734-276-9075.

Coffee with a Cop
Dates/Time: Thursday, March 27, 9-11 a.m.; Tuesday, April 8, 8-10 a.m.

Locations: Sam's Club on Ford Road (March 27) and Holiday Inn Express on Michigan Avenue (April 8)
Details: The Canton Police Department has scheduled two upcoming Coffee with a Cop sessions. These sessions are open to the public and provide an opportunity for community members to ask questions and learn more about the department's work in Canton's neighborhoods and business districts.
Contact: For more information, or if your business or organization is interested in hosting a two-hour session of Coffee with a Cop, contact the police department at 734-394-5401.

Trivia night

Date/Time: Friday, April 4, 7-9:30 p.m.; doors open at 6:30 p.m.
Location: Koppernick Tech Center, 40525 Koppernick, Canton

Details: The Plymouth-Canton American Association of University Women host its fourth annual Trivia Night. Proceeds benefit college scholarships for women and girls in the community. Cash prizes for first and second place. Refreshments served. Cost is \$20 per person or \$100 per team (up to five people)
Contact: Register: www.aauw-pcmj.org Trivia Questions: email AAUW.PlymouthCanton@iauw.org or call 734-453-5009.



Easter eggs-citement

Community members are invited to join Canton Leisure Services for the annual "Easter Bunny Breakfast" and "The Easter Egg-stravaganza," both scheduled to take place Saturday, April 12. Breakfast is at The Summit 9-11 a.m.; the egg-stravaganza follows the breakfast in Heritage Park and in the Summit gym. Registration fees for Canton residents are \$15 for ages 13 and up, \$10 for kids ages 4-12 and \$4 for children 3 and under. For more information, visit Cantonfun.org or call 734-394-5460.

Book signing

Date/Time: Saturday, March 29, 1-3 p.m.

Location: Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main, Plymouth
Details: Author Beverly Dunn, a Plymouth resident, will be available to sign copies of her book *Marriage, Incarcerated*. Dunn describes the genesis of an abusive relationship, the abuse that followed and the staggering revelation of her husband's true identity.
Contact: For more information, call 405-458-5642 or email Michelle Whitman at michelle@kyng.com.

Ask a lawyer

Date/Time: Thursday, April 24, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Location: 598 N. Mill, Plymouth
Details: The Law Office of David C. Helm, PLLC, will host a free "Ask a Lawyer" event. Local attorneys will be on hand to meet with community members regarding a variety of legal issues in areas such as criminal offenses; employment law, real estate, probate matters, estate planning, personal injury and many more.
Contact: Call David Helm at 248-679-8804.

Good health

Date/Time: Wednesday, April 2, 7:15 p.m.

Location: Sunflower Clubhouse, 45800 Hanford, Canton
Details: The public is invited to "Spring in To Good Health" at

the Canton Newcomers and Neighbors adult general meeting. Dr. Robert Pottier, Canton's well-respected primary natural health care provider, will be sharing information on diet, exercise and nutrition and offering tips to implement this spring to see results by summer. Also on the evening's agenda: a charity raffle sponsored by Dave & Buster's to benefit Big Family of Michigan, sign-ups for interest groups, door prizes and more.
Contact: For more information, call nyc@barbyhoo.com or call 734-981-0486.

Coping with grief

Date/Time: Wednesday, April 2, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Location: Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main, Plymouth
Details: Arbor Hospice offers "Coping With Grief" by Author, Ron Grieg, who wrote during the last years of his wife's life and continued after she died. That writing, later, turned into a book, "Through Death to Life," that offers insight and support to those who grieve the loss of their spouse. All of Arbor Hospice's grief support programs are open to everyone, regardless of whether a loved one received services from Arbor Hospice.
Contact: For more information or to register, contact Sara Swanson of Arbor Hospice's grief support services at 734-794-5469 or swanson@arborhospice.org.

Win a bike

Date/Time: Tuesday, April 22, 6:30 p.m.

Location: Max & Erma's of Canton, 2420 N. Canton, Center
Details: Diners can join Max & Erma's each Tuesday through April 22 for "Kids Eat Free" and enter to win a bicycle and helmet. The drawing will take place 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 22. Donors can help Max & Erma's give bikes to everyone by dropping off used bikes April 5. Donors will get a coupon for a free hamburger, redeemable during May, which is National Hamburger Month.
Contact: For more information, call 734-981-3370.

Prom dress sale

Date/Time: Saturday, April 5, 9 a.m. to noon

Location: Plymouth High School, 8400 Beck Road, Canton
Details: The annual Prom Dress Sale features what organizers call "a wonderful collection" of new and used dresses, both long and short dresses, as well as some formal shoes and jewelry. No dress is priced over \$20. Dress donations are greatly appreciated and being accepted in the office at Plymouth High School.
Contact: For more information, contact Lisa Benag: es@pcmail.net

Northville luncheon

Date/Time: Wednesday, April 6, noon to 1:30 p.m.

Location: Meadowbrook Country Club, 40941 W. Eight Mile, Northville
Details: The Northville Chamber of Commerce hosts its annual State of the Community Luncheon, sponsored by St. Mary Mercy Hospital. Featured speakers include State Rep. Kurt Heise, Northville Township Supervisor Robert Nix, city of Northville Mayor John Johnson and school district Superintendent Mary Kay Gallagher. Tickets are \$40 per person.
Contact: Reservations may be made by contacting the Northville Chamber of Commerce at 248-349-7640 or by email at tracincoc@northville.org.

Newcomers Mom2Mom

Date/Time: Saturday, April 5, 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Location: Summit on the Park, 46900 Summit Parkway, Canton
Details: The Newcomers and Neighbors invite the public to their charity Mom2Mom Sale benefiting Big Family of Michigan, which serves the needs of Michigan's foster children and young adults. The Canton Newcomers and Neighbors Club expects 40-plus tables selling new and gently used maternity,

baby and child items including furniture and larger play equipment. Related local business vendors, \$10's welcome. Admission is free.

Contact: For more information, including table rental information, call Carrie at 313-520-5626 or email cpollaccia1975@yahoo.com.

Medicare/Medicaid counseling

Date/Time: April 9, 1-3 p.m.

Location: United Home Health Services, 2200 N. Canton Center Road, Ste 250, Canton
Details: United Home Health Services offers free individual counseling with a certified MMAP Medicare/Medicaid Assistance Program counselor who will help you understand Medicare/Medicaid eligibility, transitioning from employer coverage to Medicare, plan options, assistance programs, drug insurance, and Medicare/Medicaid fraud and abuse identification and reporting. Medicare plan enrollment and subsidy application assistance also provided.
Contact: Heather Pinage at 734-727-2063 to schedule an appointment. For MMAP information, visit www.mmap-pnc.org/pages/about.html

Jazz @ The Elks

Date/Time: Tuesday, March 25, 7-10 p.m.

Location: Plymouth Elks Lodge, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth
Details: Jazz @ The Elks happens on the last Tuesday of the month. There is a \$10 donation at the door which includes hors d'oeuvres. On Tuesday, March 25, the Dave Bennett Quartet returns with Dave on clarinet, Doug Cobb on drums, Jeff Kessler on piano and Jeff Pedraz on bass.
Contact: For more information, call 734-453-1780 or email plymouthelks1780@yahoo.com.

United Way meeting

Date/Time: Friday, April 4, 7:30-9 a.m.

Location: Comcast, 4112 Concord Drive, Plymouth
Details: The Plymouth Community United Way holds its 2014 annual Meeting and Awards Presentation sponsored by Comcast. The public is welcome. The morning begins with networking and a continental breakfast followed by the meeting at 8 a.m. The purpose of the meeting is to elect new board members and officers and includes reports on the organization's 2013 finances and pro-

grams.
Contact: To RSVP, call Cindy Bumgardner at 734-453-6879, ext. 2, or send email to cindy.bumgardner@pcwv.org by Monday, March 17.

Blood drives

Dates/Times/Locations: Monday, March 24, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Plymouth City Hall, 201 S. Main

Tuesday, March 25, 1:30-7:15 p.m., St. Michael's Church, 7000 Rt. Sheldon, Canton
 Friday, March 28, 3:30-8 p.m., Dodson Elementary School, 205 Beck, Canton
Details: The American Red Cross sponsors the above blood drives. All donors will be entered into a raffle for a two-year lease on a 2014 Ford Fusion, with a \$5,000 cash option. Donors will also be entered into a weekly raffle for a \$25 gas card. Walk-ins are welcome.

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

Building bridges

Date/Time: Saturday, April 12, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Location: The Muslim Community of Western Suburbs (Canton Mosque), 40444 Palmer, Canton
Details: The Muslim Community of Western Suburbs hosts the annual "Building Bridges - A Family Fun Day," a free open house event, with the goal of meeting neighbors and fellow citizens to foster communication and build relationships. There will be fun activities, henna, calligraphy, information on Islam around the world and a variety of ethnic food.

Contact: For more information, contact [mwcvs-trait@gmail.com](mailto:mwcvstrait@gmail.com) and RSVP at mwcv.org/outrreach.

Hospice support

Date/Time: Third Saturday of each month, 10-11:30 a.m.

Location: Compassionate Care Hospice, 5730 N. Lilley, Suite A, Canton
Details: Compassionate Care Hospice conducts a grief support group, "Compassionate Words," providing emotional support to any adult grieving the loss of a loved one. The group focuses on the various stages of grief and incorporates basic journal writing as a way to express feelings. The program is free of charge.
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Romney's niece taking on bigger role with GOP

By Kurt Kuban
Staff Writer

Ronna Romney-McDaniel has never shied away from her political beliefs.

Whether it was handing out fliers for school board candidates when she was just a child, or more recently, campaigning for her famous uncle Mitt Romney during his failed bid to become president of the United States, the Northville Township resident has always spoken her mind when it comes to politics.

After being elected last month as the committee woman representing Michigan with the Republican National Committee, Romney-McDaniel, 40, will have a lot more people listening.

After defeating two other candidates for the national unpaid position, Romney-McDaniel replaces Terri Lynn Land, who had to step down because she is running for the U.S. Senate against Democrat Gary Peters. Michigan's three representatives on the RNC include Romney-McDaniel, Dave Agema, who has sparked controversy with his anti-gay views; and Michigan Republican Party Chair Bobby Schostak. Romney-McDaniel will complete Land's term, which expires in the summer of 2016.

Romney-McDaniel is the daughter of Ronna Romney, a former U.S. Senate candidate, and Scott Romney, an attorney who is Mitt Romney's brother.

Her immediate goals are to help energize the



Northville Record Editor Kurt Kuban interviews Ronna Romney-McDaniel about her work with the Republican National Committee. JOHN HEIDER / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Republican base at the grassroots level and get Gov. Rick Snyder and the rest of the Republican slate re-elected in Michigan.

We caught up with her recently and asked how she plans to achieve these goals.

Northville Record: With your uncle being who he is and your family very political, was politics something you were always interested in?

Romney-McDaniel: "I was always involved. In early childhood, I worked on handing out fliers for the local school board race. My aunt ran for precinct delegate at one point. I handed out fliers at the

library. It's just something that's been part of our family, being civic-minded. We talked about volunteerism and public service at the dinner table. So I don't think it's surprising that I still have that interest after growing up in such a family.

Northville Record: Was working on your uncle's campaign your first big foray into national politics?

Romney-McDaniel: Working for the Women For Mitt Coalition and traveling around the state, speaking to women during that race prepared me for this position and kind of gave me a taste of what it is like to talk to women about issues facing them. And talk to

them about our party's perspectives about ways we can help women. And that kind of led to this national committeewoman's role.

Northville Record: Was this position with the RNC something you were interested in or did someone approach you about running?

Romney-McDaniel: No, I was not approached. It was something I was interested in. I knew about the position. I knew Terri Lynn Land very well and she was running for Senate. So I thought she might have to resign and it would be something I would be interested in. After she did, we had a little family roundtable session and I decided to

throw my hat in the ring.

Northville Record: Discuss the RNC and its role.

Romney-McDaniel: The Republican National Committee is kind of the governing body of the Republican Party. They meet three times a year. Our next meeting will be in Memphis in May. There is a national committee man and national committee woman from each state that are members of the RNC and also the state Republican chair. So we have three members representing Michigan. The meeting in May will be my first meeting.

We'll talk about what resolutions and rules. One of the most recent

changes they made is to the primary calendar for the Republican Party. It's going to be significantly different from 2012 in 2016. There will be less debates. The primary order is set in stone. Any state jumping ahead will have a much greater penalty in terms of their delegates, which Michigan has been one of those states in the past. With the new rules, states won't jump ahead. It's going to spread the primary calendar out.

Northville Record: Looking at the 2014 election, what are your goals in this new role?

Romney-McDaniel: My goals are to re-elect Gov. Rick Snyder and Attorney General Bill Schuette and to keep our Republican majorities in the state House and state Senate - and to grow those, actually. After our congressional delegation, the Supreme Court, Ruth Johnson for secretary of state. We've got a big year in 2014. It's a team that is working for Michigan. When I moved here in 2007, it was not going so well at that time. We've seen things done by Gov. Snyder and our Republican majorities that have seen our state grow. I want to help get that ticket re-elected.

Northville Record: You've talked about your role as a female and connecting with female voters. Your colleague Dave Agema has been in the news quite a bit for his colorful views. In your role, do you have to combat that a little bit or are you in line with his views?

Romney-McDaniel: I think my role is to represent the Republican Party, which is a party that is respectful and dignified of all people of all circumstances. If you look at our platform, that's what it says. If you look at the preamble of our rules, that's the language that is used. I don't identify with any language that is derogatory or inflammatory toward any group or person. And the Republicans I know don't agree with that either.

Northville Record: What are the things Snyder has done successfully that you want to focus on?

Romney-McDaniel: There's so many things. The population is growing. People are coming back to Michigan. We're starting to see incomes rise again. Our home prices are rising. Doing business in Michigan is a much better opportunity than it was under (Gov. Jennifer) Granholm. Snyder has made doing business in Michigan an exciting prospect again.

What he's accomplished in the last four years is really remarkable. If you look at the agenda he set forth and what he's accomplished, it's an amazing number of things he's tackled in his first term and I think he'll continue to do that in a second term.

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Livonia man, 21, in need of bone marrow donor

By Karen Smith
Staff Writer



Brett Schmeichel, 21, was diagnosed in January with aplastic anemia, a blood disorder that may have been caused by the radiation used to kill a brain tumor he had at age 4.

They say lightning never strikes the same place twice. So Kelly Blackburn of Livonia, whose oldest child, Brett Schmeichel, survived a brain tumor 17 years ago, was not expecting a diagnosis other than dehydration when he was taken to the emergency room Jan. 31.

Like many 21-year-olds, Brett did not always eat right or drink enough water.

But after running tests, doctors concluded he has aplastic anemia, a blood disorder in which the body's bone marrow doesn't make enough new blood cells, something that may have been caused by the radiation used to kill the brain tumor, Blackburn said.

Now Brett is in need of a bone marrow donor for a transplant that will take place at Henry Ford Hospital as soon as a match can be found. "I'm trying to get the word out there, as Brett has no full siblings that can donate bone marrow to him," Blackburn said.

She's ordered 500 test kits for a spaghetti dinner fundraiser and bone marrow drive 2-9 p.m. Sunday, April 6, at J.R.'s Emergency Room Bar & Grill in Westland. Her hope is that every one of the kits is used at the event.

The test is a non-invasive swab on the inside of the cheek. Anyone ages 18-55 can take the test and be placed in the national bone marrow registry to give Brett and others fighting blood cancer and other bone marrow diseases a second chance at life.

Cost of the fundraiser is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children 12 and under.

A woman of faith, Blackburn said she is depending on God to help her understand why, why now and why Brett. She believes there's a reason for everything. In the meantime, she is doing everything she can to help her son fight for his life all over again.

To make a donation, go to www.yourcaring.com/Bretts-Journey

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Attorney: School board policy on participation complies with law

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

In the opinion of Wayne-Westland's legal counsel, the school board's policy on public participation at its meetings is in compliance with the state's Open Meetings Act.

For several months, residents have questioned the board about its Policy 1370, which limits public comment to 30 minutes before and after the business portion of agendas. They've pointed out that under the law it can impose individual time limits, but limit the period of public comment in a manner that would deny a person the right to speak.

According to attorney John Garrett of the law firm of Clark Hill, the policy as written "is legal and in compliance" with the act. He pointed out the two periods for public comment is more than most school districts and that the policy "is more on the side of liberally allowing participation by the public in board meetings."

"It's as important that the policy is written in a manner that is legal, as it is important that its implementation is in a

manner that is compliant with the law," Garrett said. "Based on the collective experience of our law firm, I'm happy to report that there's no board of education or administration that works harder to comply with the letter and the spirit of the Open Meetings Act."

