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SUGAR RAY LEONARD'S FITNESS TIPS

District approved for IB World School status

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

Maren Wisniewski is a student who likes to be challenged—and now, she will be.

Wisniewski, a 15-year-old Plymouth High School sophomore, is a student in Plymouth-Canton Community Schools' international academy. Until recently a pilot program, the P-CCS international program recently was awarded designation from The International Baccalaureate as an IB World School, beginning with the 2014-15 school year.

That's good news for Wisniewski and more than 300 students like her currently

participating in IB-level courses at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

"I wanted to join because (IB) gives you a lot better opportunities to get into more colleges, but there's more to it than that," Wisniewski said. "(IB) focuses a lot more on going deeper. You have two years to learn information, so you can focus on the process of learning it rather than just memorizing it. You can really and truly understand where it all comes from and why it all happens."

The IB World School designation means Plymouth-Canton can start offering an IB diploma program. According to

Casey Swanson, an economics teacher and the district's IB coordinator, that gives the Plymouth-Canton curriculum an international flavor and a strength of programming that will draw more attention from colleges and universities.

Plymouth-Canton first applied for IB status in 2012, at least in part to recapture students that were seeking an IB education elsewhere. For instance, Swanson pointed out, "a busload" of students travels to Troy every day to take advantage of that district's IB program.

"We're looking at keeping our kids in our buildings," Swanson said. "It's a valued

curriculum that families have spoken up for. Universities perceive it as value."

Clay Walker, an English professor at Wayne State University, said the challenge of the IB program — including an extended essay project Swanson likens to writing a college thesis and which Walker says "lies at the heart of the IB program" — is a different challenge than students get elsewhere.

The IB program, Walker said, forces students to "grapple with information and ideas at a deeper level" than is required by learning systems that ask students to "regurgitate the information they've

accumulated." "The IB program will fold students into a robustly interconnected curriculum that enables students to develop more personal learning connections to the material with which they engage," Walker said. "It emphasizes a deeper kind of learning than you can capture with a standardized test. Students will leave with the set of skill sets necessary for success if they are interested in a college education."

More than schoolwork
One of the misconceptions of an IB program, according to

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POLICE PROWESS

Top cop risks his life to help others

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

A troubled young man leaned perilously over the Joy Road guardrail, one jump from death as cars whizzed along I-275 below him.

Canton Police Officer Matthew Jenkinson pulled his patrol car off the road, approached the distraught man and pleaded with him not to jump, finally getting close enough to pull him back and thwart a catastrophe.

Jenkinson, 46, risked his own life to save another.

"I couldn't just stand there and not do anything," he said. Jenkinson's heroism on that cold winter night last year is just one reason he was named Canton Police Officer of the Year for 2013 during the department's 28th annual awards ceremony Wednesday night at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill.

"Officer Jenkinson was able to remain calm while approaching the subject and pull him off the overpass, allowing for him to be taken to the hospital to receive much-needed treatment," Public Safety Director Todd Mutchler said. Jenkinson has been a Canton police officer since May 1991 after a one-year stint in Gladwin. He followed the career path of his father Donald and brother Michael, both Michigan State Police retirees.

"My whole career has been about helping people," Jenkinson said during an interview before he took the stage Wednesday night.



Dispatcher Lisa Kish (left) is Civilian of the Year and Canton Police Officer Matthew Jenkinson is Officer of the Year.

He's the kind of officer who has taken the time to change a flat tire for a stranded motorist. Yet he has investigated the worst scenes, including five young people who died when their car was struck by an oncoming train in Canton in 2009.

"Every day is different," he said. "You never know what will happen."

Jenkinson patrols Canton streets, investigates traffic accidents, serves as weapons instructor, rides the summer bike patrol and helps the rapid response unit. He also has

worked as a canine officer and evidence technician. He has been known to receive letters from citizens praising his efforts.

"When it comes to citizen interactions, Officer Jenkinson goes above and beyond what is required to aid someone in need," Mutchler said during Wednesday's ceremony.

Jenkinson received his award as some of his family members watched from the audience. He has four children: Brittany, 26, Deanna, 13, Brenden, 10, and Maddison, 7. "He is well-liked and re-

spected by his fellow officers and can often be found mentoring others, thus demonstrating his desire to see every officer succeed," Mutchler said.

Jenkinson took his award in stride. He seemed flattered he was honored for simply doing a job he loves.

"It's humbling," he said. "I'm not one who really likes the spotlight. It's good, though. It's appreciated."

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Dispatcher takes the calls that save lives

By Darrell Clem
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Canton Police dispatcher Lisa Kish never knows what to expect when she answers the phone.

One time a Canton man had been bitten by a venomous bushmaster snake he owned — and he crashed his car trying to drive himself to a hospital. Callers have reported horses and other farm animals loose on Ford Road, already a traffic mess without Old MacDonald's help.

More worrisome are the 9-1-1 calls parents make when a young child has wandered off and can't be found.

"My heart goes out to those phone calls," Kish said.

Minutes — even seconds — can mean the difference between life and death when Kish and other dispatchers answer the phone and mobilize police officers and firefighters.

Kish, 34, has earned a solid reputation for her work, reaping the Civilian of the Year Award for 2013 as the Canton Police Department celebrated its 28th annual awards ceremony Wednesday night at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill. Public Safety Director Todd Mutchler commended Kish "not only for her perseverance, but also her compassion" as he described her role as a dispatcher, or public safety service officer.

"When she speaks to callers who are frightened or anxious because of a medical emergen-

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P-CEP culinary team cooks up trip to nationals

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

The field was smaller this year, but that didn't mean it was any easier for the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park culinary team.

P-CEP chefs overcame the field to win the Michigan ProStart Competition in Lansing, earning themselves a third consecutive trip to the National ProStart culinary competition.

Culinary arts teacher Diana Woodward said fewer teams are competing in the actual cooking portion of the competition — only 13 teams competed this year — because of the financial challenges of fielding a team. Despite the smaller field, she said, the competition was fierce.

"A lot of teams have decided it's too much work and stress ... there's so much equipment and so much fundraising you have to do," Woodward said. "It was only 13 teams, but they were the best 13 teams who continue to stick it out."

The team beat the competition with a three-course meal — an appetizer of scallops with cucumber and orange, an entrée of turkey breast with asparagus and root vegetables and a coconut and passion fruit dessert.

The turkey was the required protein for this year's meal, one that presented its own challenges, Woodward said, because it called for a 10- to 12-pound turkey. That presented a couple of problems.

"First, turkey is relatively inexpensive, except when you

have to buy one every day," Woodward said. "Then," she added, laughing, "what do you do with the other 1½ pounds?"

Her team figured it out (diners may have noticed more turkey specials in The Rock Cafe) and earned its third straight trip to the national competition. This year's National ProStart event takes place May 5-7 in Minneapolis, Minn. P-CEP's culinary team was second in the nation in 2012.

Students earned the trip with their performance in the cooking competition in Lansing, but it wasn't the team's only success. P-CEP finished second in the Management/Entrepreneurship Discipline and third in the Nutrition/Mar-

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Plymouth-Canton culinary team members (from left) Abigail Lovelace, Zachary Bergquist, Zachary Chouinard, Kristen Maffei and Paul DiNicola celebrate the team's performance at the state competition in Lansing.



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ketting Discipline.

Some 52 teams representing 18 organizations took part in the competition, sponsored by the Michigan Restaurant Association Education Support Foundation.

"The talent of these young people never fails to amaze," said Ken Wasco, MRA ESP board chairman. "We're so proud of all the teams in this year's competition. They represent the brightest and best talent from across the state and truly are tomorrow's industry leaders. The winners will serve as ambassadors of the state of Michigan's food service industry at the National

Invitational and we are confident they will represent our state well."

Woodward will be again their team will represent the district well at the national competition.

"They were by far the most mature, most well-spoken, most respectful team there," Woodward said. "The judges just loved them. Even if some of the teams don't win the competition, they're going to get hired, they're going to get more opportunities. It makes our district look amazing."

"We must be doing something right if every student we crank out is such an amazing person."

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CORRECTION

A story in the March 27 *Observer*, "Community comes out in droves for ex-coach," should have identified soccer parent Karina Morley as speaking to the Board of Education.

Tutors retake spelling crown

By Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

A trio of tutors schooled the competition Wednesday to win honors as the area's top spellers, giving Canton Township's Huntington Learning Center its third spelling crown. The contest, held in the last four years.

The Huntington Booyah Beez outlasted 11 other teams, including five that made it to a bruising final round, during the Plymouth-Canton Community Literacy Council's 23rd annual spelling bee. The contest, a fundraiser for the Literacy Council, was at Canton High School.

The Beez - Huntington tutors Peter Buchanan, Jen Harbowy and Mallie Abdulhadi - correctly spelled "circumambient," the word that knocked out the runners-up from the Plymouth District Library, and then spelled "shibboleth" to clinch the win.

Huntington, competing in just its fourth bee, also won the title in 2011 and 2012.

"It's been fun," tutoring center owner Wie Pan said, clutching the spelling trophy onstage at the DuBois Little Theater. "It's great to get this back."

The Beez and five other teams exhausted the Literacy Council's second word list, so proponents moved to a third list - words the contestants hadn't been



The Huntington Booyah Beez outlasted 11 other teams Wednesday to win the Plymouth-Canton Community Literacy Council's 23rd annual spelling bee. The Beez are (from left) Peter Buchanan, Mallie Abdulhadi and Jen Harbowy. With them is team sponsor Wie Pan, owner of the Huntington Learning Center. CHRISTOPHER GUIDICK

given to study beforehand. In short order, five teams went out - on "psitticism," "saponaceous," "psyllium," "mundunguis" and "circumambient."

"I did quite a bit of studying," Huntington team member Harbowy said. But when it came to that final word list, "it was all Peter," she said.

Council fundraiser

The spelling bee, through sponsorships, raised about \$4,200 for the Literacy Council, which offers free tutoring to adults whose English skills are below a ninth-grade level.

The spelling bee's traveling trophy was named the Janet Campbell Memorial Spelling

Bee Trophy in honor of the late Janet Campbell, a longtime Plymouth Township resident and a founder of the Literacy Council. Campbell, who died last year, was a former teacher, a member of the Plymouth District Library's first board of directors and devoted to education.

"She was so dedicated and nobody ever said no," Penny Joy, president of the Literacy Council's board of directors, told the spelling bee audience. "She was a force of nature who possessed the amazing ability to get things done."

Several of Campbell's family members, including her husband David Campbell, a retired dentist, attended

the spelling bee. David Campbell also sponsored a spelling bee team, Campbell's Collegians.

The judges for the contest were Carol Souckuck and Eva Davis, the directors, respectively, of the Plymouth District Library and the Canton Public Library. The pronouncers were Smith Elementary Principal Dana Jones and Schoolcraft College English instructor Deborah Tarkack, while the timekeeper was Ed Schulz, a certified public accountant. Tony Brusca, director of the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority, was the master of ceremonies.

