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Busy Black Friday fuels high retail hopes

By Matt Jachman, **Darrell Clem and Julie Brown** Staff Writers

Stores in Canton Township and downtown Plymouth were busy Black Friday as shoppers kicked off the holiday retail

Big box and department stores in Canton were expecting a large turnout, but smaller stores were bustling, too, and some Plymouth retailers said the afternoon was busier for them, perhaps because of shoppers who were taking a break from - or skipping - the big box rush.

'It's been a pretty good day," said Elle Dare, co-owner, with husband Charles, of Genuine Toy Co. in Plymouth. "It seems busier than past years."

"It's going great," said Lindsey Burns, who owns Plymouth's Bohemian Home, which sells vintage housewares and furniture. "I'm really impressed with the number of people downtown." Shoppers were in good spirits,

Both Burns and Dare noted they heard people talking about wanting to keep their spending local.

People crave the downtown shopping experience, Dare said, especially if they have relatives who were visiting for Thanksgiving. "It's more of a family outing to come to downtown Plymouth," she said.

Early lines

At Showroom of Elegance, a jewelry store in Canton, the doors swung open at 8 a.m. Friday and owner Linda Robin and her staff were ready.

'We had about nine people in line when we opened the door," Robin said. Some customers had pre-shopped for items, especially with discounts at the store of 50 per-cent between 8 a.m. and 10 a.m., she said.

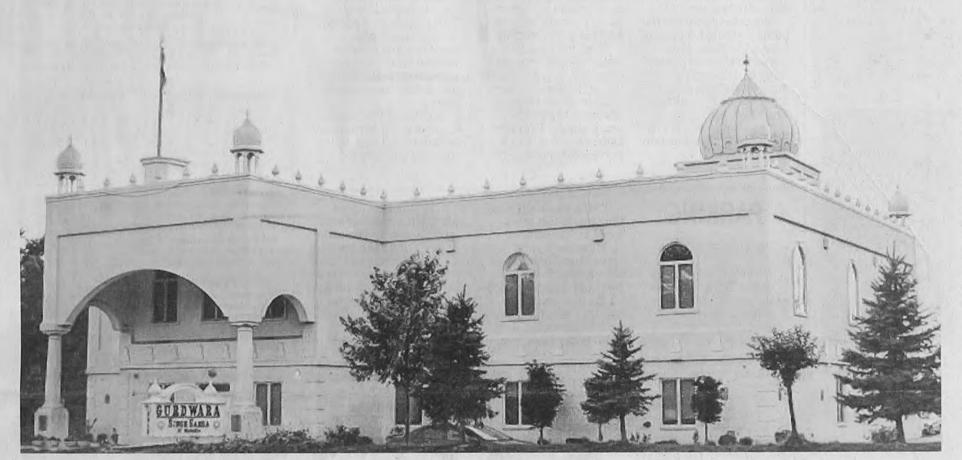
Robin's store was closed Thanksgiving, giving her staff a chance to rest and relax before the busy season got into full swing. "It's important for

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Sarah Nagy of Canton bought her boyfriend, Kyle Bone, a Christmas present at ABC Warehouse. ABC employee Peter D. loads her purchase.



Construction is expected to begin in spring for an addition to the Singh Sabha of Michigan in Canton.

Canton-based Sikh gurdwara, Singh Sabha, is expanding

By Darrell Clem Staff Writer

A Canton-based gurdwara, or Sikh place of worship, has confirmed plans for an addition to the Singh Sabha of Michigan, already an architectural landmark on Canton Center north of Geddes.

Project engineer Hakim Shakir said the two-story, 7,000-square-foot addition will mostly house classrooms for children's religious studies on weekends, though it also will be used for purposes such as conference rooms.

Shakir said construction is expected to begin in spring and hopefully be completed by next fall. It marks the first major addition to the gurd-

wara since it opened in April 2008. Anne Marie Graham-Hudak, coordinator for the Plymouth-Canton Interfaith Community Outreach, said the gurdwara's expansion is a positive development for the Canton

community. 'It's a good thing because it brings more diversity and inclusion into the Canton community and it attracts a high caliber of people to our commu-nity," she said. "They want to live

closer to their schools and places of worship. The Sikh community is a great benefit to the community."

The project is set to move forward after Singh Sabha of Michigan received special land use and site plan approval Tuesday night from a supportive Canton Township Board of Trustees. Planning commissioners already had approved the plans.

Township officials say the addition could accommodate an anticipated six classrooms, four conference rooms and offices. The primary purpose is to provide space for religious classes and the teaching of the Punjabi language.

The expansion will be built on the

south side of the gurdwara. There are approximately 25 million Sikhs in the world. Sikh means disciple or learner and Sikhism is founded on the 15th century teachings of Guru Nanak and 10 successive gurus. It teaches of one God, equality, hard work, meditation, tolerance, religious inclusion and other beliefs.

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Red Kettle drive seeks volunteers

The Salvation Army's Plymouth Corps is introducing two new volunteer bell-ringing competitions, as well as featuring a bell-ringer of the day and a bell-ringer of the week, for the 2014 Red Kettle campaign.

The first competition is for individual bell-ringers, to determine who completes the most two-hour shifts during the campaign. The second competition to see which bellringer can recruit the most new bell-ringers.

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The Salvation Army's Plymouth Corps has started two contests to promote volunteer bell-ringing for the 2014 Red Kettle campaign.

Canton clamps down on parking problems

By Darrell Clem

Don't park there. Closing a loophole, Canton's elected leaders have adopted new parking rules making it illegal for drivers to block access to sidewalks, mailboxes, fire hydrants, intersections, railroad tracks and similar public locations.

Officials found the loophole after a Canton woman com-

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plained that a neighbor parked his vehicle so that U.S. postal workers couldn't reach her mailbox, repeatedly disrupting her service.

Township Attorney Kristin Kolb researched the issue and drafted a new ordinance to address the problem. Violators could be fined \$100 every time they obstruct places such as mailboxes and sidewalks.

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The Plymouth Corps has a prize for the winner in each category, plus an invitation to its awards luncheon in May.

The bell-ringer of the day will be featured on registertoring.org, while the bell-ringer of the week will be featured on the Plymouth Corps' Facebook site.

The Christmas fundraising campaign for the Belleville, Canton, Northville and Plymouth service area had as of Nov. 22 collected \$21,244 or just over 12 percent of its Red Kettle goal for the year. The pace of fundraising is running behind last year's

Through the support of the community, approximately 250 area families were provided with the fixings to prepare a traditional Thanksgiving meal Thursday.

Those who would like to volunteer as bell-ringers can sign up online at either ringbell.org or contact Sandy Kollinger, the Plymouth Corps' volunteer and special events coordinator, or Katie Wenzel, the Christmas Kettle coordinator, by calling 734-453-5464, ext. 24.

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Canton Police seek Chase Bank robbery suspect

Canton Police are looking for help identifying a suspect who allegedly robbed the Chase Bank on Michigan Avenue, shortly before 6 p.m. Wednesday.

Police were called to the bank, located at 45220 Michigan Ave., around 5:50 p.m., after the suspect, pictured in surveillance photos, en-tered the bank and passed a note to a teller demanding cash.

Anyone recognizing the subject or who was in the area of the bank and may have seen the subject is being asked to call the Canton Police Department at 734-394-5400.



CANTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

Canton Police are looking for help identifying this suspect, pictued in surveillance photos, after allegedly passing a note demanding cash at the Chase Bank branch on Michigan Avenue.

Lotz Road paving comes with water main extension

By Darrell Clem Staff Writer

A long-awaited move to pave a dirt stretch of Lotz Road on Canton's east side comes with plans for a water main extension - changes that could spur new development along the largely still-rural section between Ford and Cherry Hill, officials say.

Plans to transform the pothole-riddled section of Lotz into a three-lane paved road could potentially be finished by late next year, Canton Municipal Services Director Tim Faas said

'Assuming it stays on schedule, it would be late 2015," he said.

His remarks came Tuesday night as the Canton Township Board of Trustees voted to spend \$55,000 to hire Spalding DeDecker Associates, Inc., to design the water main extension and acquire the necessary easements to install

Canton is expected to recoup some of the money as property owners along Lotz pay to hook into the water system.

Both the road and water main designs are expected to occur during the first quarter of next year, as Wayne County prepares to use \$5 million from the Michigan Department of Transportation to pave Lotz.

Tree-clearing could begin during winter, Faas said.

Lotz Road residents such as George Daubresse IV, who has lived most of his 43 years in the area, have told the Observer they are eager for the project.

"We're looking forward to having it paved," he has said.

Canton and Wayne County officials say the Lotz paving is expected to help ease traffic congestion along heavily traveled Ford Road by providing motorists with yet another north-south artery.

However, the project also is expected to spur new development. Baltimore-based Paragon

Outlet Partners already has indicated it hopes to build a 357,000-square-

foot outlet mall with as many as 100 stores southwest of Ford and Lotz.

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Canton Public Safety Director Todd Mutchler said the new rules will give his department the authority it needs to crack down on violators.

"This would give us the tool, really, to enforce it," he said.

Mutchler's comments came Tuesday night as the Canton Township Board of Trustees adopted the new measure. A second vote is expected Dec. 9 before the new rules take effect Dec. 18.

The changes came after local officials realized Canton had no ordinance regulating parking on township streets. The new measure makes it a civil infraction for motorists who violate the rules.

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Cold weather no match for Plymouth girls

By Linda Rose Correspondent

It was cold Sunday, Nov. 16, at Kensington Park. Really cold - and windy ... not to mention, a little wet.

But you wouldn't know it by talking to Lani or Gabi or Elliana or any of the members of the Plymouth-area Girls on the Run teams. Donned with hats, scarves, mittens and great big smiles, they weren't letting a little bit of nasty weather keep them from enjoying the 5K run which celebrates the comple-tion of the 10-week YMCA Girls on the Run program.

Girls on the Run is a physical activity-based positive youth development program for girls in grades 3-8. It teaches life skills through interactive lessons and run-ning games. The program culminates with the girls being physically and emotionally prepared to complete in a 5K running event. This fall, the YMCA program took place at five sites in Ply-mouth, while the Plymouth YMCA sponsored additional programs in the surrounding communities of Canton, Northville, Novi and Belleville for a total of 25 teams and more than 300 area participants.

"We are so proud of all the girls who participated in the Girls of the Run program," said Sage Hegdal, executive director of the Plymouth
YMCA. "The goal of the program is to develop confidence and positive attitudes in the girls, while establishing a lifetime appreciation of health and fitness."

Melanie Bowling knows the value of the Girls on the Run program firsthand.

I started coaching a team when my daughter was in fourth grade and she wanted to get involved," Bowling



The Girls on the Run Team from Bird Elementary School couldn't be more excited about participating in a 5K race - regardless of the weather.

have a coach, so I agreed to get involved. My daughter is now a sophomore in high school and is one of my cocoaches. I do this because it is the most empowering program for girls that I have

Bowling, who coaches at Bird Elementary School in Plymouth, points out that although the girls are preparing to run a 5K, it is the life lessons that are the most vital part of the program, especially as the girls enter middle school.

"I've been coaching for 12 seasons, in the fall and spring," Bowling said. "Each session, I watch the girls become a team and begin to inspire each other in terms of thought and action. There is never a day that I don't feel honored to be their coach. I love this program. Every girl should have the opportunity to participate."

Bowling, who plans to "retire" after this spring session, has clearly left a positive mark on the girls

'We love coach Bowling,"

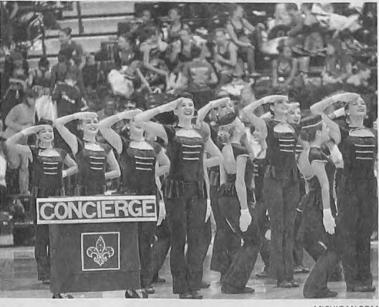
er, a fifth-grader at Bird. "I started on her team last year when I was in fourth grade and I have learned so many lessons that I can use in my life. We also use our journals and do service projects to help the community."