In response to a question posed by board Secretary Carol Middel on any circuit court rulings that could impact the policy, Garrett said most decisions are fact-specific.

"There is nothing to indicate that your policy would have to be changed," he said.

Board President Shawna Walker had asked the school district's attorney to speak at the meeting in response to a request in January from Daryl Beggs of Westland to place the issue on the agenda for discussion.

School board Trustee Sally Madison questioned the timing of Garrett's presentation, pointing out that the board's policy committee was working on revisions of Policy 1370.

Deputy Superintendent Paul Salah indicated that the district's attorney was at the meeting for two reasons: the first being questions by resi-

dents as to whether the board policy was compliant with the First Amendment of free speech and the right of the public to participate, and to make sure the attorney understands the "opinions and feelings of the board so that he accurately represents the spirit and intent of the policy."

Salah pointed out that many comments has referenced a 1972 opinion by then-Attorney General Frank Kelley. The opinion references the 30-minute rule and is included in a handbook produced by current Attorney General Bill Schuette.

"We want to make certain that more than the 15 to 20 people that are sitting here, the folks at home watching receive and understand and that they have the opportunity to hear from a legal expert who studies the law, so there is no concern as to the board of education or any administrator being in direction violation of the law," he said. "The overall intent is to communicate, educate and provide accurate information to the board."

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Tinkham students stage benefit for W-W Resource Center

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

The Wayne-Westland Community Schools Family Resource Center will be on the receiving end of a service learning project that has 15-20 students at the Tinkham Alternative High School making bowls.

Students in art classes and Tinkham's Omskanan Collective, a 21st century after-school program, have been making bowls for several weeks. Their goal is to make as many as they can in time for an April 15 Empty Bowls benefit.

The money raised will go to the Resource Center, which helps students and their families living in the Wayne-Westland district.

"It's something that has been done on a national level as a fundraiser," Diane Fournier said. "A lot of groups do it to



Katy Schoetzow of Pewabic Pottery works with students at the Tinkham Alternative High School in making bowls for next month's Empty Bowls benefit for the Wayne-Westland Family Resource Center. PHOTOS COURTESY OF WAYNE-WESTLAND COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

help food banks and the homeless. I heard about it and thought it was such a beautiful metaphor."

Students like Remy Jefferson initially worked in making bowls with a slip glaze with Katy Schoetzow of Pewabic Pottery which is

finishing them for the April 15 event. Students also have been working with art teacher Anne Chambers, using paper lined bowls to shape the clay. Those bowls will be glazed and fired in the kiln at Wayne Memorial High School.

"We're aiming to make 50 or 60 bowls," said Chambers. "We're trying to make as many as we can. We're trying to make different sizes so people have a choice. We're making them so they're functional and some will be functional art."

"This the first time for Empty Bowls and we don't know what to expect," she added.

Chambers wanted to do something with Pewabic Pottery and Fournier was looking for a service learning project for the students. Empty Bowls was a natural fit, and Fournier "got the ball rolling."

Making bowls

Chambers picked 10 students who had time in their schedules to work on the bowls and had good attendance. She also included students who



Jamon Higgins (left) and Alexucia Thompson work on their bowls during a visit by Katy Schoetzow from Pewabic Pottery.

weren't able to take a field trip to the Detroit Institute of Arts. Five students from the after school program also are making bowls. Her Art II class also is working on the bowls every day.

"I'm trying to keep it with the people who had the Pewabic day because they have the background," Chambers said.

The students who worked on the project also will go on a field trip to Pewabic Pottery in Detroit and see a demonstration of wheel-throwing. Chambers also hopes they'll be able to visit the Heidelberg Project while in Detroit.

"The Pewabic class had a lot more instruction, the students learned about coils and slabs," she said. "They did a lot of decorating in the class."

The teachers used the GoFundMe online fundraising site to raise the money needed to pay for the Pewabic class, buy clay and partially pay for

field trip. The money was raised in just 48 hours. "People were excited; the response was more than we expected," Chambers said.

Student input

The students have had a lot of input in the project. They helped in the selection of the Resource Center to receive proceeds from the luncheon which will be held at the William D. Ford Career Technical Center. Culinary arts instructor Chef Tony Paquette is planning on serving three different soups and "doing something special with bread," Fournier said.

"We wanted them to feel connected to the agency we chose and because it's so close and in our neighborhood we felt they could connect," said Fournier. "They made the choice. We thought it was a good fit."

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Physicians almost always prescribe medication, at times, patients don't listen, don't believe, or consider that they know better. As a rheumatologist, I see the contradiction between medical practice and patient response coming up most often in therapy for gout.

The treatment for gout is straightforward. First, the doctor should start the patient on colchicine, then begin a small dose of allopurinol followed by larger doses of the drug until the patient achieves a low enough level of serum uric acid to prevent further episodes of gout. At times, patients feel they must push back against the regimen the physician recommends. The patient heard that colchicine can cause an upset stomach or that allopurinol is bad for the liver. Or, the patient read an ad about a better cure, or had a relative who experienced a rash that only got better when the relative, on her own, stopped allopurinol.

When such a clash between doctor's orders and patient's will occurs, the doctor faces a difficult decision. He can say to the patient that if the patient doesn't want to follow the treatment prescribed, the patient should find another doctor. Or, the doctor may feel that patience is in order. He may stop calling for medication, but keep the office door open for the patient. If and when, gout pain recurs, the doctor may believe that keeping contact with the patient, and standing ready to treat when the patient is in distress, gives the best opportunity to remind the patient that treatment, as directed, is the surest way to stop further attacks.

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Town Hall speaker focuses on history of English

By David Veselenak
Staff Writer

When it comes to the evolution of the English language, Livonia Town Hall speaker Elliott Engel said it's clear today's youths are changing how we pronounce some words and phrases.

The former professor at schools such as Duke University, North Carolina State University and the University of North Carolina said many young people are merging phrases such as "You eat" into one word with one syllable.

Farmington resident Amy Kleinschmitt said today's young people aren't the only ones who have followed that trend. She remembers her husband in college saying similar things.

"In 1950, they talked like that," she said. "I guess it comes back and forth."

Engel, the last speaker in this season's Livonia Town Hall series, spoke before hundreds Wednesday morning at St. Mary's Cultural Center in Livonia. Appearing for the third time at the series, he touched on the history of the English language, which he said became a hybrid of Anglo-Saxon Germanic and French Latin after William the Conqueror took over the British Isles in



Listening to Elliott Engel speak about the origins of the English language. PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER (STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER)

1066.

He said English was created as a merger between the two languages when his troops from what is now France wanted to remain in Great Britain and marry.

"We are basically the same Anglo-Saxon German vocabulary we've had for 1,500 years. But in 1066, when William conquered, he did not drive out the Anglo-Saxon German and replace it with his French Latin," he said. "The marriage of Anglo-Saxon German with French Latin is what we call

today English."

He said this merger of languages is evident with the number of words found in the English language. Other languages have fewer words. Russian or French, for example, have only 150,000 and 180,000 words, respectively.

In contrast, the English language has more than 623,000 words as of 2010, more than four times what French or Russian have.

"We have more ways to say the same stupid thing than any language

on Earth," he said, jokingly. "We could be a blithering idiot, but sooner or later the right word's going to fall out because we have so many more words than they do."

Farmington resident Elda Kamm said the presentation got her thinking more about the words she uses on a regular basis. As someone who grew up with Italian relatives, she said she's heard both styles of language and was able to compare the two. French Latin, Engel said, is closely related to other

Elliott Engel talks about the origins of our language.

languages, including Italian. "He was mentioning a number of words that were French or Latin, but sound so Italian," Kamm said. "Of course, the Latin is far more beautiful."

Engel's talk wrapped up the season for the speaker series. Next year's speakers will include Don Most and Ansor Williams from the television show *Happy Days*; Darren McGrady, a former royal

chef for Queen Elizabeth and Princess Diana; Dan Nigro, the former fire chief of New York City who assumed the position after his predecessor went missing during the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks; and James Delgado, a maritime archaeologist.

The series begins again Oct. 15.

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Pursuant to federal guidelines, the Charter Township of Plymouth decided on March 18, 2014 to submit the following projects for funding from the 2014 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program.

| LOCATION | 2014 PROJECTS | ESTIMATED ALLOCATION |
|---------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------|
| 2011 South Main | SENIOR SERVICES | \$ 7,283 |
| 3850 2nd, Wayne, MI | TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM | \$ 7,282 |
| 1160 Sheridan | ADA IMPROVEMENTS AT TOWNSHIP PARK | \$ 72,827 |
| 46640 Ann Arbor Tr. | ADMINISTRATION | \$9,710 |
| 9955 N. Haggerty Rd | TOTAL | \$97,102 |

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NORTHVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS PETER BASSO ASSOCIATES, INC. Cooke School PBA New Generator

Project No. 2013.0377.00
Issued for Bids
March 18, 2014

SECTION: 00010 - ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Project: Northville Public Schools Cooke School New Generator
Owner: Northville Public Schools
Scope of Proposal: Sealed proposals from Prime Mechanical Contractors for the construction of all Trades Construction Work are requested.
Due Date and Place: A Walk-through will take place at 4:30 P.M., on **March 25, 2014** at Cooke School. All contractor or subcontractor representatives shall meet at the Front Reception Desk. The purpose of the walk-through is to clarify the procedures, scope of work, and to identify any omissions or inconsistencies in Bidding Documents which may impede preparation and submission of representative competitive bids.

Attendance by Representative(s) of bidders of record is mandatory.
Any contractor who missed previous walk-through must contact Greg Ziegler by 4:00 P.M., on **March 26, 2014** to arrange a time to visit project site. Contact Greg Ziegler at the following phone number (248) 879-5666 or email gziegler@pbnet.com.

All contractors have until 4:00 P.M. on **March 31, 2014** to submit a Request For Information (RFI). All RFIs shall be directed to Greg Ziegler.
All modifications, corrections, or clarifications prior to receipt of the proposal will be made by an Addendum issued by the Owner to all bidders of record.

Sealed proposals shall be received until 11:00 A.M. on **April 8, 2014** at:
ATTN: Michael Zopf, Administration Building
Northville Public Schools
501 West Main Street
Northville, MI 48167

At which time all bids will be opened and read out loud.
All proposals submitted shall remain firm for a period of 45 days after the date specified for receipt of proposals.

Bid Documents: Copies of the proposed Contract Documents may be obtained from: Northville Public Schools, under the Business Office, Bid Information Tab: <http://northville.k12.mi.us>
PlanWell via <http://www.e-arc.com/> (formerly dunblue). Phone: (248) 288-5600
Buy4Michigan via <http://buy4michigan.com>
Copies of the proposed Contract Documents may be obtained from: Northville Public Schools, under the Business Office, Bid Information Tab: <http://northville.k12.mi.us>
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Rejection: Proposals not received by the time and date specified in this notice, will be returned to the Contractor unopened. The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive irregularities and/or informalities and to make award in any manner deemed for the best interest of the School District.

Assurance: Assurance of Compliance with Federal and Michigan State Fair Employment Practices Acts: The Contractor and any of his subcontractors will agree not to discriminate against any employee of applicant for employment, to be employed in the performance of the contract, with respect to his hire, tenure, terms, conditions or privileges of employment, or any matter directly or indirectly related to employment, because of race, color, religion, national origin, age or sex.

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Section: 00010 - Advertisement for Bids Northville Public Schools Moraine Elementary School Controls Replacement

Scope of Proposal: Sealed proposals from Prime Mechanical Contractors for the construction of all Trades Construction Work are requested.

Due Date and Place: A Walk-through is not scheduled for the building scope of work.

All contractors have until 4:00 P.M. on **March 31, 2014** to submit a Request For Information (RFI). All RFIs shall be directed to Bob Rupp. Contact Bob Rupp at the following phone number (248) 879-5666 or email rrupp@pbnet.com.

All modifications, corrections, or clarifications prior to receipt of the proposal will be made by an Addendum issued by the Owner to all bidders of record.

Sealed proposals shall be received until 9:00 A.M. on **April 8, 2014** at:

ATTN: Michael Zopf Administration Building
Northville Public Schools
501 West Main Street
Northville, MI 48167

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Assurance: Assurance of Compliance with Federal and Michigan State Fair Employment Practices Acts: The Contractor and any of his subcontractors will agree not to discriminate against any employee of applicant for employment, to be employed in the performance of the contract, with respect to his hire, tenure, terms, conditions or privileges of employment, or any matter directly or indirectly related to employment, because of race, color, religion, national origin, age or sex.

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Northville Public Schools

Request for Proposal

March 25, 2014

The Northville Public Schools (also referred to as the District or NFS in these documents) will accept sealed bids for:

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There will NOT be a pre-bid for this project. Vendors are encouraged to visit the schools but you must make an appointment by contacting Mr. Chris Geurns at (248) 344-3540. You can visit elementary schools after 4:30PM, middle schools after 3:30PM and the high school after 2:30PM. The drawings, specifications and bidding documents will be made available on line at: www.bid4michigan.com or www.northville.k12.mi.us

Sealed bids should be submitted to Mike Zopf, Assistant Superintendent Northville Public Schools, 501 W. Main Street, Northville MI 48167. Bids are to be submitted no later than 2:00PM on **Tuesday April 8, 2014**. The District will not consider or accept a bid received after the date and time specified for bid submission. Bids will be publicly opened immediately following the close of receiving bids. No oral, email, telephonic or telegraphic proposals shall be considered.
The Board of Education reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids in whole or in part; or for reasons of establishing uniformity, delivery time or preference, to award the contract to other than the low bidder.

The contents of RFP and Bidder's (also referred to as Contractor in these documents) Proposal will be contractual obligations, if a contract ensues. Failure of the Bidder to accept these obligations will result in cancellation of the award. Award of a contract by the District is subject to the Contractor executing a Contract, which shall incorporate the contents of this RFP and the Contractor's Proposal and final approval if it may be by the District's legal counsel.

In compliance with MCL 350.1267, the bid shall be accompanied by a sworn and notarized statement disclosing any familial relationship that exists between the owner or any employee of the bidder and any member of the board, or the superintendent of the school district. The Board shall not accept a bid that does not include this sworn and notarized disclosure statement.

Certified check or Bid Bond must accompany each proposal by an approved surety company in an amount not less than 5% of the proposal amount. All bids shall be firm for at least sixty (60) days from the date of opening of bids. Length of time required for completion shall be specified in the bid. All bids submitted must meet or exceed all specifications herein. Bids are to be submitted on the District's Bid Proposal Form, signed by the Bidder, in a sealed envelope and clearly marked. Two (2) copies of the Bid Proposal Form should be addressed to the attention of:

Mike Zopf, Assistant Superintendent
Northville Public Schools
501 W. Main Street
Northville, MI 48167

"Flooring and Painting 2014 - BID"

One (1) copy of the bid form should be retained for your files. Any questions regarding the documents should be referred to Michelle Kerns (248) 921-3929 if you have questions regarding visiting the schools contact Chris Geurns at (248) 344-3540.

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District 11 Democrats to hold meeting in Livonia

The District 11 Democratic Party is emphasizing "Party" to celebrate spring Thursday, April 3,

with its new Club 11 moving to Andiamo's bar and restaurant in Livonia.

The party runs 6-8:30 p.m., but people are invited to "drop in for 10 minutes or two hours,"

said Jim Gualdoni, chair of District 11 Dems. "It's purely social and no speeches are allowed," he said.

Andiamo's is at 38703 Seven Mile Road, just west of I-75.

Staged by the new District 11 Democratic Party, there's no entrance fee. It's cash bar and cash food.

"Our new district is huge and scattered, like from Canton to Troy, gerrymandered by the other party," said Lisa DiRado of Northville Township, vice chair of District 11.

"We rotate Club 11 parties around to bring us together."

Strong Democratic clubs from Plymouth, Canton, Northville and Novi will be represented, but all District 11 residents and interested people are welcome.

The new 11th District includes all or part of: Wayne County: Canton Township, Livonia, Northville precinct 1, Northville Township, Plymouth Township.

Oakland County: Auburn Hills, Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills, Claw-

son precincts 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, Commerce Township, Farmington, Highland Township, Lake Angelus, Lyon Township, Milford Township, Milford Village, Northville precinct 2, Novi, Novi Township, Rochester Hills precincts 3, 6, 13, South Lyon, Troy, Walled Lake, Waterford township, West Bloomfield Township precincts 2, 4, 5, 8, 14, 18, 25, 27, 4, 5, Lake Township, Wolverine Lake Village and Wisom.

For more information, visit www.11thdistrictdems.com.

NORTHVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS PETER BASSO ASSOCIATES, INC. Aermann & Hillside Schools PBA Project No. 2014.0104.00 Boiler Replacement Issued for Bids March 18, 2014

SECTION: 00010 - ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Project: Northville Public Schools Aermann & Hillside Schools Boiler Replacement

Owner: Northville Public Schools

Scope of Proposal: Sealed proposals from Prime Mechanical Contractors for the construction of all Trades Construction Work are requested.

Due Date and Place: A walk-through will take place at 3:30 P.M., on March 25, 2014 at Aermann Elementary School. All contractor or subcontractor representatives shall meet at the Front Reception Desk. The purpose of the walk-through is to clarify the procedures, scope of work, and to identify any omissions or inconsistencies in Bidding Documents which may impede preparation and submission of representative competitive bids.

Attendance by Representative(s) of bidders of record is mandatory. Any contractor who missed previous walk-through must contact Bob Ropp by 4:00 P.M. on March 26, 2014 to arrange a time to visit project site. Contact Bob Ropp at the following phone number (248) 879-5666 or email rbropp@planet.com.

All contractors have until 4:00 P.M. on March 31, 2014 to submit a Request For Information (RFI). All RFIs shall be directed to Bob Ropp. All modifications, corrections, or clarifications prior to receipt of the proposal will be made by an Addendum issued by the Owner to all bidders of record.

Sealed proposals shall be received until 10:00 A.M. on April 8, 2014 at:

ATTN: Michael Zopf, Administration Building
Northville Public Schools
501 West Main Street
Northville, MI 48167

At which time all bids will be opened and read out loud.

All proposals submitted shall remain firm for a period of 45 days after the date specified for receipt of proposals.

Bid Documents: Copies of the proposed Contract Documents may be obtained from: Northville Public Schools, under the Business Office, Bid Information Tab: http://northville.k12.mi.us

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Canton coach forms new girls hoops team

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer



Assistant coaches (from left) Rachel Cannon and Holly Rosen and players Adriana Lara and Egypt Byrd are joining coach Kelvin Byrd on the new Lady Panthers team.

Long after March Madness ended, Canton coach and father Kelvin Byrd hopes to build his newly formed Lady Panthers into a solid team that has confidence both on and off the basketball court.

Byrd has announced his vision for girls in grades 8-12 to compete against Amateur Athletic Union, or AAU, teams in Michigan and perhaps beyond.

"This is not just about basketball. This is about developing confident, self-determined young ladies," Byrd said.

"We're using the tool of basketball to develop those character traits." Byrd, an AAU-certified coach and performance enhancement specialist with the National Academy of Sports Medicine, has announced an organizational meeting for potential players and their parents at 7:15 p.m. Wednesday, March 26, in the Arts I Community Room of Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit

Parkway.

He already has recruited his own daughter, 16-year-old Egypt, and 6-foot-1, 13-year-old Adriana Lara of Canton. He and assistant coaches Hollie Rosen and Rachel Cannon are looking for a few good girls to become Lady Panthers.

"We're looking for 15 to 20 young women to play," he said.

Girls in Canton and surrounding communities are welcome to attend the organizational meeting. Byrd and his coaching team expect to start conditioning and skill sets in April in hopes players can start practicing for play in May.

"Each girl will have athletic personal training," he said. "We get their

girls ready for basketball. We get them fit."

Byrd said he hopes to use basketball as a metaphor for life so he can help his team learn to effectively handle opposition both on and off the court.

Byrd and his wife of 19 years, Vanisa, have six children. Byrd describes himself as a strength and conditioning professional and personal trainer who trained with the U.S. Navy SEALs in Pearl Harbor in the late 1990s.

For more information on the Lady Panthers, call 734-272-3748 or send an email to pantherbaskeball@gmail.com. For more information on the AAU coaching code is YCSFDAN4 and the Lady Panthers club code is WWSVA4.

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Strategies to consider when faced with premium increases



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Q: Dear Rick: I'm a widow in my mid-70s. I have my husband's pension and Social Security, which cover my daily expenses. I also have a small portfolio of mutual funds. I have a long-term care policy and just got notice that my premium is going up a whopping 40 percent. When I bought the policy, the agent told me that premiums can't go up. I've learned that's not true. If I pay the increased premium, is it possible they will raise it in the future? Other than canceling the policy, do I have any other options?

A: Unfortunately, what you are experiencing seems to be the norm. Long-term care companies over the last number of years have been increasing their premiums dramatically on a regular basis.

There are a number of reasons for this, including some bad assumptions made by the insurance companies and the low interest rate environment that we are in.

I wish I could give you some assurance that your premium will not go up in the future, but I can't. More than likely, you will have future increases.

In reviewing your situation, the first question is whether you need the policy. Always remember that insurance

is need-based. If you have the resources to protect yourself, then you might as well cancel the policy. Just because you paid premiums in the past is not a justification for you to keep a policy.

If you do need long-term coverage, then look for ways to reduce your premium. For example, you could consider raising the waiting period on your policy. The waiting period is the deductible and it is the period of time before coverage begins.

Another option may be to reduce the time period of coverage. Your policy may have lifetime benefits; by reducing those to three to five years, you may be able to save a substantial amount of money.

In addition, consider eliminating or reducing the inflation protection on the policy.

The bottom line is, you have options.

I'm not happy about the increases on these long-term care policies. In addition, I'm not happy that many agents who sell these types of policies have not been honest with people with regard to premium increases. That being said, the premium increase may give many people the opportunity to review their policies and make a decision to retain, restructure or cancel a policy.

Good luck.

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

BBB releases its list of top scams of 2013

Every year, the Better Business Bureau receives thousands of calls and emails from consumers who have been scammed or from the lucky ones who have dodged scams by being wary. Some scams are widespread, getting a lot of people for small amounts. Others are more narrowly focused, but take people for thousands or tens of thousands of dollars. The Federal Trade Commission's Consumer Sentinel Data Base estimates that Americans lost \$1.4 billion to scams in 2013.

Medical Alert Scam

A new twist to the telemarketing scam hit 2013 hard. With promises of a "free" medical alert system, the scam targeted seniors and caretakers and claimed to be offering the system free of charge because a family member or friend had already paid for it. In many cases, seniors were asked to provide their bank account or credit information to "verify" their identity and, as a result, were charged the monthly \$35 service fee. The system, of course, never arrived and the seniors were left with a charge they had trouble getting refunded.

Auction Reseller Scam

Many people turn to eBay and other online auctions sites to sell used items they no longer need and relatively new electronics seem to do especially well. But scammers have figured out a way to fool sellers into shipping goods without receiving payment. Usually, the buyer claims it's an "emergency" of some sort — a child's birthday, a member of the military shipping out — and asks the seller to ship the same day. The seller receives an email that looks like it's from PayPal confirming the payment, but emails are easy to fake. Always confirm

payment in your eBay and PayPal accounts before shipping, especially to an overseas address.

Arrest Warrant Scam

This one seemed to really take off last autumn. In this scam, con artists are taking advantage of technology that can change what is visible on Caller ID and allowing them to pose as the local sheriff or other law enforcement agency. They call to say there is a warrant out for your arrest, but that you can pay a fine in order to avoid criminal charges. Of course, these "police" don't take credit cards; only a wire transfer or prepaid debit card.

Sometimes these scams seem very personal, the scammer may refer to a loan or other financial matter. It may just be a lucky guess, but don't be fooled into thinking you are about to be arrested.

Invisible Home Im-

provements — Home improvement scams vary little from year to year and most involve some type of shoddy workmanship from unlicensed or untrained workers. The hardest for homeowners to detect, and therefore the easiest for scammers to pull off, are repairs or improvements to the areas of your home that you can't see — roofs, chimneys, air ducts, crawl spaces, etc. Scammers may simply knock at your door, offering a great deal because they were "in the neighborhood," but more and more they are using telemarketing, email and even social media to reach homeowners.

Helpful videos on YouTube can add legitimacy to a contractor, but consumers have no way of knowing if the video is real or "borrowed" from a legitimate contractor. Check out home contractors at bbb.org before

saying yes.

Casting Call Scam

This is not as widespread as some other scams, but it seems to have really been on the increase in recent years, thanks to the popularity of television talent shows like *American Idol* and *Project Runway*. Scammers pose as agents or talent scouts looking for actors, singers, models, reality show contestants, etc., and use phony audition notices to fool aspiring performers into paying to try out for parts that don't exist. There are several ways this plays out. It can simply be an unscrupulous way to sell acting lessons, photography services, etc., or it can be an outright scam for things like fees for online "applications" or upcoming "casting calls." Even worse, the information provided on an online application could be everything a scammer needs for identity theft.

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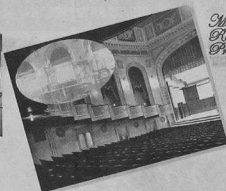
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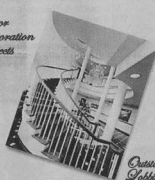
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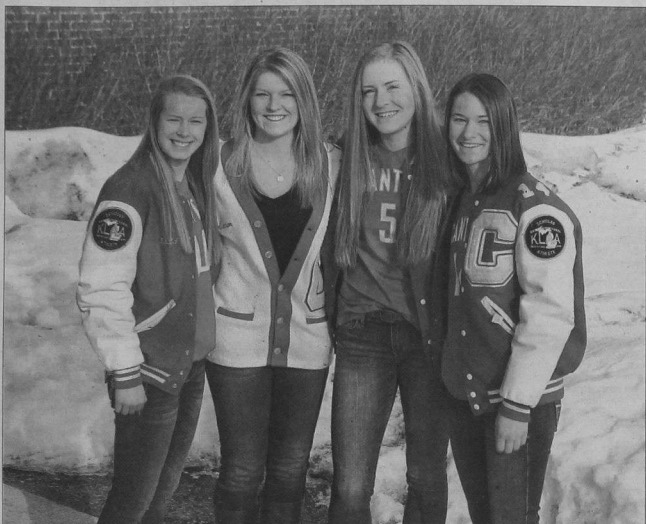
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Canton seniors bring much more to the table than athletic skills



The four senior co-captains who led the Canton Chiefs to the Class A girls basketball final are (from left) Rachel Winters, Shannon Perry, Taylor Hunley and Paige Aresco. JOHN KEMSKI/EXPRESS PHOTO

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Something amazing just ended for Paige Aresco, Taylor Hunley, Shannon Perry and Rachel Winters.

These four young women—who, as senior co-captains, led Canton's varsity girls basketball team to the Class A state finals—seemingly have all the right stuff as far as making the same kind of impact whatever they do after high school.

Certainly Canton head coach Brian Samulski thinks so.

"I can't say enough about Rach, Shan, Paige and Taylor," Samulski said. "It has been a great honor for me to coach them the past four years. I've really enjoyed watching them grow as basketball players but, more importantly, as people.

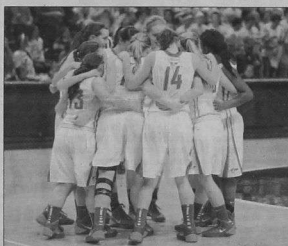
"I wish them the best of luck in their future and I guarantee all four of them will do outstanding things."

They already are raising the bar away from the basketball court. Aresco, Perry and Winters are leaders in the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park National Honor Society, where they helped orchestrate a recent dance for Special Olympics and are now planning the May 4 "Super Jess" 5K Run.

Perry is NHS president; the group collectively has performed more than 10,000 hours of community service this year alone.

Hunley is not an NHS member, but she is active in her church helping the community through efforts such as a canned food drive.

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Canton's co-captains join teammates for an "all-for-one" moment during a recent game. Team chemistry and camaraderie are viewed as key reasons to the Chiefs' success. JOHN KEMSKI/EXPRESS PHOTO

OHL PLAYOFFS

'Ned' can't hold off Storm

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Throughout much of the first period Friday night at Guelph's Sleeman Centre, the shots kept coming. And Plymouth Whalers goalie Alex Nedeljkovic kept stopping them.

Plymouth even took an early 1-0 lead on a power play goal by Carter Sandlak. But host Guelph finally got on the board at 15:14 of the opening stanza and entered the first intermission deadlocked at 1-1 despite outshooting the Whalers 18-3.

Guelph built on that late goal to win 5-2 and draw first blood in the best four-of-seven Ontario Hockey League Western Conference quarterfinal series.

The Whalers—who qualified for the OHL playoffs for the record 23rd year in a row—fell behind 2-1 at 7:30 of the middle stanza on an even-strength marker by Pius Suter, finishing off a play started by Adam Craievich and defenseman Matt Finn.

From that point on, it was all Guelph as the Storm added a pair of insurance tallies in the third period.

At 3:02 of the third, Guelph went up 3-1 when winger Jason Dickinson ripped a shot past the Plymouth netminder, who had stopped 27 of 29 shots in the opening 40 minutes (Guelph goalie Justin Nichols only saw 10 shots during that span).

Assisting on Dickinson's goal were Steven Trojanovic and Brock McGinn—who had scored the Storm's first of the night from Robby Fabbri and Finn.

Guelph padded the lead to 4-1 at 12:36 of the final frame when Stephen Pierog scored. Justin Auger and Ryan Horvat set up the tally.

The Whalers did get one back when Connor Chatham scored on the power play with 40 seconds remaining in regulation. Collecting the assists were Ryan Hartman and Victor Cris Rydberg, who also earned the helpers on Ply-

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One of the stalwart goalies in the KLAAs is Plymouth senior Kyle Robb, shown in 2013 action. JOHN KEMSKI/EXPRESS PHOTO

GIRLS SOCCER PREVIEW - PART 1

'Cats can't wait to get kicking

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

To whom much is given, much is expected.

Plymouth varsity girls soccer coach Jeff Neschich possesses an embarrassment of riches on his 2014 roster, and the Wildcats are coming off a record-busting season (21-1-1) in which they were ranked No. 1 in Division 1 until losing in the regional championship.

But expect the Wildcats to once again be among the very best, led by elite senior goalkeeper Kyle Robb and six other seniors who recently signed to play college soccer.

Those six would include Jillian Aguirre (Central Michigan University), Amber Allen

(Spring Arbor University), Lauren Babcock (Southeastern Louisiana University), Emily Burkman (Siena Heights University), Alyssa Dillon (University of Michigan) and Maria Farmer (Grand Valley State University).

"This group of kids has really put Plymouth soccer on the map," said Neschich, following the recent National Signing Day festivities.

Eager to start

The players also can't wait to try and take that final step to a championship. Plymouth opens the regular season at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday against Saline at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park turf field.

"I'm super excited to see


what we can do this year," Farmer said. "I know last year was the year to win it, but I still think we have a lot of talent and I think a lot of our players are unfolding and stepping up their game."

Robb anchors the astounding defense, having authored 18 shutouts in 2013 to set a school record.

Senior captains Dillon and Burkman were center-backs last year and are expected to reprise those roles.


On the outside in the back will be senior returnees Aguirre and Babcock, Sophomores Megan McCarry and Kelsey Melnick also will add to the strong depth on defense.

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GIRLS LACROSSE PREVIEW

Chiefs aim to defend Park championship

But Rocks, 'Cats should have something to say about that

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

A strong indication that the girls lacrosse program is getting stronger and stronger every year at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park is the fact all three high schools figure to bounce right back after losing a number of key players to graduation.

For example, the Canton Chiefs — 10-6 overall and 8-2 in the Kensington Conference in 2013 while winning the Park championship — lost nine seniors and have holes to fill.

Yet Canton's fourth-year varsity head coach Dave Bower can't wait for this season to start, March 29 at Ann Arbor Skyline, simply because the talent to compete is still in place.

Back this year are senior captains Melissa Neal (goalie), Annika Nuler (midfield) and Sarah Davenport (attack). Adding to the attack are senior Alexis O'Flynn, junior Hannah Klingler and sophomores Sam Graham and Casey Bower.

But two main priorities this year will be developing an almost entirely new defensive unit, and a new attack unit that is capable of moving the ball around and dishing assists," Bower said. "Our strength will be our midfield, which returns a number of our strongest players, and our goalie, who has started nearly every varsity game since her freshman year."

The Nuler sisters will be fun to watch, as sophomore Katja Nuler is slated to join Annika at midfield.

Other midfielders looking to keep the transition going will be senior Connie Cox, juniors

Kelsie Tucker and Jordan Church.

On defense, seniors Emily Good and Val Van Gilder are back, and will be augmented by junior newcomers Joelle Boudreau and Anna Hadous, sophomore Tracy Olah and freshman Lauren Rippey.

"Our girls want to defend the Park championship they won last year as well as beat some teams with which we've traditionally not had much success," Bower said, "and advancing in the playoffs is always a goal of ours. How quickly the defense and offense come together will determine how well we meet our goals."

