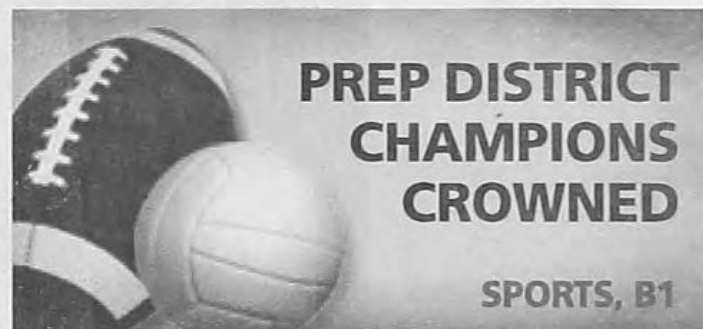


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Pundits: Canton continues political shift

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Political observers say Canton's election results Tuesday indicate a continuing shift toward local Democratic candidates amid changing community demographics, though voters did favor Republicans in top-of-the-ballot statewide races.

"It is an interesting dichotomy," said Susan Demas, editor and publisher of *Inside Michigan Politics*.

Canton voters leaned Democratic in three key legislative races, a trend that wasn't lost on local Republicans such as Pat Williams, a township board trustee who wasn't on the mid-term ballot.

"It appears the political persuasion of Canton has shifted," he said. "Strategically, going forward, Republicans have to focus on the positive attributes of their candidates. I believe the Democrats did a very good job of communicating their message."

"It's something Republicans will have to think about in the future."

Consider how Democrats fared Tuesday in Canton:

» Voters cast 7,697 straight-party ballots for Democrats, compared to 6,907 for Republicans.

» Democrat Kristy Pagan garnered 11,355 votes in Canton compared to Republican Carol Ann Fausone's 10,958 in the state House 21st District race, winning by 397 votes but widening her lead in Van Buren

Township and Belleville.

» Democratic newcomer Nate Smith-Tyge outpaced Republican incumbent Kurt Heise 3,611 votes to 2,874 in east Canton, but Heise easily defended his state House 20th District seat by winning in the Plymouths and Northvilles.

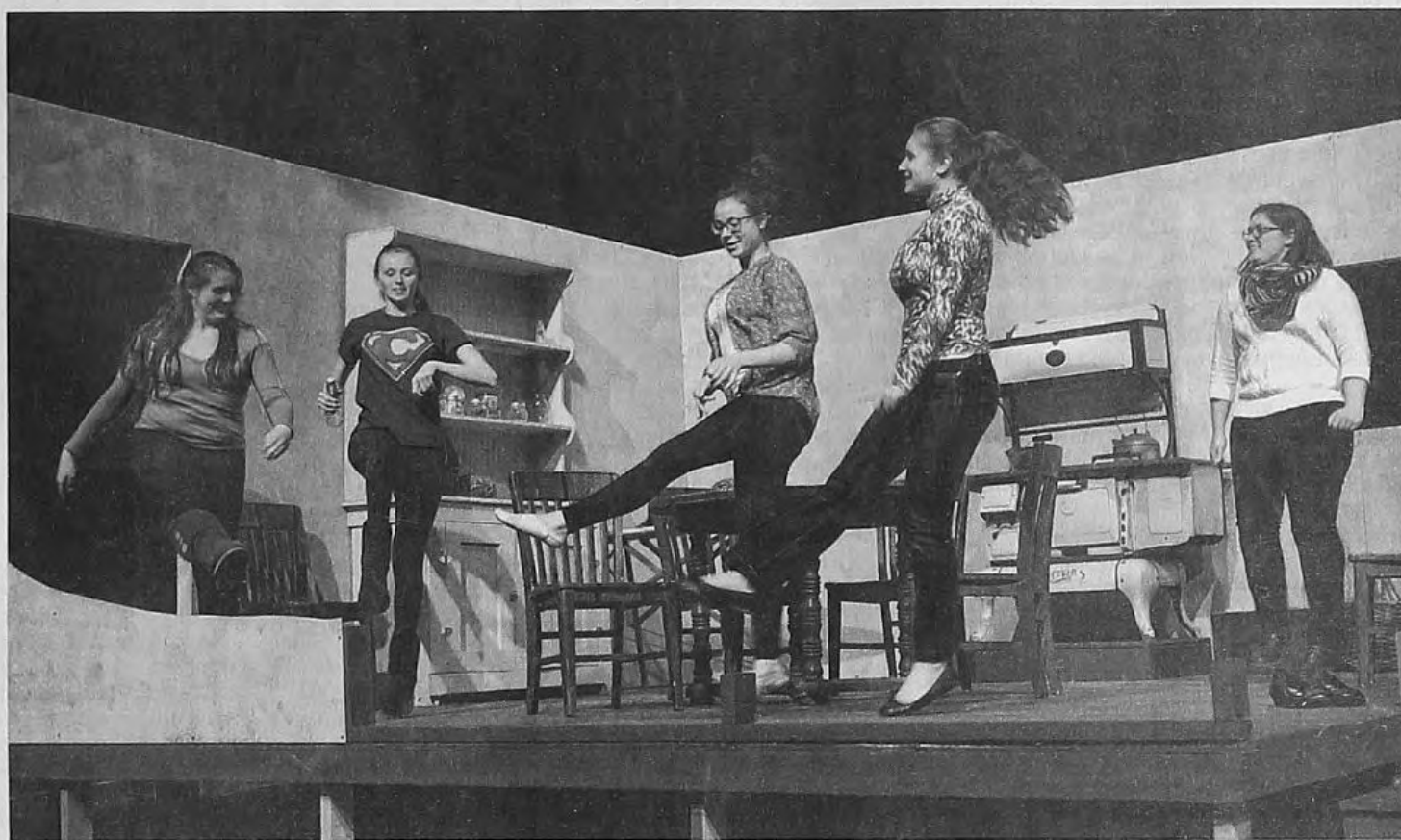
» Democrat Dian Slavens beat incumbent state Sen. Patrick Colbeck in their hometown of Canton, accumulating 15,796 votes to Colbeck's 13,826. Colbeck, though, emerged the victor with big wins in Livonia,

Plymouth Township and Northville Township.

Demas attributed success by Democrats in Canton to candidate selection.

"I think, first of all, Slavens and Pagan were good candidates," she said. "Pagan was running in a more favorable Democratic district than Slavens was, but it always helps to recruit good candidates."

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When the oft-broken wireless (radio) works, the Mundy sisters, played by Alexa Rumohr, Miki Somers, Annie Courtney, Mackenzie Grosse and Madeline Klotzik, begin to dance.

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SISTER STRUGGLES

Park Players go 'Dancing at Lughnasa' in fall production

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

Paul Bird saw *Dancing at Lughnasa* several years ago at Michigan State University and he never really shook the connection it gave him.

Over the next two weekends, Bird – directing the Park Players' production of the Brian Friel drama – hopes to impart that connection to audiences in the Gloria Logan Auditorium at Salem High School.

"It instantly grabbed me and never let go," Bird said. "I saw an opportunity to do it and just figured it was time."

The play, written by Friel in 1990 and

set in Ireland in August 1936, is told from the point of view of the adult Michael Evans, who narrates the play. He recounts the summer in his aunt's cottage when he was 7 years old.

Sisters struggle

Lughnasa depicts the struggles of the Mundy sisters and a frail elder brother, who has returned from a life as a missionary in Africa. The five Mundy sisters (Kate, Maggie, Agnes, Rosie and Christina), all unmarried, live in a cottage.

The oldest, Kate, is a school teacher and the only one with a well-paid job. Agnes and Rose knit gloves to be sold in town, thereby earning a little extra money for the household. They also help Maggie to keep the house. Maggie and Christina – Michael is her illegiti-

TAKING THE STAGE

What: Park Players present *Dancing at Lughnasa*
When: Nov. 14-15, Nov. 21-22; all performances 7 p.m.
Where: Gloria Logan Auditorium at Salem High School
Tickets: \$10

mate son – have no income at all.

The eight-member cast has been rehearsing the play for about a month now. Bird said they've handled the play, including the controversial aspects, well.

"It's a great group of kids," Bird said.

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Board set to hear final boundary options

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

Near the end of their Oct. 28 meeting, members of the Board of Education asked for additional options to the middle school boundary plan that had just been presented.

On Wednesday, the boundary steering committee delivered them.

In a 33-page report, the committee laid out three options for the board's consideration ahead of a scheduled Nov. 11 vote. One option would leave everything unchanged from the Oct. 28 report, while another option would move the middle school Talented and Gifted Program from East Middle School to Pioneer.

"Option 2 does a better job of reaching the priority of reaching high-need students and balancing the high-need population," said Kurt Tyszkiewicz, the district's executive director for staffing, student services and policy who chaired the boundary steering committee. "When we got digging deeper into the high-needs population, we saw some things that were better addressed with Option 2."

The committee will present its final elementary and middle school options to the board at a special meeting Monday night. The Board of Education is then scheduled to vote on the overall recommendations at a meeting

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County: Road work coming to both Canton, Plymouth townships next season

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Even before the first snowplows hit streets in Canton and Plymouth townships, Wayne County officials already are looking past winter to a flurry of construction-season projects that loom next year.

Long-awaited road projects

costing millions of dollars are certain to rattle nerves and disrupt driving routines, but officials say the work will lead to smoother rides and less traffic congestion.

Wayne County officials publicly unveiled maps and other documents of two major projects – the widening of sections of Beck and Cherry Hill

roads – during a forum attended Wednesday evening by about 30 residents at Summit on the Park.

Officials also responded to questions about two other projects, the paving of Lotz between Ford Road and Cherry Hill and a traffic light the coun-

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FILE PHOTO

Orange barrels will dot the landscape in Canton and Plymouth townships next construction season amid a flurry of road projects.



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Demographics

Canton Democratic Club President Steven Sneiderman, the lone Democrat and top vote-getter among four part-time Canton Township trustees elected in 2012, said Democratic gains have come amid changing demographics.

During the last U.S. Census, Canton's population spiked 18.1 percent, led by an increase in Asian Americans and African Americans who, observers say, are Democratic-leaning.

"There is a shift and I think our message is getting out there," Sneiderman said. "We want to grow on that. Our message is one of inclusion, that government should work for everyone. We're



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Margo Panko of Canton tells Sen. Patrick Colbeck that she said the rosary all day Tuesday for his re-election. While Colbeck easily won, he failed – as did many Republicans – to carry Canton.

going to continue to push that. Our hope is that we continue to grow and find good candidates to lead our community."

His analysis comes as both political parties look ahead to 2016, when Canton will elect a supervisor, treasurer, clerk and four trustees.

To be sure, not every local Democrat carried Canton in Tuesday's election. Republican Wayne County Commissioner Shannon Price of Canton defended his 10th District seat by defeating Democratic challenger Milan Peele 14,704 votes to 11,953 in Canton, before

widening his lead in Plymouth and Plymouth Township.

Price attributed his support partly to his efforts to campaign as an inclusive candidate.

"I'm not afraid to walk into a mosque or a Tea Party meeting or a Kiwanis Club and just truly be honest with people," he said, saying his approach has helped him.

Diverse team

Pagan said she was proud her campaign crossed all racial, cultural and ethnic lines. She reached out to places such as the Canton Mosque and the Hindu Temple while engaging a rainbow of people, including LGBT volunteers, in her campaign.

"I'm proud of the diversity of our team," she said.

Republicans, meanwhile, fared better than Democrats in statewide

races as local voters followed Michigan trends:

» Republican Gov. Rick Snyder captured 16,525 votes in Canton compared to Democrat Mark Schauer's 13,474, even though Schauer had a campaign rally in Canton one week prior to the election.

» GOP Secretary of State incumbent Ruth Johnson outpaced Democratic challenger Godfrey Dillard 16,633 votes to 12,224 in Canton.

» Republican Attorney General Bill Schuette won re-election against Democrat Mark Totten and captured 15,237 votes in Canton compared to Totten's 13,357.

» Republican Dave Trott, on his way to winning the U.S. House 11th District race, defeated Democrat Bobby McKenzie of Canton by a razor-thin margin in Canton, 14,144 to 14,133, though he widened his lead else-

where.

Mirroring another statewide trend, Democrat Gary Peters beat Republican Terry Lynn Land in Canton, 16,685 votes to 12,174.

Demas, the *Inside Michigan Politics* editor, said the ability of either major party to win in Canton, even with the community's shifting politics, comes down to choosing the best candidate and working hard.

"In a swing area like Canton, the hard work can make a really big difference," Demas said, though she said Democratic gains are a reality due to changing demographics.

"That's certainly on the Republican radar," she said. "They know Canton is shifting politically."

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ty plans to install at the Beck-Saltz intersection, labeled dangerous by residents and Canton officials alike.

Wayne County Commissioner Shannon Price voiced relief the 10th District he represents is getting back some of the road money it desperately needs.

"We've been a donor district for a long time," he said.

Beck Road

David Agacinski, Wayne County design engineer, said a \$4.8 million project is expected to begin in mid-April to widen Beck from two lanes to three between Warren and Ann Arbor Road in Canton and Plymouth townships.

"Beck Road is going to take the entire year, probably through November," he said.

Work crews will add a continuous center left-turn lane, add right-turn

lanes where needed, completely reconstruct the concrete pavement and improve the Willow Creek culvert just south of Joy Road.

Workers also plan to improve traffic signals in places such as the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, install sidewalks along much of the east side of Beck and address storm drainage issues.

Further north, Beck will be resurfaced with a hot mix asphalt from Ann Arbor Road to Ann Arbor Trail.

Resident Glenna Drennan, who lives on Beck near Gyde with husband Michael, said she welcomes the project to alleviate traffic bottlenecks that plague the road as motorists stop to make turns.

"I'm delighted," Drennan said, though she hopes planners keep the sidewalk off her property because she can't shovel snow. Officials say the sidewalk is slated for the east side Beck, not the west side where she lives.

Agacinski said the project will cause road

closures on Joy east of Beck in April, lasting several weeks, and north of Joy Road to Ann Arbor Road around mid-May. It's difficult to say precisely how long closures will last, but he said residents still will be able to access their subdivisions. Through-traffic will be prohibited.

The Beck-Joy intersection and a section of Beck immediately to the south will close for as long as six weeks after school is out for next summer.

J. Phil McGuire, assistant division engineer for Wayne County Department of Public Services, said detour signs will be posted during the project. He said federal dollars are paying 80 percent of costs, with the county picking up the remaining tab. Townships will pay for the sidewalk.

Cherry Hill

County officials plan to widen from two lanes to three a stretch of Cherry Hill from 300 feet west of Beck to 600 feet east of Canton Center, adding a center left-turn lane. Workers will install right-turn lanes where needed, resurface the road with a hot mix asphalt, install traffic signals and improve sidewalks and drainage. The project is expected to ease traffic congestion along a stretch where two new schools have been built.

Workers hope to complete the \$3 million project while school is out of session next summer.

The widening project stops just shy of the Pheasant Glen condominium complex on Cherry Hill east of Canton Center, but condo board treasurer Mike Sabo and his

neighbors say they hope the county will consider installing turn lanes at their neighborhood entrance to ease what they consider a dangerous situation.

"When you slow down to turn, you just pray nobody behind you plows into your back end," Sabo said.

McGuire said federal dollars also are paying for 80 percent of the Cherry Hill project, with officials for the two schools splitting the remaining 20 percent.

Traffic will be maintained in both directions on Cherry Hill during the project.

Lotz Road

Officials say the long-awaited paving of Lotz between Ford and Cherry is expected to start by early next summer and likely take much of the year, transforming the pothole-riddled, dirt-and-gravel road. Township officials such as Supervisor Phil LaJoy are hopeful the \$5 million project will ease traffic congestion along Ford Road, even though a developer has indicated plans to build an outlet mall with as many as 100 stores southwest of Ford and Lotz.

Beck-Saltz

Work could finally begin by year's end to install a traffic light at the Beck-Saltz intersection, with Wayne County officials saying the project should be completed this winter.

Some residents who live near the intersection have said the area is dangerous because drivers don't have adequate vision as they approach.

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Tuesday night. Both meetings are at 7 p.m. in the Plymouth High School cafeteria.

The final elementary recommendation has been "tweaked" a little in terms of neighborhoods being moved, Tyszkiewicz said, but the overall recommendation remains to close Allen Elementary and the Tanger Center and to re-purpose Gallimore Elementary to house the elementary TAG program (now housed at Miller and Dodson) and the Infant, Preschool and Toddler program currently at Tanger.

Board members requested the additional middle school options after they saw 100 percent of the students from Workman Elementary were being sent to Pioneer Middle School in Plymouth Township, rather than down Cherry Hill to the new middle school or to Discovery, which are both closer.

The three options recommended Wednesday (the entire plan is available on the district website at www.pccs.k12.mi.us):

» Option 1 – Remains the same as recommended Oct. 28. It would leave the district with elementary schools feeding students to one middle school, with the other six splitting students between two middle schools.

» Option 2 – It's basically Option 1 with a couple of modifications. Eriksson Elementary

THE FINAL PLAN

What: Plymouth-Canton Board of Education meetings

When: 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 10, and Tuesday, Nov. 11

Where: Both meetings in the Plymouth High School cafeteria

Why: The boundary steering committee presents its final elementary and middle school recommendations Monday; the Board of Education is scheduled to vote on them Tuesday.

students would move as a whole to Discovery Middle School, rather than being split between the new school and Discovery Middle School. This option also adds a piece of Workman to the new middle school and creates an additional elementary school split (Workman under Option 1 would move entirely to Pioneer).

» Option 3 – The biggest change comes with the move of the middle school TAG program from East to Pioneer. Option 3 also creates splits in seven elementary schools (meaning kids from those seven schools would be split between two middle schools). That's one more than in Option 1.