Ten-year-old Emily Mun-

dorf echoed this sentiment. "We have learned how to handle peer pressure and how important it is to choose friends who share your positive attitude," she said. "I would tell any of the younger girls that they will be making a good choice if they join Girls on the Run.'

Not to be out-done by their "older" team members, thirdgraders participating in the program at Bird Elementary added: "It's fun to be with your friends ... you don't even know you are exercising ... I didn't even know I liked to run ... I always try my best ... I love the healthy snacks like cheese sticks and oranges!"

For more information about Girls on the Run programs, go to http://www.gotrdetroit.org or call the Ply mouth YMCA at 734-453-2904.



The Canton varsity pom team competes at the 24th annual Hip Hop And

Canton scores well at pom competition

For the 24th year, Mid American Pompon held its Hip Hop and High Kick Championship at Saginaw Valley State University. The recent competition featured more than 60 middle school, high school and collegiate pom pon teams from Michigan and, for the first time, Atlanta, Ga.

Taking first place in the high school varsity high kick and hip hop divisions were Garden City, Canton and South Lyon East, respectively; Atomic Pom won the collegiate level high kick portion. Atlanta's pom pon team, Forest Park Varsity, placed second in hip hop portion of the

The Hip Hop and High Kick Championship is an annual pom pon competition that allows pom pon, dance and drill teams to compete for top honors. The day-long event combines freestyle and precision choreography with dance and high kick formations, giving teams a chance to show-case their skills and compete before an audience of thou-

Teams range from elementary through the collegiate level and compete in eight divisions based on size and school level. Original dance choreography, precision kicklines and spectacular floor formations are the hallmarks of each team's routine. Winning teams are chosen by a panel of expert judges based on the average number points each team accrues in seven categories.

For a complete list of scores from the 2014 Hip Hop and High Kick Championship or more information about Mid American Pompon, go to pompon.com.

said. "At the time, they didn't said team-member Erin Bak-Midnigh Madness Fri. Dec. 5th Downtown Ann Arbor

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them to have time with their families, to recharge their batteries, so to speak," she said.

She estimated Showroom of Elegance does one-third of its annual sales in the fourth quarter. "I think we're going to have a good Christmas," she said of herself and other area merchants

In Plymouth, Stella Delap, owner of Basket Kreations, opened to a crowd Friday, too.

"It's very good, very good. It's been really good," Delap said. "We had several people lined up. I figured they would be all at the big box stores. It was a nice surprise."

Local shopping

She agreed Plymouth's unique items bring in customers during the holidays and all year. "They love being able to walk into the different stores," Delap said, and, indeed, downtown Plymouth was bustling Friday morning.

Delap, Dare, Burns and other local merchants were also participating in Nov. 29's Small Business Saturday, an American Express-sponsored campaign to get people to patronize local

businesses. "And looking forward to it. I have a lot of peo-ple who will be in," Delap said, noting some of her customers had preshopped for Small Business Saturday merchandise.

High hopes

Owners of other smaller Canton businesses looked to cash in on hopes Black Friday also would launch a successful shopping season

Once Upon a Child, in the New Towne Plaza Shopping Center, has been seeing an uptick in holiday shoppers starting



Black Friday shoppers leave Kohl's, located at Ford Road and Sheldon, in Canton.

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PHOTOGRAPHER Downtown Plymouth had few Black Friday shoppers on the streets at 2 p.m., but things were busier a couple of hours later.

Black Friday.

"Last year it was bigger than normal," store manager Cindy Begarow-icz said. "I'm hoping this year will be even bigger."

Begarowicz said Black Friday appears to have improved since the store changed locations and is now sandwiched between a Kohl's store and DSW, a shoe shop. Once Upon a Child sells gently used children's clothing, toys and equipment such as strollers

and swings.

"Our toys are brimming. We've got lots of toys," Begarowicz said. "I'm hoping we will see an increase in business for the holidays.'

Another Canton business, Big Frog Custom T-Shirts & More, braced for its first Black Friday and inaugural holiday season after opening its

doors in August. Customers could bring in their own T-shirt designs or sit down with a graphic designer and help to develop one. "We can come up with something while they're here," said Pete Lapshenko, a graphic designer.

Customers can bring their own shirts or buy one there, but Big Frog's work isn't limited to

T-shirts. "We can do hoodies. We can do jackets and polos," he said. "As long as it's flat and cotton, we can pretty much print on it. If we can get it to fit on a computer screen, we can get it on a garment for you."



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BAREFOOT PRODUCTIONS Bunny Watson and the "Girls" (from left) Valerie Haas, Anne Morgan, Jenna Hinton and Jennifer Beitzel.

MERAC. Who will be the made into the Hollywood classic film in 1958, starring Katherine Hepburn

and Spencer Tracy.
The Desk Set opens at Haas (Redford), Jennifer Beitzel (Plymouth), 8 p.m. Dec. 5. Additional performances are 8 p.m. Dec. 6, 12-13 and 2 p.m. Sumner, Anne Morgan Dec. 7 and 14. All seats (Livonia) as Bunny Wat-son, Michael Ludlam are \$15 and can be reserved by calling the box (Northville), Jerry Caroffice at 734-560-1493 or ney (Canton), Jane and Mike Cuba (Livonia), Pat going online to www.justgobarefoot-.com. The intimate 99-Lillis and Kiersten Maniseat Barefoot Producfold (Ypsilanti). The play tions Theatre is located director Craig A. Hane. at 240 N. Main in Ply-

Know your obligation before co-signing for student loan

Q: Dear Rick: I read an article about a father who co-signed a student loan for his daughter. When his daughter unfortunately passed away, he was held liable for the student loan. I was surprised the bank held him liable despite his loss. I have twin nephews who have asked me to co-sign their student loans. I want to help them, but I don't want to be held liable if they don't pay their loan back or if they should pass away before they've finished paying off the loan. Is there anything I can state in the loan documents or otherwise to protect me if I co-sign?

A: If your nephews are unable to make payment, the bank is going to seek payment from you. After all, that is why the bank



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wants you as a co-signer to protect it from default. In some situations, you may have some sort of collateral that would protect you, but in this case it doesn't appear that there would be any. As a co-signer, that is the risk that you accept.

With regard to the untimely death of one of your nephews, if they die and still have an obliga-tion on the loan, you would be responsible However, there is something that you can do to protect yourself. Buy a life insurance policy on your nephews with you as the beneficiary. Then if one of the boys dies with an outstanding obligation, you could use the insur-

ance to pay back the loan. I recommend purchasing term insurance. It is

the least expensive, particularly at the ages of your nephews. One issue to consider with the insurance is the length of time you should have the coverage. I recommend at least a 20-year term, but you may find that at your nephews' ages, the cost for a 30-year policy is not much more expensive.

I always caution people about being a co-signer or a guarantor. Life insurance will protect you if the borrower passes away with the outstanding obligation. However, short of having some collateral, which in most cases is not realistic, if there is a default, you will be held respon-

Good luck.

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All artisans have been specially selected for their unique gifts and ideas. Crafts range from jewelry and ceramic art to knit and recycled creations, making it easy to find something for everyone on your Christmas list this year.

As in past years, the museum will also hold a bake sale filled with a wide varieties of tasty snacks and refreshments to enjoy while shopping. Santa will be visiting all day; you can take your

own photos of your child with the jolly old man.

When the weather outside gets frightful, come on into the museum to shop and explore its special exhibit, "Twas the Night Before Christmas," featuring several popular Christmas stories and movies from the past two centu-

All activities are free and open to the public. The museum is located at 155 S. Main Street, one block north of downtown Plymouth.

For more information, visit the website at www.plymouthhistory.org or call 734-455-



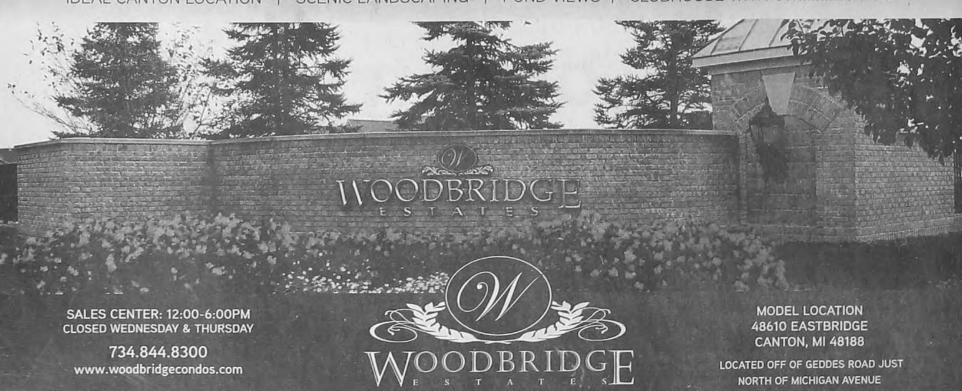
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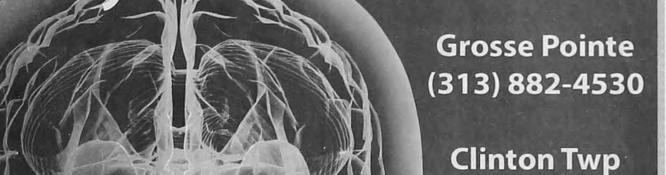
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The Cheese Lady comes to downtown Farmington



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The Cheese Lady owner Joe Mantey opened the specialty
grocer Nov. 13.

By Aileen Wingblad Staff Writer

A new downtown Farmington shop has 80-plus reasons for you to "say cheese" — with more on the way

Visit The Cheese Lady on Grove Street — next to TJ Maxx — to find a massive assortment of artisan cheeses and complimentary products to pair them with, including craft beers, wines, crisps, preserves and more.

Not sure what "goes with" what or unfamiliar with any of the names posted on the wall, listing the dozens and dozens of cheeses that fill the store's coolers?

No worries. That's what the "cheesemongers" are for, ready to share what they know and offer samples of their choosing or yours.

"We talk cheese, we sell cheese, we teach



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Cheesemonger Kyle Tackett offers samples and plenty of cheese advice to customers.

people about cheese," said Kyle Tackett, degreed in culinary arts, and proud wearer of his cheesemonger title

cheesemonger title.

"The thing about cheese is people often think of it as one-dimensional," Tackett said, "but it's so versatile. It can be part of so many different things — desserts, entrees, appetizers. There are so many uses and different varieties ... you can see why everyone loves cheese."

The Farmington store, owned by Joe and Kendra Mantey, is the fifth Cheese Lady, a Michigan-based company founded by the original "cheese lady" Kathleen Riegler about 10 years ago. She and her husband John run their first store in Muskegon and take an active role in helping launch the franchises — as evidenced by John's recent visit to the Manteys' store.

"Some people just haven't had any good cheese," Riegler said, explaining that the vacuum-sealed products typical of most supermarkets are what so many are used to, but are sorely lacking in flavor.

Rather, cheeses have to be packaged properly and not sliced in advance, he said, to keep customers hungering for more.

Tackett agreed. "We buy a better product, we handle it better, we take care of it better," he said. "You have to respect your cheese, treat it nicely."

Joe Mantey said he and his wife became fans of The Cheese Lady's Grand Rapids store about a year ago, after friends recommended they stop there on the way to visit Mantey's dad, who lives on the western side of the state. After one visit, they were booked

they were hooked.
"Then every time we visited my dad, we had to stop," he said, grinning.

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Last February, he
approached Riegler and
got his franchise plan in
motion. And downtown
Farmington had to be the
spot. As a Farmington
Hills planning commissioner and "one of the
active Main Street people," Mantey said whatever helps revitalize the
downtown benefits the
entire Farmington-Farmington Hills communi-

"On the planning commission, I tell people what they can and can't do with their developments. Now, I'm learning about the other perspective," he said. "Now, I'm putting my money where my mouth is."