Another plus for the Chiefs for helping the newcomers mesh with the veterans is having the entire coaching staff back. Varsity assistants Jim Neal and Ross Davenport again will work with Bower. Coaching the JV team will be Sara Tidervin, assisted by Leslie Pearce.

Salem outlook

Head coach Dave Medley welcomes a senior-led group, featuring six players who are beginning their fourth season with the Rocks.

"Quite frankly it has been the first time we have had this depth and talent pool, so our confidence level is much higher," Medley said. "As this season plays out it will depend on how the senior class jells with the rest of the team."

The experience is prevalent on the attack, with Sarah Edgecomb and Samantha Mihalich looking to finish off scoring plays often set up by midfielder Rose Krasofsky.

Other veterans back from the 2013 playoff team (9-11) who will



The Canton varsity girls lacrosse team is looking to continue last year's success. JOHN KEKSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO



Jordan Church (No. 21), shown from a 2013 game, is an important returnee for the Canton Chiefs. JOHN KEKSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

bring plenty to the table on offense include center Bridget Kerwin, Kiersten Valla, Lauren Britton and Jenna Carter.

"The lone returning defender, senior Shannon Burke, will not be the only one at that end of the field," Medley said. "But she knows the importance of being a leader there."

Salem also looks to have a solid defensive core, despite key graduations at that position. Juniors Megan Finkebeiner, Elena Luedy and Amanda Merkel will spearhead the defense.

Returning juniors Carolyn Verkian (attack), Joslyn Longe (attack) and Andrea Marthaler (midfield) will be called upon to contribute, with newcomer Leah Tarliff (attack/midfield) a player to keep an eye on.

Sharing goalkeeping duties will be junior returnee Samantha Howell and sophomore Celine Pilon. Freshman Maddie Johnson also is ready to help the Salem cause in goal.

Medley is hopeful that some of his own questions will be answered as the 2014 schedule plays out. "All and all, can the

newbies step in and provide the depth when we need it, will we have the chemistry we have been looking to have, will that senior leadership kick in and will those seniors create the deserving legacy that they have sought?"

Plymouth outlook

Wildcats head coach Jake Wieloch is looking for his squad to improve on last season's 4-6 record in the Kensington Conference and he is confident he has the players to make that happen.

"I think our team will

play hard and compete in all our games," Wieloch said. "If the girls come together and work as a team, we can plan with any team on our schedule. It should be a fun year and I look forward to watching the girls grow this year."

Returning captains leading the charge will be seniors Megan Wieloch (fourth season, goalie), Elisabeth DeClaire (third season, attack) and Chalyng Ewing (second season, defense).

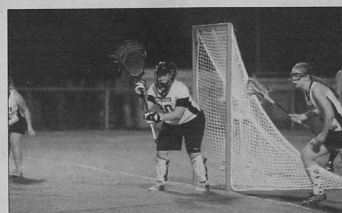
The strong goalkeeping of Megan Wieloch anchors the defense. She will attend Wilmington College in Ohio to continue her lacrosse career after graduating, but for now, she has work to do with the Wildcats.

Playing in front of Wieloch on defense will be Ewing, seniors Piper Gasaway, Carly Clark, Andra Cristiu, Hannah-Reene Figley, Abigail Bolterman and Sabrina Schiffrar.

Joining DeClaire on the attack will be juniors Michelle Burke, Sophie Miller and sophomore Natalie Nowicki. Providing depth on offense will be returning letter winners Carly Gustafson, Jessica Cristiu, Gretchen Schoen and Sarah Curtis along with Marissa Cirino.

The Wildcats open the season at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at Ann Arbor Huron.

Salem returning midfielder Rose Krasofsky (No. 96), shown from last season, is one of the team's keys to success in the offensive zone. JEFF CARTER



"Our girls want to defend the Park championship they won last year."

DAVE BOWER, Canton girls lacrosse coach

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month's other goal less than seven minutes after the opening puck drop.

But Guelph then recorded an empty netter (by Scott Kosmachuk) at 19:56 to close out the scoring.

Things got off to an encouraging start when Sandiak buried the puck past Nichols at 6:47 of the chippy first period to cash in on an early Guelph penalty. Each team was called for five minor penalties in the opening stanza.

Nedeljkovic, who is nicknamed "Ned," was gallant in defeat. He turned aside 34 of 38 shots against the Western Conference's top seed. His counterpart, Nichols, faced 21 of the game.

Back at Compuware
After playing two games this weekend in



The Plymouth Whalers, including forward Matt Mistle (No. 22), shown from earlier this season, are looking to upset top-seeded Guelph. RENA LAVERTY | PLYMOUTH WHALERS

Guelph, the Plymouth Whalers will host the Storm for two midweek games at Compuware Arena. Following is the rest of the schedule for the best four-of-seven Ontario Hockey League Western Conference quarterfinal series:
Game 3: Guelph vs. Whalers, 7 p.m. Tues. at Compuware Arena.
Game 4: Guelph vs. Whalers, 7 p.m. Weds. at

Compuware.
Game 5: Whalers at Guelph, 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 28.
Game 6: Guelph vs. Whalers, 4 p.m. Sun., March 30 at Compuware.
Game 7: Whalers at Guelph, 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 1.
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CAPTAINS

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"Through the collection of cans over several weekends, we were able to collect thousands of cans that were donated to local pantries," Hunley said. "It was fun and satisfying being able to work with people who got the same enjoyment working to help others who may be less fortunate in our community."

In it together

The kind of leadership skills that are required to plan such projects and then have the work ethic and determination to see those through obviously paid dividends for the Canton girls basketball team.

"The four co-captains have the same goals for this team," said Aresco, who like the other girls answered a questionnaire about leadership before the team wrapped up the season. "We want to work hard, get better every day and strive to win. I think we are doing a good job of communicating this to our team as a whole."

"I think our determination on the court and our desire to win has been passed down to the younger girls. With that being said, we have a great group of girls that are already determined and hard-working, so they don't need a lot of reminders." Aresco, who is NHS secretary, concurred with her longtime teammates (all but Hunley were on the varsity as freshmen) that their unique bond is an important factor in their success as their skills on the floor.

"We really stressed spending time together off the court this year," said the power forward, who led the Chiefs in scoring with 14.6 points per game. "We are a very close team and we spend a lot of time together outside of basketball."

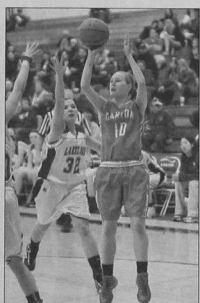
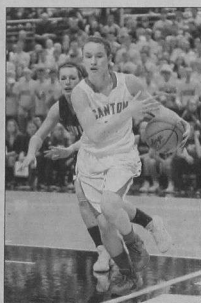
"I believe the bonds we have formed throughout the years and from all of our team bonding translate to the court, where we play very well together." That they did. There might have been teams with more talent on the basketball court than the Chiefs' had that extra oomph that comes with camaraderie and chemistry.

According to Samulski, there also was a never-say-die mentality that the seniors brought to the gym for every practice and game.

The proof was in the pudding — a 22-5 record and a string of championships, including the KLAAS South Division, Kensington Conference, district and regional titles.

With the Twitter has tag "#refusetolose" ingrained in the players' heads, the Chiefs got past Carmel, Ann Arbor and in the quarterfinals and Grand League in the semifinals March 14

Paige Aresco dribbles through the lane at Breslin Center against Grand League. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO



Rachel Winters launches a shot. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

comes to basketball," Hunley said. "We also all get along really well, which definitely helps us both on and off the court." "We do a lot of activities as a team off of the court, which has made us all grow a lot closer. Spending so much time together makes it easier when it is time to go out on the court."

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"You win some and you lose some, but if you're not having fun, then what's the point?"

Unique perspective

Perry also has dealt with a serious knee injury that knocked her out of the 2013 state tournament and kept her on the sidelines the beginning of the season that just concluded.

She almost became another assistant coach throughout summer and fall sessions and into the regular season.

"The term leading by example did not mean as much to me until this year," Perry said. "I spent this entire summer and into this season being part of our team from the bench. The perspective I gained on working as a team was priceless."

"I learned that every single player on a team is crucial to the success of the team; everyone plays a role."

And now that basketball season is over, other roles await them.

Aresco will join the Canton softball team as a shortstop and Winters returns to the girls soccer.

All are upping the ante on community service and NHS projects while looking forward to graduation day and college.

They also left quite an impressive legacy with the girls basketball team, that next year's returnees will remember.

"I hope to have passed down the message to never give up and continue to strive to become a better player," Aresco said. "We have played in some very close games this year where we simply refused to lose and ended up pulling off the win."

"Also, I hope to have passed down the understanding of the dedication and time it takes to become a better player."

But Perry is hopeful of something she hopes to continue to stay as close as we are right now, because as I have said, I believe that is the main reason for our success."

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QUITE A QUARTET

Paige Aresco: The 17-year-old lives in Canton with parents Joe and Joan Aresco. With basketball season over, Aresco is shifting her athletic attention to softball. She is an all-Observer shortstop for the varsity Chiefs. Aresco carries a 4.1 grade-point average and is secretary of the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park National Honor Society. She will attend the University of Michigan in 2014-15.

Taylor Hunley: Besides her role with Canton's varsity girls basketball team, she is very active in community projects through her church. Hunley, 18, lives in Plymouth with her mom, Christine Hirsch. Her dad is Doug Hunley. She carries a cumulative GPA of 4.0 and is planning on attending Grand Valley State University to become a physician's assistant.

Shannon Perry: The 17-year-old is president of the P-CEP National Honor Society, carries a 3.83 GPA and will pursue a business degree at the University of Michigan. Her parents are Doug and Anita Perry of Plymouth. In addition to her time playing for the Chiefs this winter, she has helped run a community service organization that has performed more than 10,000 hours of service.

Rachel Winters: The talented point guard, 18, is on point in other endeavors, including the P-CEP National Honor Society (of which she is a member). She is also an all-Observer player with the varsity girls soccer team. Winters, whose younger sister Natalie also played for the Canton girls basketball squad, carries a 3.7 GPA and is planning on attending Bowling Green State University on a soccer scholarship. She lives in Plymouth with parents Jason and Julie Winters.

Concentrating on a free throw during her senior season is Taylor Hunley. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO



During a break in the action, Shannon Perry encourages teammates. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

at Breslin Center. Of course, they were not able to close out the state championship due to the buzz-saw that was Birmingham Marian.

Following that disappointing outcome, however, the co-captains brought their teammates on the Breslin court to respectfully watch the Mustangs celebrate.

"They showed class when they accepted their individual medals and several of the players managed to smile, knowing they just concluded a season they'll never forget."

How they led

Talent on the floor obviously had a lot to do with Canton's success throughout the quartet's prep careers. This year, though, they meshed as a leadership group to lift the team even more.

And they didn't follow a template in leading and communicating. Each had an individual approach.

"Our leadership skills are all very different and it has seemed to work perfect this year," Perry said. "I am loud as

can be and outspoken, while the other three are a lot more calm and very inquisitive about the game of basketball."

"We all know how to bring our team together in our own way and I think this ability to always stick together has helped us immensely. Overall, being best friends with your co-captains makes it easy and enjoyable."

Hunley, the 6-1 center and go-to player in the paint for put-backs and rebounds, described leadership as "showing, not telling. We (the seniors) don't always have to speak to lead; we can lead by never giving up when confronted with adversity or by focusing and working hard at practice."

"Leading by example means to just be you," said Winters, a sharp-shooting, slick-passing point guard. "Be who you are, work hard and always stay positive."

"Don't be someone you're not by trying to be above everyone else. Do the things you know how to do and everyone else will follow. Help out

your teammates, teach them something they don't know and, if they have questions, answer them."

As for Aresco, the best way to lead younger teammates is by "showing, not telling. We (seniors) don't always have to speak to lead; we can lead by never giving up when confronted with adversity or by focusing and working hard at practice."

Second family

Winters said the co-captains know each other as well as actual sisters. They never hesitate going to battle with and for them as a result.

"It is an amazing feeling to be part of the Canton basketball program," Winters said. "I enjoy every moment I spend in the gym with my team and coaches."

"The Canton basketball program is a second family to me and I would not trade it for anything. We stick together through everything and I think that is something that helps us be so successful."

That sisterly bond goes back into their elementary and middle school years.

"I started playing basketball with Rachel when we were in sixth grade (CYO and AAU)," said Perry, a forward with a nifty baseline jumper (which she displayed at Breslin). "We have spent endless hours on the court together. I know how she is feeling by looking at her and I know how she plays."

"Paige and I started playing basketball together in seventh grade at West, but we played soccer together years before that. We joke that we do not spend more than three hours apart due to basketball and us both being on the board of National Honor Society."

"Taylor, Paige and I all played West (Middle School) basketball together in eighth grade and over time we have become great friends."

Friendship off the court is fine, but they still had to do the job on the court.

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Sports Roundup

Free throw champs

Two youngsters from St. Thomas a Becket recently qualified for Sunday's Knights of Columbus Free Throw State Competition in Mount Pleasant. Both won the local, district and regional competitions to qualify in their respective age groups.

Kristin Grywon led the 11-year-old age group and plays (played this season) on the StVéth team at a Becket. She is a sixth-grader.

Gedry Ziroll won the 12-year-old age group and plays (played this season) on the 7th/8th grade team at a Becket. He is a seventh-grader.

'Super Jess' 5K run

The Plymouth-Canton Educational Park's National Honor Society will host its fourth annual "Super Jess" 5K run at 8 a.m. Sunday, May 4, on the high school campus. The event was created in 2011 in honor of 16-

year-old P-CEP student Jesse Lindbauer, whose sinus infection turned into an abscess which ruptured, causing a traumatic brain injury.

This year, the race will support one present P-CEP student and one P-CCS alumni: Salem senior Jericca Fitzgerald and Salem alum Amy Ladenberger.

"Jericca Fitzgerald was diagnosed with hydrocephalus, a rare medical condition in which fluid builds up in the brain. Jericca has undergone more than 30 surgeries and countless nights in the hospital since she was diagnosed in 2009. She attended Smith Elementary and West Middle School. Jericca is now a senior at the Park and is excited to graduate this spring."

"Amy Ladenberger is a 25-year-old Park graduate who attended Hoben Elementary and Discovery Middle School. She was diagnosed with cystic fibrosis, a

disease which causes thick, sticky mucus to build up in the lungs.

digestive tract and other areas of the body, when she was three months old. Within the last year, Amy underwent a double lung transplant and many other surgeries prior to that.

Please join the NHS to raise money and support for the Fitzgerald and Ladenberger families by participating in the SJSK donating funds, or sponsoring the May 4 race.

Registration will continue until race day. Registrations received prior to April 16 will include a race shirt. Sign-up forms can be found on the SJSK Facebook page, P-CEP website or in Canton, Plymouth and Salem main offices. Event fees are \$25 for adults over 18 and \$10 for all ages. For questions about the race or volunteering, contact the student coordinator of this event, Shannon Perry, at SJSKcommunity@gmail.com.

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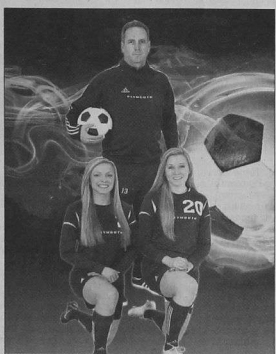
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Slated for midfield duty are senior returnees Farmer and Sydney Rouse, with juniors Erin Winters, Hope Sheffield and Alyssa Swanson slated to see playing time in the central midfield.

Others in the mix include junior forward Paige Slominski, sophomore forwards Kathryn Gordon, Olivia Janke, sophomore midfielders Katie Chipman (who also can play in midfield) and Anna DiBiasi.

Neschich said the veterans will have a big say in just how much success the 2014 team has. But there is plenty of opportunity for others to step up and fill roles.

"We're returning a solid cast of players," Neschich said. "Who will fit in where? Who will find their place? Who will make them work on this team? It's truly up in the air."



It could be another spectacular season for the Plymouth Wildcats. Standing is head coach Jeff Neschich. In front (from left) are senior captains Alyssa Dillon and Emily Burkman. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

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Tree state champs headline Overland's best

FIRST TEAM

John Siemaz, Jr., Westland Glenn (103): Glenn's first-ever state placer as a freshman finished 52-6 en route to a third-place finish in the Division I individual finals. "His season and postseason run is one of the best I have ever seen," Glenn coach Bill Polk said. "He was one of the guys we could always count on to get a pin in dual meets and compete for an individual championship almost every time he stepped in the circle. John is very self motivated and trains all year-round for wrestling."

Siemaz
Siemaz was Wayne County, Observed and district champion, while taking third in the regional.