Option 3 also changes the middle school destination for students at six elementaries (Dodson, Eriksson, Farrand, Miller, Tonda and Workman).

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"They ask really intelligent questions. I love it when that happens."

Cast members are finding individual challenges with their roles. Annie Courtney, a Canton High School sophomore last on stage in *West Side Story*, plays Rose.

Fourth wall

"She's very childlike," Courtney said. "She's very blunt about everything. The way she says things makes it funny."

Canton High School senior Alexa Rumohr plays Agnes Mundy, who knits with Rose to make a little extra money. Rumohr said playing the somewhat annoying Agnes is a bit of a challenge.

"She's supposed to be very distant and detached," said Rumohr, in her fifth production with the Park Players. "I'm a people person, so that's hard to play."

Justin Muse, a sophomore at Salem High School, plays the key role – the adult Michael (he also voices the 7-year-old Michael, who doesn't actually appear in the play).

Muse, whose first role came in *West Side Story*, said he likes being able to "make up his story" as the play moves along, since Michael doesn't have an actual storyline in the play.

"I know things the sister don't know because it hasn't happened to them yet," Muse said. "I like breaking that 'fourth wall' and talking to the audience."

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Former Allen Elementary School PTO President Mike Fisher and other parents are concerned about the makeup of the district's boundary steering committee.

Parents question makeup of boundary committee

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

Of the 15 members on Plymouth-Canton's boundary steering committee, only one is from the eastern side of the district.

The only elementary school proposed by the committee to be closed is also on the eastern side of the district.

And the parents at that school, Allen Elementary School on Haggerty in Plymouth Township, don't think that's a coincidence. In fact, it's a question former Allen PTO President Mike Fisher has brought up at recent meetings.

"What concerns us is how decisions can be made regarding the future of the entire district when the entire district is not represented on the steering committee," Fisher said.

But Kurt Tyszkiewicz, the district's executive director for staffing, student services and policy who chairs the boundary steering committee, said that's exactly what it is: a coincidence.

Tyszkiewicz, who has been doing this work for at least three years now, said the committee – charged with redistricting school boundaries as the opening of a new middle school in Canton looms – was chosen entirely following district policy.

Board policy, developed and approved in August 2013, dictated the number of members (14-16) and the process for choosing them. According to Tyszkiewicz, information was sent to anyone who expressed interest in applying to serve on the committee.

After receiving applications, 14 members were "picked at random," Tyszkiewicz said. Only one – East Middle School teacher Cathy McDonald – is from a building or neighborhood east of Plymouth's Main Street.

Fisher believes the makeup of the committee is influencing the decisions it's making. For instance, he said, board Trustee Mark Horvath asked to see what other options were considered and the financial data

that accompanied the decision. According to Fisher, those were never presented.

However, he noted, when "a couple of (middle school) areas complain, two days later we have additional options."

"What the parents of Allen want is answers," Fisher said. "We have asked questions at board meetings, community forums, through the district website and at our PTO meeting and have yet to receive any answers. It leads me to believe that there were no other options considered. And if there were, why won't the district release this information?"

Tyszkiewicz said – and has explained at community forums and board meetings – other options were considered, but that Allen kept floating to the top of the priority list the committee was using.

"We looked at the data, analyzed it and made the best recommendation we could," Tyszkiewicz said.

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Art auction will help raise funds for children's camp

An Arts, Beats and Eats-style fundraiser and art auction will be held Friday, Nov. 14, in Westland to help create a camp in Michigan for children with cancer.

Doors will open at 6 p.m. at Joy Manor, 28999 Joy, east of Middlebelt, in Westland, for the event that includes the art auction starting at 7 p.m., music by two bands, including the Harrison Project, until midnight and a chili cook-off with the winner announced at 9 p.m.

There is no cover charge for the event,

which runs through midnight. There will be a cash bar; however, the chili will be free. Contestants are still being accepted for the chili cook-off.

The art auction will feature glass art, wood, vintage, pottery, paintings and much more and all proceeds from the art auction will go toward creating the children's camp in the state, according to organizer Lisa Keck-Kujawa.

"We have so much awesome art available for auction – national artists, local artists,

pottery, glass, air brushing, unique items, antiques and vintage," Keck-Kujawa said. "If you would like to create or hand make anything and donate it, please contact me."

Keck-Kujawa can be reached at 313-363-8610.

People interested in making donation to the camp can go online to www.gofundme.com/goldenkeyshoretoshore or mail them to Keck-Kujawa at 21660 Hunter Circle North, Taylor, MI 48180.

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Park radio station hosts annual on-air pledge drive

Radio station WSDP-FM (88.1), known as The Park, will host the Thanks for Giving Pledge Drive Nov. 10-15 to provide listeners, alumni and friends of the station the chance to show their support for student radio that is focused on Plymouth and Canton.

"We have an incredible opportunity to serve the community by providing our listeners with Plymouth and Canton's hit music," said Annie Wellman, program director. "The station offers so much more by providing local news, high school sports, broadcasts from local events, Plymouth Whalers hockey and announcements about local nonprofits."

The station is committed to providing radio powered by students. In addition to serving the community, 88.1 The Park is focused on investing in



88.1 The Park staffers Amanda Barberena and Allison Del Proposto at downtown Plymouth's Music in the Air concert series.

the lives of young people through broadcast and business training, providing students with a place to connect on a large campus and by giving students a chance to serve

their community.

"If it is preparing somebody for a life's work, they're doing it at WSDP and I'm a living example of it," said Dave Snyder, 1983 Plymouth-

Canton graduate and now an anchor for WCJB-TV in Gainesville, Fla. "Scores of people graduated from WSDP and used that as a launching pad for life."

During the six-day pledge drive, listeners will be encouraged to make a pledge of financial support for 88.1 The Park. In addition to pledges, credit card donations can be made through the website, www.881ThePark.com. Look for the DONATE NOW link on the left side of the page. Donors can choose WSDP when they are asked to select a fund.

Throughout the week, the station will have special guests stopping in to help the students with the pledge drive. Those guests will include station alums, friends from area nonprofit groups, teachers and listeners.

"We're asking people to invest in 88.1, but in reality their gifts directly touch the community through programming focused on Plymouth and Canton and the impact on students' lives," said Bill Keith, station manager.

The station's success at serving the community has been noticed. This year, the station was a finalist for the National Association of Broadcasters Marconi Radio Award for Non Commercial Station of the Year. This recognition placed the station among the best professional and college stations in the country. The station's entry focused on the staff's commitment to serving Plymouth and Canton.

88.1 The Park is owned and operated by the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools. The station has been on the air since Feb. 14, 1972.

Local wheelchair players roll in PCA basketball classic

When two wheelchair basketball teams took the floor at Plymouth Christian Academy recently, the game had a very local flavor.

The youth wheelchair basketball doubleheader featured the Michigan Rollin' Pistons vs. the Cleveland Cavaliers. PCA's own Alcides Postma, an eighth-grader, is playing his fifth season for the Michigan Rollin' Pistons.

Other Plymouth and Canton players on the Michigan Rollin' Pistons team include Jonathan Suszkiewitz, Peyton Domzalski and John McSween.

The teams had the honor of meeting former Detroit Pistons player Earl Cureton, a two-time NBA champion, who came out for the ceremonial tip. Cureton played 12 seasons in the NBA, including for the Pistons from 1983-86.

The Michigan Rollin' Pistons is a competitive wheelchair basketball team composed of players ages 7-18 playing in two age divisions,

varsity (13 and over) and prep (under 13).

Because of the limited number of athletes with disabilities locally, the team travels throughout the Midwest to compete at tournaments. The team is part of the National Wheelchair Basketball Association, which hosts a national tournament in April every year in a different city.

Their most recent tournament took place in Louisville, Ky., where more than 50 youth and adult teams from all over the U.S. competed for national honors.

The Michigan Rollin' Pistons varsity team finished fourth and 13th in the nation in the 2009-10 and 2010-11 seasons, respectively. In 2013-14, their prep team finished sixth in the U.S.

Athletes who play for the Michigan Rollin' Pistons are unable to participate in most local programs or any of their school sports teams. Organizers point out that adaptive



sports programs allow these athletes to experience the same benefits as their able-bodied peers and to meet and learn from others with the same abilities.

Wheelchair basketball players have the opportunity to play beyond high school, as there are nine colleges in the United States that have wheel-

chair basketball teams and several offer athletic scholarships.

In fact, a former Michigan Rollin' Pistons player and Canton native, Correy Rossi, went on scholarship to the University of Illinois and is currently on the Pre-Olympic U.S. National Under 23-team. One of the coaches, Tom Col-

well, was an assistant coach for the 2012 U.S. Men's Paralympics Team that won a bronze medal in London, England.

For more information about the Michigan Rollin' Pistons, visit their Facebook page or contact team manager Mark Postma at markpostma@yahoo.com.

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Plymouth Elks host veterans for steak luncheon

Veterans from area Veterans Affairs hospitals and a shelter for homeless veterans visited Plymouth Elks Lodge 1780 on Thursday for a steak luncheon.

The luncheon, just ahead of Veterans Day, which is Tuesday, is designed to honor the veterans' service and show support for them during difficult times.

There were about 80 veterans attending, including four former prisoners of war from World War II and the Korean War.

The Elks Club, which hosts the luncheon twice a year, was assisted in serving by members of the Knights of Columbus



Volunteers served veterans Thursday. The Plymouth Elks Lodge 1780 hosts a steak lunch for veterans twice a year.

council in Plymouth. The event featured live music, including patriotic favorites, by

Fred Conn. The luncheons are one of several regular social programs for veterans

that are organized by the Elks.

"The Elks work with those who are wounded in mind, body and spirit and we do not leave our wounded behind," said Stewart Israel, chairman of the Elks veterans committee.



Musician Fred Conn entertained veterans as they lunched Thursday at the Plymouth Elks Lodge 1780.

Canton Goodfellows' Christmas campaign gets underway

The Canton Goodfellows are teaming with Canton Leisure Services to help make things brighter for needy families in the Canton community during the upcoming holiday season with its "No Child Without a Christmas" campaign.

A holiday food drive will be held 4-9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 21, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 22, and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 23, at Holiday Market, 520 S. Lilley, in Canton.

Suggested non-perishable food items include canned goods, rice, macaroni and cheese, noodles, pasta, soup mixes, coffee, powdered juices, cereal, cookies, crackers, jars of gravy, bread mixes and other dry goods.

"So many families are already struggling to make ends meet throughout the year, so holidays can be an extremely difficult time of the year for them," Recreation Supervisor Jon



Canton Leisure Services and the Canton Goodfellows are partnering to make sure no child goes without a Christmas.

LaFever said. "Any donation and gifts from area residents make a huge difference in bringing joy to their lives during the holidays."

Donations of new and unwrapped toys will also be collected from through Dec. 5 at several Canton Leisure Services locations, including the Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, and the Canton Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center.

Individuals or families who would like to adopt a child or a family this Christmas can contact the Canton Goodfellows at cantongoodfellows@gmail.com.

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Canton's International Festival returns Nov. 15 to the Village Theater.

CANTON LEISURE SERVICES

Canton festival celebrates township's cultural diversity

Audiences will experience music, dance and drama from around the world from 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 15, when Canton's International Festival returns to The Village Theater at Cherry Hill.

This cultural and educational festival will offer participants entertainment and experiences celebrating diverse customs and traditions on the main stage of The Village Theater, 50400 Cherry Hill, Canton.

Celebrate the diversity of the Canton community through song and dance from various cultural groups. Featured dance performances will represent various cultures and countries, including China, India, Ireland, Mexico, New Zealand, Polynesia, Tahiti and the United States.

"Canton's International Festival is fun for the entire family," said Anthony Davis, chairperson of the Canton Commission for Culture, Arts and Heritage. "It is also entertaining, educational and totally enjoy-

able."

Attendees can enjoy performances by Cherry Blossom – Bin Wu; Bollywood Fusion Dance with choreography by May Kulkarni; Little Chinese Angels from An Hua Chinese School; the Tim O'Hare School of Traditional Irish Dance; Greater Detroit Chinese Dance and Ballet; Joyas de Mexico Ballet under the direction of Lily Del Real; the Spring Group; Asian Indian Dance Group of Canton with choreography by Parul Shah; Canton-Plymouth Chinese Learning Center; and Julzie Gravel.

Also included in the lineup are performances by Triple Threat Dance & Theater Co.; New Century Chinese School Choir; Sunshine Children's Choir; Hoaloha Polynesian, New Zealand and Tahitian Dances; Natya Tarangini Kuchipudi Academy of Canton, under the artistic direction of Sailaja Pulella; Steppers, Mimes, Praise Dancer of New Hope Baptist Church of Wayne; sitar performance by Charvik Vai-

nav and Naveen Jackson featuring students of Manjula Vermam accompanied by Rohan Vaishnav on tabla; the Life Mantra Academy with choreography by Forum Vyas; Yangtze Melody Group with Hua Ching Northville Dance Group; and the Troy Chinese Folk Dance Group.

Numerous cultural exhibits will be featured in the lobby and cultural items from around the world will be available for purchase during the event. Enjoy an International Sweets Table where small snacks and desserts from various countries can also be purchased.

Tickets are just \$2 at the door. This event is presented by the all-volunteer Multicultural Committee of the Canton Commission for Culture, Arts and Heritage. This program is sponsored in part by a grant from the Community Financial "Summer of Sharing" program.

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PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY CALENDAR

NEW SCHOOL MEETINGS

Dates/Times/Locations:

» Thursday, Nov. 13, at the Canton Public Library, 1200 N. Canton Center, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

» Sunday, Nov. 23, at the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main, 1-3 p.m.

» Monday, Dec. 1, at the Plymouth Township offices, 9955 N. Haggerty, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Details: New School High, a community-based, teacher-led, self-managed, tuition-free public school academy opening in Plymouth in fall 2015, is hosting informational meetings. Interested families may also visit the website at newschool-high.org or the New School High Facebook page.

Contact: School leader Cyndi Burnstein at cburnstein@newschoolhigh.org.

HEISE HOURS

Date: Monday, Nov. 10

Times/Locations: 10-11 a.m., Parthenon Coney Island, 39910 Ford Road, Canton; noon to 1 p.m., Northville District Library, 212 W. Cady, Northville; 3-4 p.m., Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main in Plymouth.

Details: State Rep. Kurt Heise invites local residents to meet with him to share their perspectives and ask questions. Heise is also available to meet with constituents by appointment either in the district or at his Lansing office.

Contact: Residents are invited to call toll free 1-855-REP-KURT or e-mail kurtheise@house.mi.gov to schedule an appointment.

BLUES @ THE ELKS

Date/Time: Tuesday, Nov. 11, 7-10 p.m.

Location: Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge 325, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth

Details: Blues @ The Elks happens on the second Tuesday of the month. There is a \$5 donation at the door. This event features The Bluescasters from Ann Arbor, with Harry Rodman on drums and vocals, Phil Ryski on guitar, keys and vocals, Kerry Adams on guitar and vocals and Doug Wolgat on Bass and vocals.

Contact: For more information, please call 734-453-1780 or visit www.plymouthannarbor-elks325.com or email jazzat-theelks@gmail.com.

TOASTMASTER ANNIVERSARY

Date/Time: Monday, Nov. 17, 6:45 p.m.



BLUES @ THE ELKS

The Bluescasters perform Nov. 11 at the Blues @ the Elks event.

Location: St. Kenneth Church Conference Center, 14805 Haggerty, Plymouth

Details: The public is invited to attend a 60th anniversary party hosted by members of the Motor City Speak Easy Toastmasters Club. The free event will feature a brief history of the club, "Flashback," presented by Allen Moore, a 31-year member, and a keynote address "Toastmasters Drives Me" by Liz Cezat, a seven-year member. There will be prizes, refreshments and networking. Guests can take part in a public-speaking exercise known as table topics.

Contact: For more information, visit the website mcspeakeasy-toastmastersclubs.org. For questions, call 734-604-2910 or 734-454-1778.

LUNCH AND LEARN

Date/Time: Wednesday, Nov. 12, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Location: Hilton Garden Inn, 14600 N. Sheldon, Plymouth

Details: Hug Center for Hearing is sponsoring a special event to introduce the new Lyric hearing aid, which is the world's first extended-wear hearing device and is invisible from all angles. The event is an informational

session with a complimentary lunch.

Contact: Call 734-451-0800 for more information or to register for the event.

JAZZ @ THE ELKS

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

Location: Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge 325, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth

Details: Jazz @ The Elks happens the last Tuesday of each month. There is a \$10 donation at the door, which includes hors d'oeuvres. This event features Ann Arbor's Paul VornHagen Quartet with Paul on sax and flute, Chuck Shermetaro on keyboard, Pete Siers on drums and Kurt Krahnke on bass.

Contact: For more information, call 734-453-1780 or visit www.plymouthannarbor-elks325.com or email jazzat-theelks@gmail.com.

GOODFELLOWS BENEFIT

Date/Time: Saturday, Nov. 15, 7-9:30 p.m.

Location: Joanne Winkelman Center for the Arts, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth

Details: The BaseLine Folk

Society presents a benefit concert for the Plymouth Goodfellows. There are 10 open-mic spots available for performers to do two songs, original or cover. The featured group for the evening is The Folk Laureates, who have been together four years and present a fresh venue of new music. Host is BaseLine board member, singer and songwriter Juulie Bengtsson.

Contact: Scott Ludwig, president of BaseLine Folk Society, by email at scdludwig@aol.com or 734-453-0869.

BUSINESS PANEL

Date/Time: Wednesday, Nov. 12, 7 p.m.