Eventually, Mantey expects to offer 150 varieties of cheese, but for now is easing into the business with a little more than half that amount, such as blended cheddar, goat and sheep's milk cheeses, smoked, blues, soft cheeses and more. Some are seasonal, like Cranberry Le Roule, which will be offered through the holidays only. About 70 percent are European, with the rest from Michigan, Vermont, Wisconsin, Iowa and California.

"Just come in and taste," Mantey said. "Let the cheese speak for itself. It will remind you that it is one of the good things in life."

The Cheese Lady is open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday. Phone 248-957-9581.

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The Reindeer Band - (front, from left) Camryn Mastny, Alison Bradley, Riley Walker and Natalie Parkinson and (back, from left) Madison McCann, Rachel Carallavah, Kyle Mitchell, Mariah Gallagher and Zaven Rutman – gets ready as Spotlight on Youth presents "Rock 'n' Roll Santa" at the Biltmore Studio at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton, Dec. 4-7. Show times are 7 p.m. Dec. 4-6, with 2 p.m. matinee performances Dec. 6-7. Tickets are \$12 each and are available by calling the box office at 734-394-5300 or 734-394-5460 or online at www.canton-mi.org/villagetheater or in person at The Summit on the Park or at the door. The Village Theater at Cherry Hill is located at 50400 Cherry Hill in Canton.

PEARL HARBOR CEREMONY

Date/Time: Sunday, Dec. 7, 1

Location: Plymouth Veterans Memorial Park, in front of Central Middle School, downtown Plymouth

Details: At about 7 a.m. - 1 p.m. Plymouth time - Sunday, Dec. 7, 1941, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, was attacked. This ceremony will "Remember Pearl Harbor." Pearl Harbor Day is a day that should be a quiet memory of those military men and women who never asked questions, but followed orders - and died. The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 6695, Plymouth Passage-Gayde American Legion Post No. 391 and the Vietnam Veterans of American Chapter No. 528 invite you and your family to attend.

FARRAND FAIR

Date/Time: Thursday, Dec. 4,

Location: Farrand Elementary School, 41400 Greenbriar Lane,

Plymouth Township **Details:** Farrand Elementary School hosts its annual Vendor/ Craft Fair, featuring more than 25 vendors and crafters. The event also features jewelry, purses, health and beauty items and more. Admission is free.

BAREFOOT AUDITIONS Date/Time: Dec. 8-9. 7 p.m.

Location: Barefoot Productions theater, Main near the railroad tracks in Plymouth

Details: Barefoot Productions announces auditions for Distracted, a dark comedy by Lisa Loomer. The play deals with A.D.D. and its treatments. Roles for three men and six women. Actors should bring a resume and head shot, if available.

Contact: For more information, call Chris at 734-673-4244 or go to www.justgobarefoot.

COLLEGE WORKSHOP

Date/Time: Thursday, Dec. 4, 7-8:30 p.m. Location: Canton Public Library,

1200 S. Canton Center, Canton Details: A free workshop on funding a student's college education features Robert Hoger, certified college planning specialist with Michigan College Funding LLC. He will be discussing such topics as how to send kids to the school of their dreams without going broke; how to increase eligibility for aid; how to find scholarships and grants. Admission is free, but seating is limited by the size of

the room. Contact: Call 248-662-1300 to reserve a seat and for more information.

NEW SCHOOL MEETING Date/Time: Monday, Dec. 1,

6:30-8:30 p.m. Location: Plymouth Township offices, 9955 N. Haggerty

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 newschoolhigh.org or the New School High Facebook page.

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

ANNUAL WCGH REUNION

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

Location: Hibachi Grill Supreme Buffet, 6539 N. 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

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

Library plans business events

The Plymouth District Library has two business events scheduled for Thursday that are designed to strengthen its ties with local business owners, employees and entrepreneurs.

We are continuing to expand our services to area businesses and playing our part in the economic development of the Plymouth com-munity," library direc-tor Carol Souchock said in a press release. "We hope to get to know the business community better ... with these two valuable events."

One is an open house, 5-7 p.m., during which library will introduce

an expanded Business Resource Center on the second level. The public is invited to drop in and learn about the library's resources and meet representatives from local economic development organizations.

Karen Bitterle, director of the Small **Business Development** Center at Schoolcraft College, will be on hand to share information about resources at the SBDC, which has been working with the library to create an effective business resource center.

Steve Feinman, the district director of SCORE, has provided guidance through the

library to local businesses and entrepreneurs. Feinman will be back at 7 p.m. Thursday to talk about the capabilities of SCORE, a nonprofit working to help small businesses get started.

SCORE provides free private business consultations and also volunteer opportunities for retired professionals. Register for the appearance by Feinman by calling the library at 734-453-0750, ext. 4, or online at http:// plymouthlibrary. org/index.php/ events/adult-programs/ icalrepeat.detail/2014/ 12/04/6073/-/intro-toscore.

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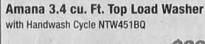
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Three generations of family join same sorority

By Karen Smith Staff Writer

Three generations of the same Livonia family are now members of the same sorority.

"Believe it or not, my daughter and my granddaughter are my 'sisters," said Marguerite Pilon Erpelding, 75, who became a member of Zeta Tau Alpha at Michigan State University in 1958. "It sounds goofy, but it's the truth.

Erpelding attended the initiation ceremony Nov. 15 for her granddaughter Sinead Cox, 18, into Zeta Tau Alpha at University of Michigan, along with her daughter and Sinead's mother, Laura Cox, 50. She joined Zeta Tau Alpha while studying criminal justice at MSU in 1984.

Erpelding and Laura Cox were invited to participate in the ceremony since Sinead is what's called a "double legacy," having a grandmother and mother who both were members.

"It was pretty cool to take part in that," said Laura Cox, who was elected earlier this month to represent Livonia's 19th District in the state House of Representatives.

Erpelding said she decided to join Zeta Tau Alpha 56 years ago be-cause she had a lot in common with the girls who were already members. But she didn't push her daughter or granddaughter to join. "Each house has girls in it; all have different personal-ities," she said. "It all depends on who you click with.'

But, she said, she's thrilled: "My granddaughter is wearing the same badge I wore that I gave to my daughter."



Marguerite Pilon Erpelding, Sinead Cox and Laura Cox celebrating three generations of Zetas.

The badge is the pin Erpelding was given at her initiation.

Laura Cox said she rushed a number of sororities when she was a student studying criminal justice at MSU, but decided on Zeta in part because it was "a little special to be considered a

And while she was

secretly hoping Sinead would also become a Zeta, she wanted her to pick the sorority that was the best fit for her.

Sinead followed in the footsteps of her father, former Michigan Attorney General Mike Cox, in attending the

so the sorority house she will live in next year is different from the one her mother and grandmother lived in at Michigan State University.

Sinead, a freshman who's considering a major in international relations and business, rushed and ended up picking three sororities, with Zeta being her favorite. "In the end, she landed where she needed to be," Laura Cox said.

Sinead said she picked Zeta because she "fell in love with the girls there and the philanthropy (breast cancer awareness and education) because it affects everyone.

The Ladywood High School graduate also liked that the sorority places a special emphasis on traditions and legacies. If she has a daughter one day, she said, she hopes she can pass along the "family heirloom" grandma's Zeta Tau Alpha pin.

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2015 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS **DECEMBER 9, 2014** Notice is hereby given that a public hearing concerning the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program will be held by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED USE OF THE

Plymouth at 7:00 PM in the Town Hall Meeting Room of the Plymouth Township Hall located at 9955 N. Haggerty Road on Tuesday, December 9, 2014.

The purpose of the public hearing will be to afford the public the opportunity to place before the board any proposed use of the 2015 CDBG funds.

Preliminary indications from the Wayne County Community Development Block Grant program are that the estimated 2015 funding allocation for the Township will be approximately \$91,391. Wayne County requires that our request for public service projects not exceed 15 9 of the total allocation. Based on that special requirement the projects are proposed as follows:

ESTIMATED 2015 ALLOCATION BASED ON 15% PUBLIC SERVICE CAP

	Allocation \$14,565			
PUBLIC SERVICES				
Senior Services	\$7,282			
Council on Aging	\$5,058			
Senior Alliance	\$2,224			
Senior Transportation	\$7,283			
ADMINISTRATION	\$9,139			
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BRICK & MORTAR	\$67,687			
ADA Township Park Improvements	\$67,687			
TOTAL ALLOCATION	\$91,391			

Any written comments regarding the proposed use of the 2015 funds should be directed to Susan Vignoe, Solid Waste and Public Service Coordinator, Charter Township of Plymouth, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, MI and must be received by Friday December 5, 2014

> Nancy Conzelman Clerk, Charter Township of Plymouth

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT 12 TO ORDINANCE NO. 1016 ADOPTION OF 2012 EDITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ADOPTING AND INCORPORATING BY REFERENCE THE 2012 EDITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE WITH APPENDICES; PROVIDING FOR THE REGULATION OF THE SAFEGUARDING OF LIFE AND PROPERTY FROM FIRE AND EXPLOSION HAZARDS ARISING FROM THE STORAGE, HANDLING AND USE OF HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES, MATERIALS, AND DEVICES, AND FROM CONDITIONS HAZARDOUS TO LIFE OR PROPERTY IN THE OCCUPANCY OF BUILDINGS AND PREMISES IN THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH; PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF PERMITS AND HAZARDOUS USES OR OPERATIONS; PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION HEREOF; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL AND SEVERABILITY: PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. CODE ADOPTED.

Section 24.010. Code Adopted. This section provides that the 2012 Edition of the International Fire Code with Appendices is adopted by reference as the Fire Code of the Charter Township of Plymouth.

Section 24.020. Changes in the Code. This section provides that certain sections and subsections of the 2012 Edition of the International Fire Code are hereby amended as to the title, penalties and stop work orders.

Section 24.030. Notice; opportunity to correct.

This section provides that if a violation of this Chapter is noted, a Code Enforcement Officer may notify the owner of record and/or the occupant of the property of the violation.

SECTION 2. REPEAL.

This section provides that all Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

This section provides that any unenforceable section can be severed from the rest of this

SECTION 4. SAVINGS CLAUSE,

This section provides that adoption of this Ordinance does not affect proceedings, prosecution for violation of law, penalties and matured rights and duties in effect before the effective date of this Ordinance.

SECTION 5. PUBLICATION.

This section provides that the Clerk for the Charter Township of Plymouth shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This section provides that this Ordinance shall take full force and effect upon publication.

Copies of the complete text of this Ordinance are available at the office of the Clerk, Charter Township of Plymouth, 9955 N. Haggerty Rd., Plymouth, Michigan, 48170, during regular business hours.

> Nancy C. Conzelman Plymouth Township Clerk

Publish: November 30, 2014

Celebrate Kwanzaa with the community

By Joanne Maliszewski Staff Writer

The planners of this year's annual Kwanzaa celebration believe the world would be a much better place if people embraced and lived ac-

cording to the holiday's seven principles. "We live by these principles throughout our entire lives," Wayne Smith said. "They are an inspiration.'

Kwanzaa's seven principles are the heart of the celebration 2-5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6, in the upstairs auditorium at the Farmington Hills branch of the library,

32737 12 Mile. "You have to have faith in something or someone," Ouley Sauls-berry said.

Smith and Saulsberry are among the event's planners, who also include Douglas Saulsberry, Donna Smith, Roy and Sonia Anderson and Dirk and Jessica Beam-

The public is invited to learn about the seven principles that are based on African tradition and do not involve politics or religion. The principles are: self-determination, collective work and re-sponsibility, cooperative economics, purpose,

creativity and faith.

The seven principles
and the celebration have Laurie Scott, children's librarian, excited. While the event has been celebrated in the library, this year marks the library's first year as co-sponsor.



JOANNE MALISZEWSKI

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knew about the Kwanzaa

holiday, she was raised in its traditions of family

While presentations

will be made - including

from Farmington Public

Schools officials, who

and community: "The

whole Kwanzaa idea is just that."