"John has goals in this sport and I'm confident he can achieve all of them for the rest of his career," Polk said. "He has a great support system at home and with his training and that's what it takes to be as good as he is. We look forward to working with him and watching him shooting to become our next state champion."

Michael Volynayuk, Jr., Harrison (112): Volynayuk was all-state for the second straight season, placing sixth in the Division I tournament at 112 and finishing with a 40-9 record. He was the state runner-up last year at 103.

Volynayuk, who is on the all-area team for a second time, is the Observed champion and also won the district and regional tournaments. He placed third at the Lakeland Invite and was fourth in Oakland County.

"If he stays healthy, he'll be right there for another opportunity next year, because he's just a hard worker and a very intelligent kid," coach Jim Stuef said.

"He believes he can do anything he chooses as long as he puts in enough effort. He works super hard and loves the sport. He's not going to get outworked or outsmarted; that's for sure."

"I'm very confident but not cocky. He's very well-liked by his teammates, teachers and coaches. Even the referees come up to you and say what a great kid he is."

Brandon Harris, Jr., Plymouth (112): The best might be yet to come for the junior, who was a standout in 2013-14 with a record of 52-10, making it all the way to the Palace of Auburn Hills, where he finished eighth at individual finals.

Harris had plenty of other season highlights. He was victorious at the Wayne County, district and regional championships and finished second at the Observed land tournament.

Now with a career record of 108-31, his favorite match of the year was earning a technical fall over Riverview's Tyri Sparks in the Wayne County finals. Harris also cited winning team regionals over Bedford as the best moment of 2013-14.

"Brandon worked very hard this year to become a complete wrestler, good in all kinds of positions and situations," coach Quinn Guernsey said. "He had a great season and the team will look forward to another all-star campaign from him next year."

Mohamad Youssef, Sr., Plymouth (116): The likeable senior went 59-10 to set school records for career wins and matches. He finished his four-year career with a record of 162-50.

Youssef also is Plymouth's first multiple all-star, placing sixth on the Palace podium at 119.5. "Other highlights this season included winning the Wayne County, Observed land, district and regional championships. At the



Volynayuk



Harris



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2013-14 ALL-OBSERVER WRESTLING TEAM

100 pounds: 1. John Siemaz, Jr., Westland John Glenn; 2. Colin Reed, Soph., Plymouth; 3. Josh Mason, Jr., Livonia Churchill.

112: 1. (tie) Michael Volynayuk, Jr., Farmington Harrison; Brandon Harris, Jr., Plymouth; 2. Jeremy Nelson, Soph., Livonia Franklin; 3. (tie) Kyle Sneed, Sr., John Glenn; Cameron Shaghighi, Soph., Southfield.

119.5: 1. Mohamad Youssef, Sr., Plymouth; 2. Nick Rader, Jr., Franklin; 3. (tie) Josh Perez, Sr., Churchill; Chase Spanos, Jr., John Glenn; Tim Way, Sr., Wayne Meridian.

126: 1. (tie) John Hanyra, Sr., John Glenn; Nathan Atienza, Jr., Franklin; 2. Spencer Schifano, Soph., Plymouth; 3. Tyler Maliga, Jr., Wayne.

130.5: 1. Ben Griffin, Sr., Canton; 2. Jesse Jones, Jr., Farmington; 3. Dan Allen, Jr., Harrison.

135: 1. Caleb Richter, Jr., Lutheran Westland; 2. Gabo Colton, Jr., Harrison; 3. (tie) Dan Ahern, Sr., Plymouth; Bruce Raskler, Jr., John Glenn.

140: 1. Ian Conn, Sr., Plymouth; 2. Ty Isamian, Jr., Canton; 3. (tie) Sandro Lyrwin, Soph., Livonia Stevenson; Tunde Alakowds, Sr., Salem.

145.5: 1. (tie) Alec Pantaleo, Sr., Canton; Zach Francis, Sr., Lutheran Westland; Sofia Nielsen, Sr., Westland; 2. Caleb McCabe, Jr., Salem; 3. (tie) Jake Jenkins, Jr., Stevenson; Weston Warren, Soph., Lutheran Westland; 3. (tie) Jake Jenkins, Jr., Stevenson; Weston Warren, Soph., Lutheran Westland; 3. (tie) Jake Jenkins, Jr., Stevenson; Weston Warren, Soph., Lutheran Westland.

152: 1. Nick Frasier, Sr., Franklin; 2. Kenneth Steele, Sr., Franklin; 3. Aaron Hironen, Jr., Wayne.

160: 1. (tie) Jordan Atienza, Sr., Franklin; Joey Shaver, Sr., Plymouth; 2. Connor Vaughan, Jr., Stevenson; 3. Connor Thornbury, Sr., Salem.

171: 1. Hassan Youssef, Jr., Plymouth; 2. Imah Lambert, Sr., Lutheran Westland; 3. Roy Fosco, Soph., Salem.

219.5: 1. Michael Gross, Jr., Salem; 2. Baker Anderson, Jr., Churchill; 3. James Pomeroy, Sr., Wayne.

285: 1. Jordan Brandon, Sr., John Glenn; 2. K.J. Wloszyk, Sr., Canton; 3. Trent Beakley, Jr., Farmington.

285: 1. Aaron Macklin, Sr., Wayne; 2. Michael Jordan, Jr., Churchill; 3. James Pomeroy, Sr., Wayne.

CO-ACH OF THE YEAR

John Guernsey, Plymouth

HONORABLE MENTION

Churchill: Ethan Englund, Nathan Dietrich, Chase Gardner, Zack Lick; Franklin: Maggy Ross, Colin Smith, Austin Steele, Mitchell Bertels, Dan Huber, John Betting, Joe Fortin; Stevenson: Brad Scott, Tank Alabady, Trevor Demers, Madi Votaw; John Glenn: Pylon Benahou, Steve Sorens, Ed Wayne, Ricky Launnes, Brad Spren, Demis Letic, Jovanian Pette, Logan Beaudoin; Wayne: Brandon Feks, Jack Dooly, Dusan Sandora, Jordan Mills, Tom Nicholson, James Higgins, Zak Nikolic, Shamen Hall, Sam Mack, Luciano Westland; Doug Lavette, Thomas Krueger, Andy Faith, Connor Eves, Jacob Bied, Koki Noren, Newell Lopez, Cameron, Nick Quocchi, Harrison Sams; Livonia Clarenceville: David Carr, Cameron Hill, Dominick Sledge; Plymouth: Dylan Dwyer, Sam Campbell, Tank Tamini; Salem: Harmond Abee, Peter Bohannon; Farmington: Jared Chas, Aaron Crotchfield; North Farmington: Mo Mokkai, Steve Perry; Garden City: Ryan Conroy, Ali Aoun; Redford Truston: Melvin Joy, Lyndon Gidding-Whalley, Eddie Gollman; Redford Union: Adam Chermagne, Kenny Vadinas.

KLAA meet, he finished third.

His favorite match was pinning Kurtis Ortmann of Bedford at team regionals and he most enjoyed making it to the team finals with his teammates and getting the opportunity to bond with them one last time.

"Mo will go down as one of the best wrestlers in the history of this school," Guernsey said. "He is our first multiple state placer and holds a couple of school records that will be hard to beat. "He has been a self-driven, hard-working young man who has set the bar for future generations of Wildcats."

Kevin Hanyra, Sr., Westland Glenn (125): The senior captain finished 52-6 while earning a fourth-place finish in Division I.

Hanyra also captured Wayne County, Salem, district and regional crowns, while also finishing taking second at Observed land.

"Kevin was our quiet wrecking force this year," Polk said. "He led by example on the mat and in the classroom."

He was a product of developing skills over a four-year period at Glenn. Every year he took leaps and bounds. "I would take a million times more just like him on my team. We knew what to expect every time he stepped on the mat and it was nothing less than everything he had. You can't expect anything more as a coach. We are very proud of him and happy we have his picture on our All-State wall to remember his accomplishments."

Nathan Atienza, Fr., Liv. Franklin (125): The ninth-grader carved his own niche in the Atienza family by placing eighth in Division I while going 55-10, which included first places as Observed land and the Livonia City meet.

Atienza broke the school record for freshman wins and became the first freshman in school history to earn all-state honors.

"Nate has been around the program for several years because his brother was on the team, so he fit right into the lineup," Franklin coach Dave Chiola said. "He showed a lot of maturity as a freshman, and won some big matches. Nate's personality off the mat is so easy-going and likable that I think he's going to grow into a great team leader. We're watching him grow up, but I think he surpassed our expectations this year. He is going to have to have around for the next few years."

Ben Griffin, Sr., Canton (130.5): The senior co-captain capped a brilliant high school career by winning the Division I state championship at 130, giving him a season's mark of 50-3 and career record of 213-19.

He rallied late in the third period to nip Howell's Ben Calandrino, 2-1, another example of his penchant for never giving up. Griffin is just the third Canton grappler in history to be a four-time all-state wrestler. In addition to being this year's state champion, he was runner-up all-state in 2012 and placed in 2013 (sixth) and 2011 (seventh). "Ben will be remembered as one of the greatest technical wrestlers and toughest wrestlers to ever wear the Canton singlet," coach Cory Mancuso said. "Ben has definitely cemented his place in the record books at Canton, becoming the second winningest wrestler in Canton history."

Griffin will attend and wrestle at Eastern Michigan University beginning in the fall.

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Caleb Richter, Jr., Luth. Westland (135): The junior finished the year 46-6 on the year while qualifying for Division I at individual finals. Richter was undefeated in duals and was also first at the Blissfield, Redford Union, Lutheran Westland, Adrian Madison tournaments, along with being a district and regional champion. He was an Observed land runner-up.

"Caleb represents our program well as he is a good student, hard worker, respectful and a young young man," Lutheran Westland coach Joe Schmidt said. "He fell one match short of his goal of being all-state as he lost in the blood runoff at he has one more chance at it next year. I'm looking forward to see the senior year he will put together."

Jon Conn, Sr., Plymouth (140): One of five Plymouth all-stars, the fourth-year varsity wrestler finished eighth at 140 while going 48-14 for the year (and 149-60 for his career).

An MHSAA academic all-state recipient, Conn also was Wayne County champion this year while finishing second at Observed land and districts. He came in third at regionals.

Conn's pin over Forest Hills Central's James Leark catapulted him into the playoffs rounds at the DI individual

finals, and was his favorite match of the season. "It has been an honor to coach Jon for the last four years," Guernsey said. "He is a talented wrestler and an excellent young man."

"Always a good leader in the room, Jon would get as excited about his teammates success as he would his own."

Alec Pantaleo, Sr., Canton (145): Although Pantaleo was defeated in the Division I title bout at 145, he still enjoyed an incredible season (52-1) and four-year career (183-9) with the Chiefs.

Pantaleo, a senior co-captain, did win the state championship at 135 in 2012 and is one of the greatest Canton wrestlers in team history.

"His speed and explosiveness made him one of the most enjoyable wrestlers to watch," Mancuso said. "He is also one of the hardest working student-athletes I have had the privilege to coach."

He will go to the University of Michigan in the fall and wrestle for the Wolverines. A future goal is to follow in the footsteps of his uncle, Joe Pantaleo, and become a member of the NCAA All-American at U-M.

Zach Francis, Sr., Luth. Westland (145): Francis wound up second as a senior going 20-4 this season and 156-16 during his career. He was also a district champion and earned a first at the Blissfield tournament.

As a junior, Francis finished 51-3 and was fourth at 125 pounds.

"Zachary is leaving as the best wrestler in Lutheran Westland history in my opinion," Schmidt said. "He was injured most of the year, but was able to come back for the state tournament where he earned state runner-up at the Palace. His hard work and dedication to the sport is something I challenge his teammates to match."

Sofus Nielsen, Sr., Plymouth (145): Another Plymouth all-star, Nielsen placed seventh in DI at 145 and sported a season record of 40-15 (he was 46-22 in two years at Plymouth).

Highlights included finishing second at the Wayne County and district meets, taking third at the KLAA championships and fourth at regionals.

At the placing match at individual states, he defeated South Balough of Southgate.

"Sofus came to us from Arizona as a junior and we were glad to gain him," Guernsey said. "In his two years he accomplished a lot and was well liked by his teammates."

"A very tough wrestler, he frustrated some of the best kids in the state and had a great end to the season beating some of them to earn all-state honors."

Nick Frazier, Sr., Liv. Franklin (152): The senior posted a 44-10 record while qualifying for the Division I state finals. Frazier is a two-time Livonia City champ and three-time regional qualifier.

"Nick wrestled his freshman year at Howell, but he adapted to our team very quickly," Chiola said. "He wrestled wherever he was needed and was one of the hardest working guys in the room. He was a great example to the younger wrestlers and always did whatever was best for the team. His toughness rubbed off on everyone. I think the tenacity he showed throughout his three years here will serve him well in the next chapter of his life."

Ben Atienza, Sr., Liv. Franklin (160): The senior went 64-1 to become the school's first state champion in school history after going 58-3 as a junior and earning Division I runner-up honors at 152

pounds. Atienza was Livonia City, Wayne County, Observed land, KLAA district and regional champion.

"Jordan came to us with a lot of hope, and he managed to live up to it," Chiola said of the four-time scholar-athlete. "He improved greatly each year, which is saying a lot because he was an outstanding freshman."

Sporting a career record of 223-19, Atienza also holds the career and single season record for pins and wins. He is a four-time City, three-time Wayne County and two-time Observed land and KLAA champ.

"He became an incredible team leader and made everyone on the team better, not just the kids around his weight," Chiola said. "His drive and work ethic were great examples to the younger wrestlers. Every disappointment he had in his career he turned into motivation. I expect Jordan to do great things with his life outside of wrestling. He is going to be missed tremendously, and remembered always."

Joey Shaver, Sr., Plymouth (160): The hard-working Shaver's final season culminated with a spot on the DI podium at the Palace, finishing sixth at 160.

He enjoyed a big senior year, going 47-16 to finish his prep career with a mark of 107-53. Along the way, he was district champion, runner-up at the Wayne County, Observed land and regional meets and third at the KLAA championships.

Shaver's favorite match of the season was his last-second quarterfinal win over Grosse Pointe North's Andrew Lock at individual states.

"After Joey's sophomore year he came up to me and said he wanted to be a coach," Guernsey said. "He worked very hard over that summer and through his junior and senior years to end his career as an all-star."

"It is a great thing about this sport that you can work your way to being good and Joey epitomizes that very well."

Hussein Youssef, Jr., Plymouth (171): It was quite a junior season for Youssef, who went 47-13 to up his career tally to 101-51 while qualifying for the state meet.

Youssef pinned Tyri Hammack of Monroe in the district finals, was able to go with the Wildcats to team states and participate in the Grand March, and won the Observed land and regional districts.

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"Hussein is a very talented big guy," Guernsey said. "His combination of strength and explosiveness is rare at his weight class and he is going to have an excellent senior season."

Mitchell Gross, Jr., Salem (189): The junior continued his outstanding freshman career by making it to the DI individual finals and finishing eighth in his weight class, good for an all-state place.

Gross compiled a record of 40-8, sparking the Rocks to the team's first division championship since 2005. He was the Observed land champion at 189.

Salem coach Pete Israel lauded tough-as-nails Gross for overcoming a cold at the individual regionals to finish third and qualify for a trip to the Palace. That was a step up from his sophomore season, when he just missed qualifying for the finals.

"Mitchell is the kind of wrestler that when he is on he is on," Israel said. "He is a true star."



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Observer wrestling co-coach of the year Quinn Guernsey (far left) celebrates with his assistant coaches after Plymouth won the Division 1 team regional championship. Pictured are (from left) Guernsey, Matt Farmer, Pat Durocher, Dale Maskill, TJ Harris and Anthony Munoz.

ALL-AREA

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competitor that really stepped up during match time. We moved him around our lineup against the tougher competition and he performed for the team." Israel said the best is yet to come for Gross in his senior year.

"This season was successful for Mitchell, but I believe he has more that he wants to do," he continued. "I think having the feel for what it's like at the state meet will help him go higher up the podium. Of course there is a lot of hard work and sweat that will come with that and I believe this off-season Mitchell will do just that."

Jordan Brandon, Sr., Westland Glenn (215): The senior capped a tremendous career by going 54-2 as a senior and winning the Division

1 title after going 55-5 as a junior and losing a controversial 5-4 overtime decision in the finals.

Brandon, who finished with 150 career wins, also captured titles Wayne County, Salem, Observeland, KLA.A, district and regional.

"Jordan worked extremely hard for his state championship," Polk said. "He was a great leader on that mat and in the wrestling room. He is looking at several colleges right now and we are excited to see what he can do at the next level. Over the last several seasons Jordan was our biggest 'team guy' on the bench for his teammates as well. He is a wrestler that always steps up and welcomes any challenge that is in front of him."