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DISPATCHER

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cy or traumatic incident, (she) is calming and reassuring," Mutchler said. "She goes the extra mile and asks the caller for names and phone numbers of their loved ones so she can make notifications if the caller wishes."

Kish has been a Canton dispatcher nearly 10 years.

"I like being able to help people when they call for help," she said. "It's rewarding."

Public safety work is woven into her background. She has a grandfather, brother, uncle and aunt who have made their careers as police



Lia Kish is the Canton Police Department's Civilian of the Year. CHRISTOPHER GUIDICK

officers.

"I grew up listening to their stories and wanting to help people," Kish said. "It's nice to contribute in any way I can."

Her duties include serving as a communica-

tion officer for police officers. She is the LEIN, or Law Enforcement Information Network, coordinator.

"She is very resourceful in locating suspect information or leads, which greatly assists in the apprehension of suspects," Mutchler said, calling her work "exemplary."

Kish, during an inter-town Wednesday evening before she took the stage to receive her award, shied away from being singled out. Yet this was her moment to shine, momentarily away from the next phone call signaling a crisis.

"This job is so not one person," she said. "I want all of my partners to be up there with me."

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Swanson, is an idea that participating doesn't allow for extracurricular activities, clubs or athletics.

Quite the contrary. "Students are expected to be involved," Swanson said. "It's part of the program."

It's open access, with no minimum requirement, no application process, no testing procedure. Any student can take part in the IB program, if they're not comfortable in the diploma

program, they can still take IB classes, which also earn some level of college credit.

"There are no placement tests, no obstacles," Swanson said. "It's beneficial for all students."

The strength of Plymouth-Canton's IB program, according to Swanson, is in its teachers. Some 20 teachers have done training and attended workshops and conferences to teach IB programming in the classrooms.

"Teachers have signed up for extra time and extra work," Swanson said. "That conveys the value; teachers see the

intrinsic value in it." Swanson points out the IB program requires students to take advanced coursework in all academic disciplines.

There's a greater focus, he said, on written and oral communication. They have to take a foreign language (P-CSS offers Spanish and French). It forces students to be able to defend their positions in a way that doesn't include things like social media.

"This focuses on being able to defend (a position) to your teachers and peers orally versus behind a keyboard or a Twitter ac-

count," Swanson said. "We're asking students to make their cases in an unemotional way, face-to-face."

The cross-discipline aspect of the learning, the need for a foreign language, and the requirement for extracurricular involvement means the IB program is "growing the whole child," Swanson said.

"In the end, we're trying to raise great neighbors, great citizens," he said. "We're looking at making the world better."

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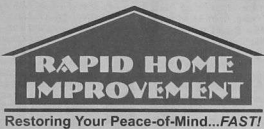
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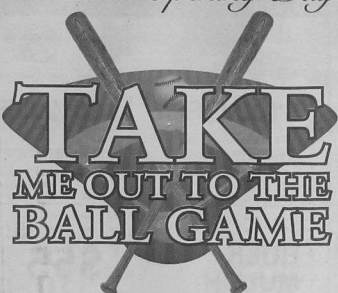


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Plymouth Christian Academy ninth-graders (from left) Grace Mahaffey, Hannah Schultz, Leah Cann and Alyssa Hood were among some 600 staff and students taking part in Project SHINE.

PROJECT LETS PCA STUDENTS 'SHINE'

Each year, Plymouth Christian Academy students, staff, and parent volunteers embark on a week-long service initiative, Project SHINE.

Now in its fifth year, Project SHINE (Serving Him in Neighborhoods Everywhere) kept more than 600 staff and students very busy during the week of March 17-21.

School officials said Project SHINE serves several purposes for PCA, the most important being to "open the eyes of their students to the needs of others and then train them to step out and serve."

"PCA strives to produce students who will lead lives dedicated to learning, leadership and service," school Superintendent Caryn Huntsman said.

Project SHINE helps to fulfill this mission by educating students about the needs in their community and around the world and then having them perform age-appropriate service projects or volunteer work. PCA uses the scripture, Mark 10:45: "For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many" as the theme for the week.

Project SHINE also serves as a fundraiser for PCA. It works like any other fundraiser: friends and family support the participant's day of service by making a financial donation to the school.

This year, PCA students, staff and parent volunteers served the following organizations, either by donation of items that were collected



Plymouth Christian Academy teacher Deborah Hope and students (from left) Natalie Savino, Nico Bunda and Alcides Postma with a blanket made for foster children at the Judson Center.

and assembled or through a day of volunteer work on site: Big Family of Michigan, Detroit Rescue Mission, Plymouth Salvation Army, Ronald McDonald House of Ann Arbor, Judson Center, Mott Children's Hospital, Pregnancy Resource Center of Livonia, Voice of the Martyrs, American House Retirement Center of Westland, Penrickton Center for Blind Children, Gleaners of Detroit, Gleaners of Pontiac, Romulus Senior Center, World Medical Relief and Focus HOPE.

Wine event benefits classroom grants

By Brad Kadrich
 Staff Writer

Anyone thinking about buying a car in the next 12 months or so might want to start first by buying a ticket to the Plymouth-Canton Educational Excellence Foundation's annual wine-tasting.

That's where potential buyers will have the chance to pick up any of eight \$1,000 (or a couple of \$2,000) gift certificates from local auto dealers that can be used as down payment on the lease or purchase of a new car. The gift certificates are a highlight of one of the EEF's big-gest fundraisers and can usually be picked up for a bargain.

"It's sort of like a mini car Groupon," event chairman Jim Harb said. "We usually get about \$600 or \$700 per certificate, so it's a great deal. We all know someone who's going to buy or lease a car in the next year, right? Why not spend \$600 to get a \$1,000 value? It's a great deal."

The certificates are offered by local car dealers, including Aitchison Ford, Dick Scott Dodge, Hines Park Lincoln, Jack Demmer Ford, Lou LaRiche Chevrolet, Victory Honda, Don Massey Cadillac and Blackwell Ford. "It's good for our dealers," Harb said. "That's a pretty good deal (for buyers) and the dealers get some good exposure."

The wine-tasting, proceeds from which fund the EEF's annual teacher grant program, takes place 7-11 p.m. Friday, April 11, at the Fox Hills Banquet Center, which Harb says "has been a great partner" over the years.

The event is a wine-tasting, strolling dinner (featuring food tables from 15 local restaurants and food vendors) and a silent/live auction. The auction will feature "maybe 100" items, according

WINE-TASTING EVENT

What: Fourth annual Educational Excellence Foundation wine-tasting and strolling dinner

When: 7-11 p.m. Friday, April 11

Where: Fox Hills Banquet Center, 8768 N. Territorial, in Plymouth Township

Why: To benefit the EEF's classroom teacher grant program

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to Harb; that doesn't include the 200 items that were auctioned in an online auction that closed Friday. Last year's event raised some \$40,000.

This year's teacher grant program has already awarded some \$40,000 to classroom teachers, with one more grant period to come and a grant total expected to near \$60,000. That brings the total over the life of the grant program to an estimated \$500,000, according to Carole Kody, executive director of the EEF.

The idea is to put as much as possible back into the classrooms, where students can benefit from it. There are also other ways kids are benefiting, according to Harb.

Since Sysco Detroit donates the sushi for the event, Harb talked Sysco officials, who hosted Plymouth-Canton culinary students and taught them how to roll sushi the last two years.

"My goal is always to include the kids as much as we can," Harb said. "If we can help the kids take things to the next level, that's what it's all about."

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Long law enforcement career reaches new heights

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Patrick Sullivan was no older than 13 when a near-tragedy made him contemplate police work.

He was vacationing in Wisconsin with his parents and siblings when their car was run off the road by an aggressive driver, leaving the family shaken but intact.

Sullivan, a Canton police lieutenant, recalls how fear gave way to calm after a caring police officer arrived on the scene.

"He calmed everyone down," Sullivan said.

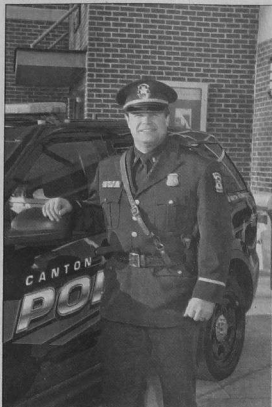
The incident made an impression on Sullivan, who has spent the last 23 years doing his part to keep Canton safe as he climbed the ranks from police officer to sergeant to lieutenant.

In a crowning achievement, Sullivan, 44, was chosen by Public Safety Director Todd Mutchler to receive the Director's Recognition Award during the police department's 28th annual awards ceremony Wednesday night at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill.

Sullivan earned the award after a whirlwind year. He managed a shift of police officers while working tirelessly to ensure Canton remained the largest municipal police department in Michigan — and one of only eight across the state — accredited by international agency CALEA, the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies.

Mutchler, giving Sullivan his award Wednesday night, lauded his "hard work, dedication and time."

Sullivan made sure the Canton department met more than 400 CALEA standards. His role



Lt. Patrick Sullivan earned the Director's Recognition Award during the police ceremony. CHRISTOPHER GUDECK

in a department budgeted for 86 sworn officers evolved from humble beginnings. Before he was hired by Canton in 1991, he served a brief stint as the only police officer for the village of Beulah, near Traverse City.

"I think my biggest case was a drunk driving case," Sullivan said.

That hasn't been true in Canton, where his duties also include overseeing the department's Accident Investigation Team, which has handled some gruesome crashes, including a five-fatality car-train collision in 2009.

One of his hardest assignments occurred in 2003, when he had to go to the scene where Gor-

don "Lew" Stevens, 52, became the only Canton officer ever killed in the line of duty after his patrol car was struck by another vehicle.

"That was one of the toughest," Sullivan said.

Aside from his job, he spends time with wife Kristin and their four children: Patrick III, 19, Daniel, 18, Shannon, 10, and Megan, 9.

Mutchler said he has been able to rely on Sullivan for whatever tasks he has taken on. CALEA was among the most challenging.

"It was a great weight off my shoulders," Sullivan said. "It was well worth it."

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Airport Ambassadors earn President's Awards

Sixty-three Airport Ambassadors at Detroit Metropolitan Airport have been honored with the President's Volunteer Service Award at a banquet luncheon held at the Westin Hotel at the airport.

One Ambassador, Bob FitzGerald of Westland, received gold for the first time in the history of the program. The president issues the award every year to volunteers as a way to thank and honor Americans for their volunteer service.

"The level of commitment demonstrated by our Airport Ambassadors is tremendous. We are extremely proud of all of our volunteers for the extraordinary service they provide to the travelers at the airport, many of whom are arriving into Detroit for the first time," Airport Authority CEO Tom Naughton said. "We're particularly honored to have Airport Ambassador Bob FitzGerald attain gold status for the first time in the program's history."



Canton's Cheryl Regnier with airport CEO Tom Naughton.



Plymouth's Don Green with airport CEO Tom Naughton.



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Metro Airport Ambassadors provide customer service at five locations throughout the airport in both terminals. Ambassadors can be identified by their blue vest or blue polo shirt answering questions or helping connect lost and stranded passengers with their families.