The planners of the 2014 Kwanzaa celebration include: Donna and Wayne Smith, Laurie Scott, Farmington Community Library children's librarian, Douglas and Ouley Saulsberry and Roy and Sonia Anderson. Also on the planning committee are Jessica and Dirk Beamer.

"I jumped on the bandwagon," Scott said. "We are providing the space and the general library publicity. I value this as a cultural awareness event."

The principles, Scott said, are about community and each other. "Community togetherness, knowing your community and yourself. This is a celebration of all that."

In the years the planners have organized the event, increasingly more people attend, particularly with children. "By bringing in the library, it puts out the word of the diversity we have in this community," Douglas Saulsberry said.

The celebration will include music, dance, storytelling and family presentations of the Kwanzaa principles.

Again this year, pop-ular storyteller Rosie Chapman will be on hand. And, for the first time, the Harrison High School Dance Troupe, led by teacher Tumijah Banks, will perform. Return African dancer Andrea Hetheru also will perform.

"The principles cross ethnic, religious and economic lines," Roy Anderson said. "It is about unity and all of us coming together."

In reaching that goal, Ouley Saulsberry said,

KWANZAA PRINCIPLES

Despite its African roots in history and culture, Kwanzaa is an American holiday, started by a college professor in 1966 following the Watts riots in Los Angeles. Kwanzaa is based on seven principles (with their official names in

» Umoja (Unity): To strive for and maintain unity in the family, community, nation and race.

» Kujichagulia (Self-determination): To define ourselves, name ourselves, create for ourselves and speak for our-

» Ujima (Collective work and responsibility): To build and maintain our community together and make our brother's and sister's problems our problems and to solve them

» Ujamaa (Cooperative economics): To build and maintain our own stores, shops and other businesses and to profit

from them together. » Nia (Purpose): To make our collective vocation the building and developing of our community in order to

restore our people to their traditional greatness. » Kuumba (Creativity): To do always as much as we can, in the way we can, in order to leave our community more beautiful and beneficial than we inherited it.

» Imani (Faith): To believe with all our heart in our people, our parents, our teachers, our leaders and the righteousness and victory of our struggle.

were in on the beginning of the annual celebration almost 10 years ago visitors can look forward to refreshments, food and a chance to gather.

The Kwanzaa plan-ning committee has quite a few sponsors that help create a successful celebration. Papa John's pizza and Johnny Pomodora's have helped since day one, while others are Beans & Cornbread restaurant, Busch's Fresh Market, Heartland Market, Whole Foods Market, Farmington Community Library and Chicken

King.
"This has grown and evolved since it was started," Roy Anderson said. "It's a joy to see so many faces."

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Plymouth Charter Township, Wayne County, Michigan NOTICE OF ORDINANCE SUBMITTAL

TO: THE RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN, AND ANY OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the following proposed Ordinance was introduced for first reading by the Plymouth Charter Township Board at its

November 18, 2014 meeting:

STATE OF MICHIGAN COUNTY OF WAYNE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH

AMENDMENT 13 to ORDINANCE NO. 1016

CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY GAS FRANCHISE ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE, granting to CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY, its successors and assigns, the right, power and authority to lay, maintain and operate gas mains, pipes and services on, along, across and under the highways, streets, alleys, bridges, waterways, and other public places, and to do a local gas business in the CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN, for a period of thirty years.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. TERM. The CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN, hereby grants to the Consumers Energy Company, a Michigan corporation, its successors and assigns, hereinafter called the "Grantee," the right, power and authority to lay, maintain and operate gas mains, pipes and services on, along, across and under the highways, streets, alleys, bridges, waterways, and other public places, and to do a local gas business in the CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN, for a period of

SECTION 2. CONSIDERATION. In consideration of the rights, power and authority hereby granted, said Grantee shall faithfully perform all things required by the terms hereof.

SECTION 3. <u>CONDITIONS</u> No highway, street, alley, bridge, waterway or other public place used by said Grantee shall be obstructed longer than necessary during the work of construction or repair, and shall be restored to the same order and condition as when said work was commenced. All of Grantee's pipes and mains shall be so placed in the highways and other public places as not to unnecessarily interfere with the use thereof for highway

SECTION 4. HOLD HARMLESS, Said Grantee shall at all times keep and save the Charter Township free and harmless from all loss, costs and expense to which it may be subject by reason of the negligent construction and maintenance of the structures and equipment hereby authorized. In case any action is commenced against the Charter Township on account of the permission herein given, said Grantee shall, upon notice, defend the Charter Township and save it free and harmless from all loss, cost and damage arising out of such negligent construction and maintenance.

SECTION 5. EXTENSIONS. Said Grantee shall construct and extend its gas distribution system within said Charter Township and shall furnish gas to applicants residing therein in accordance with applicable laws, rules and regulations.

SECTION 6. FRANCHISE NOT EXCLUSIVE. The rights, power and authority herein granted, are not exclusive. Either manufactured or natural gas may be furnished hereunder.

SECTION 7. RATES. Said Grantee shall be entitled to charge the inhabitants of said Charter Township for gas furnished therein, the rates as approved by the Michigan Public Service Commission, to which Commission or its successors authority and jurisdiction to fix and regulate gas rates and rules regulating such service in said Charter Township, are hereby granted for the term of this franchise. Such rates and rules shall be subject to review and change at any time upon petition therefor being made by either said Charter Township, acting by its Charter Township Board, or by said Grantee.

SECTION 8. REVOCATION. The franchise granted by this ordinance is subject to revocation upon sixty (60) days written notice by the party desiring such revocation.

SECTION 9. MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, JURISDICTION, Said Grantee shall, as to all other conditions and elements of service not herein fixed, be and remain subject to the rules and regulations of the Michigan Public Service Commission or its successors, applicable to gas service in said Charter Township. Nothing herein shall be construed as limiting the legal right of Grantee to challenge, contest or appeal any order, rule or regulation of the Michigan Public Service Commission.

SECTION 10. COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS. Grantee shall comply with all applicable laws, statutes, ordinances, rules and regulations regarding the installation, maintenance or operation of its gas system, whether federal, state or local, now in force or which hereafter may be promulgated; however, nothing herein shall be construed as a waiver by Grantee of any of its existing or future rights under state or Federal law.

SECTION 11. REPEALER. This ordinance, when accepted by grantee and published as herein provided, shall repeal and supersede the provisions of a gas ordinance adopted by the Charter Township Board on December 14, 1971 entitled:

AN ORDINANCE, granting to CONSUMERS POWER COMPANY, its successors and assigns, the right, power and authority to lay, maintain and operate gas mains, pipes and services on, along, across and under the highways, streets, alleys, bridges, and other public places, and to do a local gas business in the TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN, for a period of thirty years.

and amendments, if any, to such ordinance whereby a gas franchise was granted to Consumers Energy Company.

SECTION 12. EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall take effect upon the day after the date of publication thereof; provided, however, it shall cease and be of no effect after thirty days from its adoption unless within said period the Grantee shall accept the same in writing filed with the Charter Township Clerk. Upon acceptance and publication hereof, this ordinance shall constitute a contract between said Charter Township and said Grantee.

Publish: November 30, 2014



CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN WINTER TAXES - 2014

Winter taxes are due December 1, 2014 and payable through February 28, 2015 without penalty. Additional information appears on the reverse side of your tax statement.

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CITY HALL WILL BE CLOSED Wednesday, December 24, 2014 and Thursday, December 25, 2014 also Wednesday, December 31, 2014 and Thursday, January 1, 2015.

During this holiday season, the Treasurer's office will be OPEN on Monday, December 22, 2014, Tuesday, December 23, 2014 Friday December 26, 2014 and Monday, December 29, 2014 and Tuesday, December 30, 2014 for our taxpayers' convenience.

> Teresa Cischke, MiCPT CPFA City Treasurer

Publish: November 30, 2014 and December 4, 2014

STATE OF MICHIGAN COUNTY OF WAYNE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH

FIREWORKS ORDINANCE SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT 9 TO ORDINANCE NO. 1016

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH REGULATING FIREWORKS; PROVIDING FOR DEFINITIONS; PROVIDING FOR EXEMPTIONS; PROVIDING FOR PERMIT OR REGISTRATION; PROVIDING FOR DISCHARGE OF NOVELTIES; PROVIDING FOR PYROTECHNIC DISPLAYS; PROVIDING FOR PERMIT FOR DISCHARGE OF CONSUMER FIREWORKS; PROVIDING FOR TRANSPORTATION AND STORAGE; PROVIDING FOR PENALTY; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS:

Ordinance No. 1016, the Fireworks Ordinance is hereby adopted to read as follows:

SECTION I. TITLE.

This Ordinance shall be known and may be cited as the "Fireworks Ordinance."

SECTION II. ORDINANCE.

Sec. A. Definitions. This section provides for the definition of words used in this ordinance.

Sec. B. Exemptions. This section provides that a permit is not required for the possession, ignition or discharge of novelties or low-impact fireworks. Sec. C. Permit or registration required. This section provides that in order to sell fireworks a consumer fireworks certificate must be obtained from the township in accordance

with the requirements of Act 256, as amended. Sec. D. Discharge or novelties, low-impact fireworks and consumer fireworks. This section provides for the requirements and prohibitions for the discharge of novelties, low-

impact fireworks and consumer fireworks. Sec. E. Permit for pyrotechnic displays or other use. This section provides for the requirements to obtain a permit from the township for pyrotechnic displays or other uses.

Sec. F. Permit for discharge of consumer fireworks. This section provides for the requirements to obtain a permit from the township for the discharge of consumer fireworks.

Sec. G. Transportation and storage. This section provides that the transportation and storage of fireworks shall be in accordance with the requirements set forth in Act 256.

This section provides that any person who violates any of the provisions of this ordinance is

responsible for a civil infraction punishable by a civil fine not to exceed \$500.00.

This section provides that all Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

This section provides that any unenforceable section can be severed from the rest of the Ordinance.

SECTION VI. SAVINGS CLAUSE.

This section provides that adoption of this Ordinance does not affect proceedings or prosecutions for violation of law, penalties and matured rights and duties in effect before the effective date of this Ordinance.

This section provides that the Clerk for the Charter Township of Plymouth shall cause this

Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law. SECTION VIII. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This section provides that this Ordinance shall take full force and effect upon publication.

Copies of the complete text of this Ordinance are available at the office of the Clerk, Charter Township of Plymouth, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170, during regular

Nancy Conzelman, Clerk

Charter Township of Plymouth



TOM BEAUDOIN

Shuree Neely of Plymouth looks on as friend Jeff Williams of Fenton is ready to head for the doors after helping carry packages from shopping Thanksgiving night.



Garden City resident Rachel Zarb, along with parents Suzanne and Bruce, gets early shopping in at Westland Shopping Center.

Shoppers gobble up deals Thanksgiving evening at Westland Shopping Center

By Sue Mason Staff Writer

The cha-ching of cash registers replaced the sounds of silver bells as Black Friday aficionados kicked off the holiday shopping season with gusto Thanksgiving eve-

The parking lot at the Canton Walmart on Ford Road was packed with shoppers on the hunt for the best holiday deals, while at Westland Shopping Center, the line stretched from the exterior doors at JC Penney to the Verizon store as people waited for its 5 p.m. opening.

"We got here about 5:30," said Catherine Osborne of Plymouth. "This took about a month of preparation. We've been to JC Penney Kohl's, Sears, Claire's, Children's Place and Toys R Us. I have most of my shopping done, but I cannot go out on Black Friday. I usually go out with a friend, but this is the first time she

couldn't come. 'Even when I'm fully done, I keep shopping until time runs out," she

added Helping her was son Aaron, 12, who was the designated "executive director." He got to make the final decision - yes, - according no, maybe to his mother and helped carry packages.

"It depends on how much I like," he said.