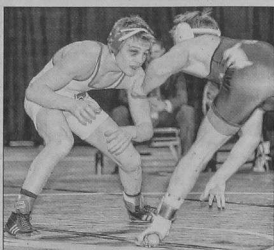
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Aaron Mauldin, Sr., Wayne (285): Mauldin enjoyed a stellar senior year going 49-8 en route to a fifth-place in Division 1.

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"The odds have always been against Aaron, starting with the fact that he is a 225-pound heavyweight," Wayne coach Steve Vasiloff said. "He was going up 60 pounds in some of his matches. Yet it was his technique and work ethic that won him just under 50 matches this season and over 100 during his high school career."

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Canton's Ben Griffin (left) goes to work against Howell's Ben Calandrino in the state championship bout at the Palace of Auburn Hills. DOUGLAS BARGSTOCK

most beautiful drag trips you will ever see and he is the only heavyweight I have ever hit that I love like that so well," Vasiloff said. "He traveled all over the country to compete year-round and became a well rounded wrestler. We are very proud of him and all he has accomplished. We look forward to his career continuing at the college level."

CO-COACHES OF YEAR

Quinn Guernsey, Plymouth: There's no denying that the Plymouth Wildcats enjoyed their greatest season in team history, and Guernsey's steady guidance, strong communication skills and ability to motivate certainly helped the cause.

Plymouth finished 36-4 in dual meets (a school record for wins), while making it all the way to Battle Creek's Kellogg Center for the Division 1 team championships.

Along the way were victories at the Wayne County and Observeland meets, plus the Highlander Duals, Todd Schoenheide Challenge and Gladwin Invitationals.

The Wildcats captured the KLA.A South Division and Kensington Conference championships, and followed up with victories in the district and regional championships.

Guernsey's squad also finished second at the KLA.A team meet. Phillip James Memorial Tournament and Yeti Challenge.

The coach also praised the work ethic and determination of his team. After winning the team regional over Bedford, Guernsey said the Wildcats did not plan on "just showing up against Novi-Detroit Catholic Central for the team final."

"This team has had a little bit of a chip on their shoulder all season and even with the success they've had they still are hungry for more," he said.

Plymouth set school marks for state qualifiers in a season (6) and state placers in a season (5).

Guernsey — also Wayne County and regional coach of the year — was at the helm for all four years of what was the school's winningest class.

Seven seniors graduating from that class included Mohamad Youssef, Joey Shaver, Jon Conn, Sofus Nielsen, Daniel Ahearn, Tarek Tamimi and Sam Campbell.

Dave Chiola, Liv.

Franklin: The 14th-year coach guided Franklin to its first-ever berth in the MHSAA Division 1 team finals after capturing

regional and district titles.

"In the end, this ended up being a great year, although it didn't always seem like that," said Chiola, whose team finished 16-7. "Coaching is a funny thing. You can do the same thing every year, but get different results. Ultimately it's the kids that make the difference."

Chiola's career record is 231-97.

"After 14 years here, it was nice to take a team to the state tournament and get the school's first state champ," he said. "I have a great staff of ex-Franklin wrestlers, so accomplishing it with them meant that much more. The team really turned it on at the end of the year. I hear stories from other coaches about kids on their team that don't always make sacrifices for the team, or they have too many individuals and not enough team players. This team was exactly the opposite."

"We had kids cut weight, wrestle up one or two weights, take losses ... whatever was best for the team. In the end it was a team effort that made it possible to get our first regional championship. There were a lot of rough spots along the way, but the way it turned out was awesome. I hope the experience everyone picked up will pay dividend in the future."

COLLEGE SIGNING

Wildcats' Stella to play football at Tiffin

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

When an obstacle presented itself to Plymouth wide receiver Connor Stella on the football field, he knocked it out of his way.

And nothing was going to stop the senior from achieving the goal of playing college football, which he will get to do at Division II Tiffin University (Ohio).

Stella recently signed his national letter of intent to play for the Dragons. On hand for the ceremony were parents Jeff and Rae Ann Stella, younger brother Cameron (also on the 2013 Wildcats) and Plymouth head football coach Mike Sawchuk.

"Connor is one my favorite kids that I've had the opportunity to coach because he was absolutely relentless and nasty on every play," Sawchuk said. "He was a wide receiver that would block defensive backs into the stands."

"I give a lot of credit to our wide receiver coach John Wallace for developing Connor. He is one of the most coachable kids ever and has great character and leadership. Tiffin will be a better place with Connor going to college."

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No stopping him

"I am very excited to play football in college," said Stella, who owns a cumulative grade-point average of 3.0. "I have loved playing it my whole life and didn't want it to stop after high school."

He noted that plans are for him to play wide-out for the Dragons, but he knows how much playing time he receives as a freshman will be "all on me. If I perform and do what I'm supposed to I could potentially see the field."

Stella said he will hit the ground running next season, citing how much the Plymouth coaching staff helped him during his prep career.

"The Wildcat program did everything for me," he said. "From the freshman (team) coach-

es Jamie Emminger and Matt Sheridan to Coach Leo on JV to Coach Saw and the whole varsity coaching staff, they really pushed me to be the best player I could be."

"I feel like I am just as prepared or even more prepared to take on the challenge of college football as any other kid."

As for moving out of Michigan to go to Tiffin, Stella said it won't be too bad either for himself or the rest of his family.

"Leaving Michigan wasn't a big deal to my family and I," Stella said. "It's two hours away, so it isn't too bad of a drive to and from the school."

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Ladywood alum Anastos soars with BC's Eagles

By Brad Emmons
Staff Writer

Andie Anastos got to experience a new kind of March Madness this time around.

The former dual-sport standout at Livonia Ladywood High has permanently traded in her sneakers for skates as she thrived during her first season for the Boston College women's hockey team, which fell one victory short of reaching the NCAA Division I's coveted Frozen Four after a 3-1 quarterfinal setback March 15 to Clarkson (N.Y.).

"At this time last year, the Armstrong Division 1 sports was juggling two natives, leading Ladywood to a Class B state girls basketball quarterfinal berth while playing for Honeybaked's under-19 AAA state championship team."

Anastos, named to the Women's Hockey East (WHEA) All-Star team, finished second on the Eagles in points (35) with 14 goals and 21 assists.

"I'm still playing it, I played it my entire life," said Anastos, who was a three-time first-team All-Observer selection and All-Stater as a senior, while averaging 19 points a game as a point-guard for the Blazers in basketball. "I'm obviously going to miss it not playing for a few years."

Boston College seventh-year coach Katie King Crowley certainly had heard of Anastos' prowess on the hardwood, but is glad she'll be a permanent fixture on the ice for BC the next three years.

"I was surprised how much poise and composure she had as a fresh-



Boston College freshman Andie Anastos of Farmington Hills (left) was the team's second leading point scorer. BOSTON COLLEGE SPORTS

man," King Crowley said. "It's definitely a step up since high school, and to have that as a freshman is obviously a great asset."

"We knew she was a very good player and would really help our team, but to see that type of composure in a freshman was great."

Boston College finished 27-7-3 overall, while winning the regular season WHEA championship. The season ended with a 3-2 loss to rival Boston University in the Hockey East finals followed by the NCAA tournament defeat to Clarkson.

And just days after the NCAA setback, Anastos says the loss still lingers.

"It's kind of hard to think about when you walk in the rink and you see nobody on the ice and you say, 'Shoot,' focusing on our practice time," said the 5-foot-8 senior. "We could be playing this weekend. It's kind of hard to think about that. But credit to Clarkson. They're a really good team and we just came up short."

"They (Clarkson) moved the puck well and had very good speed. They were a good team, but I don't

think we had enough quality chances on their goalie."

This was the first year Anastos devoted all her effort into hockey and it showed.

"It's different," she said. "There's a lot obviously in college. There's more practicing and workouts than in high school hockey, but there was a lot of time devoted to basketball in high school. It's different focusing on one sport and not having to worry about all the running, just the skating."

Anastos, however, was able to adjust to the speed of the game and adapt to the other facets that go into collegiate women's hockey.

"The puck movement is a lot different than how it was in high school," the freshman said. "The puck moves much faster and people have harder shots. It just makes it a faster-paced game."

King Crowley was more than pleased with how quickly Anastos fit into her role. "She's a smart hockey player and we knew that when we recruited her."

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Prom goes can look like a million

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Hundreds of dresses will be sold for \$20 each March 29 at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church in Livonia.

Callie Gross and Lisa Benages want prom goes to look like a million bucks without having to spend a fortune on a dress.

"Going to prom is amazing. It's your dream in high school. We want to make sure everyone has an opportunity to go," said Gross, who is organizing the 2nd Life Prom Dress Sale, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, March 29, at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile in Livonia.

Benages, who teaches family and consumer science at Plymouth High School, will coordinate the fourth annual prom dress sale, 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 5, at the high school, 8400 Beck, in Canton.

"I don't want anyone to go without a dress. We've had a lot of thanks and praise for holding this sort of thing. It's heartwarming and it's fun. It's neat when the girls find their dress and they are so happy," Benages said.

She came up with the idea for a sale of gently-used formal wear while watching her daughters clean out their clothes closets. They were eager to donate their former prom gowns. Benages organized the sales event that "has grown every year."

"I can't tell you how busy we are that day. It's fast and furious."

Classrooms and restrooms are used as fitting rooms near Benages' classroom in the "600 wing" of the school. No dress costs more than \$20. There's also a free table and Benages offers free alterations for the teens.

She said some women also shop for costumes and "Mom Prom" dresses. Canton Leisure Services holds its annual Mom Prom 8-11 p.m. April 5 at Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway. Participants wear old prom dresses, bridesmaid and wedding gowns to the event, which features music, dancing, contests, prize drawings and more, with profits benefiting

Canton Goodfellows. Tickets are \$35. Call 734-394-5460.

"We have a good couple hundred dresses this year," Benages noted. "There aren't as many new dresses this year, but they are really nice used dresses and they come in all sizes and styles."

In Livonia

The 2nd Life Prom Dress Sale collected more than 800 dresses last year and sold approximately 500 of them.

"It was a madhouse but it was great," Gross said.

She'll hand out numbers to shoppers starting at 7 a.m. on sale day. Doors will open at 8 a.m. and teens will be called to the sales floor according to their numbered tickets. Prom dresses will be priced at \$20; less formal dresses will cost \$5-\$10 and bridal dresses will be \$75-\$100.

"We have dresses that were priced at up to \$700 with the tags still on them," she said.



Pam Phillips handles alterations at the 2nd Life Prom Dress Sale last year in Livonia.

"This year the dresses mostly came from stores."

Seamstresses will be on site to help with alterations and some accessories, including shoes, jewelry and purses will be available.

For more information, email Benages at Lisa.Benages-

es@pcsmail.net. Call St. Paul's at 734-422-1470.

Other events:

Southfield-based 98.7 AMP Radio, along with local sponsors, will present the fourth annual Gown Town 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, April 6, at Doug-



Some gently-used formal dresses don't end up at the prom. Ashley Benton found this dress at the Livonia sale last year and planned to wear it to the Michigan Emmy Awards.

las J. Salon in downtown Royal Oak. The salon also will serve as a drop-off point for dress donations, noon to 2 p.m. Saturday, March 29. Teens can choose a gown for free.

"This is the second time we're hosting it," said Douglas J guest services coach Cristina Olivito. "We're going to use all of our spa rooms as changing rooms, so that the girls can try the dresses on. Our students will be here like personal shoppers to help them. The girls who are coming to pick up a dress will receive a voucher from us towards their hair and

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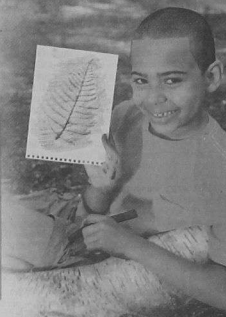


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Fred Rogers lives on through his achievements

March 20th marked the anniversary of the birth of Fred McFeeley Rogers. Many of us are familiar with his life and work. Born in 1928, he was a professional puppeteer, an ordained minister, and a music composer who became the host of the TV program *Mister Rogers' Neighborhood*. He wrote the trademark tune *It's A Wonderful Day in the Neighborhood*.

Recently, I found myself mindlessly whistling, as I often do, and by turning my attention to the tune I recognized it as the one I had heard many times as a youngster at the beginning of yet another episode of the television program which spanned three decades named *Mister Rogers' Neighborhood*. Ironically, the next day, I received my monthly email from the nonprofit company that Fred founded, Family Communications, Inc. This month's installation pointed out that March 20 would be Fred's birthday. Fred's followers honor the day by wearing zipper sweaters. You see, Mister Rogers began each show by coming out in the rain, removing his rain coat and placing his umbrella on the stand. He would then ritualistically select one of the zippered sweaters and a pair of whose shoes Fred has his closet. Sometimes he would whistle the tune *It's a Wonderful Day in the Neighborhood*.

His show was for and about children and their parents. It ran on PBS from 1968 to 2001. A countless number of topics were covered by Mister Rogers through television, in order to assist children and parents on their journey through their relationship with each other. Some of these themed episodes covered such lessons as "What We Can Do With Our Angry Feelings," "Life Lessons On Cooperation and Kindness," "Understanding Why Friends Fight and How to Help," "Why Friendship and Sharing Can Be Hard," and "Encouraging Kindness."

Rogersisms

A particular book about Fred is one that I found in Canada last year. Interestingly, it was on a rack with other

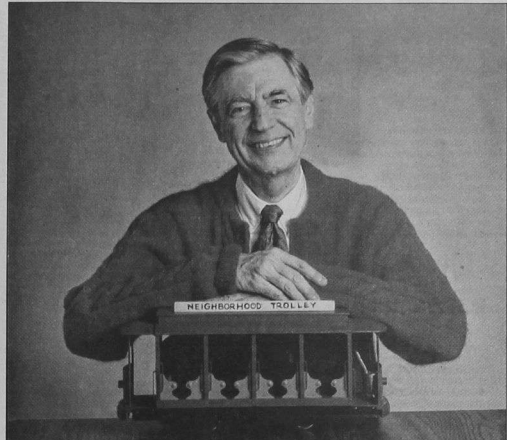


Len McCulloch
OUR MENTAL HEALTH

health brochures in a pharmacy. Although it only cost \$11.95, it contained a wealth of Fred "Rogersisms." These were quotes of numerous things that Mister Rogers had said. As I thumb through the book of quotes frequently now, I haven't found any words of wisdom with which I disagree. I have challenged others to look through the book of quotes and find one that they would consider senseless or outdated or in any other way, not useable. So far, no one has won the challenge.

One of the quotes of Mister Rogers that I find worth telling goes like this: "The world is not always a kind place. That's something all children learn for themselves, whether we want them to or not, but it's something they really need our help to understand." Fred's "teachings" were and are remarkable. They address the child and the parent who used to be a child. Fred keenly explains, in easy-to-understand language, that parents need to know how their own childhood experiences play a role in their parenting decisions.

I like to excavate tidbits about famous people. In doing a background check on Mister Rogers, I found the following to be interesting: He had approximately two dozen zippered sweaters that were all hand-knitted by his mother. He was the father of two sons, whom he and his wife of many, many years raised successfully. He had academic degrees in music and was an ordained minister. He obtained unique, advanced training from Sigmund Freud's daughter, Anna Freud, known for numerous acceptable theories and practices of understanding childhood development and providing treatment for children whose development or life experiences strayed from the course of health. Additionally, Fred was awarded 17 honorary doctorate degrees in childhood development from major uni-



Fred Rogers of *Mister Rogers' Neighborhood*

versities. In 1984, the Smithsonian Institute put one of Fred's zipper sweaters on exhibit. He taped his last episode of *Mister Rogers' Neighborhood* in the year 2000. In 2002 he was diagnosed with stomach cancer and he died in 2003.

Honors

Fred had been the recipient of numerous awards and recognitions, including The Lifetime Achievement Award from the National Academy of TV Arts and Sciences and The Presidential Medal of Freedom. His website says he was considered to be an enduring presence in American homes for more than 30 years.

Another one of Mister Rogers' quotes stated: "My hope for you at the beginning of this new moment in your life is that you will take good care of that part of you where your best

dreams come from, that invisible part of you that allows you to look on yourself and your neighbor with delight. Do your best to appreciate the gifts that we really are and always will be, to look for every opportunity that allows you to clap and cheer, loving your neighbor as yourself." It's from his book, titled *Life's Journeys According to Mister Rogers: Things to Remember Along the Way*. To me, this says it all! You see, Fred Rogers lives on through what he gave us.