Each Airport Ambassador was presented with a bronze, silver or gold pin corresponding with the level of service reached in 2013, along with a certificate and letter from President Barack Obama.

At the top of the list

was FitzGerald with 585.75 volunteer hours. Also receiving pins were:

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» Northford – Dianna Surowiec, 470 hours; Roy Brown, 274.25 hours;
» Livonia – Joe Scafero, 416.25 hours; Daniel Packer, 344 hours; Caria Chupac, 274 hours.

» Northville – Ben Miller, 341.25 hours; George Linker, 255.5 hours.

» Novi – Tom Beyersdorf, 298.75 hours.
» Plymouth – Donald Green, 270.75 hours.



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» Northville – Wes Henricksen, 242.75 hours; Jared Buckley, 188 hours; John Buckland, 157.5 hours; James Aaron, 141 hours.
» Westland – Nelson Lowe, 111.75 hours.

» Farmington Hills – John Firment, 234.5 hours; Mike Roesch, 190 hours; Chuck Myers, 131.5 hours.
» Redford – Ruth Bumar, 220.5 hours.
» Garden City – Daisy Lovain, 214.75 hours.
» Plymouth – Traci Sincock, 203.5 hours; Loretta Scappaticci, 108.5 hours.

» Canton – Cheryl Regnier, 188 hours; Mary Panneman, 174.5 hours; Russ Haines, 137.5 hours.
» Livonia – Flora Murray, 177 hours.

Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport welcomed more than 32 million passengers in 2013 and is one of the world's leading air transportation hubs. In 2010, Metro ranked highest in overall customer satisfaction among large airports in the J.D. Power and Associates North America Airport Satisfaction Study.

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Teen's sentencing finishes Canton robbery case

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

A Canton teen – the last of four young men sentenced for robbing two Westland teens who police say went to a Canton party to buy drugs – will remain on probation for three years after he is released in April from the Wayne County Jail, according to court and jail sources.

Mahedin Danny Turkovic, 18, became the last teen sentenced for unarmed robbery for an incident that occurred

Nov. 2 inside an apartment at The Crossings, a large complex near I-275 and Joy Road on Canton's far north side.

Barring new developments, Turkovic should be freed from jail April 16, a jail spokesman said. Turkovic will remain on probation for three years, a Wayne County Circuit Court clerk said.

Turkovic, who had pleaded guilty to unarmed robbery in front of Judge Margie Braxton, could keep the charge off his record as



Turkovic, Shippey, Scott and Holland CANTON POLICE

long as he stays out of trouble and follows the court's orders.

Turkovic and three other teens were charged after Canton police say two Westland males, both 18, were robbed of money and a cellphone when they

went to a party at The Crossings to buy drugs. Police have said one victim was punched and kicked, while the other was struck in the face.

The four teens had initially faced additional charges of armed robbery, but those counts

had been dismissed in 35th District Court after a judge cited a lack of evidence linking the teens to a gun.

Prior to Turkovic's sentencing last week, three other teens already had been sentenced as follows after they pleaded guilty to unarmed robbery, a court clerk said:

- Alexander James Shippey, 22, of Livonia has been placed on probation for 18 months.
- Joseph Charles Holland, 18, of Canton has received a two-year

probation sentence.

- Clary Dejuan Scott Jr., 17, of Detroit has been placed on probation for three years.

All four defendants could have faced possible 15-year prison sentences for unarmed robbery, but authorities have said they accepted a plea deal that mostly focused on probation and certain court costs and fines.

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Police warn local residents of IRS scam

The Canton Police Department has recently taken several reports from citizens saying they've received calls from someone representing themselves as an IRS agent.

The "agent" demands personal information and/or payments for taxes owed via unusual methods such as prepaid debit cards or wire transfers. The caller ID displays as IRS, Washington, D.C. If the citizen declines to participate in the conversation, the "agent" will begin to threaten him/her with police involvement.

On a few occasions, after the citizen had ended the phone call, a second call came in with Canton Police Department displayed on the caller ID.

Federal and local law enforcement officials are warning citizens about this large, fast-moving scam targeting taxpayers across the country. Victims are reporting threats of license suspension,

arrest and deportation unless they pay up.

"Criminals are altering caller ID displays to read out as IRS or Canton Police Department, bringing a believability factor to what citizens might otherwise recognize immediately as a scam phone call," Special Services Lt. Craig Wilsher said.

"The most important thing to remember if you receive a phone call from someone representing themselves as IRS or local law enforcement is that neither would ask for your personal information over the phone. Nor would they request a tax payment (or any payment) in the form of a wire transfer or prepaid debit card."

Law enforcement officials recommend anyone receiving one of these phone calls contact the local police department or the IRS directly. The IRS can be reached at 800-829-1040; the Canton Police Department at 734-394-5400.

Tracking down pensions can take time

Q: Dear Rick: I'm in my mid-60s and I just retired. I worked for nearly 20 years at the company I retired from and I receive a pension. Pension and Social Security cover my living expenses. I worked at another company and I have a pension. My strategy was to take one pension now and wait a few years to take the other. When I went to contact my old company, I could not locate it. After doing some searching, it appears to me that it is out of busi-



Rick Bloom
— MONEY MATTERS

ness. Can you help me? I hate to lose out on this money.

A: Your situation is quite common. With all the mergers and acquisitions and companies going out of business, it is not unusual today for people to lose track of their former employer.

I recommend contacting the Pension Benefit

Guarantee Corp. (www.pbgc.gov). The PBGC is a federal agency that guarantees pensions of bankrupt companies.

It also maintains all sorts of information regarding pension plans that have been terminated.

Go to the PBGC website and search under "resources." If your old pension plan was covered by the PBGC, it can provide a wealth of information regarding the pension and on how to collect from it. Unfortunately, not all pensions are cov-

ered by the PBGC. If your company plan is not listed, then things get a little more difficult, but not impossible.

If your pension plan is not covered by the PBGC, I recommend contacting the local chamber of commerce where the company was located. The chamber staff may be able to assist you in your search.

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

W-W revises school calendar to make up snow days

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

Wayne-Westland students will have their Memorial Day weekend shortened and their summer vacation delayed by one day in order to make up for two extra snow days this school year.

A full day of instruction is planned for Friday, May 23, and a half day Friday, June 13. The

changes will not affect seniors, whose school year will end Thursday, May 22.

"We worked in collaboration with the teachers association in working this out," district Superintendent Greg Baracy said. "The district is required to make up two of the days we lost this school year due to inclement weather. The two days are the

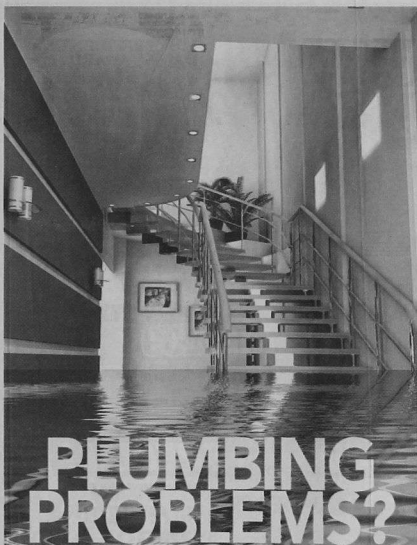
best situation for the instructional program."

The state of Michigan requires schools to provide at least 170 days and 1,098 hours of instruction per school year. State rules forgive the first six days off, but any days off after that are supposed to be made up.

Wayne-Westland was among many school districts that exceeded the

six days allowed due to severe weather. A majority of the days were in January, when the state was hit with a series of polar vortices, dropping temperatures well below zero and the wind-chill values below minus-20 degrees.

The revised school calendar includes full days of instruction May 23 and June 10 and half days June 11-13.



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PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Livonia Y presents 'Wizard of Oz'

Fair Housing month

Date/Time: Thursday, April 10, 5-8 p.m.
Location: Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton
Details: As part of the Fair Housing Month celebration, Canton will be hosting a fair housing presentation led by Neighborhood Legal Services of Michigan and including topics like whether you're a landlord or a tenant, learn why it is important to know your rights and duties, discriminating when renting, buying or financing, and legal rights. Attorneys will be on-site to offer free one-on-one legal consultations. The presentation is open to the public and refreshments will be provided.
Contact: RSVP required to Mike Sheppard at 734-394-5225.

Toledo open house

Date/Time: Wednesday, April 2, 5-7:30 p.m.
Location: Vita Tech Center, Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia
Details: Prospective students can learn about new education options in nursing, health information administration, communications and criminal justice through Schoolcraft College and the University of Toledo advisers will be on hand.
Contact: For more information visit www.schoolcraft.edu/SCtoU or call 734-462-4426.

Crafters wanted

Date/Time: Sept. 5-7
Location: Plymouth Fall Festival, downtown Plymouth
Details: The Plymouth Fall Festival has openings in the Craft Show, that runs during the festival. Applications are available on the Craft Show page at www.plymouthfallfestival.com. Deadline for Jewelry booth applications is July 15th. More information can be found on the website.
Contact: Email Colleen Craft-show@plymouthfallfestival.com

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 hosts 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@yahoo.com or call 734-453-5009.

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: esl@pcsmail.net

Get out of debt

Date/Time: Saturday, April 5, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Location: St. Michael Lutheran Church, 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton
Details: The Financial Health Fair Corp. and St. Michael Lutheran Church present "How to Get Out of Debt in 5-7 Years - Including Mortgage" with Bob Marete. Admission to the event is free (additional materials will be available for purchase) and child care is provided. Bring a list of your creditors, balance, monthly payments and a calculator and leave with an idea of when you will be out of debt.
Contact: Call 734-459-3333 to sign up and request your registration packet and personalized, confidential report.

Montessori open house

Date/Time: Sunday, April 6, 1-3 p.m.
Location: Plymouth-Canton Montessori, 45245 Joy Road, Canton
Details: Plymouth-Canton Montessori school hosts an open house for parents interested in enrolling children in preschool or kindergarten programs. Teachers and staff will be available to provide classroom tours of the school and light refreshments will be served.
Contact: For additional information, call 734-459-1550 or



Follow the yellow brick road to the Livonia Family YMCA Youth Production at 7 p.m. Thursday and Friday, April 10-11, of "The Wizard of Oz" adapted by Jeanette Jaquith and directed by Patsy Durbin Girms. The production features 42 young actors, ages 4-16, from Livonia and surrounding areas. New this winter to the Livonia Y, the Stars On Stage drama program aims to provide children with performing arts opportunities in a fun, safe and encouraging environment through classes and full-length productions. "The Wizard of Oz" takes place at Holmes Middle School, 16200 Newburgh Road, Livonia. Tickets are available for sale at the door starting at 6:15 p.m. Adults are \$5, children are \$3 and ages 2 and younger are free.

visit www.pcmontessori.org.