Stocking up

Bruce Zarb of Garden City had a spot staked out by Bath & Body Works, waiting for his wife Suzanne and daughter Ra-

"I just want to go home," said Zarb, who was surprised by the number of people at the mall. "I feel bad for the people who have to

"I bought stuff (Rachel) wanted and I put off buying until now,' Suzanne said. "I had coupons and then they gave us more coupons to come back in a few

Their shopping bag included a tote filled with more than \$100 in prod-

In the mall's central court, former Westland resident Kim Eddy and daughters Mya, Jessica and Kristen Johnson were loaded down with packages from Aeropost-

"Everything was 60 percent off," Eddy said. "We came out right after I cleaned up after din-

This was their first time doing the Black Friday shopping at Westland mall.

"It's a lot easier shopping here, there's less people," Jessica Johnson said. "Last year, we went to Twelve Oaks and it was crazy and the year before we went to Great Lakes Crossing and it was elbow to elbow.'

The women stocked up on sweaters, skirts, scarves, sweat pants, pajama pants, tank tops and shorts. Some of the items were for Christmas presents.

After about two hours of shopping, Eddy said they might be out another hour or so.

"I've been up since 7 a.m. cooking," she said.



Thanksgiving night is a fun shopping experience for Mya Jonnson, mom Kim Eddy and sisters Jessica and Kristen at Westland Shopping Center.

Well-planned

Also surrounded by packages were Shuree Neely of Plymouth and Jeff Williams, formerly of Plymouth. They had gotten to the mall at 9 p.m. and by 9:45 p.m. were ready to leave, although Ashlee Neely wanted to go to Twelve

"We knew what we were going for," Neely said. "Most of this is Christmas stuff, but a couple of the things from Bath & Body Works are for me. I'd do more shopping if I didn't have to carry all this stuff around."

Williams didn't have the Christmas spirit.

"Most of the stores they're going into, I'm the only guy," he said. "It's store after store for women, but I don't see

any tool store for me." Among the younger shoppers was Ben Christopher of Livonia. A student at Franklin High School, he was there with Connor Gawne of Westland looking for a pair of Vans shoes.

This is my first time been in two stores," he said. "I asked my brother for a pair of Vans for Christmas and he wanted to pick them up.

Gawne was indifferent about the idea of shopping Thanksgiving.

I'm used to seeing a lot of people; I went out last year," he said.

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Bailey Nutt of Westland takes advantage of the many sales to be had Thanksgiving night at Bath & Body Works in Westland.





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HEAT IN THE COLD

With winter coming, now is the appropriate time to discuss joint care in cold weather. Of great importance is keeping the hands warm. Doing so is a major undertaking for a person with Raynaud's Disease, In this condition, blood vessels to the digits spasm and close off; no blood supply gets to the fingers. The effect is to cause the finger, or fingers, involved to become numb and white. This change lasts until the spasm ends and circulation can once again establish itself.

The spasm may last for moments to more than a half hour. The episodes of Raynauds may come only once or twice during the winter, or come on every day. The more episodes of Raynaud's that occur, the greater the chance fingertips may ulcerate with accompanying pain and infection. Therefore, physicians spend time discussing with patients having Raynaud's the importance of keeping hands warm.

The first point physicians make is that the hands need to be warm at all times. Just opening the front door and taking a few steps to pick up the paper requires wearing gloves, the same holds for a short walk from a market's parking lot into the entrance. If a building is cool, keep gloves on. It may be best to wear gloves at night if the bedroom is in the rear of the house, away from the furnace and likely to be one or two degrees cooler than the rest of the house.

Close attention to using gloves in winter applies to people with osteoarthritis or rheumatoid arthritis. Warm hands are more flexible than cold hands, warm hands fit better into gloves and grip canes, railings and car door handles better than cold hands.







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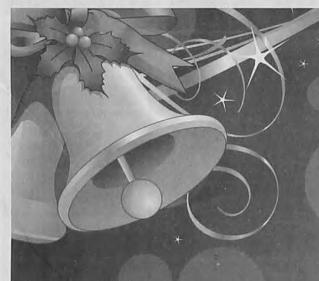
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Vigilance important to avoid 'Trouble in Toyland'

Report details some dangerous toys

By Nathan Mueller Staff Writer

It's a scene Donna Bucciarelli has seen far too often in the emergency room.

A kid comes in after swallowing something he shouldn't have or, worse, he swallowed something that completely blocks the airway.

It is often a panic situation at the time, but the key, said Bucciarelli, who serves as the trauma prevention coordinator for Beaumont Health System, is being vigilant, because many of these situations can be prevented.

"Supervision and common sense are the most important things," she said. "And it's not just with the new toys, but keeping track of old ones as well."

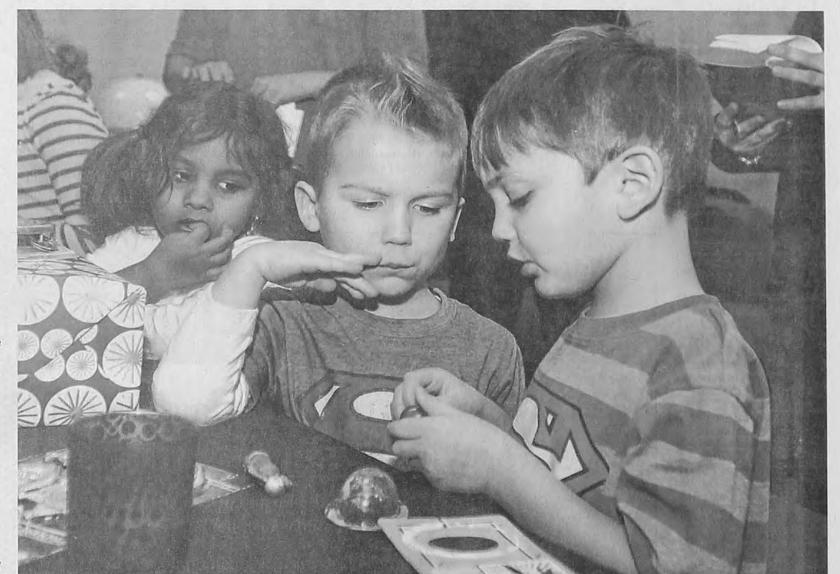
Prevention is especially important as the holiday shopping season approaches and toys fly off the shelves. And Beaumont is once again at the forefront of the education process by sponsoring the release of the Public Interest Research Group in Michigan's annual Trouble in

Toyland report.

The report, which is slated to be released early next week, provides safety guidelines for consumers buying toys, as well as examples of toys currently on the shelves that pose poten-

tial safety risks.

The most common hazards found on store shelves include ones that



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Ryan Roush (left) and Sachin Ploucha check out the toys during a program announcing the upcoming release of the Trouble in Toyland report.

are choking hazards, contain toxic substances, are magnetic and ones that make a lot of noise.

Bucciarelli said these hazards are found in toys from numerous companies and various price

"We have seen it

across the board," she said. "It's companies you don't recognize and ones

PIRG's report found numerous toys this year that fail the toilet paper roll test — meaning if it fits inside a toilet paper role, it is probably unsafe for children under 3 years old.

Five toys were reportedly found with concentrations of toxins exceeding federal standards

But while many of these toys remain on the shelves, Bucciarelli said a lot has been done over the years to cut back on those posing severe safety concerns.

"Without the constant policing and vigilance and knowing people are watching, I think the standards would go backward," she said. U.S. PIRG Consumer Program Director Ed Mierzwinski said they "commend the emergency medicine and pediatric experts at Beaumont and other hospitals around the nation for helping educate parents about potential toy hazards."

For more information about the report and to get toy safety tips, go to www.toysafetytips.org.

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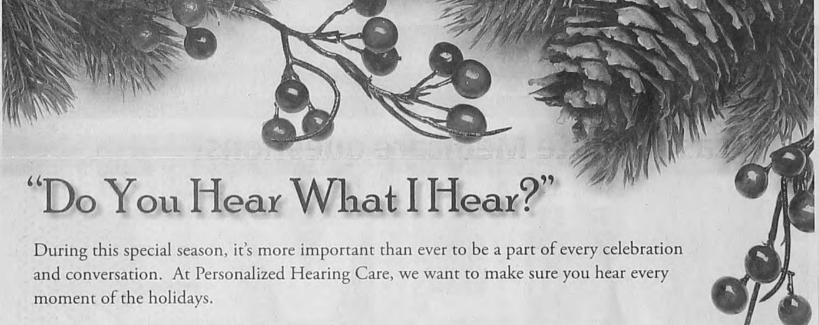
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Marine Corps' Toys for Tots relies heavily on volunteers

By Julie Brown

Each Christmas season, volunteers locally and throughout the U.S. work with members of the United States Marine Corps on Toys for Tots, which began in 1947. Residents are encouraged to donate new, unwrapped toys for chil-

dren at area drop boxes. Rebecca Perelli Yarbrough of



Novi is a volunteer regional area coordinator for the Marine Corps Toys for

Shawn King Tots. She is available at 248-331-7433 or

T4TRebecca@aol.com.

Yarbrough is in her 28th year of Toys for Tots volunteering. "Because children are our most important asset,' she said of her work, with all Toys for Tots efforts volunteer.

She told her dad about her son, now 21, who has worked on Toys for Tots all these years, too. Yarbrough couldn't give up volunteering when she saw the look on her son's face as he opened Christmas presents.

"Look at that face. I put that on 100,000 kids. Everything you do good in life comes back to you," she said. "Rewarding is a small word compared to what it is.'

Yarbrough's communities are: South Lyon, Novi, Northville, Plymouth, Canton, Salem, Farmington, Farmington Hills, West Bloomfield, Milford, Highland, East Highland, Commerce, White Lake, Keego Harbor, Walled Lake, Wixom, Orchard Lake, Wolverine Lake, Union Lake, Clarkston, Seven Harbors, Andersonville, Davisburg, Springfield, Thomas, Oakwood, Walters, Perry Lake Heights, Oxford, Ortonville, Brandon Gardens, and Holly

A wealth of information can be found on the www.toysfortots.org website. Organizers note that if you do not see your community listed, you should visit www.detroit-mi.toys fortots.org or www.trenton-mi.toys

fortots.org.

If you are unable to contact a local area point of contact, contact coordinator Marine Staff Sgt. Scott Bare at 586-549-9238 or Scott.Bare.T4T@ gmail.com. Checks payable to the Marine Corps Toys for Tots Foundation are welcome at: Toys for Tots Marine Coordinator, (ATTN) Marine Coordinator, 1st Bn 24th Marines, Selfridge Air National Guard Base. 27601 C St, Mt. Clemens, MI 48045.

In early November, Yarbrough was putting in eight-nine hours a day on Toys for Tots four days a week. That steps up to 15-hour days by mid-November when the volunteers get into their warehouse.

Those interested in volunteering can email Yarbrough, with sorting opportunities heavy in December after the warehouse gets set up in

November. 'We've got some wonderful events coming up," Yarbrough said. Scouts assist with toy drives each year, there are pancake breakfasts, and many businesses sponsor Toys for Tots

events. "Oakland County is a stellar contributor to the program," she said. They have always come through. It is just fantastic. Every year it over-

whelms me.' Toys for Toys donation canisters are around town, too, and donations are also welcome online. Yarbrough said local community needs are first met, with additional donated toys then shifted to nearby needy

"The goal is to put the toys out in the kids' hands," she said, adding some volunteers work

year-round on drives to guarantee sufficient

The general cutoff age is 13, but volunteers try to accommodate teens who have younger siblings receiving toys, and ask about that on the application.

"Personally in my own heart they are the ones we need to connect with," Yarbrough said of the teens. "They get lost in the shuffle."

She's also requesting limited stuffed animals due to their harboring germs. Yarbrough noted that to request help you should visit the www.toysfortots.org website home page and click on the "Request

Toys" tab. She's seeking additional help with vehicles, such as a truck or cargo van. Dick Scott is donating a minivan, one of many business supporters the organizers appreciate.

Toys for Tots is a 67year-old national charitable program run by the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve, and provides happiness and hope to disadvantaged children during each Christmas holiday season.

The toys, books and other gifts collected and distributed by the Marines offer these children recognition, confidence and a positive memory for a lifetime.