Len J. McCulloch is a Diplomat of the American Psychotherapy Association. He is credentialed in mental health, brain injury, addictions, and social work. He is also creator and co-director, with Sherry Cantor of the *Therapy Chairs of Michigan*, (www.therapychairs.org) a non-profit organization devoted to the use of chair therapy and gentle teaching to

assist the lives of individuals, with special needs including those with traumatic brain injuries, developmental disabilities, mental illness, and orphan diseases. His column, "Our Mental Health" is archived at www.farmib.org. McCulloch can be reached for consultation at 248-476-9329.

Ladies' night out benefits preschool scholarships

Giving Hope Women's Giving Circle will host its second annual signature event, "Give the Kids a Boost," 6-9 p.m. Wednesday, April 9, at Plymouth Manor, 345 N. Main, Plymouth. This ladies' night out will include food, a cash bar, a raffle and silent auction, shopping and a mini fashion show featuring items from businesses in and around Plymouth and Canton.

Cost is \$30 and registration is required. Proceeds will benefit scholarships for preschool.

Last year's inaugural event raised nearly \$8,000 for the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Clothing Bank.

To register, go to www.cantonfoundation.org or call Beth Meade at 734-495-1200.

GARDEN & NATURE CALENDAR

Send material for the Garden & Nature Calendar to Sharon Dargy, Observer & Editor, xdargy@hometownlife.com.

Livonia Garden Club

Larry Turowski, retired general manager of the floral division at English Gardens, will give tips on flower arranging and will create several floral arrangements at the meeting of the Livonia Garden Club, 7 p.m. April 1, at the Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Birchwood Lane. Livonia has more information call Ruth Moline at 734-525-3167 or visit livoniagardenclub.com.

Tree and shrub sale

Releaf Michigan, a nonprofit organization with a mission to protect the planet on the value of trees and the need to properly select, plant, and maintain them, is taking orders for trees, specialty trees, shrubs and evergreens. Orders must be placed by April 11 at www.ReleafMichigan.org. Pick up is from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, April 26, at

a variety of locations in southeastern Michigan, including Handy Park, 26650 Capital Ave., in Redford Township. For more information call 800-422-7535 or email info@releafmichigan.org.

Spring bug hunt

The Friends of the Rouge needs volunteers to help look for stoneliets, mayflies and other aquatic insects at the beginning at 9 a.m., April 12, along the river. Interested volunteers must pre-register by March 28. Children are welcome when accompanied by a participating adult. Participants will meet at the University of Michigan-Dearborn's Environmental Interpretive Center, where they'll be assigned to teams that each travel through the river where they look for living things in samples collected from the river under the direction of a trained biologist. Results help determine the health of the river. For more information or to sign up, visit therouge.org.

Heritage Park

One Starry Night will run 7-9 p.m. Saturday, March 29 and is for ages 5 to adults. It will include a talk by a local astronomer, astronomy crafts for kids and telescope viewing outdoors. • Explore Nature Day, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Wednesday, April 9, is for all ages and will include a guided hike, art projects and nature games. Cost is \$5 per child or \$10 per family. Register for the program at <http://recreg.flgov.com>. Heritage Park is located on Farmington Road between 10 Mile and 11 Mile in Farmington Hills. Call 248-477-1135 or email asmith@flgov.com for more information.

English Gardens

Learn the secrets to a beautiful lawn at a free presentation 1 p.m. Saturday, March 29, at English Gardens. • Get tips on how and when to prune trees and shrubs in a free presentation, 1 p.m. Saturday, March 29.

• Garden Party weekend runs April 5-6, with presentations scheduled 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at all stores.

Area stores are at 155 N. Maple, Ann Arbor, 734-332-7900; 22650 Ford Road, Dearborn Heights, 313-278-4433; 4901 Coolidge Highway, Royal Oak, 248-280-9500; and 6370 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield, 248-851-7506.

Maple sugaring

"Maple's Sweet Story," runs noon-3 p.m. Saturday-Sunday through March at Kensington Metropark Farm Center near MidfordBrighton. 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.

Beware of hazardous appliances at home

I received an email from a person who had a GE microwave and replaced it with a different brand. It caused the product created all sorts of sparks inside the oven. This person purchased a counter top unit and no longer believes in the under the counter style.

A few weeks ago, I interviewed Cathy Cannivert from Florida who a few years ago was the homemaker who took on the corporate giant General Electric when her refrigerator ice maker starting spitting out pieces of plastic along with a few other problems. Her story was amazing and it led to a class action suit that cost General Electric several million dollars. Here is the other amazing factor: She took on General Electric again because microwave ovens are coming on by themselves. There is currently a class action suit on microwave ovens and you can read all about it by going to the search engine and typing in "class action law suit on microwave ovens." This story is just so fascinating and certainly makes one well aware of a hidden danger that may be in your very kitchen.

On another subject, I just



Joe Gagnon
APPLIANCE DOCTOR

met a lady visiting from Ottawa who tells me she has to clean the big rubber gaskets on the front load washing machine she owns. I explained the problem that millions of consumers in this country are having with their front load washers. It was all news to her and I informed her to go check this out on her computer. She has been a huge class action suit recently turned down at our Supreme Court, but ongoing and your computer will tell you all about it.

Faulty appliances

Holy Smokes, folks (no pun intended), what is going on in the major home appliance industry? We have heard of the many fires this winter with condos and apartment fires taking the lives of people and the major cause of the fires. One in particular started in the kitchen with the source still unknown. In recent years, many recalls have been is-

sued because refrigerators catching fire, dishwashers shooting out flames, kitchen range burners coming on all by themselves and the continuing clothes dryer fire issue. As I have screamed lately, we need a law that makes a manufacturer or retailer responsible for making homeowners aware. I have yet to hear from Michigan Sen. Patrick Colbeck on this request of a month ago. I'll let you know what he says on a Michigan law needed to protect his constituents.

Now here is a new one that I have never heard or seen in any my 40 years. When the microwave came out in the early '70s I played the role of an expert technician who taught many how they worked and how to repair them. Recently a man delivered to me an Amana Radar Range manufactured in 1974. The glass tray where you place your food was all in one piece and there was a melted spot in the center about the size of the bottom of a teacup. I have never heard of this happening and I found out that the glass melting point is something like 850 degrees. I have been wracking my brain about the cause of this, until just now

when I wrote the word "teacup."

If you remember a few years ago I wrote about the exploding teacup bursting into the faces of homeowners when they pulled the cup out of their under-the-counter microwave ovens. The water wouldn't come to a boil because the holding vessel it was in had no imperfections and this caused a superheated condition where the steam collected in one large bubble which rested on the bottom of the cup. Once you moved it over so slightly, the water blew up and caused blindness and serious burns. It's a possible problem to the melted glass tray.

While I'm waiting to discover how appliances can be made safer for the American home I can give you only one piece of good advice. Install more smoke and fire detectors than you have now. There could be a predator in your home that is sleeping in a major appliance.

Joe Gagnon can be heard at 8 a.m., Saturdays on WAAM 1600. You can email your problems and questions on appliances to appl@twm1.com.

PROM

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makeup ... The last time we did this there was a huge line around the building."

Last year, more than 500 free dresses were distributed. Douglas J. is located at 409 S. Center St. Call 248-336-5500. Visit www.987ampromdresses.cbhschool.com.

Livonia organization

Hope's Closet, founded by 1992 Churchill High School graduate Whitney Drake, will offer teens free prom dresses, April 26 through May 2 at Royal Oak First United Methodist Church, 320 W. 7th, in downtown Royal Oak.

"We ask them to bring a student ID and if they are home schooled, they just need a letter stating they are home schooled," said Drake, a Livonia resident. "We have thousands of dresses. We do it once a year. This is our 11th year."

Drake said her high school education influenced her decision to create the boutique and continue it annually.

"I was really to give back. It was great," she said. Shoppers must make an appointment for the boutique. Call Hope's Closet at 248-347-1309, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., starting April 7, to make an appointment. The church does not book the appointments. Visit www.hopescloset.com.

ENGAGEMENT

MILESTONES

HELTER-MCGHEE

Nicole Helter and Frederick A. McGhee Jr., both of Livonia, announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Rebecca Gross of Brighton, earned an M.B.A. degree in 2006 from Eastern Michigan University and currently works in the foster care system for the State of Michigan.

Her fiancé, son of Charlotte Smith of Detroit, is a 1966 graduate of Cass Technical High School, Detroit, and cur-



Nicole Helter and Frederick A. McGhee Jr.

rently works for Midwest Logistics. A May 2014 wedding is

planned at The Inn at St. John's in Plymouth Township.

MARCH BETHANY

Time/Date: 8 p.m. to midnight Saturday, March 29
Location: Don Hubert VFW Hall, 27345 Schoolcraft, Redford

Details: Bethany Together Dance admission is \$15 and includes beer, wine, soft drinks and snacks. Dance lessons from 7:30-8 p.m. Attire business casual. Bethany is under the auspices of the Archdiocese of the Detroit. It provides peer support to the divorced and separated of all Christian faiths. **Contact:** 248-988-0454

CONCERT

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Saturday, March 29
Location: St. John Neumann Catholic Church, 4800 Warren Road, Canton

Details: A full orchestra and the combined choirs of St. John Neumann and St. Mary's of Wayne will perform Vivaldi's Gloria. The concert will be repeated on 4 p.m. Sunday, March 30, at St. Mary's of Wayne. Free admission. **Contact:** 734-455-5910

CONCERT

Time/Date: 3:30 p.m. Sunday, March 30
Location: St. John Lutheran Church, 23225 Gill Road, Farmington Hills

Details: The Rev. Robert Eric Freudingman, pastor of St. John Lutheran Church, will officiate. **Contact:** 734-722-1343

LENTEN SERVICE
Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 26
Location: Holy Cross Parish, 1475 Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: There is "From Garden to Glory."
Contact: 313-532-8655

LENTEN SERVICE
Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday through April 9
Location: Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 1475 Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: Worship followed by a light lunch.
Contact: 734-522-6830

LENTEN SOUP DISCUSSION
Time/Date: 6:30 p.m. soup dinner, 7:15 p.m. video presentation and discussion, Tuesday, March 25, April 1 and April 8

Location: Trinity Church, 34500 Six Mile, between Livonia and Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: "Emotionally Healthy Spirituality" by pastors Bob Hoyt and Allen Knapnell
Contact: 734-425-2800

LENTEN VESPERS
Time/Date: 6 p.m. Sunday, March 23
Location: St. Mary the Protectress Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral, 21931 Evergreen, Southfield

Details: The Very Rev. Roman Star, pastor of St. Innocent of Irkutsk Orthodox Church, Redford, will preside at this third of five Lenten services. The homilist will be the Rev. James King, assistant pastor of St. Anthony Orthodox Basilian of St. Mary, Livonia

Coming up: The remaining vesper services will be held at 6 p.m. on Sunday, March 30, at St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church, 760 W. Warrille, Troy and Sunday, April 6, at Holy Trinity Orthodox Church, Detroit, 2407 Carpenter, Detroit

Time/Date: 7:34-422-0278; pascha-books@icloud.com

NEW DAWN CLUB
Time/Date: 1 p.m. Tuesday, March 25
Location: Thomas's Family Dining, 33971 Plymouth Road, Livonia

Details: The 21st annual Women's Power Breakfast, which raises funds for Gleneers Community Food Bank, is set for 7-9 a.m. Wednesday, April 23, in Beaufort, Detroit.

Guest speaker is Maggie Steber, a National Geographic photographer who is one of 11 prominent female photographers with work featured in Women of Vision, a multi-media exhibit presented annually by The PNC Financial Services Group, Inc.

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ENGAGEMENT

MILESTONES

STUPRYA-PATTERSON

Audrey Stuprya and Clay Patterson announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Dale and Tara Stuprya of Garden City, attended Garden City High School and is employed by Garden City Hospital.

The groom, son of Dale and Stephanie Patterson of Garden City, also attended Garden City High School. An April 2014 wedding is planned in Taylor.



Audrey Stuprya and Clay Patterson

RELIGION CALENDAR

Details: New Dawn is a social club for widows and widowers that meets monthly at St. Eloth Church in Livonia for companionship and at area restaurants for lunch or dinner. All faiths are welcome. The group will have lunch at Thomas's. Call Mary Jo, 734-425-3767

Contact: Ann Lenehan at 734-495-0681

SEVEN DEADLY SINS
Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. Thursday, through April 10
Location: St. Michael the Archangel Parish, 11411 Hubbard, Farmington Hills

Details: The Siena Heights University Campus Ministry team will lead this 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, greed, and lust may affect a person's life and relationships with God and others. Registration is required, cost is \$12.95 for accompanying study guide. **Contact:** 734-261-1455, Ext. 207; www.livoniastmichael.org

WOMEN'S RETREAT
Time/Date: 8 a.m.-3p.m. Saturday, March 29
Location: Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 1475 Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: Guest speaker, Carolyn Bira of Holy Cross-Fishing, will present "Identity Check: Remind Me Who I Am?" Dexter High School Chamber Quintet is the musical entertainment. Cost is \$25, which includes a continental breakfast and box lunch. Registration forms are available online at www.womenso-r.org or call the church. **Contact:** 734-522-6830

APRIL ANOINTING OF THE SICK
Time/Date: 11 a.m. Tuesday, April 1
Location: St. Simon and Jude Catholic Community, 32500 Parkman, Westland

Details: Anointing of the Sick is a sacrament of healing and is not only for the seriously ill, but also for the elderly, infirm, the mentally ill, or for those facing surgery. A light lunch will be served and the service: RSVP to the church office. **Contact:** 734-722-1343

EGG HUNT
Time/Date: 10:30 a.m., Saturday, April 19
Location: First Church of the Nazarene, 21250 Haggerty, north of 8 Mile, Northville

Details: Children hunt for more than 15,000 eggs in five different age groups. Hot dogs, chips, cookies and drinks will be served; pictures available with the Easter Bunny; games, prizes, music & reggae/genre experiments with Madam Scientist. Bring an Easter basket to collect candy as a gift for bringing a friend. Registration is required at dfcnae.org. Closes after 6:00 children sign up or on April 15, whichever comes first. **Contact:** 248-348-7600

FAMILY EASTER CELEBRATION
Time/Date: Register at 12:45 p.m. Saturday, April 12

Livonia woman earns Zonta Club scholarship

The Zonta Club of Northwest Wayne County recently awarded a scholarship to Catherine Crombez of Livonia.

Crombez is a senior at Madonna University, where she studies biochemistry and piano performance. She has a 3.97 grade point average and has been named to the dean's list. Crombez plans to major in neuroscience in graduate school, with a goal of helping to restore quality of life for patients with neurological disorders. She currently is an intern in a University of Michigan neuroscience laboratory, assisting in animal studies that examine Huntington's disease.

Although her profes-

sional goal is neuroscience research, she also plans to attain a degree in musical performance. She started playing the piano at age 5 and has performed in ensembles and as an accompanist. She teaches music to children and adults at Madonna where she works as a supplemental instructor and tutor. Crombez says music teaches patience, appreciation, and perseverance.

Crombez also enjoys volunteering. She regularly helps organize programs to assist peers in study groups, leads a community choir, facilitates vocation Bible school, and contributes to neighborhood events.

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LAUREL SUSAN

was born in Detroit on August 15, 1929 and passed away on March 13, 2014. She is survived by her cousins Susan Gibson, Skip Henderson, Nancy Harvey and Michael Gury. She was predeceased by her parents Byron Gury and Landrina (Ina) Gury (Henderson), and brothers Bart and David. Ms. Gury was a long time teacher in the Birmingham Schools and also taught in the Clarenceville Schools and in Germany (military personnel). She received her BA Degree from Michigan State Normal College (Eastern Michigan University) and her MA Degree from the University of Michigan. Laurel was a member of the American Medical, National Defense Service Medal, and Good Conduct Medal. Angelo retired from Ford Motor Company in 1992 after 30 years of dedicated service. He was a devoted husband and father. He loved life and valued learning. He was an avid reader and always pursued creative outlets. Angelo also had many hobbies. He loved writing and performing music, writing plays, and woodworking. Merle, his only surviving son, has five grandchildren. Angelo will be deeply missed by his family and friends. Funeral Services will be held Monday, March 24, 2014, 12 noon at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 S. Main St., Plymouth. Friends may visit Sunday 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Monroeville, 11 a.m. until time of services. Memorials may be made to the Salvation Army. To leave a condolence, please contact: schrader-howell.com

AIDS MEMORIAL SONS

NEIDIGH, HAROLD MERLE
March 28 1932 - March 20 2014
Beloved husband, father, and grandfather, passed away at home on Thursday, Merle, a member of St. George Episcopal Church enjoyed an active life-style growing up in State College, Pennsylvania. As an adult he was an avid sports fan including his participation in semi-pro football. He was a member of the York to Michigan League. Merle provided for his family as an engineer as his career path took him from New York to Michigan to Texas and back to Michigan. He enjoyed sharing retirement with his wife of 59 years while providing support and encouragement to his children and grandchildren as they pursue their dreams. Merle is survived by his wife, Betty-Lou; daughter, Lynn Attanasio; and husband, Tom David; and wife, seven grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by daughter Lorraine and granddaughter, Melissa. Memorial service is at St. George Episcopal Church, 401 East Commerce Milford, Wednesday at 11 a.m. Wednesday, March 26, 2014.