Air Force Band

Date/Time: Wednesday, April 9, 7:30 p.m.
Location: Peace Auditorium at Eastern Michigan University
Details: The U.S. Air Force Band of Washington, D.C. will present a free public concert, featuring the U.S. Air Force Concert Band and Singing Sergeants. The concert is sponsored by Eastern Michigan University Bands and the EMU Department of Music & Dance. Tickets are not required for this event; however, patrons who obtain tickets will receive seating priority.
Contact: To request free tickets by mail visit emich.edu/music/ bands and fill out a request form. Tickets can also be picked up in person at the EMU Department of Music & Dance main office, located at W101 Alexander Music Building in Ypsilanti.

BNI meeting

Date/Time: Each Thursday, 7-8:30 a.m.
Location: Red Olive Restaurant, 1951 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth
Details: The BNI Northville/The \$1 million Referral Chapter

meets every Thursday morning.
Contact: For more information, visit www.northvillebni.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 Harford, Canton
Details: The public is invited to "Spring In to Good Health" at the Canton Neighbors and Neighbors Adult general meeting. Dr. Robert Potter, 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: To RSVP, email Moreen at trnyb@northville.org 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 Gries, 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, 2240 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.

Northville luncheon

Date/Time: Wednesday, April 6, noon to 1:30 p.m.
Location: Meadowbrook Country Club, 40941 W. Eighth 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 Chris 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 traciniscock@northville.org.

Newcomers Mom2Mom

Date/Time: Saturday, April 5, 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Location: Summit on the Park, 46000 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. Strollers welcome. Admission is \$1.
Contact: For more information, including table rental information, call Carrie at 313-520-5626 or email cpollack1975@yahoo.com.

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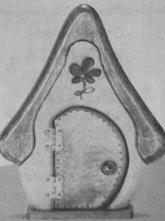
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Vet gets medal, 68 years later

By David Veselenak
Staff Writer

It took almost 70 years, but Livonia resident Gene Andrews finally received the military accolades he earned serving in the Army during World War II.

Andrews, 87, was presented Monday with the World War II Victory Medal by U.S. Sen. Debbie Stabenow at his home. Anyone who served in the U.S. military during World War II is eligible for the medal, though somehow Andrews' medal fell through the cracks.

It wasn't until recently, when his son Chris Andrews stumbled across his father's discharge papers, that he saw his dad was eligible for the medal, but never received it.

"I looked at it and on the bottom it said something about a medal," he said. "I started re-searching it and saw it was for people who had served during World War II."

The medal was authorized by Congress in 1945.

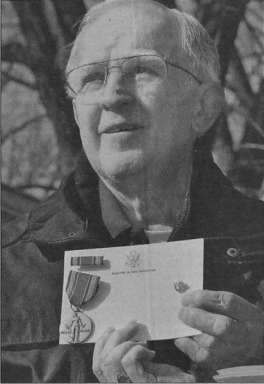
Gene Andrews received his medal during a short ceremony outside his home surrounded by family, neighbors and members of the VFW Post 3941 in Livonia.

"It's wonderful to have a chance to say 'thank you' to you and have a chance to share with your family," Stabenow said. "These are medals that are long overdue to get to you and I'm glad we can help make that happen."

Gene Andrews enlisted in 1946. He planned to enlist with a good friend of his, but was separated from him when the bus he got on did not have enough room. He did his basic training in Seattle before heading to Okinawa, where the former



Before the ceremony, Gene Andrews visits with Marine Sgt. Steve Skolnik and Marv Rons and Robert Schmidt, both of VFW Post 3941. Son Chris Andrews shows a scrapbook documenting his father's Honor Flight journey to the World War II memorial in Washington, D.C. PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Gene Andrews shows his World War II medal.

surveyor for the city of Detroit began working in topography with the Army Corps of Engineers.

He spent most of his service time in Japan, working to help survey areas that had been devastated by war.

"We made maps," he said. "During the war, the island got blown up a lot and they were rebuilding and everything. So we had to re-survey the whole island."

While the war was considered over in 1945, President Harry Truman authorized the World War II Victory Medal be awarded to members of the military who served from Dec. 7, 1941, to Dec. 31, 1946, when hostilities were officially declared over, which made Andrews eligible for the decoration.

He received the medal, the ribbon and a lapel pin, all of which he plans on framing and hanging above the piano with a photo of himself in his uniform from the war. Chris Andrews said he had heard it could take as long as three years before the medal could be awarded. But stopping at a restaurant in Salem about a month ago, he ran into Stabenow and asked if she could help him with the process of obtaining his father's medal.

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Spotlight Players stage 'Drowsy Chaperone'

By Lia diBiasi
Correspondent

One "canoli" hope you are getting tickets to see Spotlight Players production of *The Drowsy Chaperone*, starring Anton Koyton of Westland and Cory Chambliss of Plymouth as Gangster No. 1 and Gangster No. 2. This is the first time Koyton and Chambliss take the stage at The Village Theater in Canton.

The Drowsy Chaperone opened in May 2006 at the Marquis Theatre in New York. Since its debut, this "musical parody of American musical comedies of the 1920s" has continued to make audiences laugh.

The show begins "with the house lights down, a man in a chair appears on stage and he puts on his favorite record the cast recording of a fictitious 1928 musical." The recording comes to life and *The Drowsy Chaperone* begins as the man in the chair looks on. Mix in two lovers on the eve of their wedding, a bumbling best man, a desperate theater producer, a not-so-bright hostess, two gangsters posing as pastry chefs, a misguided Don Juan and an intoxicated chaperone and you've got "a show souse dense with delicious

delight!" When asked about their characters, Koyton said, "The roles are one and the same. They are two gangsters in disguise as pastry chefs sent by a mysterious figure to stop the wedding."

"I am happy to have gotten this part because I feel like our characters get to have the most fun and I enjoy being able to make people laugh," Chambliss said.

In addition to Koyton and Chambliss, the production features director Nan Walters and co-producer Lia De Biasi of Plymouth, co-producer Paul Wingar of Canton, music director Paul Bowling of Ann Arbor and choreographer Amber Lawson of Livonia.

The Drowsy Chaperone takes the main stage for five performances April 10-13, with Thursday, Friday and Saturday performances at 8 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$12 to \$18 each. They can be purchased by calling the box office at 734-394-5300 or visiting www.spotlightplayers-mi.org.

Tickets are also available for purchase at the box office one hour prior to show time. The Village Theater is located at 5040 Cherry Hill in Canton.



Anton Koyton and Cory Chambliss play gangsters in the Spotlight Players production of *The Drowsy Chaperone*.

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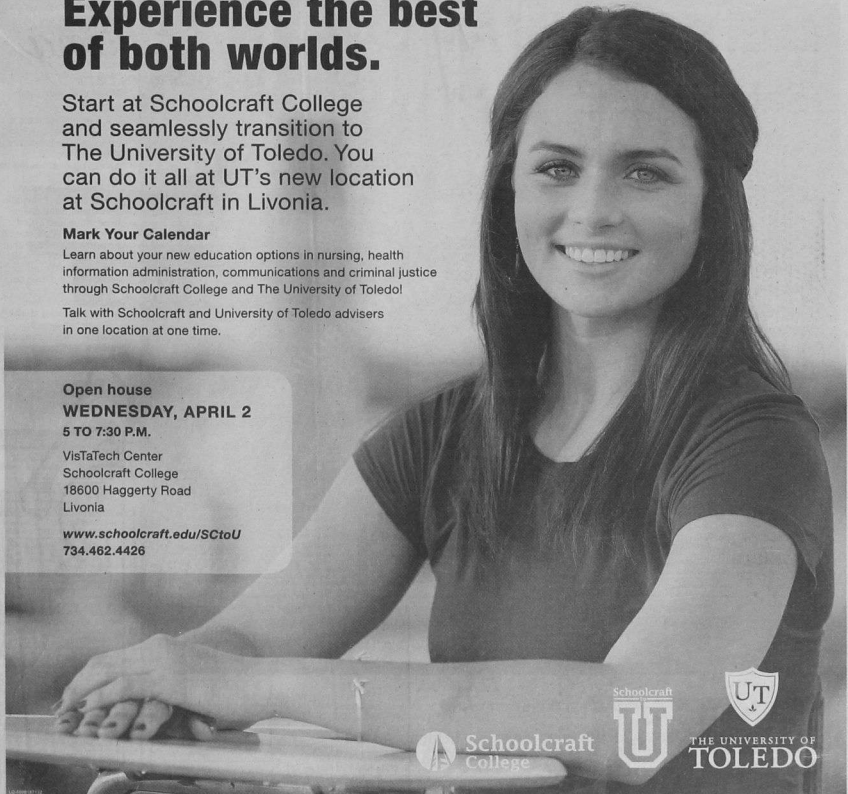
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Glenn thespians stage 'Totally Awesome '80s'



Tyson (Thomas Cargle, wearing red) and his friends Orchid (Joanna Basco) and Petunia (Rynne Hamill) nearly tearle with Geo (Steve Goldberg), Brenda (Summer Warren), Dempsey (Korey Corona) and Allie (Morgan Gratzick). BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

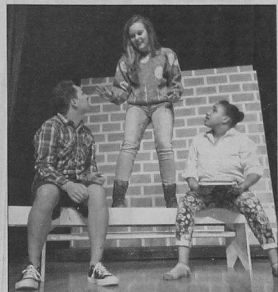
By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

John Hughes had a lock on teen films in the 1980s, producing hits such as *The Breakfast Club*, *Ferris Bueller's Day Off* and *Pretty in Pink*.

Those films and the musical spirit of that era have been blended into *Totally Awesome '80s*, a musical being presented Thursday through Saturday, April 3-5, at John Glenn High School. "Fourteen films are referenced in the play," director Kevin Gidley said. "It could be a plot line. A huge part of the plot is based on *Sixteen Candles*. There are three subplots going on in it. All of the original musical is based on songs of the period. You hear a song and a part of it you think, 'What song was that?'"

The students began rehearsing in February and have preparing for opening night four days a week. School closings due to winter weather have had an impact and the cast is working hard to be prepared for when the curtain opens, Gidley said. "That starts with a matinee performance Wednesday for senior citizens and students in the Wayne-Westland's Talented and Gifted Program.

The show has 23 students in the cast and eight students in the chorus. The size has Gidley commenting that "we went big on this one." Joining Gidley as director is Belinda Wala-konis Semak, who has



Allie (Morgan Gratzick) has discovered that Mrs. Keating will be fired and rallies the students, including Dempsey (Korey Corona) and Brenda (Summer Warren), to start a petition to protest the firing. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

been a part of plays at John Glenn for more than a decade. The challenge was coming together on what the 1980s represented. "That was the hardest, because we have our own ideas of what the '80s were," Semak said. "Once we were able to agree on what it was, we were able to move forward. It was a matter of finding our groove. Once we found it, everything else worked."

Helping out
The production also has three main assistant directors, three trainees, a choreographer and an alumni director. Almost all choreography has

been done by students, including Olivia Junk. "A couple of our alumni have come back, but Olivia has taken on the lion's share of choreography," Gidley said. "The student directors are also facing challenges. With so many people handling the production, they've had to work hard to get their point of view heard. "I try to lead a lot by example and in giving directions," said senior Abbey Orzech, who also appears in the show as Stephanie, "the very typical high school mean girl, like Regina George of the '80s. The hardest part is the number of directors. We're all trying to have input and voice our opinions."