Location: Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main, Plymouth

Details: The Plymouth District Library presents "Top Mistakes Business Owners Make - Solutions for you and your business." Is there a business strategy you've overlooked? As a business owner, you've had to work hard to build your business and work hard to maintain it. To assist you, this workshop features a panel of local professionals to answer your questions. The workshop features Richard C. Nash, CPA, LIC, business

insurance; David J. R. Waymann, business coach and adviser; Paula C. Swain, CFP, financial consultant; Wendell Brandt, M&A adviser; John T. Carter, business attorney; Shannon T. Maloney, retirement plan specialist; and Ted Maitland, employee benefits, on the Affordable Care Act.

Contact: Register for this free program by contacting the library at 734-453-0750, ext. 4, or online at plymouthlibrary.org

HOPE FOR HOLIDAYS

Date/Time: Thursday, Nov. 13, 7-8:30 p.m.

Location: Compassionate Care Hospice, 5730 N. Lilley, Canton

Details: Compassionate Care Hospice will be conducting "Hope for the Holidays," during which participants will learn helpful coping strategies for the upcoming holidays, as well as special ways to honor the memory of their loved one.

Contact: To register, contact Ann Christensen, bereavement coordinator, at 888-983-9050. There is no charge for this event.

THANKSGIVING CONCERT

Date/Time: Sunday, Nov. 23, 4

p.m.

Location: First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial, Plymouth

Details: More than 100 voices will join in celebrating Thanksgiving with a music festival featuring choral anthems accompanied by hand bells, organ and piano, as well as audience sing-along of familiar Thanksgiving hymns. The combined adult choirs of Plymouth churches will present a Thanksgiving Choir Festival. Admission is free; an offering will be received to benefit the Salvation Army.

Contact: For more information, call 734-453-5280.

ANNUAL WCGH REUNION

Date/Time: Tuesday, Dec. 9, 5:30-8:30 p.m.

Location: Hibachi Grill Supreme Buffet, 6539 North Wayne Road, Westland

Details: The 30th annual Wayne County General Hospital employees holiday reunion will be held in the party room of the Hibachi Grill Supreme. There is a large choice of food selections and a senior discount. All retirees and former employees are invited to attend. No reservations are needed. You can pay at the door.

Contact: For questions, call the restaurant at 734-729-5688.

UNITED WAY VOLUNTEERS

Date/Time: Saturday, Nov. 15, 7:30 a.m.

Location: Plymouth and Canton areas; check-in at Plymouth First United Methodist Church

Details: Plymouth Community United Way still needs volunteers to clean yards and do light chores in Plymouth and Plymouth and Canton townships. The deadline to register has been extended to Thursday, Nov. 13. Volunteers will meet on the day of the event at Plymouth First United Methodist Church for a continental breakfast and instructions for making a difference by helping a senior citizen or person with a disability. Volunteers are asked to bring rakes, garden tools and gloves, and have their own transportation to travel between homes. PCUW will supply the yard waste bags which will be distributed at the church. All ages are welcome, but those under 18 need to be accompanied by an adult.

Contact: To volunteer, call Randi Williams at 734-453-6879, ext. 7, or email randi.williams@pcuw.org.

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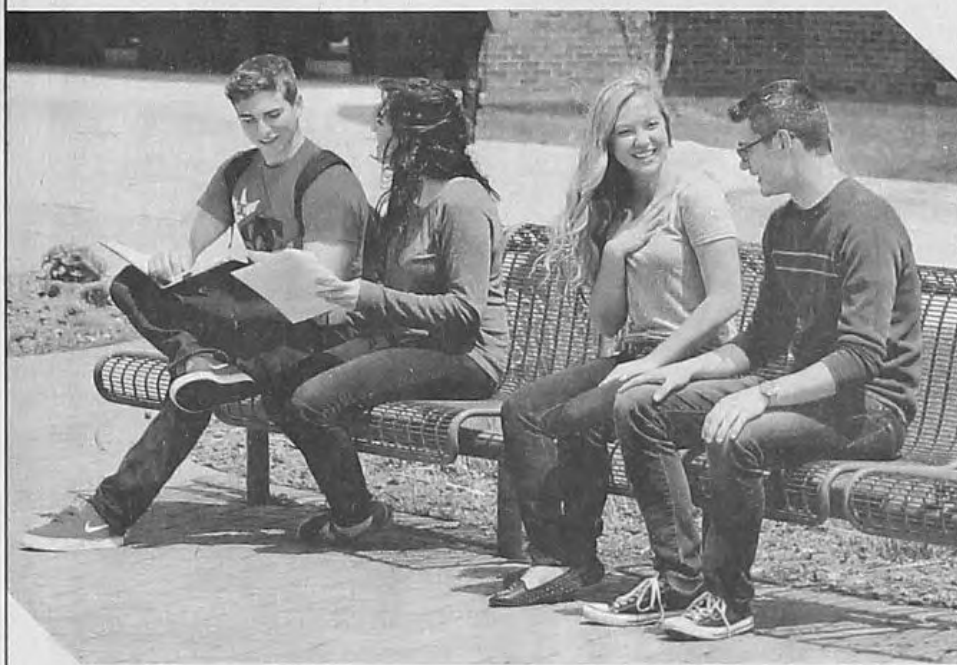
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It's not so sleepy in Glenn's 'Two Heads' production

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

It's not quite the *Legend of Sleepy Hollow* we all know. Certainly, *Two Heads Are Better Than One* includes a Headless Horseman, but this guy has a girlfriend who's also missing her head.

Toss in an eccentric movie director, a family that's skeptical about his slightly warped version of the *Legend of Sleepy Hollow*, a pompous mayor who's against the movie entirely and the SOBS — that's the Save Our Bridges Society — which shows up to block the movie from filming and it's up to Jim and Ginny Lawrence and their two teenage daughters to prove that "two heads are better than one."

The play is being performed at John Glenn High School at 7 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, Nov. 13-15.

"It's a fast-paced farce that's loosely tied to the *Legend of Sleepy Hollow*, but everything is crazy, including the Headless Horseman," said Kevin Gidley, who is directing the play with Belinda Walakonis-Semak and Steven Goldberg.

Gidley had actually selected the same play Wayne Memorial High School will be presenting next week, *Murder's in the Heir*, but switched to *Two Heads*.

"It sounded good and a lot of fun," he said. "It seemed like a good fit for the potential cast. This is the first time we've done a modern written show that's set in the past. This is here, today."

Getting ready

Twenty students are appearing in the production. Some are "absolutely brand new" to the theater program at the high school. Auditions

IT'S SHOWTIME

What: *Two Heads Are Better Than One*
When: 7 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, Nov. 13-15
Where: John Glenn High School, 36105 Marquette, Westland
Tickets: \$7 for adults and \$5 for students at the door

were the last week in September and the cast has been rehearsing ever since.

At one point in the play, all 20 cast members are on stage and the directors are working on blocking so everyone gets seen.

"We have a small stage, so we have to use blocking to find a place where we can see all of them," he said. "At this point, after they say their lines, they'll move to a point where they fade into the business of the stage."

Seniors Kevin Booth and Megan Gratwick play directors on stage and are serving as assistant directors off stage. Booth plays the eccentric director, Max Mercedes, a role he wanted.

"I read the character description; he's flamboyant and bombastic," Booth said. "I read that and I wanted that role."

This is his first time as an assistant director, a role he also sought out.

"My first show was *Happy Days* two years ago; I saw what the assistant directors were doing and it made me strive to do that," he said. "I want to be at the top of my game and it gave me something to strive for."

'Wonderful experience'

Booth works backstage, helping out where



The cast of "Two Heads Are Better Than One" includes Kevin Booth, Trish Marko, Morgan Gratwick, Tony Quillen, AveMaria Awosika, Korey Corona and Summer Warren.

he can. He tries to help fellow cast members with their lines and runs and gets costumes.

"It's an absolutely wonderful experience," he said.

Gratwick plays Beth Jeffers, Mercedes' assistant, who deals with his mood swings, a party-minded crew, outraged hotel manager, egotistical star and a would-be boyfriend.

"I identified the most with this role," she said of being Beth Jacobs. "Out of all of them, I felt I could do the best with this one. As a person, she doesn't seem that extreme. We're definitely similar and I can pull from that."

Gratwick is on the stage for most of the play and when she's not there,



Bill Bresler | Staff Photographer
Ginny Lawrence (Summer Warren) and Jim Lawrence (Korey Corona) are irked by their nosy neighbor, Hannah Millways (Asha Smith), in a scene from "Two Heads Are Better Than One."

she's helping build the characters. She started in the theatrical productions as a sophomore and

this is her second stint as an assistant director. The first time was with *Totally Awesome '80s*.

"I love it," she said. "It's a great feeling helping people, helping mold the show. You start with a blank slate and build it from there. It's really great to see my peers achieve. It's great to all work together."

The production is moving into dress rehearsals this week and will kick off the performances with a matinee Wednesday for seniors from the Dyer Center and students in the TAG program at Marshall Upper Elementary.

Evening performances will be at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$5 for students and are available at the door.

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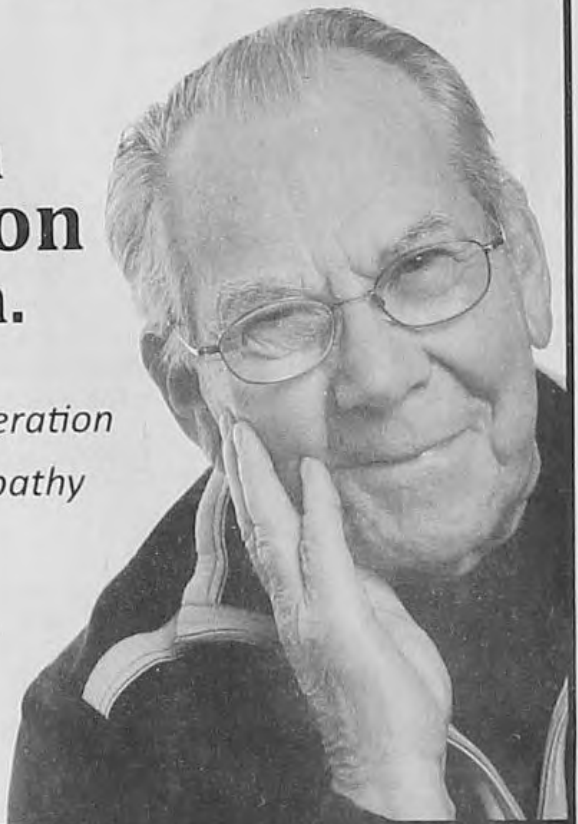
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Yankee Air Museum finally gets its piece of history

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

There was formality in the signing of the documents, but once done, Ray Hunter, chairman of the Yankee Air Museum, was like a kid on Christmas Day. Holding the purchase agreement in the air, he said to the invited guests at the historic signing, "Let's go see what we bought."

Held in Hangar 1 at Willow Run Airport, the ceremony was the culmination of a dream hatched three years ago by Dennis Norton, a founder of the museum and president of the Michigan Aeronautics Foundation, and the start of phase two of Save the Bomber Plant — fundraising to transform it into the National Museum of Aviation and Technology at Historic Willow Run.

"Just in case you're wondering, the bomber plant is ours," Hunter said. "This is a new milestone for the Yankee Air Museum. The only thing left standing is the home of the new museum. I want to thank RACER, the Wayne County Airport Authority, Ypsilanti and Van Buren Township in helping us preserve our past and build our future."

Norton persisted in convincing Trustee Elliott Laws that RACER Trust should sell the museum a 175,000-square-foot portion of the former Willow Run Bomber Plant. Laws eventually agreed and the museum launched an \$8 million fundraising campaign that reached its goal with a last-minute push over the top by the state of Michigan.

"It's a dream come true for me and for everyone in the room," Norton said. "It's been a fantastic volunteer effort and it has been a very difficult, tear your hair project."

State assistance

Among those who watched the ceremony was state Sen. Patrick Colbeck, who worked with his colleagues in the state Legislature to include a \$1.5 million line item in the state budget to support acquisition of the bomber plant. With three-quarters of the money raised by volunteers, it made it easy to "rook the senators into going for it," Colbeck said.

"This is an awesome day," said Colbeck, who presented an oversized check numbered 8685, representing the number of B-24 Liberator bomb-

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DENNIS NORTON
president of the Michigan Aeronautics Foundation

ers that were built at the plant during World War II. "I've always been excited about what's happening here."

Colbeck, along with state Sen. John Pappageorge and state Rep. Earl Poleski, helped get the funding through both houses.

"We made it clear this would benefit everybody in the state and fit in with the push for STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) education," Colbeck said. "This was the right thing to do. I'm keen on seeing the kids excited in a few years. It made it easy that it was a professional organization and we were doing it for the right reason."

An aeronautical engineer, Colbeck got another ride in the B-17 bomber as part of the inauguration of a new runway at Willow Run Airport. The Yankee Lady was the first plane to take off on runway 5R23L on its final flight of the season.

The signing came just over a year after museum officials raised the doors and invited the public in to see what it hoped to buy. With the help of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, the environmental concerns have been remediated and now work can begin on enclosing what was the end of the assembly line for the bomber and transforming it into a museum.

Still Yankee Museum

According to Kevin Walsh, the museum's executive director, the Yankee name will continue until the new museum opens. And the planes bearing Yankee names will retain those names.

"When it started in 1981, the Yankee Air Museum name fit the museum, it was reflective of what the museum was about and what it did," Walsh said. "The museum has outgrown its name. It is no longer reflective of what this historical and education



Ray Hunter, chair of the Yankee Air Museum Board of Directors (left), and Elliott Laws of RACER Trust sign the purchase agreements for the Willow Run Bomber Plant.

institution really is.

"The museum has become so much more and the name no longer reflects what we're doing. We made sure the new name embodied what we're doing and that it refers to the bomber plant. The Yankee Air Museum as it currently exists will continue for years until we move into the new building."

For phase two, the focus will be on fundraising and raising national awareness of the new museum. Story lines have been developed, focusing on Willow Run and the Arsenal of Democracy, aviation heritage and science and technology.

Plans are to move into the building in summer 2017. For now, the new name will be used for fundraising to create the museum's facilities and exhibits through the Save the Bomber Plant campaign.

Another \$5 million is needed and the story lines will be used as avenues of fundraising, according to Norton.

"Save the Bomber Plant phase two kicks off today," Norton said. "The next \$5 million starts today."

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Bill Tonnah of Westland (from left), with the Yankee Air Museum, talks with Tom Carroll of Whitmore Lake and Katrina Stack of Garden City at Willow Run Airport.

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Families find winter apparel at clothing distribution



THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS
A church representative talks with a woman who had come to get winter clothing.

Four local congregations, 48,000 pounds of clothing and hundreds of volunteers came together to distribute winter clothing to thousands of attendees Oct. 24-25 at an event hosted by The Church of Jesus-Christ of Latter-day Saints.

The project began in 2010 in Farmington Hills, then expanded to Roseville, Southfield and Dearborn.

The clothing came from Deseret Industries, a thrift store owned by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Currently there are no Deseret Industry stores in Michigan, but a truckload coming from Utah arrived in south-east Michigan last week to deliver clothing at four local chapels of the church.

The clothing arrived in 100- to 200-pound bales, which required a crew of 10 men to un-

load. Members of the Dearborn Ward, a congregation of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, gathered to help unload the bales, sort and fold the clothing and prepare the building for distribution event.

Mandee Ordaz of Livonia, Alice Edwards of Canton and Joe Zelinski of Northville were some of the organizing committee volunteers stationed at the Dearborn chapel.

Line of people

"By the time we opened our doors at 9 a.m., the chapel was full and there was a line of people that wrapped around the building," said Ordaz, media specialist for the Westland Stake of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Members of local congregations and full-time missionaries for The Church of Jesus-Christ of Latter-day Saints worked all morning to keep the crowd flowing in an orderly manner as well as to keep the clothing stocked. However, due to a high demand, a few attendees waited up to



THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS
Volunteers unpack the bales of clothing sent from Deseret Industry stores in Utah for distribution in Michigan.

two hours before being served.

Attendees were offered clothing, coats, boots and a blanket. Some recipients drove long distances to receive clothing, while others used public transportation, taxis, social workers and agency vans to get there.

"It was humbling to see the faces of so many who had taken great efforts to arrive and were willing to wait patiently for up to two hours in hopes of finding used clothing for their families," Ordaz said. "We are thankful for the opportunity to help our community. There is nothing as fulfilling as serving as Christ would."

Prior to the event, committee members distributed 2,000 vouchers to local community agencies to distribute to their clients. No client information was gathered; agencies used their discretion to distribute the vouchers.



THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS
Some people waited in line up to two hours to receive the free winter clothing.

Vouchers given out

Vouchers were required for admission Oct. 24, but the event was open to the public Oct. 25.

"Next year, we may put different starting times on the vouchers to avoid the Friday morn-

ing rush," said Edwards, who volunteered her time to print and distribute all 2,000 vouchers.

By 1 p.m. Oct. 24, the crowds had thinned out and a fresh group of volunteers arrived to finish re-stocking for the afternoon and Saturday crowd.

"On Friday morning, the rule was one pair of

boots and one coat per family member, but by Friday afternoon and Saturday, we wanted all of the clothing to be taken," said Zelinski, Dearborn project coordinator. "What was left by Saturday at 1 p.m. was bagged up and donated to the Salvation Army."

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The Charter Township of Plymouth Board of Trustees will hold a public hearing on the proposed township budget for the fiscal year of 2015 on November 18, 2014 at 7:00 PM at the Charter Township of Plymouth offices located at 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, MI 48170. A copy of the budget is available for public inspection at the above address in the Clerk's Office week days from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

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Moreover, slippers can be dangerous indoors. Particularly going down stairs, the slipped foot too often slides, not steps, and a tumble follows. Prudence dictates that if one wears slippers down a stairs, at least one hand grasps a banister.