It is such experiences that help children become responsible citizens and caring members of their community, according to the Marine Corps website. Last year, the Marine Corps fulfilled the holiday hopes and dreams of 6.8 million less fortunate children in 762 communities nationwide. Since 1947, over 223 million

children have been assisted.

"I think they're vital to the program," Yar-brough said of Marines, who staff some Toys for Tots events when not handling military duties. She added some families celebrate holidays other than Christmas.

"Our communities are very diverse culturally and socially," she said, with the goal to reach all kids in need.





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Tips to enjoy a safe family holiday season

Ways to prevent fires at home

It's no surprise that as the holiday season approaches, family and friends gather to celebrate. With more cooking, decorating and rituals that include candles and open flames, the risk of house fires and pediatric burn injuries increase drastically during the month of December.

These holiday traditions can all lead to a devastating house fire when there are young children in the home. The U.S. Fire Administration reports there are approximately 128,700 fires during this festive month that account for 415 deaths and 1,650 injuries.

Holiday fire safety tips

According to Dr. David Herndon, M.D., with

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Look out for loved ones and prepare for the holiday ahead with these simple fire safety tips from Shriners Hospitals for Children:

Holiday decorations

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Holiday lighting

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» Connect strings of lights to an extension cord before plugging the cord into the outlet.

Candle care

» Consider using battery-operated, flameless candles.

» Never leave lit candles unattended. When using lit candles, make sure they are in stable holders and placed where they cannot be knocked down easily.

Holiday cooking

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» Cooking is the primary cause of home fires and fire injuries, so keep an eye on what you fry.

» Stand by your pan



Be safe in the kitchen this holiday season.

and turn pot handles toward the back of the stove so children cannot

reach them. » Wear short sleeves or roll up long sleeves when cooking.

» Keep a pan lid or cookie sheet nearby to cover the pan if it catches on fire.

Be prepared

To protect your loved ones, make sure your home is equipped with working smoke alarms and fire extinguishers. The holiday season is a great time to change the batteries in your smoke alarms and to check fire extinguishers.

Have an escape plan for your family and always cook with care. Most importantly, if you or your child experiences a burn, consult a physician immediately.

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The gift of prevention

The holiday season is a great time to spread safety awareness to all of your family and friends. Here are some gift ideas to present to loved ones, stuff stockings or to tuck under the tree:

» Escape ladder: The National Fire Protection Association recommends homeowners keep one escape ladder in each room located above the ground floor. Many models are built to stow easily under the bed or in the closet

» Smoke detector: Some new smoke detectors offer advanced technologies, including a text message alert when a risk is detected or batteries are running low.

» Flameless candles: While a candle is always a classic gift, a flameless candle is a safer way to add ambiance to a room.

» Fire extinguisher: This safety equipment makes a great addition for the kitchen, garage or wood shop

» Batteries: Fill those stockings with plenty of batteries to ensure smoke detectors are in working order for many months to come.

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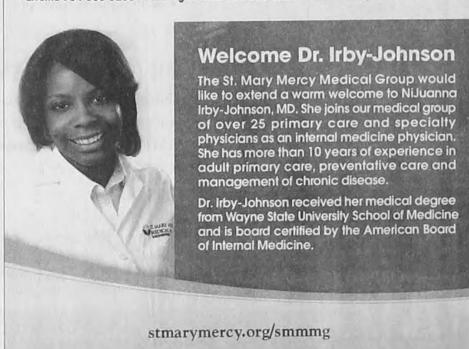
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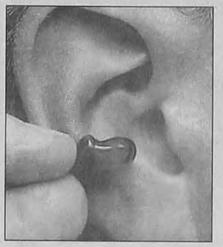
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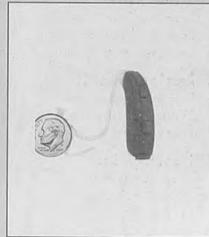
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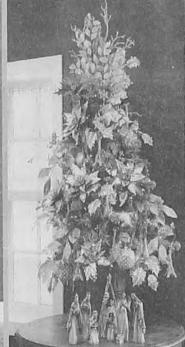
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PREP BOYS HOCKEY

Stevenson cooks up 7-1 rout

Spartans carve up Chargers in Thanksgiving Eve game

> By Ed Wright Staff Writer

Blue Wednesday preceded Black Friday by about 48 hours at Eddie Edgar Arena.

Decked out in its midnightblue road uniforms, Livonia Stevenson carved up Livonia Churchill 7-1 Wednesday night in an arena-shaking Thanksgiving Eve hockey rivalry showdown played before enthusiastic student cheering sections from both schools.

The Spartans (2-1) deliv-

ered the first blow 2:22 into the contest when Shane Leonard's perfect centering feed was deposited into the net's top shelf by senior captain Mick Sinclair, who had positioned himself comfortably on the door-step of the goal crease.

Just over six minutes later, however, it was a staggering two-goals-in-13-seconds combination by Stevenson's Alex DeFlorio and Vince Glenn that gave the "guests" a 3-0 advantage that Churchill (1-1-1) was never able to recover from.

"Whenever we score a goal, we tell ourselves that we need to go out even harder the very next shift, and that's what we did," said DeFlorio, when asked about his team's bangbang net-finders. "We did a good job of getting the puck out of our zone tonight and moving it around. We did the little things we needed to do."

Although the back-to-back-

Although the back-to-back ers were significant, they weren't the equivalent of a knock-out punch, Stevenson head coach David Mitchell emphasized.

"Those two goals definitely helped give us momentum and they helped settle our guys down a little bit, but it was still way too early – especially against a rival like Churchill – to say they knocked them out,"

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Livonia Churchill goalie Andrew Broyles (No. 1) contends with offensive pressure from Livonia Stevenson forwards Justin Alton (No. 22) and Randy Maples (No. 12).

PREP BOYS HOCKEY



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North Farmington-Harrison senior goalie Brendan Dilloway focuses on the puck as Austin Bottrell (19) and a teammate try to slow down the Farmington skater.

IN FLIGHT

Flyers skate to 4-2 win over rival Falcons in hockey match-up

By Dan O'Meara

The North Farmington-Harrison hockey players and coaches were counting their blessings on the day before Thanksgiving, too. All four of them!

The Flyers jumped to a big lead early and overcame a Farmington comeback effort for a 4-2 victory over their crosstown rivals Wednesday night.

"I'm happy with the way we battled," North-Harrison coach Ken Anderson said. "There's a lot of adversity and a lot of things going on in a rivalry game. We stuck to it and worked our tails off and got rewarded for it."

The Flyers were on the scoreboard just over a minute into the game (15:54) when Danny Arnold stole the puck near center ice for a break-



JOHN STORMZAND | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Flyers senior defenseman Frank Zak (5) protects the puck from
Farmington sophomore forward Collin Finn.

away and beat Falcons goalie Hunter Firestone with a nice move in front of the net.

North-Harrison (2-1) got its second goal a mere four seconds into a power play late in the first period (3:55).

The puck floated across the crease as Firestone tried to cover it, but Jack Cikra was unmarked on the other

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side and had an easy shot into

the open half of the net.

The Flyers made it a three straight early in the second period (15:56) when Joey Lajcaj ripped a long slap shot that made it through a maze of players to the back of the net on a power play.

"It was nice for our young guys to get into the game a

NORTHVILLE

little more, playing with a lead," Anderson said. "Every time we play the Falcons, it's never safe. They battled, battled and got back in it in a hurry."

Falcons rally

Farmington (1-3) scored both of its goal within a 1:02 span late in the second period to make a game of it and put some suspense into the competition.

Jordan Hoke scored the first on a bang-bang sequence on a power play with 3:34 remaining. Drake Cole took a centering pass from Richard Lantz and made the initial shot; Hoke scored off the rebound.

Just over a minute later (2:32), Jason Petras pulled the Falcons within one when he scored from Cole and Hoke.

The sudden scoring outburst and one-goal difference conjured thoughts of a 2010 game in which Farmington rallied from a 4-2 deficit to

"A lot of things go through your mind," Anderson said. " I warned our guys: 'The Fal-

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PREP BOYS HOCKEY

One's all it takes

Plymouth's Bump scores only goal in hard-fought win over Canton

> By Evan Paputa Correspondent

In life, lessons normally come in moments of defeat.

Wednesday night, the Plymouth varsity boys hockey team proved that the same cannot be said for hockey games — the Wildcats' youthful unit shut out Canton 1-0 and learned how to handle the atmosphere of a cross-campus rivalry as well.

"It was a growing moment for a lot of our guys that were in their first time in this environment," Wildcats head coach Gerry Vento said. "A lot of prep (Plymouth junior varsity) players stepped up that were sophomores last year and I thought grew up in this game tonight."

Beating Canton goaltender Nick Borg proved to be a daunting task for the Wildcats all night. Borg stopped 28 of 29 shots faced on the night. Plymouth finally snuck one by him with 7:29 remaining in the second period of the KLAA South Division matchup.

In the midst of a six-player scrum in the corner behind and to the left of Borg, Plymouth's James Baldwin dug the puck out and shoveled a pass towards the right slot. The man on the spot was Alex Bump who wristed it past Borg.

Borg.

"I was hanging out in the high slot, just sitting and waiting," Bump said. "Our main goal was putting the puck on net. As soon as the puck comes out of the scrum, you just have to be ready to put the puck in the net."

As marvelous of a shot that Bump's was, the play would not have been possible without Baldwin coming out of the pile with the puck and firing a nicture-perfect pass

picture-perfect pass.

"We cycled it down low and tried to get it to the net as fast as possible. That's what we do, we battle," Baldwin said.

Vento said the goal "is kind of the way we're going to be this year. We're not a highflying team that's going to score a lot of goals in transi-

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WOMEN'S SWIMMING & DIVING

Green to swim at Florida Atlantic

Division I university signs versatile Canton senior all-stater

By Tim Smith Staff Writer

Canton senior swimmer Claire Green is riding a wave of personal success.

Last weekend, Green earned Division 1 allstate honors in the 500 freestyle, finishing seventh at Eastern Michigan University with a time of 5:06.89. She also competed in the 100 breaststroke and came in 16th (1:08.80).

Green also announced she had an early signing

to swim at Florida Atlantic University, a Division I college located in Boca

Her signing took place Nov. 17 at the Canton High School pool, with coaches Ed Weber (Canton Chiefs), Josh and Alexandra "Coach Z" Morgan (Plymouth-Canton Cruisers) and former Olympian Chris Thompson (also with the PC Cruisers) on hand to celebrate with her.

Also at the ceremony was Weber's young daughter, Maddy, the

high school squad's favorite on-deck cheerleader and helper.

"I can't wait to be swimming outside and be able to walk to class with wet hair if I want," said Green about the chance to attend school in the warm-weather state

Green's parents, Patty and Todd Green of Canton, said she "is excited for the opportunity to swim at a Division 1 school with new positive, energetic coaches determined to grow and improve their team.'

In an email to the Observer, they continued to note that FAU's coach-

impressed with his team

"He's intense, brings

mentality and work eth-

turned into a leader for us already," Vento said.

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on the identity of being

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Canton Chiefs senior all-state swimmer Claire Green (seated), recently signed to swim at Division I's Florida Atlantic University. Standing (from left) are Plymouth-Canton Cruisers coaches Alexandra "Coach Z" and Josh Morgan, former Olympian Chris Thompson and Chiefs head coach Ed Weber. Standing next to Claire is Maddy Weber, who helps her dad with the high school team.

ing staff is headed by former Olympian Lara Preacco, assistant coaches Manny Naguchi (formerly of Michigan State University) and Kyle

Berg (former Kenyon College D3 champion coach).

the plan for Green at

Swimming for the Owls will be only part of FAU. She will study for a degree in physical thera-

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tion. It was a grind-it-out goal and a lot of our goals are going to be like that;

either in the crease or two, three feet from it."

Taking the lead

Bump is making a name for himself as a junior in his second sea-

son on varsity. Vento is

"Definitely we pride ourselves on that. This year's team is a lot like last year's team: we're not going to win games 7-1, 7-2," Vento said.