This is Orzech's final production. She's been involved in plays for her entire four years at Glenn. Freshman year she was in crew, but switched to the cast her sophomore year. She still goes back to help on crew. Asha Smith is a junior and plays Mrs. Keating. Her love affair with theater started in eighth grade when she went on a field trip to see *Grease*. She thought it was the "coolest thing." "I joined my freshman year here and this is what I've wanted to do," she said. "It's something I can use as an outlet to express myself. I really, really love doing this."

What she wanted to do
Junior Morgan Gratzick is the third student director. Like Smith and Orzech, directing is something she wanted to do. "Theater is a huge part of my life," she said. "I've been in the cast of three plays and I play Allie in this. She's one of the more important characters and has the most lines — 145. Of course, I already have them memorized. I have a really good memory. I read something and it sticks." When she gets a break, she'll sit down and watch what's going on, even backstage. If someone is having a hard time, she makes sure to let them know they're "doing a great job."



Mrs. Keating (Asha Smith) teaches the class, including students Blane (Aaron Blanchard), Tiffany (Abbey Orzech), and Geo (Steve Goldberg). BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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Short on Words to highlight aspiring authors

By Kurt Kuban
Staff Writer

Have you ever considered yourself a budding author? Or perhaps a poet at heart? Well, organizers of a local writing contest are looking to cast a spotlight on a few unknown writers who might just turn out to be the next J.K. Rowling or Suzanne Collins.

The third annual Short on Words poetry and short story contest is in need of entries from local authors, whether or not the authors have been published in the past. The contest is the brainchild of Denise Jenkins, who runs the office at Preservation Dental, located in downtown Northville at 371 E. Main Street.

Jenkins is an avid reader and believes it is important to find and encourage a new generation of writers. She com-

bined her love of the written word with William Demray's passion for photography. Demray owns Preservation Dental and is Jenkins' boss. In essence, those who enter the contest must write a short story or poem based on a series of Demray's photos, which two have chosen from his vast collection of work, some of which has been exhibited at the Northville Art House.

"Dr. Demray has really supported this contest. He loves to take photos and writing is my passion," Jenkins said. "So the photos and written word must complement each other. It's so cool to see what interpretations the writers have of his photos."

There are two age groups in the contest: adult (18 and older) and young author (17 and under). There will be



"The Cook" is one of the photos authors can choose to base their short story or poem after. STEVE FECHT

three winners in each category, with first place getting \$100, second place \$50 and third place \$25.

Entries can be a poem or a short story no more than 1,500 words. Each entry must have a title and be typed, double-spaced and single-sided

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- » Pages must be numbered, but no other identifying marks may appear
- » A cover page must be included and must list the title of the submission, the name of the author, the photo that inspires the piece, an email address and/or contact phone number
- » One submission form, three copies of the entry and one \$10 entry fee are to be mailed or delivered to Preservation Dental, Attention: Denise Jenkins, 371 E. Main St., Northville MI 48167
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only. It costs \$10 to enter. To get an entry form, stop by the Preservation Dental office or visit preservationdental.com. The photos are posted on the website and are also displayed at the Northville District Library. The entry deadline is April 25.

Jenkins said she did a lot of research on other writing contests and ultimately modeled Short on Words after others from around the country that have been successful. And word of the contest seems to be growing. Last year, people from as far away as Grand Rapids

and Monroe entered. Jenkins, who is hoping to attract as many young authors as possible, said she has sent information packets to several local school districts, including Northville, Plymouth-Canton, Livonia and Wayne-Westland.

She is hoping to get at least 40 entries. "Thirty entrants is usually my benchmark to make the contest a success and we've been over that both years," she said. "I would say 40 would be about perfect."

All entries will be assessed by a panel of judges, who range from school administrators to newspaper editors and published authors.

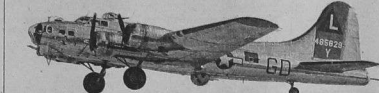
The winners will be announced during Northville's Arts and Acts Festival, a celebration of art, which takes place June 20-22 at various places throughout downtown.

Yankee Air Museum offering high-gloss family event

The Yankee Air Museum is inviting everyone to its 19th annual Bomber Buffing Saturday, April 5.

The four-engine B-17 heavy bomber "Yankee Lady" and twin engine B-25 medium bomber "Yankee Warrior," located on the west side of Willow Run Airport, in Hangar 1, Bay 8, need their aluminum skin polished to a high gloss. Winter inspections and maintenance are complete and the planes have been washed. The polishing is the last step in preparing for the 2014 flying and air show season.

There is no cost to participate in this event, which runs from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 5. Fueling the event is a Hungry Howie's Pizza luncheon. People are



Volunteers will help put a shine on the aluminum skin of the "Yankee Lady."

encouraged to bring plenty of clean, soft rags. Mothers Polishes, Wax and Cleaners Inc. has donated plenty of aluminum polish for people to use.

"The annual Bomber Buffing is one of the first signs of spring," said Ray Hunter, chairman of the YAM Board of Directors. "I'm always grateful to the large crowd that comes out every April to help us

and, as one of the B-17 pilots, I'm always anxious to get back into the cockpit and fly her again."

Hunter says the polishing party is a lot of fun for people of all ages and since the bombers fly regularly through the spring and summer this might be the only chance the general public has to get up close to the Boeing B-17G Flying Fortress and North American B-25

Mitchell. Except for special occasions such as this event, the hangar where the bombers are maintained is not open to the public. The aircraft are never on display at the museum's Collections and Exhibits Building on the east side of Willow Run Airport. The bombers will be on display and available for rides during the annual Thunder Over Michigan air show Aug.

9-10 at Willow Run.

'Honors aviation'

"I'm excited to get back in touch with the people, our passengers and the enthusiasts who come to air shows and especially the World War II veterans," Hunter said. "Having the planes polished bright and the getting the details just right honors aviation history and its participants. This is why we exist as a living, flying museum."

Hunter said each year the number of airworthy B-17s and B-25s declines. He estimates only seven to nine B-17s and maybe eight to 10 B-25s will take to the skies in the United States this year. Hunter credits the work of the museum's chief mechanic and scores of highly skilled volunteers who

work together to keep the planes in pristine condition.

"We're very fortunate to have the resources to keep the planes in top flight condition," said Norm Ellickson, YAM's B-17 crew chief. "When we're done with the mechanicals, it sure is gratifying to see all these volunteers offer up their elbow grease to make the aircraft shine like new. Their labor makes a huge difference."

In planning, YAM Executive Director Kevin Walsh and the professional staff make sure the event is appealing to the whole family.

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DATE OF HEARING: Wednesday, April 16, 2014
TIME OF HEARING: 7:00 P.M.
PLACE OF HEARING: Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Road

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of Plymouth Charter Township has received a proposed petition to rezone parcel R-78-059-01-0021-000 from VP, Vehicular Parking District to ARC, Ann Arbor Road Corridor District.

Application: 2136-0314 **Location:** South of Ann Arbor Road, West of Main Street

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Charter Township of Plymouth, Wayne County, Michigan

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: For parcel descriptions, see tax records based on Tax ID No. R-78-059-01-0021-000.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the application may be examined at the Plymouth Township Division of Public Services, Community Development Department, during regular business hours from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM. Written comments will be received prior to the meeting and may be mailed to 9955 N. Haggerty Rd, Plymouth, MI 48170 or call 734-354-3270, ext. 5. The meeting will be held in the Meeting Room at Township Hall which is located at 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth Township, MI 48170.

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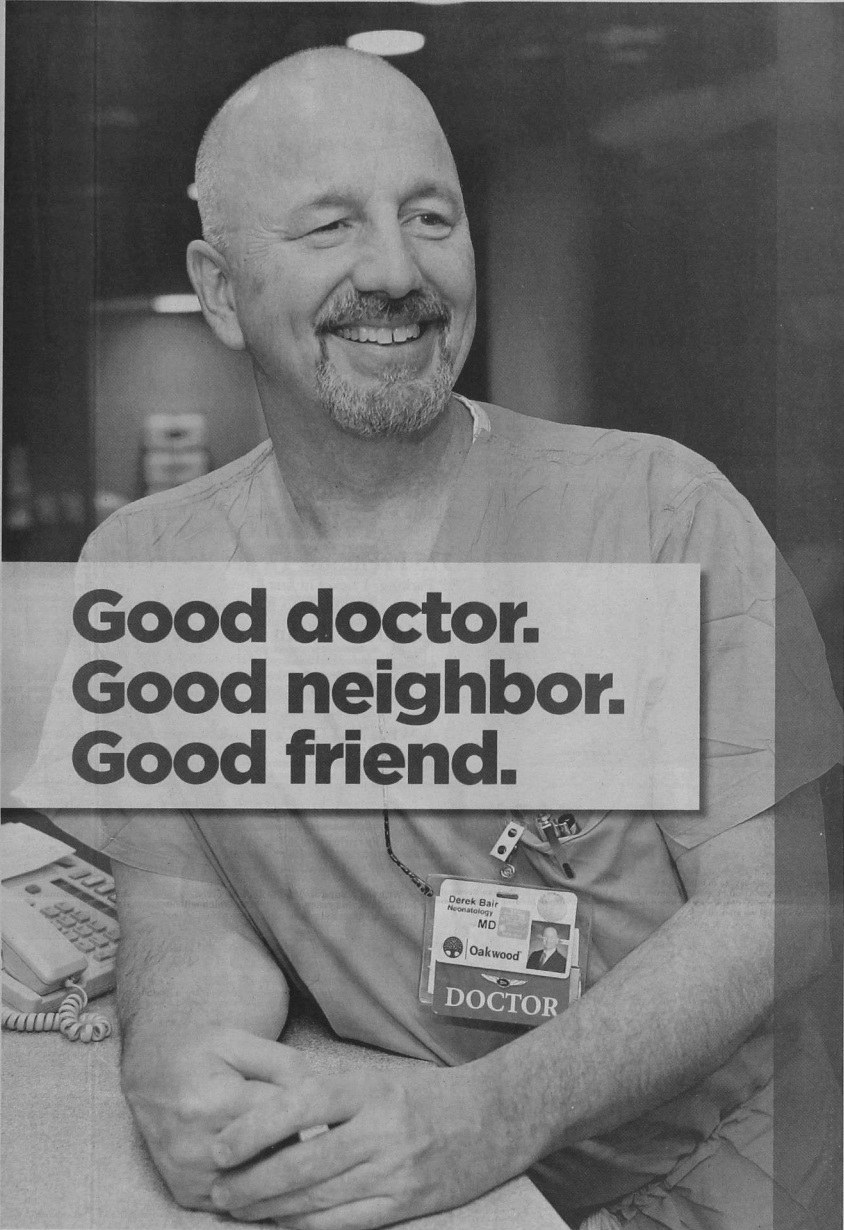
HANDS THAT ACHЕ
Aching hands are difficult to ignore; this winter has brought more patients to doctors' offices because of the problem. Likely the continued cold weather and added strain of putting gloves on and taking them off repeatedly with the need to pull boots on and off more than in past winters has added to the usual strain on fingers and hands.