BONI ANGELO T.
Passed away March 19, 2014 at the age of 82. Loving husband of Ruth, dearest father of Steve, Greg (Karen), Angela, Goudos, Laura Black (David), dear grandfather of Alexandra, Christian, Austin, Sarah, and Colin. He was a proud Korean War veteran and served in the US Air Force who received the Korean Service Medal, United Nations Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal, and Good Conduct Medal. Angelo retired from Ford Motor Company in 1992 after 30 years of dedicated service. He was a devoted husband and father. He loved life and valued learning. He was an avid reader and always pursued creative outlets. Angelo also had many hobbies. He loved writing and performing music, writing plays, and woodworking. Merle, his only surviving son, has five grandchildren. Angelo will be deeply missed by his family and friends. Funeral Services will be held Monday, March 24, 2014, 12 noon at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 S. Main St., Plymouth. Friends may visit Sunday 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Monroeville, 11 a.m. until time of services. Memorials may be made to the Salvation Army. To leave a condolence, please contact: schrader-howell.com

TITUS, PATRICIA K.
Age 80, of Westland, formerly of Mt. Clemens. Passed away March 18, 2014. Patricia was born in Mt. Clemens, Michigan to Frederick and Mary Anne Engel. She was a graduate of MCHS and was a lifelong resident of Westland. In 1942, she married Charles Tranner. She became a war widow when his plane was lost over the English channel. In 1945, she married Evans J. Titus. She is survived by daughters, Paula J. Norris of Groton, Connecticut and Jacque Norton of Westland. She was predeceased by her son Jason Christopher Titus in 2005 in Ocala, Florida and brother, John M. Engel of Gaylord. Loving grandmother to Emily Norris, Amy Metvier, Chip Norton, Kendall Crumpton, and five great-grandchildren, Josh, Chandler, Ada, Chase, and Jackie Lee. She enjoyed working at the Monitor Leader (Macomb Daily), St. Joseph Hospital on North Avenue, and Barleycom's. She attended many of the area dances over the years including Metropolitan Beach, looked forward to the MCHS alumni gatherings, and a night out with her friend Cliff Erickson. She was a long time member of the church. Please share a memory of Patricia by signing her guestbook at www.cremation.com

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RELIGION CALENDAR

Details: New Dawn is a social club for widows and widowers that meets monthly at St. Eloth Church in Livonia for companionship and at area restaurants for lunch or dinner. All faiths are welcome. The group will have lunch at Thomas's. Call Mary Jo, 734-425-3767

Contact: Ann Lenehan at 734-495-0681

SEVEN DEADLY SINS
Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. Thursday, through April 10
Location: St. Michael the Archangel Parish, 11411 Hubbard, Farmington Hills

Details: The Siena Heights University Campus Ministry team will lead this 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, greed, and lust may affect a person's life and relationships with God and others. Registration is required, cost is \$12.95 for accompanying study guide. **Contact:** 734-261-1455, Ext. 207; www.livoniastmichael.org

WOMEN'S RETREAT
Time/Date: 8 a.m.-3p.m. Saturday, March 29
Location: Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 1475 Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: Guest speaker, Carolyn Bira of Holy Cross-Fishing, will present "Identity Check: Remind Me Who I Am?" Dexter High School Chamber Quintet is the musical entertainment. Cost is \$25, which includes a continental breakfast and box lunch. Registration forms are available online at www.womenso-r.org or call the church. **Contact:** 734-522-6830

APRIL ANOINTING OF THE SICK
Time/Date: 11 a.m. Tuesday, April 1
Location: St. Simon and Jude Catholic Community, 32500 Parkman, Westland

Details: Anointing of the Sick is a sacrament of healing and is not only for the seriously ill, but also for the elderly, infirm, the mentally ill, or for those facing surgery. A light lunch will be served and the service: RSVP to the church office. **Contact:** 734-722-1343

EGG HUNT
Time/Date: 10:30 a.m., Saturday, April 19
Location: First Church of the Nazarene, 21250 Haggerty, north of 8 Mile, Northville

Details: Children hunt for more than 15,000 eggs in five different age groups. Hot dogs, chips, cookies and drinks will be served; pictures available with the Easter Bunny; games, prizes, music & reggae/genre experiments with Madam Scientist. Bring an Easter basket to collect candy as a gift for bringing a friend. Registration is required at dfcnae.org. Closes after 6:00 children sign up or on April 15, whichever comes first. **Contact:** 248-348-7600

FAMILY EASTER CELEBRATION
Time/Date: Register at 12:45 p.m. Saturday, April 12

Women's breakfast event aids Gleaners Food Bank

The exhibit will visit Cranbrook Institute of Science in September.

"This fundraiser has grown tremendously in 21 years and is a testament to the generosity of all involved," said Gerry Brisson, Gleaners president. "I am grateful for and humbled by the overwhelming response from the female leaders in our community, who come together without hesitation to help feed the hungry children in our area." Each year, Gleaners feeds and educates more than 250,000 children

across southeast Michigan. Last year, it distributed more than 41 million pounds of food in Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Livingston and Monroe counties. Over the past 20 years, funds raised by the Women's Power Breakfast have provided six million meals. Tickets are \$20. Call Suzette Hohendorf at 886-45-GLEANER (2637), Ext. 243, or email shohendorf@gcfb.org. Visit womenspowerbreakfast.org.

Seminar promotes vegan diet

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer



What's Easter without eggs and ham on the buffet table? A step toward better health, according to Jeanie Weaver. The South Lyon woman coordinates the annual fall Vegetarian Holiday Tasting Extravaganza, a demonstration of vegetarian and vegan foods for Thanksgiving and Christmas. The event, held at the Metropolitan Adventist Jr. Academy in Plymouth, also includes a tasting and presentations on the health benefits of a plant-based diet.

Weaver will turn her attention to the Easter buffet table with a new cooking, tasting and health seminar 2:50-5 p.m. Sunday, March 30, at the Academy, 15585 N. Hagerty, one block north of Five Mile, Plymouth.

"I wanted to have it around Easter so it gives people practical ideas for an Easter buffet or dish. They might not like all of it, but I bet there will be something they'll like. It will be a mini holiday tasting," she said, adding that she'll also cook up foods for "everyday" plant-based meals.

"I thought I wanted to do something more instructive as far as how to accomplish a plant-based diet. I thought I'd present to a smaller group and be more interactive, showing from start to finish how to put together a meal."

Two physicians, including Weaver's father-in-law, Arthur Weaver, M.D., of Northville, and a dietitian will be on hand to talk about health benefits and to field nutrition questions. The session will end with an Easter buffet.

Avoiding meat, dairy

Weaver, a physical fitness trainer, will use the book, *Engine 2 Diet* and its 28 Day Challenge as a guide during the seminar. Rip Esselstyn, a former firefighter in Austin, Texas, created the mostly vegan diet after discovering a col-

league had dangerously high cholesterol. The plan focuses on fruits, vegetables, whole grains, beans, nuts and seeds.

"They eat this way in the fire station because so many firefighters were having terrible blood pressure, high cholesterol, and problems with weight. They made the station a plant-powered station and saw results in four to five weeks," Weaver said. Esselstyn's fellow firefighters saw high blood pressure and cholesterol levels drop as they avoided eating meat and dairy products. "I could use scads of other books, but I like his book

because he is a marathoner and firefighter."

The seminar includes a four-week support system to help participants through the 28-day challenge of switching to a vegan diet. Weaver will hold sessions on Tuesdays at the school. Participants may call or email her in lieu of meeting in person.

"People can get out of it as much as they want," she said. "The point he makes in the book is that until you experience it, you can't believe it. Your taste buds will change. You'll move away from the stuff that causes you problems

and you start not craving it. People report that they don't have headaches like they used to. They're eating an anti-inflammatory diet and doing it with foods and not supplements."

Cost for the seminar, including the buffet and follow-up sessions, is \$35 per person or \$45 per couple. Registration deadline is Tuesday, March 25. Call 248-446-9176 or email holidaytasting@gmail.com to RSVP. Payment — cash or checks only — will be collected at the door.

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

UPCOMING

Bleeding disorders

The Hemophilia Foundation of Michigan offers a free, informational program and dinner for those with bleeding disorders and their immediate families, 6-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 26, at Hotel Baronette Renaissance, 27790 Novi Road, Novi. Guest speakers will include Trevor Martin, a high school sophomore who will talk about how he manages his hemophilia, along with Tammuella Singleton, MD. RSVP by Monday, March 24 to Tanya Robertson at 734-961-3501 or tanya@hmich.org.

Celiac support

Pam King from The Center for Celiac Research is the speaker at the Tri County Celiac Support Group, 7 p.m. April 7, at The First Presbyterian Church, 26165 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. tccsg.net

Childbirth education

Learn about the stages of labor, managing methods, the partner's role in labor and delivery, medications and anesthesia, C-section and more in classes that meet 7-9:30 p.m. Thursdays, April 3, 10, 17 and 24 at Botsford Hospital, 28050 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills. Register at 248-888-2500 or visit www.botsford.org.

Dental care

The University of Michigan School of Dentistry will offer free dental services to the first 100 children, ages 5-14, preferably those without dental insurance, on April 5, at the school, 1011 N. University Ave., Ann Arbor. Registration will start at 8:30 a.m. Services include dental cleaning, X-rays, sealants, fillings and extractions. Visit ungivekidsasmile.org.

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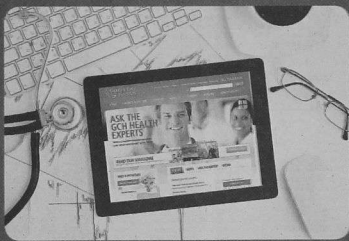
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How to: CONNECT

Emailing or calling a person out of the blue can be scary, but if done right, it can also help your job search and career. Follow these tips, remain respectful, and soon you'll start to see your professional network and employment prospects grow.

Handling the 'cold' networking call or email

By Matt Tarpey, CareerBuilder writer

Growing your professional network is an essential part of finding a job and advancing your career. The Internet makes this easier by allowing you to expand your reach beyond your typical contacts. Reaching out to people you aren't directly acquainted with, whether they are hiring managers or simply contemporaries working in your industry, can be a tricky and sometimes awkward situation. However, the reality is that "cold calling" or "cold emailing" when handled correctly, can be a useful part of building your network.

Matt Tarpey is a writer and blogger for CareerBuilder.com and it's job buzz. The Work Buzz.

Here are some tips for mastering networking with strangers:

Find the missing link

You've probably heard the popular theory of "six degrees of separation," which suggests that every individual is six or fewer steps, by way of introduction, from any other individual. Your best bet to get a hiring manager's attention is to be introduced or recommended by a mutual acquaintance.

Hiring managers may ignore cold calls or emails if there's no mention of a specific connection that led the job seeker to them.

Familiarize your contacts with your elevator pitch to help them introduce you around at networking events, and don't forget to return the favor when the opportunity arises.

Give context

If you can't find a direct link, it is essential that you have a good reason for asking for the contact's time and that you are upfront about this reason from the start.

Be specific about why you're reaching out to this individual in particular.

- Are you familiar with his work?
• Were you both at a networking event but missed the opportunity to connect?
• Or are you simply looking for job opportunities or career advice?
• Know what you're looking for before you dial or hit "send."

What else do they offer?

Typically, when building your network, it's not a good idea to bluntnly ask strangers for a job. If they say no, which they likely will, the relationship ends there, and you may as well remove them from your network.

Rather than asking for a job outright, try fostering a connection by asking for advice or an informational interview.

Not only are hiring managers more likely to respond positively to this request, but you build a stronger relationship and gain valuable information in the process.

Keep it short

Make it easy for the hiring manager you contact to help you. Your email should be short and concise, clearly spelling out your situation and the relevant information. A lengthy, wordy email with big blocks of text is unlikely to be read, much less thoughtfully considered and responded to. Respect your contact's time and keep the initial introduction brief.

Emailing or calling a person out of the blue can be scary, but if done right, it can also help your job search and career. Follow these tips, remain respectful, and soon you'll start to see your professional network and employment prospects grow.



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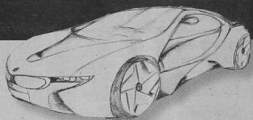
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Car Report

Michigan Remains at National Epicenter of Booming Automotive Production



By Dale Buss

plotting a whole new facility. It's happening across America's increasingly prosperous auto belt.

For the most part, Michigan has been a huge winner in this revival of U.S. automobile manufacturing. Expansion and new activity at Ford's Wayne complex, at General Motors' Lake Orion plant, and at Chrysler's SUV-making factory on Jefferson Avenue in Detroit each attests to the fact that the state still has what it takes to make winning automobiles for the 21st Century.

But other moves, even by the old "Big Three," underscore how automotive pro-

duction these days has become almost a nationwide pursuit. In the first quarter alone, among other moves, Chrysler announced expansion of its Jeep plant in Toledo, Ohio. Ford said it would return output of medium-duty trucks from Mexico to Ohio. Volkswagen flirted with unionization of its Chattanooga, Tenn., plant amid speculation that the company would double its footprint there via production of a new SUV. BMW is set to reveal a new SUV new investment at its Spartanburg, S.C., manufacturing complex.

And, of course, Tesla dangled its multi-billion-dollar battery "gigafactory" in front of Ford Sun Belt states as potentially the biggest economic plum ever bestowed by a carmaker. Texas, Nevada, Arizona and New Mexico benefit just from being considered for this project.

Yet while American and

foreign-based automakers are creating more new opportunities for U.S. production than could have been imagined even a few years ago, the chances for new states to get into the game remain limited.

Because they have built advantages in transportation infrastructure, labor-force skills, utility rates and other important auto-manufacturing criteria over the course of decades, the Midwest and South are harvesting almost all of the stepped-up domestic output. Witness the surge in Michigan.

"The states with the toughest business cases for making cars are all gone now," noted Sean McLinden, chief economist for the Center for Automotive Research, based in Ann Arbor. "New York, California, New Jersey—they all had the highest tax and health-insurance rates and were far from suppliers that have clustered in the Upper Midwest and South."

Now a few new states could make cases as virgin territory for auto production. Nebraska and Kansas, for instance, have positioned themselves for such a run with tax reform and workforce-education initiatives, argued Larry Gigerich, managing director of Ginovus, an Indianapolis-based site consultant. Pennsylvania lurks on the fringes. Even Arizona and Nevada could join the auto belt some-

day because of favorable taxes and Sun Belt locations that are increasingly crucial markets for all auto companies. Landing the Tesla plant would make either an instant Tier 1 member of the car-state fraternity. If Texas gets the nod from Tesla, it could become an auto-making superpower, since General Motors and Toyota already have major operations there making their most profitable vehicles: pickup trucks.

"No matter which state wins," Gigerich said, "there also will be the opportunity to develop a research and technology park to leverage off Tesla's impact, because of the sheer size of its facility."

But as a cautionary tale, states also must consider the case of Arkansas. Surrounded literally, on every side and corner by a state that already was making cars, several years ago Arkansas "fell flat on its face in an attempt to launch an automotive platform because it just didn't have the industrial labor force," McLinden said.

Tennessee also provides reason to pause. The state granted Volkswagen \$500 million in incentives to open its plant in 2008. But when VW cooperated with the United Auto Workers union in staging a unionization vote in the plant in February, some national and local politicians in the state threatened to close the spigot on any further financial

breaks for Volkswagen if the union won. It didn't.

One trend is clear: Increasingly, the attractiveness of the Midwest and the South as auto-making regions is equalizing. Rising wage rates and even the threat of unionization of a Sun Belt plant make it more complicated for Japanese, Korean and German manufacturers to expand in those states. Meanwhile, favorable tax reforms and the spread of a right-to-work ethos in traditional car-manufacturing powerhouses Michigan, Indiana and Ohio impose dividing penalties on the Detroit Three for sticking with the region they know best.



Southern competition for auto manufacture is represented by this Volkswagen Passat made in Tennessee.

"The only remaining big difference is that, for deal-closing tools, Southeastern states can bring more in the tab than Midwestern states in terms of cash-equivalent incentives," Gigerich said. "But we tell our clients not to make a decision on incentives. Everything else has to line up first."



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