Slippers cannot take all the blame. In going up stairs or climbing basement steps or walking up a front porch, falls occur not because of faulty footwear but as the result of a shuffling gait. Legs need to be strong enough to step, not trudge or shuffle. In a patient free of stroke or nerve damage, weak legs reflect lack of exercise.

Avoiding falls requires older persons to provide themselves with good equipment: shoes, banisters, adequate light and in winter, gloves to grasp railings and canes. But the person must not forget personal effort: exercise and activity every day.

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Fireworks filled the sky as cars began to move along Hines Drive through the 2013 Lightfest. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Wayne County kicks off holiday season with annual Lightfest 8K

Participants in the annual Wayne County Lightfest 8K Fun Run/Walk on Tuesday, Nov. 18, and Bike through the Lights on Wednesday, Nov. 19, will be among the first to view more than 55 lighted, animated holiday displays that have been converted to LED lights.

"This is a great opportunity to enjoy Hines Drive and Lightfest at your own pace with no vehicle traffic," Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano said. "I encourage the public to experience these wonderful activities and all of our great family-oriented events offered by Wayne County Parks."

The cost to register for the Lightfest 8K Fun Run/Walk and Bike through Lights is \$20 until noon Monday, Nov. 17. After Nov. 17, late registrants will pay \$25. Those high school age and younger will pay \$12 for each event regardless of when they sign

up. Both events take place in Hines Park-Merriman Hollow area, located at Merriman Road and Hines Drive in Westland. Long sleeve T-shirts and a glow-in-the-dark item will be distributed upon check-in and post race food will be available for all participants.

This year marks 21 years of the annual Wayne County Lightfest, the largest and oldest holiday light show in the Midwest. The Wayne County Lightfest encompasses more than four miles of Hines Drive. Annual visits to Lightfest exceed 250,000. Several new displays have been added this year, including a 40- by 40-foot abominable snowman with an 18-foot tall tree and a 15-foot by 15-foot woolly mammoth.

Wayne County Parks will host its Lightfest Grand Opening at 6 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 20, at the Hines Park-Merriman Hollow area. The open-

ing will feature music, entertainment, refreshments and a fireworks show for the public.

Open through Dec. 31, Lightfest hours of operation are 7-10 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 6-10 p.m. Friday through Sunday. Lightfest is closed Christmas Day, Dec. 25.

Wayne County Lightfest sponsors include Friends of Wayne County Parks, DTE Energy, ITC Holdings, Michigan Regional Council of Carpenters, Zeal Credit Union, Entertainment Express Limousines, McDonald Modular Solutions, Inc., Beatthetrain.com and Motor City Mountain Biking Association.

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Schoolcraft College incumbents re-elected for another six years

By Karen Smith
Staff Writer

The three incumbents on the Schoolcraft College board will serve another six years.

Joan Gebhardt, Terry Gilligan and Brian D. Broderick were re-elected Tuesday, beating out challengers Robert Breslin and Howard Raymond Petty. The unofficial vote tallies were: Gebhardt, 33,988; Gilligan, 31,251; Broderick, 28,445; Breslin, 24,187 and Petty, 14,082.

Breslin, 74, the challenger with the highest number of votes, said he won't run again because of his age. "It was fun," he said. "I thought I had a decent chance."

He said he thinks many voters relied on newspaper and Michi-



Broderick



Gebhardt



Gilligan

gan Education Association endorsements in making their decisions because they don't know the candidates. He said he got into the race when he thought Broderick, who has served on the board since 1995, wasn't going to run again.

Breslin ran on a platform of not raising tuition. "I believe Schoolcraft has lost sight of its students," he said, adding he opposed the board's decision to raise

tuition this year by an amount he said equated to 3 percent. "I think the Schoolcraft growth is great, but it shouldn't be on the back of student tuition."

Broderick said he is happy to have been re-elected. "I would like to thank all of my family and friends who helped with the campaign. We have a great board that works well together and I am looking forward to serving for the next six years."



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FOOTBALL DISTRICT FINAL

Chiefs' machine crushes Churchill

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Like a well-oiled machine, the Canton Chiefs came out clicking on every cylinder from the start of Friday's Division 1 football district final against Livonia Churchill.

The first eight times the Chiefs had the football, they scored touchdowns.

Add to the mix 637 yards rushing — with 5-6 sophomore Marcus Sanders racking up 363 yards on 27 carries and three touchdowns — and there was really nothing the Chargers could do to stem the tide.

Canton (9-2) rolled to a 56-21 win and advanced to Friday's regional final against either Saline or Monroe.

"We're excited just to be practicing and to keep playing," said Canton head coach Tim Baechler, whose team won a district for the first time since 2009.

"Whoever we play next week, we're going to be jacked to play.

"We're still not great. Because of the injuries, we still have not peaked yet as a full football team. Hopefully we do, but it's starting to happen at the right time."

Baechler prepped his squad to come out hard against Churchill, remembering the tussle the KLAA South rivals had Oct. 3 (a grueling 40-35 Canton win).

"We're finally a little healthy up there (offensive line)," Baechler said. "It's the first time we've had the same line healthy for three straight weeks and that's definitely helped us.

"(Churchill is a) great offensive football team. We went in thinking we might have to score every time we get the ball to beat these guys."

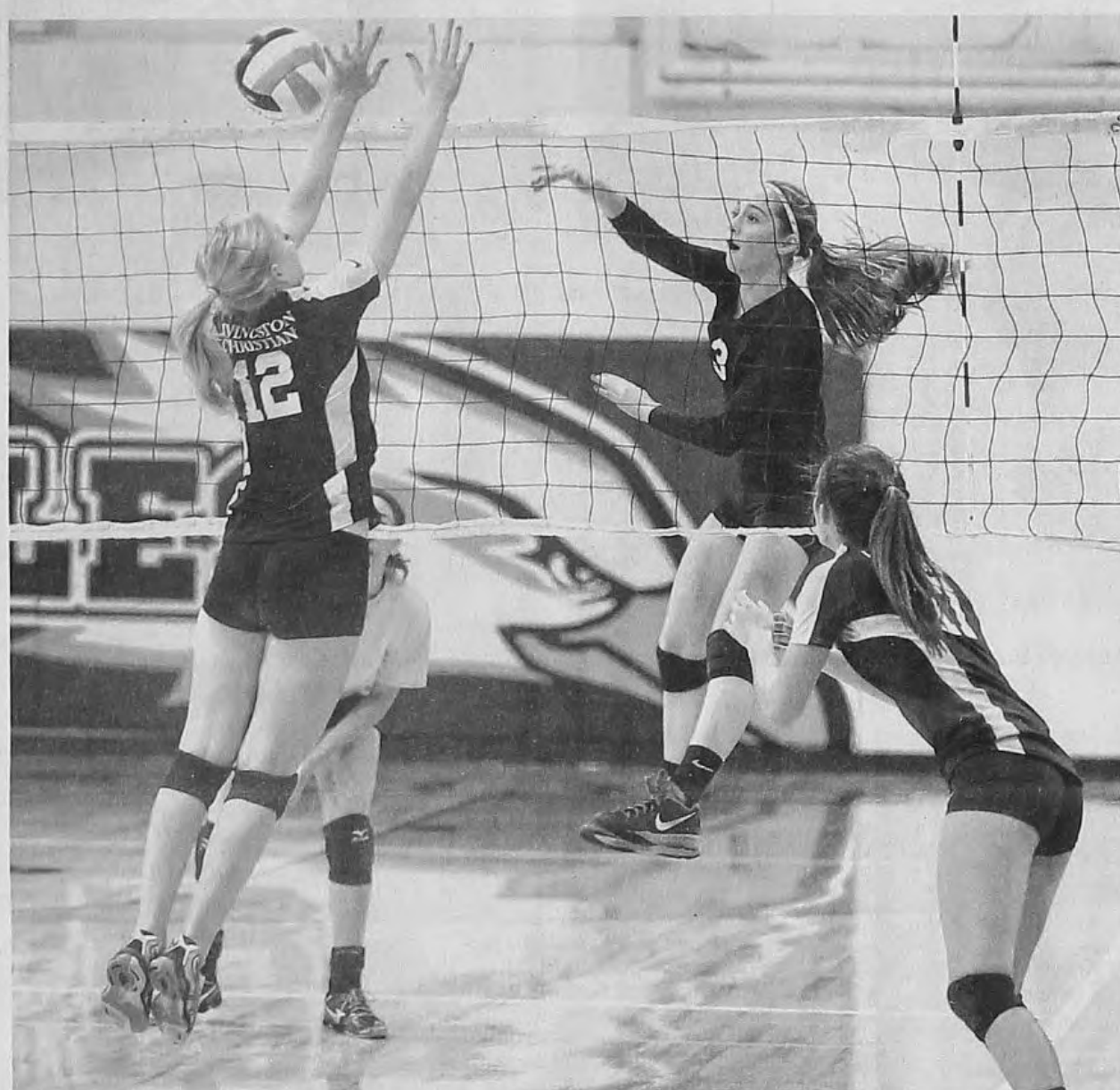
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The Canton Chiefs celebrate after winning 56-21 Friday night over Livonia Churchill to win the Division 1 district championship.

CLASS D VOLLEYBALL DISTRICT FINAL



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Hammering a spike over the outstretched arms of Livingston Christian's Sarah Wenger (No. 12) is PCA's Grace Kellogg (No. 3).

FLYING HIGH

Plymouth Christian spikers hammer Falcons for another Class D district championship

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Opponents are finding out that Plymouth Christian Academy's varsity girls volleyball team means business.

The latest team finding that out was Livingston Christian, walking into the PCA gym for Thursday night's Class D district final and quickly reversing course 75 minutes later after getting pummeled in three games (with the Eagles winning 25-14, 25-11, 25-17).

"We wanted to prove a point,

we want to prove a point every time we go out and play," said Eagles head coach Katie Decker, shortly after the trophy presentation. "We want to show something. We pushed down on the gas and we don't let up."

The district title was the second in a row for the Eagles, ranked No. 6 in Class D with a 27-5-2 record. The hot home streak has a chance to continue: PCA is hosting regionals beginning 7 p.m. Tuesday.

Decker said the experience gained last season definitely is a

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JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO
PCA's Jessica Paulson (No. 6) passes the ball to Abby Wyman (No. 12) during Thursday's Class D district final.

CLASS A VOLLEYBALL

Chiefs can't stop Novi

Canton drops district final

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

The Novi girls volleyball team can now breathe a sigh of relief.

The No. 2-ranked Wildcats earned their first trip to the Class A regional since 2010 by capturing the district title Thursday night at home against upset-minded Canton in four sets, 25-11, 25-27, 25-16, 25-12.

Once again it was a group effort as Novi improved to 50-5-1 overall while giving coach Jen Cottrill her first district crown after being knocked out the previous two district tourneys by two-time state semifinalist Northville.

And things almost came too easy at the outset for the Wildcats as freshman setter Erin O'Leary, who wound up with 45 assist-to-kills, six kills, 11 digs and four aces on the night, served up a 12-point run to propel Novi to a 14-3 advantage and ultimately the easy win in the opening set.

"I think the vibe was just really relaxed," Cottrill said of her team's pre-match mood. "In the past we've been really worried about, 'Oh, my God, this could be our last game, this could be it.' This year, we just focused on what we need to do and just really relaxed. Canton looked really nervous in the first set and made a ton of errors, didn't pass well."

But the Chiefs (27-11-4), which knocked off another good Novi team, 3-2, in the 2011 district tournament, perked up during the second set and pulled even at 1-1 thanks to three kills apiece by Emma Clark (including the set-winner) and Sydney Torres.

"I didn't tell them anything really, I just said I was expecting a little bit of a slow start, the nerves," Canton coach Steve Johnson said referring to the break in between the first and second sets. "It's not uncommon, so I wasn't too concerned about it. I said, 'Let's shake this one off and go to the next game.'"

Canton, however, couldn't keep up with the Wildcats over the final two sets as Novi took

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Canton's Hannah Madis tries to sneak a shot past Novi defender Erin O'Leary Thursday night.

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MIDDLE SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL



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Rebecca Przyblo of the Lady Chargers' A team eyes the rim during a recent contest.



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Central Middle School's Lady Chargers combined girls basketball teams went 16-0 for the first time. Both the A team (eighth grade) and B team (seventh grade) posted 8-0 records. Here, both teams pose along with head coach Ryan Ballard and assistant coach Evan Paputa.



MICHAEL VASILNEK

Taking the ball to the basket for Central's B team is Isabelle Plave (No. 21).

PERFECTION!



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The Central Middle School Lady Chargers are all smiles after cutting down the basketball net following the final win of their perfect season.



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Dribbling against West Middle School is Marquette Winston (No. 12) of the Lady Chargers' A team.

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Central Middle School Lady Chargers' teams finish off 16-0 season in winning style

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Teamwork and unity yielded a perfect pay-off for the Central Middle School Lady Chargers' basketball program.

Both the A and B squads — comprised of eighth-graders and seventh-graders, respectively — won every single game in the recently concluded 2014 fall season. It was the first time in school history for that lofty achievement to be reached.

Central teams each went 8-0, winning twice against each of the other four middle school teams in Plymouth-Canton Community Schools. Leading the remarkable feat was head coach Ryan Ballard, along with assistant coach Evan Paputa.

The players wore warmups with "The Charger Way" inscribed on the front as well as practice T-shirts with "Family" on the back.

Members of the A team included Central eighth-graders Hannah Koeser, Mahri Petree, Rebecca Przybylo, Marquette Winston, Rachel Vasilnek, Jenna Ammar and Mary Kliczinski.

On the B team were Central seventh-graders Katarina Josifoski, Madalyn Kalergis, Isabelle Plave, Tamyra Good-



MICHAEL VASILNEK

Katarina Josifoski (No. 13) of the Lady Chargers' B team sends a shot on its way.

win, Sophia Dibbles, Kinka Kimfon and Maura May.

A key to that success, according to a team spokesman, was the way players knew their roles and how to get the most out of them thanks to Ballard's coaching and encouragement.

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plus.

"It helps, you know, when you've done it before," Decker noted. "We have five seniors. So we've got a lot of girls that were on the team last year, they know how to do it.

"They know how to win and they know how to get it done."

The place to be

Hoisting the district trophy during the postgame ceremony were those seniors — Kelsey Williamson, Callie Morby, Raina Postma, Danielle Witkowski and Abby Wyman.

The latter is a first-year PCA player who made quite an impact after relocating from South Carolina last summer.

"This is really great, I'm so glad to be able to play with this great group of girls," Wyman said. "I wouldn't want to be anywhere else right now. We all came together."

Wyman, a front-row presence all night with nine kills, said the team dug down deep for a little extra in order to turn the tables on the Falcons. They had defeated PCA in a regular season match.

"After we had lost to them earlier in the season," Wyman noted, "we just had so much fire to take them down, beat them and win this district. We just want to go all the way."

Just as confident was sophomore outside hitter Olivia Mady, who tallied seven kills and nine digs.

"It feels amazing (to win districts)," Mady said. "From the beginning we knew that we were going to be a strong team and today we really proved it. We came out so intense and aggressive.

"... if we work together and



Plymouth Christian's varsity girls volleyball team happily poses with the Class D district trophy after winning the prize for the second year in a row. The Eagles are coached by DJ Kellogg and Katie Decker (both back row at right).



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The Eagles are in flight, demonstrating their defensive posture during Thursday's district final.

are as aggressive as we played tonight I believe we can make it to states."

Digging it

There were many others who contributed to the impressive victory.

Sophomore libero Divna Roi tallied eight digs while also spearheading a defense that frustrated the Falcons.

"We played some great defense tonight, (we) didn't let things drop," Decker said. "We didn't give up on things. One time we got the ball back over and they had already started cheering thinking they got the point.

"Tough defense definitely keeps you in games."

Setting things up with 16 assists each were Postma and

sophomore Jessica Paulson while sophomore middle hitter Aliyah Pries chipped in with four kills.

Freshman outside hitter Grace Kellogg led the squad with 13 kills and 12 digs. Yet she downplayed her own contributions when asked following the game about the team's potent offense.

"We have Abby, she's really

consistent, she's been doing really, really good," Kellogg said. "And we also have Aliyah (Pries) and Olivia (Mady) and Kelsey (Williamson), we have a lot of hitters.

"They're just all on. We were confident."

Thursday's contest looked pretty much in hand most of the way for PCA, although the Falcons did mount a surge in the middle of Game 2.

Junior Nicole Jusino served up three points to slice PCA's lead to 11-8, at which point Decker called a time out.

On the next serve, Paulson set up Wyman for a slam to get the defensive sideout point (making it 12-8 instead of 11-9).

Punctuation marks

Morby then went off from the service stripe, reeling off nine consecutive points to blow the game open at 21-8.

Wyman and Paulson teamed up to block two of those points while Postma's feed to Kellogg resulted in another spike kill.

In the third game, the Falcons briefly led 2-1.

Then came another superb string of PCA serves by Postma to make it 6-2. Punctuating the run was Mady, who powered home two of those five points.