Most of the concern people have with aching hands is the question: Am I coming down with arthritis? Physician can answer that concern, first by asking questions on when the pain begins and what helps lessen it. In osteoarthritis, the most common arthritis, hands are stiff in the morning for 15-30 minutes and then become usable for the rest of the day until the evening. Heat such as running the hands under warm water decreases the duration of stiffness.

Second, examination of the hands for firm swellings about the knuckles called heberden's nodes give the physician notice that osteoarthritis has or is developing. Third, in osteoarthritis, x-rays of the hands reveal changes in the bones that identify that this condition is present.

Other causes of aching hands are decreases in the blood flow to the digits and damage to the nerve endings in the hands. Carpal tunnel syndrome is not a cause as it gives numbness and tingling mostly at night, and when the body and hands are at rest.

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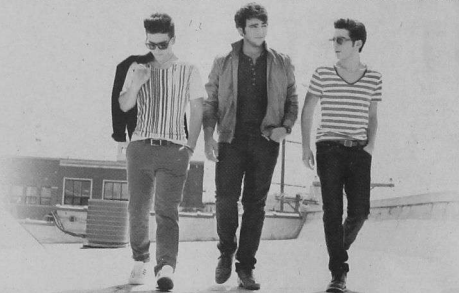
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Duhl's firing 'tremendous disappointment'

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

The firing of Scott Duhl as Salem's varsity girls soccer coach took his longtime mentor Ed McCarthy by surprise. And McCarthy noted that it is the soccer community's loss that one apparent verbal exchange was all it took to lead to Duhl's unceremonious dismissal less than two weeks ago.

"It was a tremendous disappointment for me to hear that Scott Duhl was removed as coach of the girls program at Salem," stressed McCarthy in an email to the *Observer*. "It



McCarthy

is clear that he no longer had the support of the administration. Proper support by the school is one of the most critical elements of any successful program.

"It is a great loss for the players and community as he is regarded as one of the top young coaches in the state. He is highly effective at developing a strong rapport with his players."

Duhl apparently got into trouble stemming from a team

meeting, during which he allegedly used a slang term for a male body part that one player did not appreciate hearing.

That player told her parents about Duhl's choice of language and the matter escalated to the point where a third-party contractor (used to fill non-faculty coaching positions) fired the coach.

According to some, it was a rush to judgment.

More than 100 people jammed their way into Tuesday's school board meeting, on hand to vouch for Duhl and urge his reinstatement.

Following the meeting, it

"From afar, it appears the level of support for coaches has diminished recently."

ED MCCARTHY, former Salem soccer coach

was announced via press release that the Salem girls team will be coached for the rest of the 2014 season by George Kithas (who coaches boys soccer at Livonia Churchill).

Support waning

McCarthy wasn't at that meeting, because he was out of

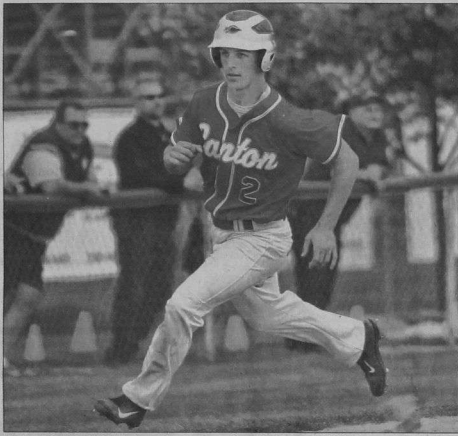
town. But he weighed in on Wednesday, still trying to figure out how such a highly respected coach could be so quickly let go.

He looked back on his own coaching career with Salem's varsity boys program, when

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PREP BASEBALL PREVIEW - PART 1

HIT PARADE ON DECK



Weston Price rounds third base on the way to scoring a Canton run in 2013. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Deep-and-talented Chiefs figure to be force yet again in KLAAs

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Whenever the weather breaks enough for the 2014 high school baseball season to begin, maybe even this week, the Canton Chiefs will be primed to hit the soggy ground running.

And for their rivals in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association, it will sting even more than hitting a ball on the handle

during a chilly April day to learn that the 2013 team that went 25-11 has an even deeper arsenal.

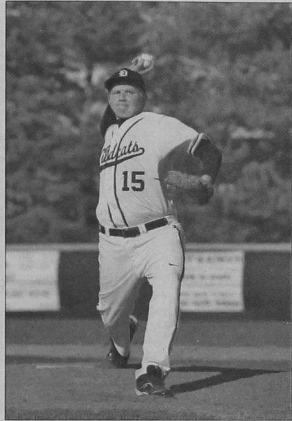
"We will be able to hit and play defense as good as anyone on our schedule," said Canton head coach Mark Blomshield.

"Pitching depth is really our only question and there will be significant opportunities for our younger pitchers to break into the rotation.

"The weather has been frustrating, but we have a solid game plan and will take advantage of our indoor opportunities. Everyone is in the same boat."

The defending KLAAs champions are well stocked with six senior starting position players, undoubtedly spelling trouble for opponents in the KLAAs South Division and

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Plymouth pitcher Derek Ebeling gets set to fire the ball toward the plate during this 2013 game. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

'We are family'

Wildcats to stress camaraderie, competitiveness

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Jason Crain can't wait to get his rookie season as Plymouth Wildcats varsity coach in full swing.

Plymouth (13-9 last year) is scheduled to open the 2014 season Wednesday against Holt, but nothing is guaranteed to begin on time with lingering cold weather.

Whenever it does, Crain

and the Wildcats expect to play sound, blue-collar baseball with a focus on fundamentals and compete level.

The team will be looking to put last season behind it. In 2013, then-head coach Bryan Boyd was placed on administrative leave and eventually resigned.

"We have tons of new-

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MAHA SENIOR B WOMEN'S HOCKEY

Victory Honda primes for USA nationals in Boston

Plymouth-based 19-and-over squad repeats as MAHA champion

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Once again Victory Honda's 19-and-over women's travel hockey team lived up to its name.

The ice squad recently captured the Michigan Amateur Hockey Association state

championship in its age bracket for the second consecutive season.

Victory Honda, led by head coach Brad Johnson (longtime assistant coach for the Division 2 state champion Plymouth-Canton-Salem Penguins

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The victorious Victory Honda 19-and-over women's travel hockey team again won the MAHA state tournament. The team is headed this week to Boston for nationals. Pictured in the front row (from left) are Lexie Glen, Brittany Zeches, Kyle Tripp, Mary Beth Smith, captain Stephanie Gierada, Stacey Hochkins, Kristen Schwan and Jenna Leone. In the back row (from left) are assistant coach DJ Loney, Becky Sonn, Bethany Croskey, Jenna Donnelly, Justine Cigna, Alexis Bohlinger, Stephanie Voigt, Kelly Gittelman, Emily Nelson, Lauren Lobert, Tricia MacLeod, Nikki Betz, Tatum MacLeod and head coach Brad Johnson. Not pictured is Erin Cahill.

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HAPPILY EVER AFTER

Greenmead marries modern reception with vintage gowns

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Greenmead, Livonia's historical village, threw a wedding reception last week that came complete with a towering cake, hors d'oeuvres, and a champagne toast.

Its historic Newburg Church was decked out in flowers and filled with the sounds of familiar love songs played on the organ.

There was no bride and no groom, unless you count the cake toppers on display, but photographs of just-married couples were everywhere — grouped into collections, exhibited next to vintage gowns in the Alexander Blue House, and even hung on the walls in the church restroom.

"It's my personal goal to make wallpaper out of old wedding photos," joked Maureen Casey, recreation supervisor, as she addressed guests seated inside the church. "Part of our photo display is downstairs in the restroom."

The fourth annual "Happily Ever After" program drew approximately 80 supporters, mostly women, to view the village's collection of wedding artifacts, photos and gowns in a setting that mirrored a real wedding reception.

"It was an idea we kicked around ... it evolved and snowballed," Casey said. "It's kind of a ladies' evening out. And some gentlemen come. We love it."

Dresses, accessories

Some of the 18 gowns on display were on loan from Greenmead staff members, including Casey, and volunteers, such as Linda Trewin, a Livonia Historical Commission member.

"We try to get at least one from each decade," said Trewin, adding that approximately 70 percent of the dress exhibit is different each year. Some



Joanne Camiller, a Greenmead volunteer, holds a photograph of herself while standing next to her wedding gown. PHOTOS BY JOHN STORMZAND | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Photographs show weddings through the years.



Pat Bastine, (left) of Livonia and Sally Bettes of Northville admire a wedding gown.

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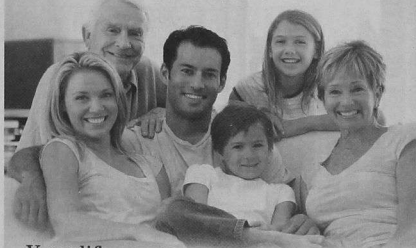
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Opera supporters celebrate Easter with concert in Novi

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Enrica Piccirilli Di Vico will carry on a family tradition when Friends of the Opera of Michigan presents "Easter Celebration in Music Resurrection" April 6 at St. James Catholic Church in Novi.

"We like to do free concerts in the churches. We do them at Christmas and Easter," said Piccirilli, who co-founded Friends with her husband, Quinto Milito, a baritone.

"We honored the group in the form of my father, Fausto Di Vico. He wasn't a singer. He just loved music and he was a member of a group in Italy that was bringing concerts to the town he lived in. Once he passed, we decided to form a



Amy Blevins, soprano, will sing in the Easter Celebration in Music Resurrection at St. James Catholic Church, Novi.

group here." The Livonia couple founded the organization in 1988 and it has presented annual concerts ever since.

Some are ticketed events, like *The Most Happy Felice*, which Milito produced in 2012 at the Ford Community and Performing Arts Center in Dearborn. In April 2013, the organization



Quinto Milito, baritone, is one of the founding members of Friends of the Opera of Michigan, in Livonia.

teamed up with the Oakland Choral Society, and the Jackson Chorale to present Verdi's *Requiem* and Milito's composition, *Kyrie*.

The upcoming concert is free, although donations will be accepted. It starts at 4 p.m. at the church, 46325 10 Mile. A show also will be held at 4 p.m. April 27 at St. Barbara's Parish, 13534



Pianist Jeanne Marie Laframboise of Livonia will accompany singers at Friends of the Opera of Michigan's Easter concert.

Colson in Dearborn.

Both will feature Milito and soprano Amy Blevins of Waterford singing music by Handel, Rossini and Schubert, among others. Jeanne Marie Laframboise of Livonia will accompany on piano.