Although there were many Plymouth players playing in just their third varsity game, it didn't

"Baldwin and (Jake) Silvester played outstanding. (Parker) Lazorka was great. Top to bottom, everyone stepped up.'

The jump from prep level hockey to varsity is a huge one with an overall faster pace, according to Vento.

"The pace of play and the physical play. It's

fast, bodies are bigger, just less time, less

space," Vento said. For the night before Thanksgiving, students from Plymouth, Canton, and even Salem packed the stands at the Arctic Edge. The energetic environment brought out the best in the players' competitive spirits.

"I was a little nervous at the beginning, but once I got a couple of shifts in I was good to go," Baldwin said.

"It's always big against Canton and Salem. You can't let the environment grab you, you have to tone out the crowd," Bump said.

The victory over Canton is a big momentum builder for Plymouth and a big step in the right direction for the long season ahead.

"I have to say what a fantastic game that Canton played. I know they may have struggled in years past, but Brad has put together a nice team," Vento said. "It's great that all three Park teams are playing well.

All those cross-campus games are going to be just like this, nail-biters."

Optimistic outlook Canton is coming off

of a 3-21 season last year that included two losses to Plymouth by a combined 7-1 margin. The Chiefs played with pride all night long, but couldn't sneak one past Plymouth netminder Erik VandenBosch, who stopped all 13 Canton shots

"Plymouth was the better team tonight. They came out and skated hard for the whole game," Canton head coach Brad Barath said. "We didn't really skate until the last few minutes.

Borg played phenomenally on the night despite the Bump goal. He constantly was stretching out across his goal and turned away several Plymouth opportunities.

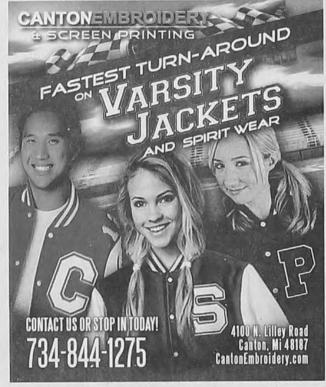
"He was outstanding. Plymouth actually took it to us all game and Borg played outstanding for us," Barath said.

Defensively Canton was able to sustain and minimalize four Plymouth power plays including a five-minute major called just 1:39 into the second period. The Chiefs defensive unit, led by Borg, helped keep them in the game until the very end.

"We hung in there because of Borg. They had their opportunities and he was there to stop the puck," Barath said. "He's just a workhorse, he absolutely works. He's not the most fundamental goalie in the world, but he's a Dominik Hašek — all over the place and making saves he needs to make.'

In the end Canton may not have been able to leave with a victory, but they still have remaining rivalry games left against Salem and Ply-

"We play Plymouth the day before Thanksgiving every year, it's tradition," Barath said. "It's nice to see where you're at in the beginning of the year."







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ALL-AREA GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY TEAM

Area's elite runners earn all-Observer honors

FIRST TEAM Maddy Trevisan, Farmington: She had the fastest time of any area runner at the Division 1 state meet, with 18:12.1. It was her peak performance of the season and a personal record time. She finished in 12th place and earned all-state recog-

In only her second season in the sport, Trevisan won the regional race at Willow Metropark with a time of 18:41.5.

She also was first in all three OAA White Division jamborees, the Catholic Central Invita-

Trevisan Farmington

tional and the city meet. In addition to those achievements, Trevisan was 10th in the Spartan Invite at Michigan State University and third in the Oakland County championship race at Kensington Metropark.

'Maddy had one of the finest cross country season in Farmington High School history," coach Charles Bridges said. "Her time at the MHSAA finals is likely the fastest time in FHS girls cross country

"More importantly, Maddy enjoys running, competing and being part of our team. Maddy has a knack for bringing out the best in herself, as well as those around her.

Lauren Arquette, Salem: The fourth-year varsity runner had an incredible swan song, epitomized by her selection as the team's Most Valuable Runner as well as being an individual state qualifier.

The senior also was team co-captain and a KLAA scholarathlete.

Arquette registered a personal best of 18:43 for the third fastest time in school

Salem history. She tallied 91.25 points this season (second most for a Salem senior) and 279 career varsity points, the program's fourth

Lauren

Arquette

Other highlights included being champion at the Ramblin' Rock and DeWitt invitationals, earning second place at the Wayne County Meet (first team all-county) and fourth place at the Division 1 team

"Lauren is a tremendous competitor and really came into full maturity as a distance runner this season," coach Dave Gerlach said. "Lauren's strength and ability to run all 5,000 meters at a fast pace were great attributes.

"The success she had again this season was due to the hours and years of dedication and hard work that she has put

Anya Cho, Salem: Another key reason for the Rocks' march to the state finals was Cho, who was named the team's Most Valuable Senior.

Also a co-captain and KLAA scholar-athlete recipient, she enjoyed successes such as finishing fourth at the Wayne County Meet (first team allcounty) and ninth at the D1 team regional.

She qualified for the state

meet as an individual (Salem also qualified as a team) and scored 80 varsity points to bring her fouryear total to 275.25 (fifth most in program history)

Anya Cho Salem Her personal best was

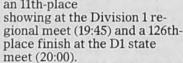
19:16.4, seventh fastest time in school history. 'Anya has battled and

shown perseverance this season which has got her back on first team," Gerlach said. "Her leadership, work ethic and passion for this sport have helped make this team successful once again.'

Addison Mussen, Churchill: She piled up a mountain of impressive credentials as a freshman, including top 10 finishes at the Livonia City Meet (fifth), Monroe Jefferson Invitational (seventh), Running Fit Coaching Legends Meet (10th), Wayne County Championships (eighth)

and KLAA Conference Meet (fifth with a personal best 19:17).

An accomplished soccer player as well, Mussen capped her season with an 11th-place



Addison

Mussen

Churchill

"Addison is the whole package when it comes to running," coach Sue Tatro said. "She is talented, hard-working, competitive and smart. I knew she would have an immediate impact on our program from day

"She is extremely motivated and has a great amount of desire when it comes to workouts and meets. She has a great future and I am looking forward to seeing what she will accomplish during the next three seasons."

Allysen Eads, Mercy: She had a good conclusion to her high school career in cross country, finishing fourth among area runners and 82nd overall in the Division 1 state meet with a time of 19:22.6. She was ranked 114th going into the meet and improved her standing considerably.

The four-year runner and three-time team MVP was eighth at the regional with a time of 19:37.6.

Eads is the Catholic League champion, winning all three

jamborees and the championship meet on the Possum Hollow course at Kensington Metropark.

Mercy

"It was a good way to cap off her final year of cross country, making all-area again," coach Gary Servais said. "She comes to work every day and is a leader at practice, in the school and the communi-

"Allysen is our scholarathlete award nominee in the Catholic League for cross country. She's really looking forward to a good track season based on what she did in cross

Annie Bonds, Plymouth: One of the best stories of the fall was the emergence of Bonds, a sophomore who

showed the poise and compet-

itive drive of a senior. She posted a personal best of 19:24 at the Wayne County Meet (third overall, named to all-county first team).

At the D1 regional, she came in 15th with a time of 20:05 and then registered a time of 19:30 at the state finals.

"Annie worked hard for the success she **Annie Bonds** achieved this Plymouth season," assis-



"She was determined to be healthy, strong and fast for her sophomore year. The real secret to her success is her mental toughness; she doesn't give

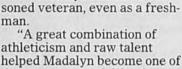
Madalyn Simko, Salem: Named Salem's Most Valuable Freshman, she tallied 69.75 varsity points - the third most for a freshman in school histo-

Her best time of 19:28.6 is the second fastest ever posted

by a Salem freshman. Other accolades included finishing 10th at the D1 region-

al (19:43) and qualifying for the state meet as an individual. "A well-

rounded athlete who burst on the cross country scene this year with confidence and competitiveness," Gerlach said. "Madalyn ran like a sea-



Madalyn

Simko

the most successful freshman in Salem history. Kathleen George, Churchill: Only a sophomore, she kicked off the season with a bang by winning the Livonia City Meet in 20:41. She followed that up with strong

showings at the Ramblin' Rock Invitational (sixth in 20:01), MSU Invitational (20th in 19:43), Monroe Jefferson Invitational (fourth in 20:02), Wayne County Champi-



A KLAA scholar-athlete, George closed her campaign with a 191st-place showing at

the D1 state meet. 'Kathleen is a lot of fun to coach because she has a true passion for running and a great desire to compete," Tatro said. "Not only is she talented, but she also has a phenomenal work ethic.

"With each season, she gains more and more confidence. I believe that she is on the verge of taking her running to the next level and I look forward to the watching her continue to excel."

Shekinah Johnson, Salem: A veteran standout on the track and field team, she came out for cross country as a senior and chalked up a season to remember.

She was the team's Rookie of the Year and tallied 67.5 varsity points, registering a personal best of 19:36.7 (14th fastest time for a senior in pro-

gram history). Johnson also finished seventh at the D1 regional with a time of 19:37 and qualified for the state meet as an

Johnson individual. Salem "A true run-ning machine," said Gerlach, also her track coach. "Strength, speed and determination is what makes Shekinah an unbelievable athlete.

Shekinah

"Her foot speed and turnover combined with true grit made Shekinah a very successful attribute to our team.'

Jenna Wisner, Lutheran Westland: She won the Division 4 regional with a time of 20:43 and ran 19:40.6 to finish 10th at the state meet. The junior standout had a best time of 19:30 at the Divine Child Falcon Invite.

Korey Szymaniak, Garden City: She finished 13th in the Division 1 regional with a time of 19:54 and placed 151st at the state meet, where she ran 20:14.7. The junior had a best time of 19:34 at the Divine Child Falcon Invite.

CO-COACHES OF YEAR Dave Gerlach, Salem: The Rocks did not miss a beat after losing brilliant runners such as Kayla Kavulich (MSU) to graduation.

The team returned several standout veterans and welcomed talented newcomers such as senior Johnson (a rookie in cross country) and freshman Simko to form a juggernaut that

Dave Gerlach Salem coach ultimately qualified as a team for the Division 1 state finals (after finishing second at the

regional). Along the way, Gerlach presided over a group that won the Franklin Invitational, Holly Invite, DeWitt Invite and Wayne County Championship and came in second at the

Ramblin' Rock Invitationa The Rocks were runners-up in the KLAA Central Division and Kensington Conference and finished 11th as a team at the state finals at Michigan International Speedway in

Brooklyn. Gerlach pointed with pride to the fact there were 32 varsity letter winners (14 for the first time), 31 athletes eclipsing the 24-minute mark (six finishing under 20 minutes) and 15 of 29 returnees running faster for 5,000 meters than

ever before.
"This is an honor to be recognized by the Observer in 2014," Gerlach said. "This year was a mystery going in as to what Salem was going to be and through these young ladies work ethic and passion it was extremely successful.

"We as coaches try to lead by example with as much pas-

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sion for the sport and team as possible. We try to stress hard work, goal-setting, competitiveness, fun, friendship, teamwork and leadership to get us to where we expect to

"As the head coach, it is my job to keep this team disciplined, focused, motivated and on the right track. ... But I am only one person who can only do so much. ... I need all of us, this family, to continue to help in making this organization a positive experience and program for all of these young ladies along with providing memories that last a lifetime."

Sue Tatro, Churchill: She guided the young (just one senior) Chargers to a KLAA South Division championship and a berth in the Division 1 state meet.

The team followed a perfect course throughout the season, starting modestly at the outset before gaining steam and building momentum during the

all-important final weeks weeks of October and into November.

"I knew back in July this was a special group of young ladies," Tatro said. "They worked extremely hard

coach and embraced the team concept from June to November. "The culmination of their

Sue Tatro

Churchill

diligence and dedication paid off at the end of the season when it really counted. They accomplished a lot despite the adversity that they faced throughout the season with injuries and illnesses.