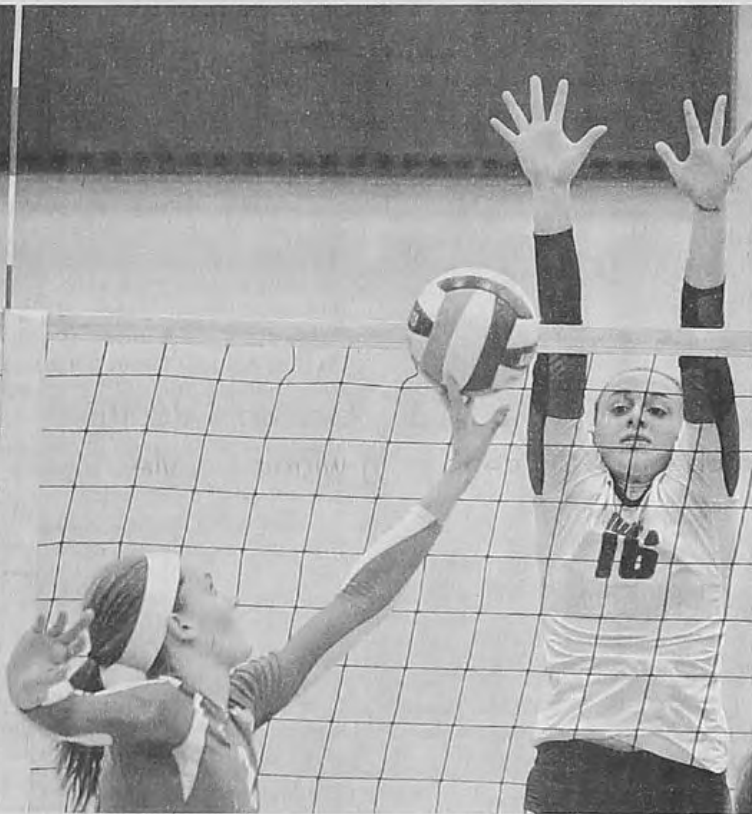
That was pretty much the ball game, as Livingston Christian could not muster much of an attack.

Only once the rest of Game 3 did the Falcons score more than one point during any single serving stint (by senior Jacqueline Goddard, cutting the PCA lead to 19-15).

Of course, the Eagles immediately snuffed out any potential trouble and finished off the victory in quick order.

Very businesslike, in fact.

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Novi's Ally Cummings (16) leaps up for the block against Canton's Haley Diedrick during Thursday's Class A district final.

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command early in both never let off the accelerator.

"At this point you don't really expect that to happen, so that was a nice surprise," Cottrill said of the Wildcats' 12-point run in the first set. "But it's almost like a mental challenge to get them to remember that they have to play and they have to rally, and we have to fight, and stay disciplined because we were just scoring easy points for a whole set really. But it was awesome to start out the game that way."

And it was another good night for 5-foot-9 junior outside hitter Paulina Iacobelli, who finished with a team-high 18 kills to go along with 18 digs and four blocks.

"The whole season this is what we worked for, so it feels really good to accomplish that goal," Iacobelli said. "I think the first set, Canton just didn't play up to its potential, so when they came back in the second set, we just weren't quite ready for that. But we adapted really well in the third and fourth sets to come back right at them."

Once again it was a group effort for the Wildcats, who also received sterling performances from junior Victoria Iacobelli (16 kills, 10 digs), senior libero Jordan Massab (28 digs) and Ally Cummings (nine kills, three blocks).

"She has been playing really well lately, the last couple of weeks," Cottrill said of the 5-foot-10 Cummings, who hit at a .400 clip. "She's young, she's only a sophomore, so we made her move from the middle to

the right about halfway through the year, so she started to figure it out. She comes up with some nice plays for us. It takes some pressure off the twins on the outside."

Senior right-side hitters Haley Dietrick and Courtney Kurkie paced Canton with seven kills apiece, while senior Lauren Schornak and junior Emma Clark each added six.

Senior defensive specialist Megan Roy recorded a team-best 17 digs, while Diedrick added 16.

Setters Alyssa Burke and Carleigh Vela collected 20 and 14 assists, respectively.

"It was attack errors and I think they were trying to place it a little too much rather than relaxing and just playing," Johnson said. "That second set we played pretty darn good. I think we came back and surprised them. We put ourselves in position to do something, but we just couldn't follow up with it."

Ironically, the only time Canton has ever won a district was 2011 (against Novi).

"I'm extremely proud of my team," Johnson said. "This is the second (KLAA South) division title in a row. This is the farthest any Canton team has gone except for the 2011 team ... so just to go to district finals is a very prideful moment for us."

Meanwhile, the Wildcats will venture Tuesday to West Bloomfield to face Fenton in the regional semifinals. (Game time is 7 p.m.)

And with the district monkey off their backs, the Wildcats have many ingredients to make a long state tournament run.

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PREP VOLLEYBALL

Marlins win district crown

Mercy defeats Renaissance in three sets to win Class A tourney

By Dan O'Meara
Staff Writer

Farmington Hills Mercy is moving on to the regional phase of the state volleyball tournament after winning its 12th consecutive Class A district championship Thursday.

The Marlins, who have won districts in 24 of the last 26 years, played their customary solid, consistent game to defeat host Detroit Renaissance in three sets, 25-11, 25-15, 25-17.

"When it gets to this part of the season, I get real nervous because it's do or die," Mercy coach Loretta Vogel said, "but I thought we played much better tonight.

"We weren't rushed; we were very composed. We played much better defense and passed much, much better, and I think that had an impact on us."

Less than 24 hours after defeating Farmington in the semifinal round Wednesday (25-10, 23-25, 25-11, 25-15), the Marlins were back on the court for the final match.

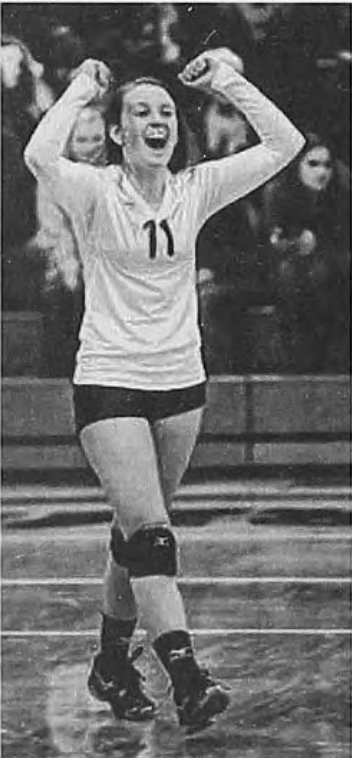
After an early hiccup in the opening game, Mercy got into its usual performance mode, which consisted of good passing, organization and defense.

"It's what we want, what we expect from Mercy," Vogel said. "There was a little bit of miscommunication, but we did an early timeout and made sure we changed that.

"I thought we served well. We served to selective players, and I think that had an impact."

The Phoenix was good at the net defensively and presented a tough block. The Marlins (51-6-2) got around that, scoring a lot of points on tips and, when the opportunity presented itself, two-handed stuffs.

"The block was good, but our defense behind the block



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Senior Jenna Lerg celebrates the Mercy victory.

has to be good," Renaissance coach Louis Mitchell said.

"We knew, if we stopped their attack, they would start tipping and rolling. We need to get to those balls, and we just didn't get to the tips and rolls like we should have."

Senior Jenna Lerg led the Marlins with 16 kills and senior middle Kayla Fisher had eight. Junior Colleen Hadley, sophomore Bella McDonald and freshman Lauren Hunter also made contributions to the attack.

"A team like this — they're very big; they jump well," Vogel said of the Phoenix. "For us, it was about just placing the ball and taking them out of their defense. That was the whole plan."

The Marlins work every day on placing the ball and taking what the defense gives them instead of just pounding the ball with hard spikes, she added.

"I knew they would have a big block. We already knew what we would have to do in that regard. It's someone with

a strong block and the girls knew that."

Renaissance (35-5-1) also gave Mercy a considerable number of points on errors — a combination of net serves, serves that were out of play and misfires on offense, etc.

"We usually don't serve that poorly," Mitchell said. "It's a big game; maybe the kids put too much emphasis on being perfect rather than being fluid. Whenever you miss serves badly, that's going to take you out of system."

It was a team effort by the Marlins, who will play either Livonia Churchill or Garden City in the regional tournament at Marian on Tuesday evening, according to Vogel.

"I would compliment the girls who passed well — (senior) Monica (Shuk), Jenna, (junior) Molly (Schwalm)," she said. "There wasn't any miscommunication there.

"I thought the hitters were very smart. (Senior setter Shanleigh Conlan), on a couple plays, held the ball well and got it to the people we wanted."

Renaissance, the Detroit PSL runner-up to Cass Tech, had a 4-3 lead in the second game, but Mercy scored the next six points and 13 of the next 14 to take charge of that one, too.

"I think the difference was they came to play," Mitchell said. "Mercy played a great game and we were kind of slow.

"We were playing reactive ball instead of aggressive. We were on our heels most of the game. It's not how we want to play, and it's not how you win."

Vogel already has a scouting report on Churchill and Garden City, the two of whom played Friday night for a district title.

"I've seen everyone play, and I've said all season: From one through 12, everyone in the state is the same," she said.

"It may have changed — who is one and all the alignments — but everyone has been bumped by someone, and it's going to be very close this year."

PREP VOLLEYBALL

Blazers scorch Clarenceville in district finals

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Livonia Clarenceville coach Wendy Merschman burned all her timeouts, but nothing could douse a Livonia Ladywood inferno Friday night in

the Class B district girls volleyball final.

The Blazers got 10 kills from 5-foot-10 junior Kayla March to earn their first district crown since 2011 with a convincing 25-4, 25-14, 25-11 over the host Trojans, the

two-time Western Wayne Athletic Conference Red Division champions.

Ladywood, which improved to 29-18-4, moves into the regional semifinals against Ferndale beginning at 6 p.m. Tuesday at Clarenceville.

FOOTBALL

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The Chargers (8-3) found themselves behind the eight-ball right away when Canton senior running back Chuck Turfe (13 carries, 107 yards, one TD) took the first offensive snap of the game and broke 48 yards down the left sideline.

That set up Sanders for a 20-yard touchdown run with 9:56 left in the first quarter. After the first of eight extra points by Andrew Loehnis, it was a quick 7-0 lead.

Churchill immediately answered the bell, however.

A 46-yard pass from senior quarterback Brian Alsobrooks (8-of-16 passing, 148 yards, two TDs) to senior slot receiver Shakur Lockett moved the Chargers down to the 2-yard line. Alsobrooks, on third down, wheeled around the right edge to find the end zone.

This time, it was Canton that responded when Sanders scored on a carbon-copy run, this time from 19 yards out. Both early TDs were scored after he made sharp diagonal cuts toward the front-left pylon of the end zone.

"We kind of started as a track meet in the beginning," Churchill head coach Bill DeFillippo said. "They got the ball first and we had to keep answering scores and answering scores."



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Livonia Churchill defenders try in vain to stop Canton running back Marcus Sanders (No. 2) during one of his many long gainers Friday night.

The Chargers let one get away on their next possession, when an Alsobrooks deep pass intended for senior Tim Dulin could not be hauled in.

Canton then got the ball back and made it a 21-7 game with 10:18 left in the half. Sanders slashed his way down the left sideline for 64 yards, down to the Churchill 6-yard line. He would have scored if not for a diving tackle by sophomore

Jamal Allen.

But that only delayed Sanders from scoring by one play.

"He makes some things happen," Baechler said about Sanders. "He's not the fastest kid, but he's quick and has great balance."

"We run a system, sometimes our right halfback has the big day, sometimes our left halfback, sometimes the full-back. Tonight was his night."

Churchill showed some of the bounce-back toughness displayed all season when senior running back Paul Romain (10 carries, 80 yards, two TDs) answered with a 58-yard scoring run to cut the deficit to 21-14 with 9:30 left in the half.

He waited for a hole to open up on the left side and shot through it, all the way down the field.

The teams traded touch-

downs later in the second quarter, with Canton senior running back Brian Newton (19 carries, 89 yards, three TDs) scoring on a 2-yard run.

On the Chargers' subsequent possession, Alsobrooks connected with senior receiver Dylan Padgett for a 63-yard completion and Romain then scored from the 4-yard line to make it 28-21.

Before halftime, Canton senior quarterback Greg Williams completed a 4-yard TD strike to senior tight end Nolan Gilo.

With Churchill getting the ball to open the second half, down only 35-21, DeFillippo knew the first possession was crucial to any comeback.

"Being it was 35-21 at the half and we had the ball first, we had to get a score to turn it into a game again," DeFillippo said. "And we weren't able to do it."

Instead, Alsobrooks was picked off by Canton senior Robert Guajardo near the Chiefs' 25-yard line.

Canton took advantage of that mistake by marching 75 yards in six plays, scoring on Turfe's 1-yard run with 7:43 remaining in the third. That opened up a 42-21 edge.

Newton added a 7-yard touchdown early in the fourth and the Chiefs made it a 35-point spread when Sanders scored, also from the 7.

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COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Ocelots sweep season openers

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Schoolcraft's winter sports season is off to a rip-roaring start.

The men's and women's basketball teams opened the 2014-15 MCCA schedule with victories Wednesday night against Jackson College.

In the first of two games at Schoolcraft, the Lady Ocelots prevailed 66-39. Following up with a 67-58 triumph in the nightcap was the men's team, getting the career of new coach Abe Mashhour off on the right foot.

The Ocelots were buoyed by the returns of freshman forward Anthony Wartley-Fritz (knee surgery) and freshman guard JaChristian Biles, who had been hospitalized the previous week.

Biles, however, only saw three minutes of action.

Wartley-Fritz scored three points and grabbed five rebounds in 26 minutes of play.

Schoolcraft broke out to a 40-24 halftime lead, fueled by hot shooting from the field (16-33, 48.5 percent).

Guard Ronald Booth led the way with 26 points, hitting 10 of 18 field-goal tries.

Also in double digits were Marcus Williams (12 points) and Aveon Simmons (10 points).



Back from academic suspensions was Canton alum Davon Taylor (eight points, four boards in 19 minutes).

In the women's matchup, the Lady Ocelots built a 27-18 edge at the intermission and broke the contest open with a 39-21 second half.

Guard Elise Tolbert, a Birmingham Seaholm alum, sparked Schoolcraft with a double-double (16 points, 10 rebounds).

Guard and Wayne Memorial product Ashley Bland led the attack with 18 points while guard T'era Nesbitt helped the cause with 10 points.

Chipping in with nine points was Iavana Tucker, with Rikki Sherdt (six points, 10 rebounds) and Livonia Churchill alum Stefani Polkowski adding four points.

The men's and women's teams were slated to play Saturday games and both will return to action Wednesday against Kellogg College for "Spirit Night."

The Schoolcraft-Kellogg women's game tips off at 5:30 p.m. with the men to follow at 7:30 p.m.

COLLEGE SOCCER

MU keeper stars in playoff win vs. Davenport

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Blaire Schmalenberg might have felt like she was playing the lead actress in a Steven Seagal movie.

The 5-foot-11 Madonna University junior goalkeeper, was certainly *Under Siege*, but stood tall with a career-high 12 saves Wednesday as the host Crusaders knocked off No. 25-ranked Davenport University, 2-0, in the quarter-final round of the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference playoffs.

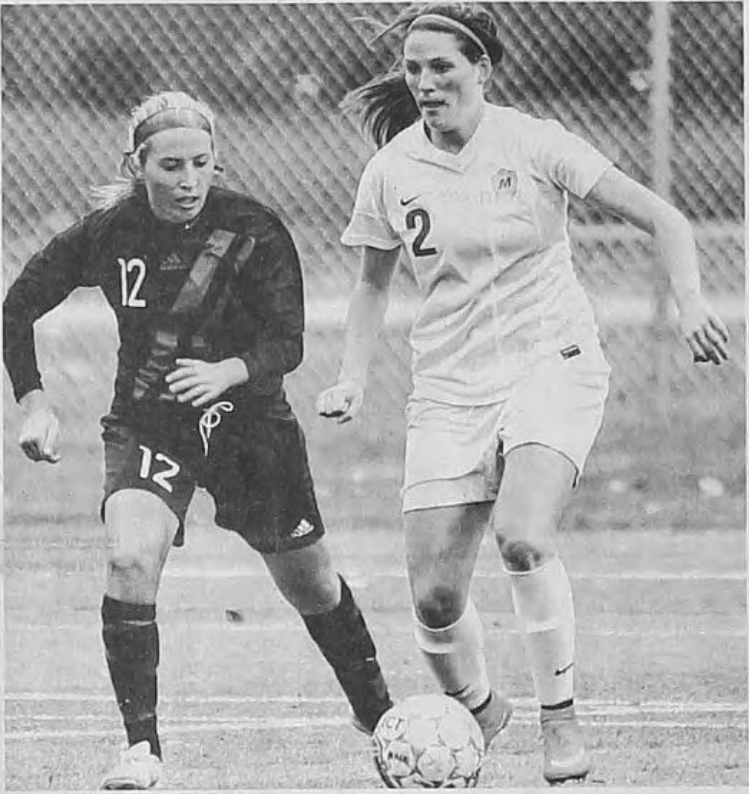
"I think that we came into the game really prepared," said Schmalenberg, a former basketball player from Warren Cousino who underwent three knee surgeries during her high school career. "And we knew exactly what we were going to do going in. It's been our goal all season to beat Davenport, so there's nothing that we wanted more."

With the victory, MU moves into a semifinal matchup Saturday on the road against top seed University of Northwestern Ohio (16-1-1), the WHAC regular season champion and No. 9 in the latest NAIA rankings.

The first meeting between the two teams (Oct. 1) didn't go well for MU with Northwestern Ohio rolling to a 6-0 victory.

"I think if how we play like we did today, that anything can happen in the tournament," Schmalenberg said. "So as long as we stay positive and work together as a team, anything can happen."

The Crusaders, who improved to 12-6-1 overall, took only three shots on goal against Davenport goalkeeper Michelle Marcus, but two



MADONNA ATHLETICS

Madonna University's Ashley Parent (2), fending off Davenport's Kilee Lovelace (12) in a previous game, scored the game-winning goal in Wednesday's WHAC quarterfinal.

went in.

At 6:41 of the first half, senior forward Ashley Parent (Amherstburg, Ontario) notched her 12th goal of the season. The first-team All-WHAC selection pounced on a loose ball in the box after a corner kick and deposited a shot into the upper left corner.