Conservatory graduates
Piccirilli and Milito graduated from the

Gioacchino Rossini Conservatory of Music in Italy. She is a soprano, but traded a singing career for family life, raising the couple's four children. He was a two-time winner of the Metropolitan Opera Regional Audition, and made his debut at the Spoleto Festival in Italy. Milito, who is the artistic director of Friends of the Opera in Michigan, has sung in Europe and throughout the United States, including with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra. He also performed and recorded live in The Three Tenors, at Orchestra Hall in Detroit.

Blevins, a graduate of Oakland University, has appeared with members of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, Detroit Chamber Winds and Strings, Cantata Academy Cho-

rale, Oakland Symphony Orchestra, and Birmingham-Bloomfield Symphony Orchestra. She teaches private voice lessons and is a member of the National Association of Teachers of Singing.

"My husband loves to sing *Ave Maria*. It's going to be many different styles of music," Piccirilli described the concert in Novi. "Easter is the greatest Christian feast. So I know a lot of people will celebrate and go to church, and we want to bring music to it. There are so many beautiful pieces of music to be sung for this time of year. I think people will enjoy it."

For more about the Friends of the Opera of Michigan, visit its Facebook page. Or email fotom@twm1.rr.com.

Rescues offer comedy show, feral cat info

Laugh with the Angels

Just a few days are left to get tickets in advance for Guardian Angel Animal Rescue's comedy show at Joey's Comedy Club. Seating will begin at 7:30 p.m., with the show starting at 8 p.m. Thursday, April 3, at the club, 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia. Advance tickets are \$15 or pay \$20 at the door.

Matt McClowry is the headline act. He was diagnosed at an early age with Asperger's syndrome, a mild form of autism characterized by intense, unrelenting focus. McClowry channels that focus into his act by constantly building on his repertoire of material. According to Joey's website, he's a "wordsmith with a perceptive eye" and a "refreshingly honest and brutally fun-



PET PROJECTS

ny" show. Get tickets from Sandy at 734-788-6857 or Pete at 734-716-8743. All proceeds benefit GAAR, a no-kill, foster-based, volunteer-run animal rescue in Livonia.

Feral cat workshop

The Michigan Humane Society will hold a feral cat workshop for individuals who want to help reduce the number of homeless cats and give feral cats the care they need, 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Saturday, April 5, at the MHS Berman Center for Animal Care, 900 N. Newburgh, Westland.

The workshop is required for those interested in becoming a feral cat colony caretaker. Individuals will learn how to humanely trap feral cats, before bringing them to the Michigan Humane Society for veterinary care. Caretakers release the cats back to their habitat.

To register online or for more information,

visit www.michiganhumane.org/feral or call 248-283-1000. Ext. 127. Space is limited and an RSVP is required.

Be prepared

The Farmington Hills/Farmington Emergency Preparedness Commission will present a free seminar on Preparing Your Pets for Emergencies and Disasters, 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 23, at the Costick Center, 28600 N. Mile.

Local veterinarian Christian Ast will talk about how pets have fared in recent disasters and will identify the steps that pet owners can take to increase their furry friend's chances of survival.

The program is free. For more information, call Tim Tutak at 248-417-0930 or email tutak@live.com.

GARDEN & NATURE CALENDAR

Send material for the Garden & Nature Calendar to Sharon Dargay, Observer & Eccentric, sdargay@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 next meeting of the Livonia Garden Club, 7 p.m. April 1, at the Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, Livonia. For more information, call Ruth Moline at 734-525-3167 or visit livoniagardenclub.org.

Maple sugar

Maybury Farm in Northville holds its Maple Sugar Experience at 1 p.m., 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday



A youngster checks out a maple tree at Maybury Farm in Northville.

through April 13. Participants take a hayride to the sugar bush to see how trees are tapped and then watch it turn into syrup in the sugar shack. Michigan maple syrup will be sold in the welcome center. Admission for the tour is \$6 per person; children 2 and under are

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Carol Brichford of Farmington Hills shows off a Victorian wedding purse. JOHN STORMAN/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

MARRIES

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gowns come complete with accessories. Some accessories are displayed with photographs or other items.
'My neighbor got married in 1940 and she found her veil. She said, can you use this. I said absolutely. I got a picture, got her handwritten invitation and got her veil.' Trewin said.
'Trewin's original wedding photo was exhibited with her gown, which she said she'll donate to Greenleaf in the future. Trewin was married in the village's historical Newburg church and the photo was a reminder to brides-to-be that both the church and Alexander Blue House are available for rental.
We've done baptisms and memorial services,' Casey noted. 'It's truly an intimate setting.'
Brides-to-be
Soon-to-be sisters-in-law, Alena Krone of Livonia and Miriam Walrath of Plymouth moved next to a 1940s gown while Krone's

WEDDING TRADITIONS

Carol Brichford, a Farmington Hills resident and a member of the Frederick M. Warner Quarters, kicked off Happy Ever After, with a talk about wedding traditions. A few of her observations:
'The wedding cake goes back to Roman times. It wasn't that soft white cake we're familiar with. It was more like a cracker. They broke it over the bride's head. The crumbs were picked up by the guests as souvenirs of the wedding.'
'The filmy veil started with Nelly Custis, who was engaged to be married to Gen. George Washington's aide. He came to see her one day before they were married and she was looking out the window through a lacy curtain. He said, 'you look beautiful behind that curtain.' She decided that for her wedding, she would wear a filmy veil over her face and that's where we get the veil.'
'The traditional, white wedding gown came about through Queen Victoria. She was a real trend-setter throughout the 19th century. The white has a significance of its own: purity, joyous celebration and it wards off evil spirits.'
'The engagement ring. It's a diamond. The diamond is the hardest material. It's not going to crack or break. It lasts forever and its indicative of love.'
mother, Suzette, snapped their photo.
Krone plans to marry Walrath's brother, Joel, in May. Walrath's wedding to Jeff Brooks of Flint is set for next August, with a reception planned at the Alexander Blue House.
'This is another way to check (the venue) out,' Walrath said, explaining why she attend-

Farmington Hills residents Lori and Bob Blumfeld. CFO of The Children's Center in Detroit, enjoy FAR Conservatory's karaoke fundraiser. Bob was one of the karaoke singers at the event.

FAR Conservatory of Therapeutic and Performing Arts music therapists Patty Karlie of Clarkston (left) and Kelsey Juett of Farmington Hills.



Farmington Hills residents Jim and Linda Kidder. PHOTOS BY JULIE VOLLES



FAR Conservatory of Therapeutic and Performing Arts music therapists Steve Fiedler of Plymouth and Kirsten Kyle of Madison Heights.

Listen up: Karaoke fundraiser ends on high note

'Sing out, Louise,' Mama Rose, the classic stage mom, would yell out to her daughter in the musical, Gypsy.
If there was any yelling going on at the FAR Conservatory of Therapeutic and Performing Arts 'Sing Out 4 Kids' fundraiser at the Emagine Theatre in Royal Oak, it was for more songs and higher bids of auction items.
Radio personality Jay Towers from 100.3 FM emceed a fun night of local celebrities — including Fox 2's Monica Gayle, former Detroit Tiger

Scott Lusader and his daughter, Alexa, folk singer Josh White Jr. and others — who took the Emagine stage to sing out.
Also in the audience was Hockey Hall of Famer Ted Lindsay who is a huge supporter of FAR as well as the Founder of the Ted Lindsay Foundation for Autism.
The sold-out event raised more than \$300,000 for FAR, based in Birmingham, and will go toward providing art, music, dance, recreation and sports therapy to children with special needs. Go to www.farconservatory.org for more information.

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GEICK-BOYER

Amy Geick and Andrew Boyer announce their engagement. The bride-to-be is the daughter of Paul and Trish Geick of Canton.



Andrew Boyer and Amy Geick works as a technical sales manager. They plan a July 2014 wedding in Grand Haven.

ROTHERT-HAGERMAN

Joseph Rothert and Daniel Hagerman of Los Angeles, Calif., along with their family and friends are pleased to announce their engagement.



Daniel, the son of Angela Hagerman of Grayling, is a 2005 graduate of Grayling High School.

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JORGENSEN, KATHRYN (BIRRELL) KATHRYN, passed away unexpectedly at her home in Palmdale, CA on Sunday, March 23, 2014. Kath was born on June 2, 1957 in Garden City, Michigan and was the second of five children.

KAYFES, CAROL J., PLYMOUTH MI, Age 80, passed away Saturday, March 22, 2014, with her loving husband by her side. She was born March 26, 1933, to William and Jessie Goddard, and grew up in Lake Linden.

SPUNG, SHEILA MARIE (MCGINNIS), Age 80, wife of Albert H. Spung, died March 17, 2014. The family and friends of Sheila Spung are invited to a service at 11:00 a.m. on April 3, 2014 at J. HENRY STUBBINS INC. MOUNT PLEASANT CHURCH.

GEHRKE-BAKER

Heather Gehrke and Gregory Baker were married Sept. 1, 2013, at Antioch Lutheran Church, Farmington Hills. The Rev. David Vinciguerra officiated. The bride, daughter of Arlin and Judy Gehrke of Farmington Hills, is a graduate of North Farmington High School.



Gregory Baker and Heather Gehrke on their wedding day. A reception was held at Arnaldo's Banquet Center in Riverview. The couple took an Alaskan cruise for their honeymoon. They live in New Boston.

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS

Bob and Nancy (Bar-num) Langenecker of Westland for 23 years before moving to Canton 23 years ago. Bob taught chemistry at Cherry Hill High School for 19 years. After Cherry Hill merged with Wayne-Westland, he moved to John Glenn High School where he taught science and later became a guidance counselor.



Nancy stayed home with their daughters for 10 years. She substitute taught and then taught elementary school in Wayne-Westland, retiring in 1999. Nancy has attended the same fitness class for 'older adults' in Ann Arbor for nearly eight years. Both love the outdoors and vacationing in the West, with repeat trips to Colorado, Arizona and California.

MARCH CONCERT

Time/Date: 3:30 p.m. Sunday, March 30. Location: St. John Lutheran Church, 22225 Gill Road, Farmington Hills. Details: Detroit Lutheran Singers perform works by Bach, along with Create in Me, by K. Arndt, and Donna (Robert Reimer); six grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, and five nephews. A Menno Service will be held on Saturday, April 5, at 5:30 p.m. at the Kingdom Hall, 47443 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth, MI.

RELIGION CALENDAR

Time/Date: 11 a.m. Tuesday, April 1. Location: St. Simon and Jude Catholic Community, 32500 Palmer, 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, mentally ill, or for those facing surgery. A light lunch will be served after the service. RSVP to the church office. Contact: 734-722-3433. Easter Fund Day: Time/Date: 10 a.m. to noon, Saturday, April 12. Location: St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, located on Five Mile one block west of Inker Road, Livonia. Details: Crafts, stories, an Easter Bunny game and more for children. 3-12. The church also seeks donations of white socks, Chappick, chewing gum, individually-wrapped hand wipes, snack bars, pocket Bibles and pocket-sized tissue packs for comfort for the homeless. Contact: 734-422-1470. Egg Hunt: Time/Date: 10:30 a.m., Saturday, April 19. Location: First Church of the Nazarene, 21260 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 and 'eggcute egg-speriments' with Madam Scientist. Bring an Easter basket to collect eggs. Get a gift for bringing a friend. Registration is required at dfmcnazarene.org. Closes after 600 children sign up or on April 16, whichever comes first. Contact: 248-348-7600. Egg Hunt: Time/Date: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, April 19. Location: Plum Lake Community Church, 9435 Henry Ruff, Livonia. Details: Games, crafts, face painting, prizes, lunch and photos with the Easter Bunny; for ages 12 and under. Contact: Shirley Stephan at 734-522-7916. Family Easter Celebration: Time/Date: Register at 12:45 p.m., Saturday, April 12. Location: Faith Community Wesleyan Church, 14560 Merriman, Livonia. Details: Family Easter celebration includes an egg hunt, games and crafts for children 10 and under, along with the Easter story. Bring a basket to collect eggs. Contact: Melissa at 734-466-8694.

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meeting starts at noon; workshop is at 1 p.m. For more information, call Pat at 248-943-6026. free. The farm is at 50165 Eighth Mile, west of Beck. Plymouth Nursery: Grow an Easter Centrepiece, a children's workshop, will be held 1-1:30 p.m. Saturday, April 5, at Plymouth Nursery, 5900 East Arbor Road, Plymouth. Fee is \$5. Aimed at kids 4-12. They'll grow a wheatgrass centerpiece and will have a snack. 734-453-5500. Farmington Garden Club: Learn how to use colorful pot-painting techniques at a pot painting therapy workshop, April 7, at the Spicer House in Herkimer Park, located on Farmington Road between 10 Mile and 11 Mile in Farmington Hills. Bring a pot, sponges, rags and an apron. The

Tree and shrub sale: ReLeaf Michigan, a nonprofit organization with a mission to educate the public 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. Pickup is from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 26, at a variety of locations in southeastern Michigan, including Handy Park, 26650 Dixit Ave., Redford Township. For more information, call 800-642-7353 or email info@releafmichigan.org. Heritage Park: Explore Nature Day, 11 a.m. to 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 programs at http://releafmichigan.org. Heritage Park is located on Farmington Road between 10 Mile and 11 Mile in Farmington Hills. Call 248-477-1135 or email asmith@fhgov.com for more information. English Gardens: Garden Party weekend runs April 5-6, with presentations at 10 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 1 p.m., 2:30 p.m., 4 p.m., Saturday and 11 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 2 p.m. and 3:30 p.m., Sunday, April 6. Area stores: ISSN, 26650 Dixit Ave., Redford, 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.

Study: TV watching worse than video games for unhealthy snacking

Middle school kids who watch television for at least two hours daily are more likely to eat junk food and have risk factors for cardiovascular disease than kids who spend equal time on the computer or playing video games, according to research presented at the American College of Cardiology's 63rd Annual Scientific Session.

"While too much of both types of screen time encourages sedentary behavior, our study suggests high TV time in particular is associated with poorer food choices and increased cardiovascular risk," said study senior author Dr. Elizabeth Jackson, M.D., and a cardiologist at the University of Michigan Frankel Cardiovascular Center.

Sixth-graders who watch two-six hours of television daily are more likely to have higher body mass index, elevated systolic and diastolic blood pressure and slower recovery heart rate compared with kids who had comparable computer or video game use.

This is the first time researchers have looked at the impact of screen time in relation to snacking habits and physiological measures associated with heart health, according to the study authors.

The study included 1,003 sixth-graders from 24 middle schools participating in Project Healthy Schools across five diverse communities in South-east Michigan.

The research found that kids who spent more time in

front of a screen — regardless of the type — snack more frequently and are more likely to choose less healthy snacks. Kids who spent two-six hours and computer/video game users both reported eating roughly 3.5 snacks a day — one full snack more than kids who had minimal exposure to these technologies.

But children who watched two to six hours a day of TV were more likely than the high computer/video game group to eat high-fat foods such as french fries and chips.

Mindless snacking

Jackson said that's likely because television commercials bombard viewers and tend to reinforce less healthy foods that often are higher in

sugar, salt and fats. In addition, kids tend to have free hands while watching television, which provides more opportunity for mindless snacking. Earlier studies also have shown that children tend to eat more when they watch TV.

"Snacks are important, and choosing a piece of fruit rather than a bag of chips can make a really big difference for one's health," Jackson said. "Parents need to monitor their kids' activities. Our results offer even more reason to limit the amount of TV time kids have and are right in line with current recommendations."

The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends limiting entertainment screen time to less than one or two hours per day. But children

actually spend seven hours or more on entertainment media each day, four and a half of which are spent watching television. Excessive media use has also been linked to obesity, attention problems, school difficulties and sleep and eating disorders.

"The wealth of studies now show a significant link between being overweight in childhood and continuing that trend into adulthood," Jackson said. "The more we can change behavior early on to promote healthy weight and dietary habits, the more likely we will be able to reduce adult-related problems including heart disease, diabetes and high blood pressure."

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

UPCOMING

Cancer screenings

Henry Ford Health System will offer free head and neck cancer screenings Wednesday, April 23, as a part of Oral, Head and Neck Cancer Awareness Week.

► 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Henry Ford Hospital, 2799 W. Grand Boulevard, Detroit

► 1-4 p.m., Henry Ford Medical Center-Fairlane, 1940 Hubbard, Dearborn

► 9 a.m. to noon, Henry Ford West Bloomfield Hospital, 6777 W. Maple, West Bloomfield

Head and neck cancer symptoms can be vague, but warning signs include hoarseness, persistent throat and ear pain for more than four weeks, mouth sores that won't heal and a lump in the neck. Make a screening appointment by calling 313-916-3275 or visit www.headandneck.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 umkgivkidsasmile.org.

Drug series

Dawn Farms-sponsored programs at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Education Center Auditorium, 5305 Elliott Drive,

Ypsilanti:

► Teens Using Drugs: What To Know and What To Do" is a two-part series targeted primarily to parents and caretakers of teens. The first part runs 7:30-9 p.m. Tuesday, April 1, and will offer information on understanding substance abuse problems and recognizing when a young person may be involved with drugs or alcohol. Part two, 7:30-9 p.m. Tuesday, April 8, offers suggestions on what to do when a teen substance abuse problem is suspected. Call 734-485-8725 for more information.

Lunch workshop

Learn about nutritionally-balanced lunches in an interactive workshop led by a registered dietitian from Botsford Hospital, 6-7 p.m. Tuesday, April 1, at Busch's Fresh Food Market, 33300 N. 14 Mile, West Bloomfield. Cost is \$5, which includes recipes, samples, nutritional advice, and a \$5 Busch's coupon. Tickets available from Busch's Guest Services Counter or by phoning 248-539-4581. Registration required.

Project Healthy Living

United Health Organization, a nonprofit organization, will offer health screenings, including tests for fitness, obesity, hypertension, vision, hearing, gluten, food and seasonal allergies at locations throughout southeastern Michigan when it kicks off its "Project Healthy Living" program this month. Most basic screenings are free, blood tests are offered for a fee. Local sites are:

► 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Southfield Municipal Pavilion, 26000 Evergreen, Southfield

► 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 4, Costick Activities Center, 28600 11 Mile, Farmington Hills

► 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Lahser Ambulatory Surgery Center, 27207 Lahser, Southfield

► 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. May 10, Northland Shopping Center, 21500 Northwestern Highway, Southfield

For more information, call 313-531-9100 or visit projecthealthy.org.

Walk with a Doc

Matteo Valenti, a board-certified internal medicine

specialist, will discuss living longer and aging better, at noon Thursday, April 17, at Heritage Park, located on Farmington Road between 10 Mile and 11 Mile in Farmington Hills. Walks are held rain or shine. Register by calling 877-477-DOCI, option #1.

ONGOING

Aquatic classes

The YMCA of Metropolitan Detroit and the Arthritis Foundation have partnered to offer aquatic classes designed to ease arthritis. Classes are held 11 a.m. to noon Tuesday and Thursday at the Farmington branch and 1-1:45 p.m. Monday and Wednesday at the Livonia branch. To join or for more information, visit www.ymcadelroit.org.

Breast cancer support

Meets from 6:30-8 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month in the Atrium of Our Lady of Hope Cancer Center, St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile (use south entrance off Levan), Livonia. Call 734-655-1100 or visit www.stmarymercy.org.

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Ask A Garden City Hospital Health Expert

Ever find yourself forgetting where you left your keys or where you parked? Don't fret! Mild memory problems are common. Causes for memory loss can range from sleep and nutritional deficiencies to age or stress. Health Expert, Dr. Judith Edge, specializes in internal and geriatric medicine at Garden City Hospital, and is Clinical Director for United Home Health Services. In this article, Dr. Edge provides tips for staying sharp and improving your memory.

Attention is a major component of memory. In order for information to move from short-term memory into long-term memory, you need to actively pay attention. Distractions, such as television, music and multitasking make retention harder, which leads to mistakes and other issues. A strong memory depends on the health and vitality of your brain. Here are three simple rules to improve yours.

1. **Get plenty of sleep and exercise.** Just as an athlete relies on sleep to perform his or her best, your ability to remember increases when you nurture your brain with good rest and other healthy habits. Treating your body well can enhance your ability to process and recall information. Physical exertion increases oxygen to your brain and reduces the risk for disorders that lead to memory loss. Exercise also enhances the production of helpful brain chemicals that protect brain cells. When you're sleep deprived, your brain can't operate at full capacity. Creativity, problem-solving abilities, and critical thinking skills are compromised. Whether you're studying, working, or trying to juggle life's many demands, sleep deprivation is a recipe for disaster.
2. **Eat a brain-boosting diet.** You probably already know that a diet based on fruits, vegetables, whole grains, "healthy" fats (such as olive oil, nuts, fish) and lean protein will provide lots of health benefits, but such a diet can also improve memory. For brain health, it's not just what you eat, it's also what you don't eat. Incorporate plenty of Omega-3s and DHA, along with more fruits and vegetables into your diet, while limiting calories and saturated fat.
3. **Keep your stress in check.** Stress, along with depression and anxiety, is one of the brain's worst enemies. Over time, if left unchecked, chronic stress destroys brain cells and damages the hippocampus, the region of the brain involved in the formation of new memories and the retrieval of old ones. Meditation can improve many different types of conditions, including depression, anxiety, chronic pain, diabetes, and high blood pressure. Meditation also can improve focus, concentration, creativity, and learning and reasoning skills.

Read more on memory improvement in the upcoming Spring issue of Garden City Hospital's Healthy Generations Magazine.

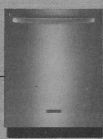
Join Garden City Hospital on Saturday, May 3 from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. for "Healthy Aging, Healthy You," a FREE community event featuring board certified physicians discussing what's normal, and what's not as you age. Guests will enjoy health screenings, Q&A, lunch and raffle prizes. Space is limited. Call 734.458.4259 to RSVP.

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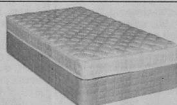
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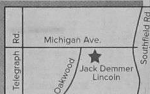


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