And at the 36:49 mark, senior forward Katlyn Krysiak (Madison Heights Lamphere) scored her team-leading 13th goal of the season on an unassisted effort when she two-touched around the Panthers' defense and bent a shot inside the post from the

right side.

From there, the Crusaders went into a Seagal-like defensive mode finding themselves in the *Belly of the Beast*.

But Schmalenberg was up to the challenge in the second half making 10 saves.

"Blaire was amazing today," fifth-year MU coach Jeff Hodgson said. "She saved everything and kept everything out of there, like a force beam keeping everything out of net. She did great."

And there was plenty of motivation for the fourth-seeded Crusaders going into the match.

"That was our biggest mo-

tivation knowing that they ended our season the last three years, so there was nothing more than to end their season on our home turf for once," Schmalenberg said.

And with the exception of a few counter-attacks, the Crusaders found themselves in a *Fire Down Below* for a majority of the 90 minutes.

"We had to keep on eye on number seven (Paige Eli) - their player - she creates a lot for them," Hodgson said. "We had to be strong defensively supporting each other. If you do that against them it's going to be harder and with our two good forwards up top, with a couple of breaks, we'll score."

The loss ends Davenport's season at 10-5-3 overall.

"The girls were looking to this for a couple of years now ... they've eliminated us three years in a row, so they were fired up for the big game," Hodgson said. "They played well, but obviously with Davenport you can obviously see how good they are. I think the girls played very hard and I'm proud of them."

Postseason honors

The WHAC announced their postseason honors this week with Krysiak earning first-team all-conference, while Parent and senior defender Mo DeGrandis (LaSalle, Ontario) both made honorable mention.

DeGrandis, Krysiak and Schmalenberg were joined on the WHAC All-Academic team by midfielder senior Morgan Himanek (Warren Regina), junior defender Dayna Melloche (Amherstburg, Ontario) and junior redshirt forward Kelly Capoccia (Livonia).

DeGrandis was also named to the WHAC Champions of Character team.

ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE

Whalers down Owen Sound in shootout

Mathew Campagna and Sonny Milano scored shootout goals Friday night as the Plymouth Whalers rallied from 1-0 and 2-1 deficits in regulation to defeat the Owen Sound Attack, 3-2, in a shootout.

A crowd of 2,962 attended the Ontario Hockey League contest at Compuware Arena.

The victory snapped Plymouth's four-game losing streak, lifting the Whalers' record to 7-9-1-0. Owen Sound fell to 8-4-1-4.

It was an uphill battle all night for the Whalers, who did not enjoy a lead until winning the shootout.

First star Yannick Rathgeb (second) and third star Matt

Mistele (team-leading 12th) scored power-play goals for Plymouth. Mistele's goal at 19:47 of the second period tied the game at 2-2.

Milano assisted on both Plymouth goals.

Petrus Palmu (eighth) and Daniel Milne (seventh) scored for Owen Sound.

Plymouth goaltender Alex

Nedeljkovic - playing in his 100th career game for the Whalers - was solid, stopping 29-of-31 shots and Kyle Platzer and Palmu in the shootout.

Owen Sound goaltender and second star Jack Flinn stopped 36-of-38 shots in taking the loss.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Owens paves way for Madonna win over G.L. Christian

A 15-4 run just past the midway point of the second half was the difference for the Madonna University men's basketball team in its 89-74 come-from-behind win over Great Lakes Christian in the 2014-15 home opener at the MU Activities Center.

Senior center Donald Owens (Inkster) led all scorers

with a career-high 26 points to go along with a career-best 16 rebounds for his first double-double of the season.

Junior guard Tyler Stewart (Salem) added a career-best 15 points, while freshman Grant Smith (Goodrich) contributed a career-high 13 points off the bench, including three straight 3-pointers during the

decisive run.

Sophomore point guard Khalil Malone (Waterford Mott) also recorded a career-high seven assists to go along with his 11 points.

The Crusaders shot 53.1 percent from the floor (34-of-64), but made just 58.6 percent from the foul line (17-of-29). They also committed 17

turnovers.

Djuan Williams paced Great Lakes Christian (0-6) with 25 points and six assists, while logging all 40 minutes.

The Crusaders (1-1) will play against Rochester College beginning at 8 p.m. Friday in the Trent Allen Memorial Tip-Off Tournament hosted by Spring Arbor University.

Local artists exhibit, sell their works at new holiday shows

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Gerald Neikirk has transformed 4,800 pieces of wood into polished, hand-crafted pens, wine stoppers, scoops and other useable items over the past three and a half years. Every piece fashioned on Neikirk's lathe is unique.

"A lot of turners duplicate. They have a duplicating machine they can put on a lathe and it turns consistently. If they sell wine stoppers that look alike, they're duplicating," said Neikirk, who works from his basement studio in Farmington. "I don't duplicate. All of my pieces are 100 percent unique."

Like Neikirk, Carrie Stanley creates only one-of-a-kind art. The Garden City woman pours heart, soul and often prayer into the silver jewelry she crafts as memorial keepsakes for her clients. Pieces bear the fingerprints of their deceased loved ones and sometimes even cremated remains are rolled into the silver clay before it goes into the kiln.

"Everything is custom-made, hand-carved," Stanley said.

Both artists will bring their works to new local holiday bazaars this month. Neikirk will be on hand for the first Holiday Art Fair, presented by the Guild of Artists and Artisans and Ypsilanti Convention & Visitors Bureau, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 15, and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 16, at the Eastern Michigan Convocation Center, 799 N. Hewitt, Ypsilanti. Admission is \$5; no charge for children 12 and under. The show will feature 100 jury-selected artists with jewelry, glass, ceramics, wood, painting, photography, fiber and more.

Stanley will be among local artists and merchants participating in the inaugural Hunger-Free Holidays Bazaar, 6-10 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 20, at the Suburban Collection Show-

place, 46100 Grand River Ave., Novi. The event, a fundraiser for Gleaners Community Food Bank of Southeastern Michigan, will include a strolling dinner and the artisan marketplace. Tickets are \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door. Buy tickets at gcfb.org/holiday.

Wood turning at home

The Holiday Art Fair kicks off Neikirk's busy season. He has spent 65 days this year at weekend art fairs and farmers markets and countless hours in his home studio with his golden retriever at his side, turning out items for sale at shows and through his website, jerrysnaturedesign.com. His wife helps with some of the fairs, but Neikirk says he is in charge of everything from buying wood to filling orders.

The retiree considers wood turning a hobby, rather than a full-time job.

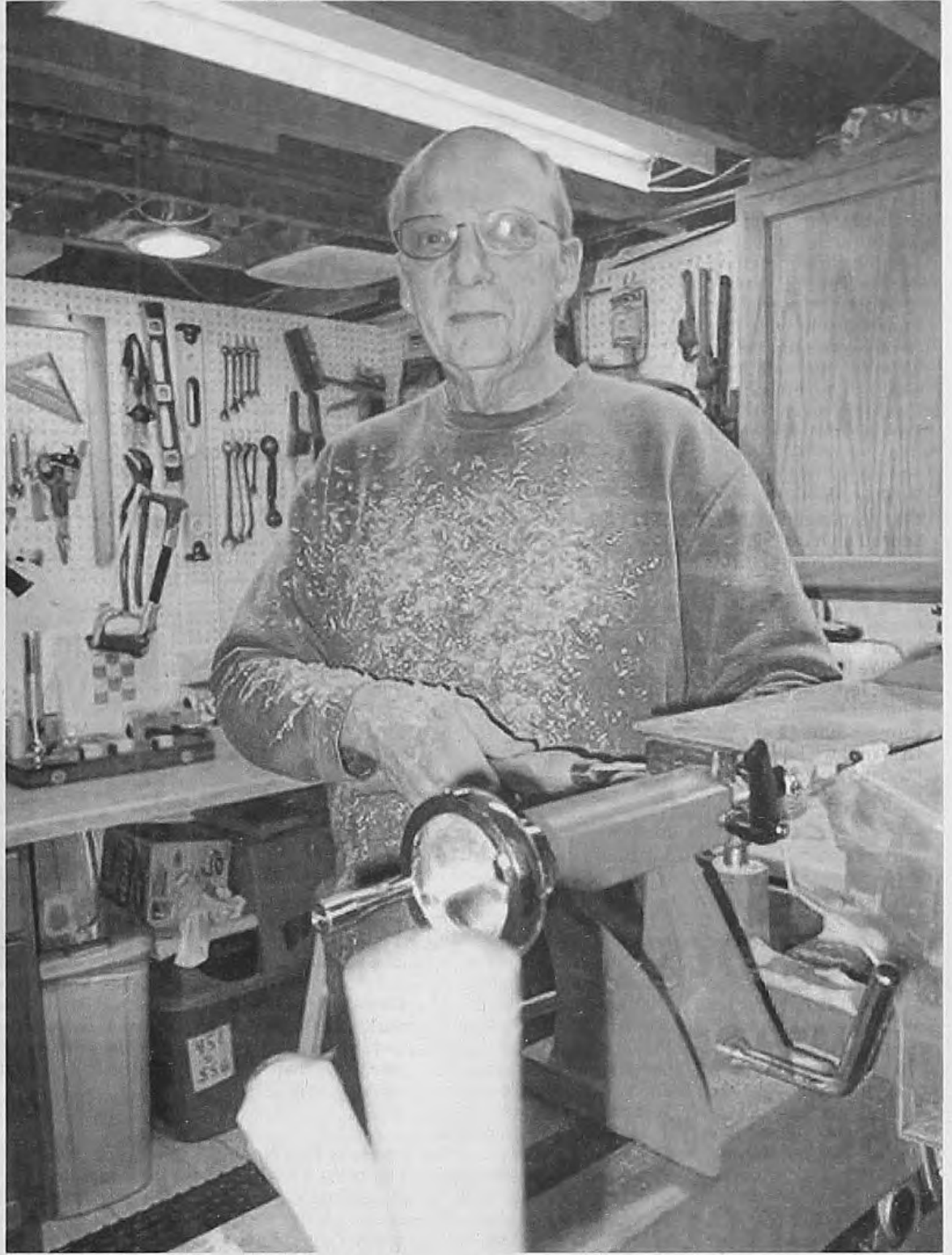
"I don't make a lot of money doing it. Everyone tells me my prices are too low, but I don't pay myself. I don't put my time into the price of the product. If I did, a pen would cost \$75. I price because I enjoy it. It's a hobby for me but I'm not losing money on it. I definitely cover my costs," he said. "I sold 1,000 items this year."

Neikirk started turning wood after an acquaintance showed him how to use a lathe to create a pen. He made one pen and then took a class, where he made his second pen.

"And away it went. The next thing I knew I was ordering lathes."

Fingerprint jewelry

Stanley also launched her jewelry studio without formal fine art training. In 2010, after being told her daughter, Leiryn, had just a few months to live, Stanley went in search of a jewelry maker to capture the youngster's fingerprints in a keepsake accessory. Leiryn, 6, was diagnosed with a malig-



Gerald Neikirk runs his Jerry's Nature Design from his home studio in Farmington. He'll be on hand for the first annual Holiday Art Show, Nov. 15-16 in Ypsilanti.

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Rest of the story: Are top-load machines all washed up?

Can you imagine some 18 years ago when I was reading a trade magazine and the headline jumped out at me telling me that there would not be any more top-load washing machines available next year?

Now, here is a guy who makes his living selling top loaders and repairing them and all of a sudden this would be no more. The story said that front loaders were going to take over the market and that Maytag couldn't make them fast enough. The energy savings and wash performance would cause top loaders to go the way of wringer washers. At the time I had already written about the new front loaders and I wasn't too kind to the design of this new product. It wasn't really a



Joe Gagnon
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new product because Westinghouse sold this washer back in the 1950s and consumers just loved it. What I simply said about this new design was that you can't wash your hands in a cup full of hot water and you can't wash clothes in a few gallons of water. I guess you can but I don't believe homeowners will be happy with the results. I also said that it would retain water and cause an odor problem and boy, was I correct in that assumption.

Maytag produced a few millions of these front loaders before they announced a recall to

correct a mold and odor problem. Their recall was so ineffective that Ruth Spencer of WDIV didn't even receive notice on her five-year-old Maytag even though she is a consumer reporter on television. At that point in the history of front loaders I made the statement that the washer is a living laboratory and odor comes from bacteria that is not suitable to a healthy washing machine.

Complaints, compliments

In the past 18 years I have received a few thousand emails from consumers who are not happy with their front loaders and many have switched back to the top loaders. Oh, yes, I do receive compliments from owners about their

front loaders but they are not many. Another thing about these washers that people complained about was having to bend down to do the wash so the manufacturers sold an extra — a wooden stand to place under the machine. They were so flimsy that the washer would vibrate all over the place, so the manufacturer redesigned the suspension system. Well, that's just about enough said except one last thing. I have one of these front loaders in my house and my darling Valorie has some choice words to describe its performance, but nothing I can print. You may ask why the big dummy has one in his own house. Valorie said that I wrote so negatively about the Maytag Neptune, that I should buy one and put it

through the test. I did purchase one seven years ago and the drum bearing is starting to squeal and there goes a \$600 repair. You'll have to trust me on this one folks, I don't like front loaders. Easy enough to find out the comments by browsing the comment sections of online washer reviews.

Today's top loader

Last week, I read an article which stated that as of the fourth quarter of 2009, 45 percent of washers sold in the U.S. were front loaders. Today that figure is just 29.5 percent and I predict it will drop a lot more in the next few years. People do catch on after a while that millions of dollars spent on advertising does create a desire to purchase things. Re-

peat the same message over and over and look what it did for front load washers. Now that the top loader is becoming the way to go, you must use care and smarts to purchase the washer that does the job properly. I am not too happy with the top loader of today because in my opinion, it doesn't clean like the old days. Remember, the washer you purchased back when lasted many years. Today, the average life span of a washer is 10 years. Can you believe it? Stay tuned.

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

Volunteer clowns gather for pre-Thanksgiving Day party

The pre-Thanksgiving Parade festivities are in full force. The Parade Company early risers, including Eric Larson, the Michigan Thanksgiving Parade Foundation chair, attended the 15th annual Pancake Breakfast recently at the Parade Company. Larson also was at the eighth annual Distinguished Grand Jester Reception at the Reserve at Big Rock Chophouse in Birmingham a few weeks earlier.

"This has become one heckuva social event of the year," Larson told Distinguished Clown Corps (DCC) members which, this year, should have record involvement of almost 190.

Livonia resident and former Grand Jester John Landis is one of the



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longest-standing Corps members, having participated for 26 years.

"It's all about the people. I keep coming back because of the camaraderie," said Landis, who sponsored this year's Distinguished Grand Jester, Rick DiBartolomeo. DiBartolomeo is a second-generation clown and seven-year Corps veteran.

Next up is Hob Nobble Gobble, the family-friendly bash of the year, which will be held 6:30-10:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 21, at Ford Field, in Detroit. Ford Motor Co. is once again the presenting



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Clowning around at the Distinguished Grand Jester Reception are Rick Miller (left), Maggie Prong, Clownie, Mitchell Perlin, and Sandee Rellinger. Perlin, of Farmington Hills, has been a volunteer clown in the Thanksgiving Day parade for eight years.

sponsor. Hob Nobble Gobblers wear their finest black tie clothes or clown ruffles and enjoy a crazy, fun evening of carnival games and rides, delicious and de-

adent food, prize giveaways and dancing all night long. Tickets are \$350; \$200 for 6 and under. A table for 12 costs \$4,200. The gala always sells out. Money raised



Livonia resident and former Grand Jester John Landis (left) is a long-standing member of the Detroit Clown Corps. He and Distinguished Grand Jester Rick DiBartolomeo enjoy the eighth annual Distinguished Grand Jester Reception in Birmingham.

benefits the Michigan Thanksgiving Parade Foundation. Call 313-923-7400, Ext. 244, to make a reservation. This event is not to be missed.

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nant cancer at 18 months.

When she couldn't find the perfect piece, she decided to make her own. "I learned the whole thing through trial and error and YouTube videos and online tutorials," said Stanley, who is married and has three sons, in addition to Leiryn.

She launched Elle Bird Studios in 2011, and a non-profit arm called Imprints of the Heart that offers fingerprint jewelry to families with a child that has a terminal condition or has died. Memorial jewelry is available to all customers, although Imprints of the Heart offers it free to families. Stanley meets customers in their home, the hospital, a hospice or funeral home.

"For all of the deceased or soon-to-be deceased persons, we take a finger, hand and footprint. The family is present and I walk them through rolling out the silver."

Prints are made directly into the silver.

Not all fingerprint jewelry is used as a memorial keepsake, with prints taken from deceased or seriously-ill loved ones. Customers can order fingerprint pieces through private appointments or book "Playdate" parties where guests shop for jewelry. Children are invited.

Customers can book an "Artfully Charmed" party to create their own wine charms, bookmarks, shoe-lace tags, zipper pulls, charms and pendants, carving words, pictures or symbols into their handmade works before they are hardened in a kiln.

"Rather than painting on canvas, I bring a kiln and you make a piece of jewelry," she said.

Stanley will bring all items to make fingerprint jewelry to the Gleaners event. For more about her work, visit ellebirdstudios.com.

Artists from Farmington Hills, Livonia, Novi and other local communities won top prizes in the recent Visual Arts Association of Livonia Fall Art Exhibition.

The first-place award was to Gail Churchill of Dearborn for her acrylic painting *September Afternoon*.

Her art journey began in childhood in Toledo, Ohio, where she grew up. She took art classes in grade school and high school and won an award to study at the Toledo Museum of Art. Churchill earned a bachelor of fine arts degree in print making and lithography.

After college, she continued to study art abroad including a stint in Florence, Italy, which she said was a "life changing" experience. After moving to Columbus, Ohio, she continued painting and met a group of women painters. They traveled together to Provence, France, several times to do plein air painting.

When she moved to Michigan, she found her way to the Birmingham Bloomfield Arts Center, and eventually to the VAAL club. She studied with Edie Joppich, Janet Kondziela, and Jim Markle. Although Churchill has won several honorable mention awards,



Gail Churchill of Dearborn won first place for her painting in the Visual Arts Association of Livonia fall exhibit.

this is her first "first place" award.

The second-place award was presented to Barbara Gage Rex of Farmington Hills for her impressionistic water media, *Bill's Favorite Near Lubec*. Lubec is in Maine and it is the furthest point east in the United States. This is an area that Rex and her husband have visited. She painted the scene from a photograph. Rex started out years ago working in



Barbara Rex of Farmington Hills painted this scene from a photo taken in Maine.

arts and crafts, but more recently has taken up the fine arts.

The third-place award went to Sue Mallick, an award-winning painter, for her painting *Fallen Leaves* done in Tech Ink. She used real leaves to create a special effect in the painting.

After graduating from The Center for Creative Studies in 1980, Mallick worked in graphic arts until 2005, when she began working in fine art



Sue Mallick used real leaves to create a special effect in her painting.

full time.

The judge awarded five awards for Honorable Mention. They include: Dorothy Amberger of Livonia for *Wilderness*, Allison Kardell of Novi for *Nature's Song*, Kathleen Rodak of Farmington Hills for *Take a Hike*, Chuck Schroeder of Livonia for *Point Aux Barques*, and Jerry Valentine of Livonia for *Free Fly*.

The Visual Arts Association of Livonia is dedicated to advancing knowledge and appreciation of the creative arts by offering studio classes and twice-yearly exhibits, all open to the public.

For more information, call 734-838-1204 or visit the VAAL website at www.vaalart.org.

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» Jean Smith of Old Winery Farmer's Market will show

how to dry your own herbs and use them to make a flavored butter, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 18, at the park nature center. \$5 per person. Register by Nov. 14.

Plymouth Nursery

» Annual Christmas Extravaganza open house runs 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Nov. 15-16 at the Nursery, 9900 Ann Arbor Road W, Plymouth. See themed Christmas trees, including an upside-down fairy tree, win door prizes and enjoy refreshments. Free

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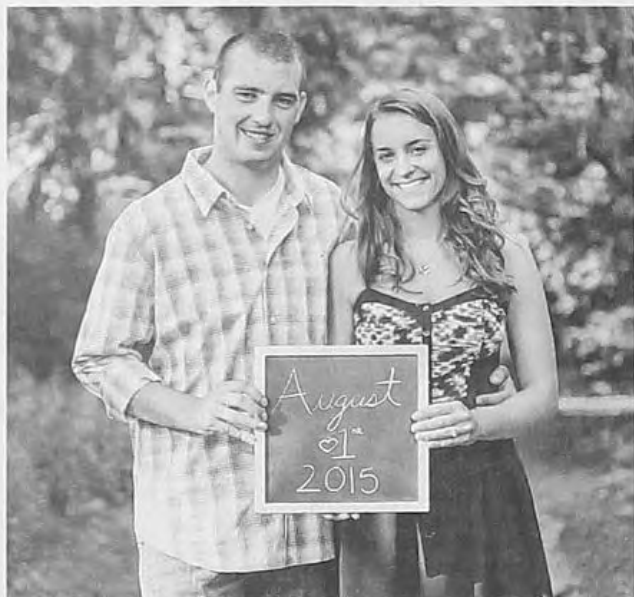
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A wedding is set for August 2015 at St. Thomas a'Becket Catholic Church in Canton.

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BUIKEMA, LOLITA G. "LOLLY"

Age 84, of Georgetown, Texas and formerly of Plymouth, Michigan, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, October 29, 2014 in Lakeway, Texas. She was born on October 7, 1930 in Chicago, Illinois to Carl and Pearl (Osterholm) Green. She married her beloved husband and best friend Kent on August 23, 1952 in Chicago, he passed away on August 18, 2014. Lolly worked throughout her 36-year career in public education, initially as a grade school teacher and eventually as a principal of Tanger Elementary and Miller Elementary Schools in the Plymouth Canton Community School District. Lolly and Kent retired in 1988 and moved, first to Sanford, North Carolina, then to Georgetown, Texas. She was a gracious host and they loved to travel. Lolly was an active member of the First Presbyterian Church of Georgetown, where she served as an elder and deacon, and led their involvement in Meals on Wheels. She was a proud and active member of the P.E.O. in Georgetown, and served as president of the HY chapter in Sun City. Together, Lolly and Kent had two sons, Robert (Jeanne) Buikema and Todd (Linda) Buikema. They were proud grandparents of Jodi (David) Svoboda, John (Maggie) Buikema, and Will Buikema. They were loving great-grandparents of Kara and Lauren Svoboda. A Memorial Service will be held at the First Presbyterian Church in Georgetown, Texas, on Saturday, November 15 at 2:00 p.m. Memorials may be made to the P.E.O. Foundation. Arrangements by Weed-Corley-Fish Lake Travis, (512) 263-1511. Obsolete and guestbook available online at www.wcfish.com.



CUMMINGS, PHYLLIS M.

Of Farmington, November 6, 2014. Beloved wife of the late P. Kennard "Ken" Cummings. Loving mother of Bruce (Alyce) Cummings, Nan (Dan) Otting and Jay (Julie) Cummings. Cherished grandmother of Chelsea and Kyle Cummings, Matthew, Jason and Taylor Cummings and Jared and Casey (Jennifer) Otting. Great-grandmother of Austin Otting. Funeral Service Monday 11 a.m. at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, 33603 Grand River Ave., downtown Farmington (1 blk. W. of Farmington Rd.). Visitation Sunday 4-8 p.m. Memorial contributions may be made to Alzheimer's Association. www.thayer-rock.com

JERUE, RICHARD A.

Age 87 of Traverse City, passed away on October 29, 2014 surrounded by his loving family. Loving husband of 66 years to Carol. Beloved father of Laura (Bob) O'Dell, Matt (Cheri) and Roy (Emily). Dear grandfather of Sean, Heather, Matt, Ben, Kevin and Collin. Great-grandfather of Finn. Memorial Service November 22, 2014, 1 - 4 pm at Redeemer Lutheran Church, 1800 West Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009.

LAMPHERE, CARLA DANIELLE

67, of Traverse City, passed away Saturday, October 25, 2014 at her Traverse City home, surrounded by her loving family. Carla was the daughter of Chauncey and Dorothy (Kibby) Wood. Following her graduation from the Leelanau School in Glen Arbor, Carla attended Michigan State University, earning a Bachelor's Degree in Advertising. Carla married Ward Lamphere in Bay City in 1970. Carla began her career in banking in 1970 followed by 32 very rewarding years as Executive Director of the Birmingham-Bloomfield Symphony Orchestra. They made their home in Birmingham, MI from 1970 until 2010, when they moved to Traverse City. There she became Vice President of the Traverse Symphony Orchestra, and her passion for volunteering continued with her involvement with the Grand Traverse County court system as conservator and guardian. Carla is survived by her husband Ward; her son Benjamin Lamphere of Traverse City; her daughter Jessica Lamphere of San Diego, California; five grandchildren; her sister Michael (Fancher) Jansen of Cyprus; and her brothers Jon Wood of Orlando, Florida and Roger Wood of Las Vegas, Nevada. A private family gathering will be held in lieu of a formal public service. Memorial contributions may be directed to the Birmingham-Bloomfield Symphony Orchestra, P.O. Box 1925, Birmingham, MI 48012 (www.bbsso.org) or The Traverse Symphony Orchestra, 300 E. Front St., Ste. 230, Traverse City, MI 49684 (www.traversesymphony.org). Your thoughts and memories of Carla may be shared with her family at www.reynolds-jonkhoff.com. The family is being served by the Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Traverse City.



LIVY, CHERYL LYNN "CHERIE"

Age 66, October 25, 2014. Survived by daughters Marilyn Noel and Eva Livy. Sister: Ann McDonald. Grandchildren: T.J., Noel, Angelina Sanders, Tori Noel, Allison Fogle and Caryn Fogle & a great-grandchild. The family asks that in lieu of memorial service and flowers, please visit the "Cherie Livy Memorial" at <http://www.gofundme.com/gbwcvco>



McCARTHY MADELEINE SEXTON

October 31, 2014, age 78. Beloved wife of Joseph J. for 55 years. Dear mother of Anne M. Graf and Joseph J. III (Susan). Loving grandmother of William, MaryClaire, Kiley, Conor, Patrick and Ryan. Sister of the late MaryAnn Brennan. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Services were held November 4, 2014 at Holy Name Church, Birmingham. Memorial tributes to Angels' Place. A.J. Desmond & Sons Funeral Home.

View obituary and share memories at DesmondFuneralHome.com



NOVEMBER BODY, MIND SPIRIT FEST

Time/Date: Festival, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., concert, 6 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 15

Location: Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile, Livonia

Details: More than 40 vendors will have products aimed at helping body, mind, and spirit. Learn about conscious living, wellness, natural healing, personal growth, organics, holistic health, metaphysics and more. Tatiana Scavnick performs rock, pop, world beat and mystical music with Mark Watson. Admission, \$5, admission and concert, \$10. Children with an adult admitted free. All proceeds go toward replacing the church roof

Contact: 734-421-1760 or email office@unityoflivonia.org

BLOOD DRIVE

Time/Date: 9 a.m.-2:45 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 15

Location: Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, 9601 Hubbard, Livonia

Details: Walk-ins welcome

Contact: 734-422-0494

BREAKFAST

Time/Date: 8:30-11:30 a.m., Sunday, Nov. 16

Location: St. Theodore Social Hall, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland

Details: Pancakes, French toast,

ham, sausage, scrambled eggs, applesauce, coffee, tea, milk, juice; cost is \$3 for adults, \$1.50 for children, 2-10

Contact: 734-425-4421

HARVEST SUPPER, BAKE SALE

Time/Date: 5:30-6:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 13

Location: Atonement Lutheran Church, 6961 Mead, Dearborn

Details: Roast pork, sauerkraut, mashed potatoes, green beans, applesauce, pie, beverage; \$10 adults, \$4 children, 5-12, \$2 preschoolers. Take-outs must be ordered by Nov. 12

Contact: 734-855-4477 or 313-581-2525

MISSIONARIES

Time/Date: 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 16

Location: Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia

Details: Captive Free, a relational music ministry team sponsored by Youth Encounter, will lead morning worship. They'll also facilitate a food packaging service event following lunch at 12:15 p.m. RSVP for lunch and food packing

Contact: Kathy Weinberg at 734-464-0211, ext. 202; or email info@holytrinitylivonia.org

SWEATSHIRT DRIVE

Time/Date: Between Masses Sunday-Saturday, Nov. 15-16

Location: St. Colette Catholic Church, 17600 Newburgh, Livonia

Details: Dr. Thomas A. Dooley Knights of Columbus Council #5492 will collect small to XX-large sweat shirts for children, which will be donated to Holy Cross Children's Services. New sweatshirts with emblems of Detroit sports teams are encouraged. Drop them off in boxes in the church vestibule

Contact: Bill Alderman at 313-608-6171

THANKSGIVING FESTIVAL

Time/Date: Sunday, Nov. 9

Location: St. Mel, 7506 Inkster Road, Dearborn Heights

Details: Family bingo, 1-3 p.m., marathon bingo, 3-8 p.m., midway, 1-9 p.m., dinners starting at 2 p.m., raffle and more

Contact: 313-247-0684

VETERANS MASS

Time/Date: Color guard and flag raising, 9:45 a.m., Mass at 10 a.m., Sunday, Nov. 9

Location: St. Michael the Archangel Church, 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, in Livonia

Details: Flag raising ceremony, Mass, and reception

Contact: 734-261-1455, Ext. 200

DECEMBER

WINE & CHOCOLATE

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6

Location: Temple Beth El, 7400 Telegraph, Bloomfield Hills

Details: Wine and chocolate tastings, musical entertainment and silent auction. Tickets are \$18 per person. For reservations, make checks payable to Sisterhood of Temple Beth El, 7400 Telegraph Road, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48301.

Contact: Harriet Cooperman, at 248-321-9023 or hscooperman@sbcglobal.net

ONGOING CLASSES/STUDY

Men's Bible study

Time/Date: Breakfast at 7 a.m. and study at 8 a.m.

Location: Kirby's Coney Island, 21200 Haggerty, Northville Township

Contact: John Shulenberg at 734-464-9491

Our Lady of Loretto

Time/Date: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday

Location: Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford Township

Details: Scripture study

Contact: 313-534-9000

CLOTHING BANK

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. last Saturday of the month

Location: Canton Christian Fellowship, 8775 Ronda Drive, Canton

Details: No documentation needed

Contact: info@cantoncf.org

FAMILY MEAL

Time/Date: 5-6 p.m. every Thursday

Location: Salvation Army, 27500 Shiawassee, Farmington Hills

Details: Free meal

Contact: 248-477-1153, Ext. 12

MOMS

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. second Tuesday, September-May

Location: 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) is aimed at mothers of infants through kindergartners

Contact: Ethanief Defoe at 248-227-6617 and Jody Fleszar at 734-658-2463

Dunning Park Bible Chapel

Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. first and third Tuesdays

Location: 24800 W. Chicago Road, Redford

RELIGION CALENDAR

Details: MOPS is a place where moms can build friendships, receive mothering support, practical help and spiritual hope.

Contact: Amy at 313-937-3084 or Kristen at 734-542-0767

PET-FRIENDLY SERVICE

Time/Date: 1 p.m. Sunday

Location: Dunk N Dogs, 27911 Five Mile, Livonia

Details: All Creatures ULC sponsors the service, which is conducted in an informal setting. Pet blessings are available after the service.

Contact: 313-563-0162

PRAYER

St. Edith Church

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday

Location: 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. Enter through back.

Details: Music, singing, prayer

Contact: Grace at 734-464-1896, Shirley at 734-464-3656 or Geri at 734-464-8906

St. Michael Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 6-7 a.m. Monday-Friday

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday

Location: 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton

Details: Praying silently or aloud together; prayer requests welcomed.

Contact: 734-459-3333 for additional information

SINGLES

Detroit World Outreach

Time/Date: 4-6 p.m. Sunday

Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford, Room 304

Details: Divorce Overcomers group is designed for individuals going through divorce, those who are divorced or separated.

Contact: The facilitator at 313-283-8200; lef@dwco.org

First Presbyterian Church

Time/Date: 7-7:15 p.m., social time; 7:30 p.m., announcements; 7:30-8:30 p.m., program; 8:30-9 p.m. ice cream social, Thursdays.

Location: 200 E. Main St., Northville

Details: Single Place Ministry; cost is \$5

Contact: 248-349-0911 or visit www.singleplace.org

Steve's Family Restaurant

Time/Date: 9 a.m. second and fourth Thursdays

Location: 15800 Middlebelt, 1/4 mile north of Five Mile, Livonia

Details: Widowed men of all ages may attend the Widowed Friends Men's breakfast. This is an informal "peer" group where men have an opportunity to meet with others.

Contact: 313-534-0399

SONG CIRCLE

Congregation Beth Ahm

Time/Date: Noon to 12:30 p.m. every Shabbat

Location: 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield

Details: Sing zemirot (Shabbat songs) and celebrate Kiddush following morning services. Lyrics are provided in transliteration as well as the original Hebrew.

Contact: 248-737-1931 or email nancyellen879@att.net

SUPPORT

Apostolic Christian Church

Time/Date: 5 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily

Location: 29667 Wentworth, Livonia

Details: Adult day care program at the church's Woodhaven Retirement Community. Funding available from TSA, AAA 1-C Older Americans Act.

Contact: 734-261-9000; www.woodhaven-retirement.com

Connection Church

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Friday

Location: 3855 Sheldon, Canton

Details: Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered recovery for all hurts, habits and hang-ups. Child care is available for free

Contact: Jonathan@Connectionchurch.info or 248-787-5009

Detroit World Outreach

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

Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford; Room 202

Details: Addiction No More offers support for addictive behavior problems

Contact: 313-255-2222, Ext. 244

Farmington Hills Baptist Church

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. second Tuesday of the month except January, July and August

Location: 28301 Middlebelt, between 12 Mile and 13 Mile in Farmington Hills

Details: Western Oakland Parkinson Support Group

Contact: 248-433-1011

Merriman Road Baptist Church

Time/Date: 1-3 p.m. second and fourth Thursdays

Location: 2055 Merriman, Garden City

Details: Metro Fibromyalgia support group meets; donations

Contact: www.metrofibro-group.com; or call Ruthann with questions at 734-981-2519

Fireside Church of God

Time/Date: 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday-Friday

Location: 11771 Newburgh, Livonia

Details: Fireside Adult Day Ministry activity-based program for dependent adults, specializing in dementia care. Not a drop-in center

Contact: 734-855-4056 or 734-464-0990; www.firesidechog.org; or email to adm@firesidechog.org

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to noon Saturday

Location: 16360 Hubbard, Livonia

Details: A weekly drop-in Food Cupboard (nonperishable items) is available

Contact: 734-421-8451

St. Thomas a' Becket Church

Time/Date: Weigh-in is 6:15-6:55 p.m.; support group 7 p.m. Thursday

Location: 555 S. Lilley, Canton

Details: Take Off Pounds Sensibly</

New guide helps adults, parents talk about aging topics

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Pamela Thomson, a registered nurse at Garden City Hospital and one of seven siblings, has witnessed families squabble over financial and health care decisions when their aging parents face a crisis.

Because she didn't want to experience the same disagreement in her own life, Thomson and her siblings began talking about topics of aging when their parents were in their 50s.

"As a nurse I see families fighting. I see families that don't agree. Sometimes it comes down to finances. Sometimes it's 'I work full time and can't help take care of mom and dad at home.' It's just easier to have it all spelled out. We pretty much told our parents to write up a will and trust early on because we didn't want that to rip our family apart later."

"It's really important. I'm 58 and I have everything spelled out, too."

Jean Borin, director of community services at the western Wayne County office of Home Instead Senior Care, says Thomson was proactive in talking with her parents about their golden years. But she's also in the minority.

"I'd say the majority of families avoid it. The research is that 70 percent don't have that conversation until a crisis occurs," Borin said.

To help children and aging parents start a conversation about such topics as driving a car when elderly, taking medications properly, becoming forgetful, preventing falls in the home and more, Home Instead has created a guide called the 40-70 Rule. It includes advice and scenarios to help families talk about sensitive topics and it's based on interviews with 1,500 U.S. and Canadian adult children of aging parents. The idea is that an adult child in their 40s should talk about senior topics when their parents are in their 70s.



Home Instead Senior Care created the 40-70 rule to help aging parents and adult children talk about life topics.

"Be proactive instead of reactive," Borin said. "The goal is to make the aging process easier. If you're in a crisis, then it's a whole different ball game. There's a lot of stress and it can cause disputes."

"Driving and taking away the keys from an elderly parent is a difficult topic. If you have a conversation ahead of time and you're talking with people who still have their faculties, you're able to reason with them," Borin said, adding that aging parents who feel invincible — but who are a danger on the road — may agree to give up their car keys

if they realize their actions may hurt others. "You can say you don't want them to endanger someone else on the road."

The 40-70 Rule offers these communication tips:

» Get started. If you're 40 or your parents are 70, it's time to start observing and gathering information carefully and thoughtfully. Don't reach a conclusion from a single observation and decide on the best solution until you have gathered information with an open mind and talked with your parents.

» Talk it out. Approach your

parents with a conversation. Discuss what you've observed and ask your parents what they think is going on. If your parents acknowledge the situation, ask what they think would be good solutions. If your parents don't recognize a problem, use concrete examples to support your case.

» Sooner is best. Talk sooner rather than later when a crisis has occurred. If you know your loved one has poor eyesight or has trouble driving at night, begin to address those issues before a problem arises.

» Forget the baby talk. Remember you are talking to an

adult, not a child. Patronizing speech or baby talk will put older adults on the defensive and convey a lack of respect for them. Put yourself in your parents' shoes and think of how you would want to be addressed in the situation.

» Maximize independence. Always try to move toward solutions that provide the maximum amount of independence for the older person. Look for answers that optimize strengths and compensate for problems. For instance, if your loved ones need help at home, look for tools that can help them maintain their strengths. Professional caregiving services, such as those offered by Home Instead Senior Care, provide assistance in a number of areas including meal preparation, light housekeeping or medication reminders. Or find friends who can help.

» Be aware of the whole situation. If your dad dies and soon afterward your mom's house seems to be in disarray, it's probably not because she suddenly became ill. It's much more likely to stem from a lack of social support and the loss of a lifelong relationship. Make sure that your mom has friends and a social life.

» Ask for help. Many of the issues of aging can be solved by providing parents with the support they need to continue to maintain their independence. Resources such as Home Instead Senior Care, Area Agencies on Aging and local senior centers can help provide those solutions.

"I'm happy this rule is out," Thomson said. "Being a discharge planner in the hospital, I see where it (the 40-70 conversation) isn't happening with families. But you don't have to have dissension in the family."

Download the 40-70 Rule booklet from homeinstead.com. In addition to conversation-starter advice and scenarios, it also includes information on end-of-life decisions and life legacies.

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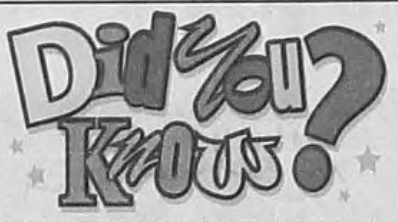


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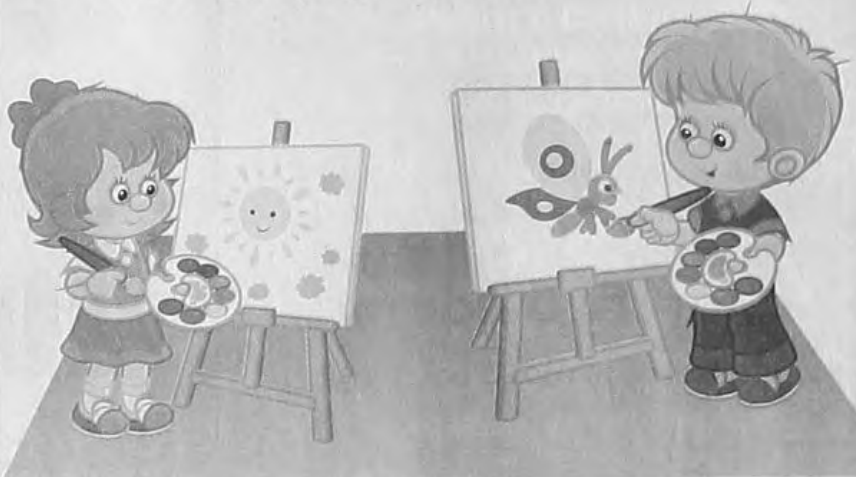


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5 classic interview questions updated for today's job search

By Debra Auerbach
CareerBuilder Writer

Going into a job interview, you know the standard questions to expect. "What is your biggest weakness?" "What interests you about this position?" and "Why do you think you'd be a fit for this role?" often rise to the top of the common interview questions list.

While these queries are important to today's hiring managers and recruiters, many employers are updating their customary questions to include ones that refer to new trends, address the current economic situation or gauge a candidate's commitment to the company and position in question.

Here are five questions that job seekers may be asked in today's job hunt and what they should address when responding:

1. Have you used social media in your current job? If so, how?

Unless you've completely sworn off new technology, you should be very aware by now that social media are a part of the fabric of society and are well-ingrained in most companies'

communication practices. Employers asking this question want to know how well you understand social media and how you think companies can benefit from using social networks. Try to give an example of how you have used the communication form in your current job. If you haven't done much in this area, speak to how the company as a whole uses social media. For extra points, share how you think your prospective employer could benefit from social media.

2. Give me an example of how you've contributed to your present/most recent company's success.

You've likely heard or read résumé-writing advice stressing the importance of not only sharing your qualifications but also addressing accomplishments. In today's competitive job market, employers don't want to hire someone who can just complete tasks. They want someone who can make an impact on the bottom line. If you can, answer this question by sharing examples of how you increased revenue, helped a client gain market share or created efficiencies that saved



money. Use numbers or percentages, when possible. If you don't know the numbers off the top of your head, you can provide that information in your follow-up or thank-you note.

3. Why did you leave your last job?

While this may not be a new question, today's hiring managers understand the answer may have evolved. If you've been laid off, be honest. Employers know that the economy is rough, and they expect that some of the candidates they interview will be unemployed. In this case, briefly talk about what happened and then demonstrate how, in the time you've been unemployed, you've continued to boost your résumé by volunteering, attending networking events or joining industry organizations. They want to know that you've put your time to good use and that you'd be ready on day one to take on the required tasks.

4. Describe the work environment or culture in which you are most productive and happy.

In a recent article, human-resources expert Susan

M. Heathfield lists this as a question employers should be asking potential employees. A company doesn't want to hire someone, only to have that person leave quickly because he wasn't a fit with the company's culture.

And it goes both ways. Hiring managers want to hire employees who will thrive in their company's work environment. To answer this question, make sure you do your research so you know what kind of culture to expect. If you know a current employee of the company, ask her to tell you about her experiences working there. Speak to why that type of environment is a match with your personality and work style.

5. What is your motivation for pursuing this position?

According to a recent CareerBuilder survey, 43 percent of hiring managers and

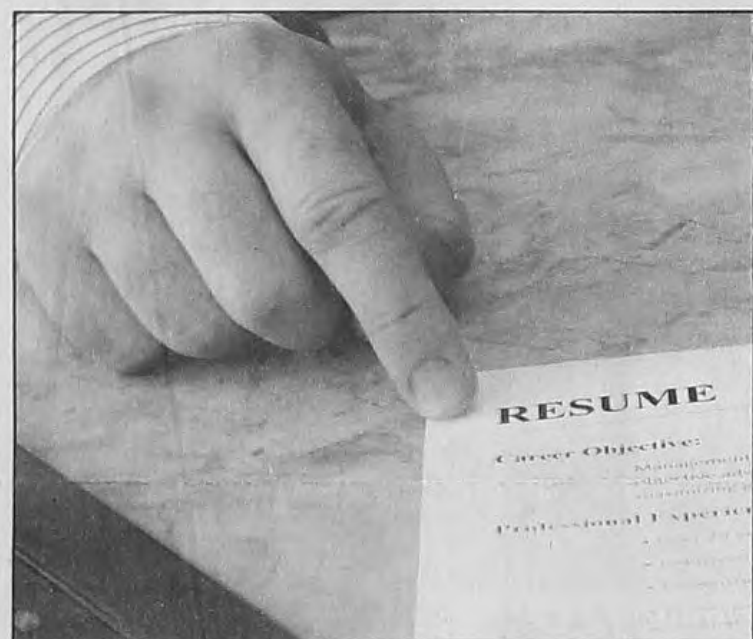
human-resource professionals are concerned that top workers will leave their organization this year. As the economy slowly improves and more opportunities become available, unhappy workers will be more likely to leave their jobs in pursuit of a more fulfilling career. While there's no way to guarantee an employee won't head for the door as soon as a better job offer comes along, hiring managers may try to get to the root of why candidates want to work at their company.

"I've been unemployed for more than a year and I'm really desperate to get a job." Yes, that's an honest answer, but it's also a red flag to an employer that you're more interested in getting a job versus getting this particular job. When asked this or a similar question, speak to why the company at which you're interviewing is the right company for you, and why the particular role will help you achieve your career goals. Also mention how you see yourself growing at the company as a way to show your commitment to the organization.

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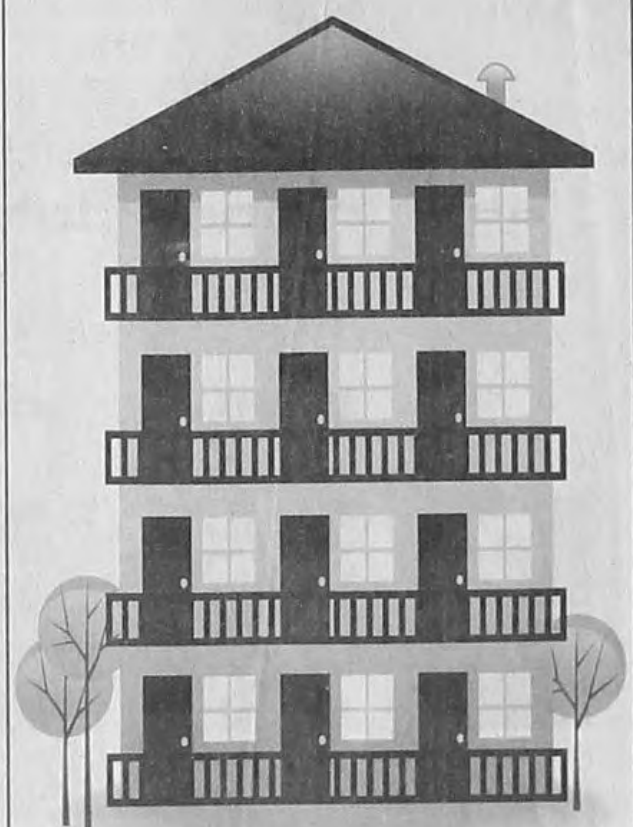
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ACROSS

- 1 Wolf Man
portrayer
- 4 Under tension
- 8 Hum
- 12 Tavern order
(2 wds.)
- 13 In that case
(2 wds.)
- 14 Gutter site
- 15 Darn it all?
- 16 Frieze (hyph.)
- 18 Yell
- 20 Athena's
symbol
- 21 Still
- 22 Theme
- 26 Fruit or bird
- 28 Seckel or
Anjou
- 31 Links org.
- 32 Language
suffix
- 33 Companies
- 34 Not just mine
- 35 DA's degree
- 36 Frog step
- 37 Reddish-brown
horse

- 38 Linguine
topper
- 40 Sweetiepie
- 41 Caviar
- 43 Off and on
- 46 Spiny ocean
dweller
(2 wds.)
- 50 "Here Come
the Warm
Jets" artist
- 51 Wheels for
the fields
- 52 Ax handle
- 53 Tokyo, to
shoguns
- 54 Bug repellent
- 55 Singles
- 56 "— Giovanni"

DOWN

- 1 Tongues may
do it
- 2 Fridge stick
- 3 Bouquet
tossers
- 4 Yak's home
- 5 Out of range
- 6 — Enterprise

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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THEATER WORD SEARCH

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Car Report

Toyota Still Dominates Hybrid Segment as Worthy Prius v Measures Up



By Dale Buss

Prius remains by far the world's dominant hybrid franchise, but things have gotten tougher lately for Toyota's pioneering U.S. sales are down, and so are gasoline prices, and competitors that are still eyeing the hybrid segment as a good thing promise to keep pestering Prius with new entries of their own.

I recently drove one of the relatively new iterations of the original Prius, the Prius v, and it reliably provided the experience that every hybrid enthusiast has desired since the dawn of this vehicle type a couple of decades ago: great fuel economy with dependable, not ostentatious,

performance.

Yes, Prius v is EPA-rated at 51 mpg in the city and 48 on the highway for a combined fuel economy of 50 mpg, which just about sets the standard in the US auto industry for a mainstream vehicle. Owners will save \$6,250 in fuel costs over five years compared with the "average" new vehicle, regulators allow Toyota to claim about Prius v.

A 1.8-liter four-cylinder engine and, of course, Toyota's Hybrid Synergy Drive battery system deliver the power. In any normal driving situation, what it delivers is adequate, for accelerating onto an interstate or making a quick pass. It's not instantaneously responsive, but responsive enough. The "joy of driving" isn't the point of a hybrid, anyway.

Design-wise, Prius remains the exemplar of clean and rounded

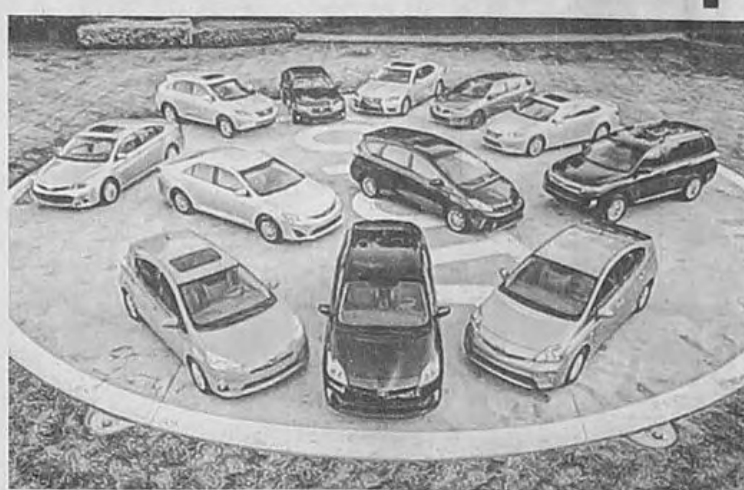
exterior and interior lines that once were looked at as the shape of the future and now mainly communicate a certain Spartan-ness of expression that seems to fit the minimalist mindset that has historically represented the Prius buyer. The key — as with the powertrain — is efficiency.

So the lack of a traditional instrument panel above the steering wheel is a perfect example of the Prius approach. Instead, monitoring and performance information is clustered in the center of the car, topped with a crescent-shaped dashboard readout above a navigation screen and various controls that segue into storage spaces between the front seats.

Conveniently, there is a storage area with a lot of space underneath that console that is ideal for fulfilling the demand that many women make, but which carmakers for some reason over the eons have decided to ignore: a place to store a purse, where it stays and doesn't slosh or slide all over the car as it can do if it's placed on the passenger seat, for example, or the floor on the passenger side.

Otherwise, Prius v is appointed with everything that most drivers will be looking for in their main vehicle, including all the convenience, safety and electronic touchpoints you'd expect. And it's plenty roomy in the rear seats as well as the front, with ample cargo room under the hatchback in the rear.

It's this kind of predictability and steadiness that has allowed Prius to carve out an undisputed place as



Twelve of the Toyota and Lexus hybrids available in the U.S.

the master of the hybrid automobile. Toyota took a big chance in attempting to mainstream Prius in the first place, given that the Honda Insight, a two-seat hybrid, already had appeared on the U.S. market.

But as is the Toyota way, the company dedicated itself to a certain path and gradually but inexorably built up not only the Prius franchise but also the hybrid market itself. Strategically, this included extending the Prius product line with both smaller and larger versions of the original car, which, respectively, reduced the stiff price premium to get into a Prius and gave buyers with more roominess needs a Prius option to consider.

Nearly every other automaker over the years also introduced hybrids in an attempt to get a shred of the market that Prius created. And some have tried and failed to mount a direct frontal assault on the

Prius brand, especially Ford with its sluggish-selling C-Max hybrid. Now Ford is talking about mounting another assault on Prius's hold on the hybrid market, and Hyundai seems to be planning to do the same.

The Prius line still comprises Toyota's third-best-selling car, and fourth-best-selling vehicle overall. But Prius sales were down about 15 percent for the year through October. Plunging gasoline prices also erode the incentive that many Americans may feel even to consider a hybrid.

So Toyota recently launched a new advertising campaign under the slogan, "Let's Lead the Way," that features the video testimonials of actual Prius owners who testify to all the other wonderful things about the cars besides their exemplary fuel economy. My experience with Prius v testifies to their endorsements as well. And, yes, you can't beat the mileage.



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