'I am very proud of the girls and thoroughly enjoyed coaching them. I will really miss Lauren Bernhardt and her senior leadership next season, but I am thrilled that the rest of the crew will be returning!"

PREP SWIMMING

Marian survives thrilling battle to win D-2 swim title

By Marty Budner Staff Writer

Marian coach Bill Thompson said it was the most exciting swim meet he's ever witnessed

Five teams were in contention for the Division 2 girls swimming crown Nov. 22 at the Holland Aquatic Center going into the final event - the 400yard freestyle relay. A number of different scenarios were possible depending upon the outcome but, simply put, the winning 400 free team would take the meet.

As it turned out, Birmingham Marian edged Ann Arbor Skyline by the slimmest of margins - 0.06 seconds - to capture the state championship. The Mustangs 400 free relay quartet thrilled the loud and boisterous crowd by touching first in 3:27.64, while Sky-

line was right behind in 3:27.70. Marian finished the highlycompetitive meet with 231.5 points. Skyline was runner-up with 220 points, closely fol-



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Senior Hannah Richard scored important points in the 100 fly to help Birmingham Marian clinch the Division 2 state title.

lowed by Portage Central at 219.5, Dexter with 217 and Birmingham Seaholm at 211. The top five teams were separated by a mere 20.5 points.

It think this one was the most exciting for me because it was with every team. There were basically five teams whose final results were based on that (last) relay," said Thompson, a 1973 Groves graduate. "We had to win (the relay) to win (the meet) or we would

lose by a half a point. All the contending teams were in that least heat of that last relay. It was basically however you finished would determine where you would finish. "The excitement was there.

The fans were there. The kids were going absolutely nuts. I have a tendency to step back and watch things. Just look at everything that was going on. It was everything you want a sporting event to be - for the

kids, for the fans, the parents going nuts and the coaches jumping up and down. Everyone was a kid. Everyone was just letting it go. It was a wonderful environment.

That last relay was incredible. That's the way sports was meant to be. This one was fun," he added. "When you're in a meet like this and the way everyone swam, it was like no one lost. Teams just beat each other. All the teams swam so

Pulte paces team effort

The Mustangs had a small but mighty - contingent of 11 state qualifiers. Eight of them accounted for Marian's 231.5

Marian was led by Floridabound and 15-time all-state swimmer Mollie Pulte, who was a double individual winner and a member of both winning freestyle relay teams. Pulte won the 200 free in 1:48.28 and the 100 free in 50.21

Pulte anchored the meetdeciding 400 free relay team, rallying from behind in her leg to help Marian land the top prize. Junior Christina Schott, sophomore Sophia Schott and sophomore Kailynn Swantek swam the first three legs.

"Mollie has always been good, but the biggest thing about Mollie this year was that she became a leader and someone who cared about her team and her teammates in everything she did," Thompson said. 'At the state meet, she took the lead and it was coming from a teammate and not the coach. Her biggest asset, to me, was leadership.

'In that deciding relay, (Pulte) came from behind on the last leg to win it and you could just see her determination when she reeled (her opponent) in on the first length and came off that last turn and just held on for dear life and basically stuck that finger on the wall to finish first," he added. 'It was for all the marbles and she did a real good job.

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ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE



Carrying the puck up the ice Wednesday night against Windsor is Plymouth Whalers forward Sonny Milano (right).

RENA LAVERTY | PLYMOUTH WHALERS

Whalers win 'ugly' on beautiful goal

Milano finds mark for decisive tally against pesky Spitfires

> By Tim Smith Staff Writer

Sonny Milano skated around and around in the left circle, hanging onto the puck for what seemed like a minute.

Unable to find a teammate to pass to, the Plymouth Whalers forward reluctantly shot it — and it was good that he did, because it sizzled over the glove of screened Windsor goalie Brandon John-

ston for a power-play goal.

Milano's fourth goal of the season
gave Plymouth a 4-2 lead with 3:42 left in the second period Wednesday night and it turned out to be the winner as the Whalers hung on for a 4-3 Ontario Hockey

League victory at Compuware Arena. Only 1,637 fans were on hand for the Thanksgiving Eve contest, played on an evening when Compuware also hosted a Novi Detroit Catholic Central game on the adjacent Olympic-sized ice sheet.

The Spitfires nearly tied the game with seconds to play after pulling Johnston. But a slap shot by Trevor Murphy clanged off the crossbar behind Plymouth goalie Alex Nedeljkovic (the game's No. 3 star with 44 saves).

'Coach (Don Elland) has been stressing a lot lately to shoot the puck, so I think we've been working on it in practice," said Milano, a first-round draft choice in 2014 of the Columbus Blue Jackets. "Lately I've been shooting the puck more and luckily that one went in.

"I was just looking for the right play. There was no other play but to shoot.'

Let it fly

Elland emphasized that Milano has a sniper's touch, but that the first-year Whaler looks first to set up teammates something he did twice during the opening period, when Plymouth built a 3-1 lead despite being outshot 16-13

"We got to get him to shoot the puck more," Elland said. "He's got a good shot, but he does like to make plays.

Plymouth (10-12-1-1) got off to a fast



RENA LAVERTY | PLYMOUTH WHALERS Plymouth Whalers forward Sonny Milano's shot hits the top-right corner during Wednesday's 4-3 win over Windsor at Compuware Arena.

start against the Spitfires, who fell to 7-15-1-0 and are in the basement of the OHL West Division.

It took 25 seconds for the Whalers to get on the board. Defenseman Mathieu Henderson rushed down the right wing and fired a crisp pass to Connor Sills for the one-timer from the left circle. Windsor responded just 50 seconds

later. Slater Dogett slammed a shot that caromed in off the goal post.

Milano displayed his playmaking

skills before the period ended and the Whalers built a 3-1 lead as a result. He assisted on two goals just 1:05 apart, both with the Spitfires shorthanded.

With Plymouth on a five-on-three power play, Milano sent a pass to center Mathew Campagna and he made no mistake ripping it past Johnston (21 saves).

Drawing the second assist was forward Connor Chatham (two helpers), who later left the game with an undisclosed lower-body injury.

At 17:23, Milano threaded the puck from the left side of the Windsor cage to forward Matt Mistele for the tap-in at the right post.

Getting chippy

Despite the two-goal edge, the Whalers needed strong goalkeeping from Nedeljkovic to keep the Spitfires at bay.

The goalie needed to contend with plenty of traffic around the crease, beginning during a contentious second period when Windsor sent 17 shots on goal and constantly bumped the Carolina Hurricanes prospect after whistles. With about 17:30 to play in the second,

Nedeljkovic had his goalie mask knocked off during a scrum that led to a tussle between Plymouth's Mitch Jones and Windsor's Markus Soberg. There were after-the-whistle encoun-

ters later in the game, too.

"The past three years playing Windsor, it's always a physical game," Nedeljkovic said. "I expected nothing less. ... You know it's going to come sooner or later and you try not to worry about it, you try not to let it bother you.

You just worry about playing the game and know that if they do come after you like that then they're going to face some consequences.

Soberg did close the gap to 3-2 with 9:05 remaining in the second, when he flipped a shot from the right side of the Plymouth goal that somehow got behind Nedeljkovic.

But the Whalers regained their twogoal lead when Milano scored his topshelf beauty at 16:18. Los Angeles Kings prospect Mistele and Campagna assisted.

It's still two points

With Nedeljkovic solid between the pipes, the Spitfires could not break through for a third goal until 14:53 of the final period. Murphy walked into the high slot and buried a shot over Nedeljkovic's trapper.

Plymouth persevered in the final minutes, with Nedeljkovic and his defense scrambling to deny the Spitfires from forcing overtime.

It didn't hurt that Murphy's would-be tying goal hit iron instead of twine.

Moments later, the final horn sounded signifying Plymouth's second consecutive win - although Elland wasn't entirely happy with how the team performed.

"At this time of the year, with all our injuries, we just got to take 'em (wins) where we can get 'em," Elland said. "I know (it was) ugly, but a 'W' is a 'W.' At the end of the year, it's two points that we need."

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PREP HOCKEY

Franklin icers steamroll Lakeland

By Ed Wright Staff Writer

From the opening face-off Wednesday night at Eddie Edgar Arena, Livonia Franklin's hockey team got stronger and stronger.

Fueled by first-period goals from Brendan Whitney (shorthanded) and Chase Wallis, the Patriots stuffed White Lake-Lakeland, 5-0, to improve their record to 2-1. the Eagles slipped to 0-3.

Senior goal-tender Matt Monendo was brilliant between the pipes as he earned the first shut-out of his four-year varsity career by stopping all 27 shots the Eagles fired at him. Whitney, a junior captain,

got things rolling for the hosts when he deposited a short-handed goal 2:34 into the contest. Whitney was assisted by Trevor Lassaline. Wallis kept the momentum going with a power-play net-finder at the 12:48 mark thanks to helpers from Whitney and Justin Makowski.

Franklin's Brendan Nutting made it 3-0 in the final minute of the second period by netting his first goal of the season off an assist from Makowski.

Zack Nelson tacked on his first goal of the year on a power play with 15:37 left in the game. He was assisted by Bai-ley DiClemente and Jack Engel. Wallis closed out the scoring a minute later with a goal assisted by Quinn Shine and

Lakeland's Brandon Pomerleau (32 saves) played well in a losing cause.

"What a great win for our program ... I'm so happy for our guys, especially Monendo," said Franklin head coach Den-nis Gagnon. "It was great to see Nelly and Nutting bag their first goals of the season. Kolby Dewhirst and Makowski were rock solid anchoring our defense

"We're definitely having a lot of fun right now, but you're only as good as your last game. We'll enjoy this win over the long holiday weekend and get back at it Monday

Franklin will face Livonia Churchill at 8 p.m. Wednesday at Eddie Edgar.

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Franklin's Brendan Whitney in front of the Lakeland crease Wednesday.

STEVENSON

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said Mitchell. "We always know when we play a quality, well-coached team like Churchill it's going to take a complete, 51-minute effort.'

DeFlorio has already netted five goals in three games, but he deflected any post-game notion that he was the Spartans' No. 1 scoring threat.

"Somebody different scores for us every night, so it's a team effort and it will be all season," the modest forward

offered.

Stevenson goal-tenders Andrew Rozenbaum (who played the first 40 minutes) and Cullen Barber were up to the Chargers' challenge the entire night, although they didn't face nearly the pressure that was applied to Churchill goalie Andrew Broyles, whose performance was much stronger than his seven-goalsallowed stat line would indicate.

The Spartans attacked the Chargers' zone in semi-automatic waves, keeping Broyles bouncing around like a Toys R Us shelf stocker on Black

Friday.

Leading 3-0, Stevenson kept the scoring blender three minutes into the seocnd period when Ben Kowalske shoveled in a rebound shot in front to extend the Spartans' lead to 4-0. DeFlorio and Alec Allen garnered helpers on the goal.

DeFlorio nearly made it 5-zip, but Broyles stoned his break-away attempt with a quick-twitch stop at the 12:20

Rozenbaum's best stop of the night came moments later when he re-directed a dangerous rush by Josh Friend.

Kowalske's second goal of

the night with 8:10 remaining in the second period upped the Spartans' edge to 5-0. DeFlorio picked up the helper.
Despite their huge deficit,

the Chargers kept the heat on and finally lit the lamp 2:21 before the second intermission when Parker Hodges lasered in a shot from the right flank. Sinclair (from DeFlorio)

and Kowalske (from DeFlorio) capped the Spartans' scoring. Kowalske joined DeFlorio

as the two Spartans to notch hat-tricks this season. Stevenson took Thanks-

giving off before traveling to Bloomfield Hills on Friday for a talent-laden tournament hosted by Cranbrook.

"This is a balanced group of kids who work extremely hard," Mitchell concluded. "This was a very solid team effort tonight, but everyone on this team knows we have to compete and be consistent for 51 minutes of every game we play. Our schedule is very tough and the season is a grind, so we have to keep working, keep learning and keep developing each and every day if we want to be successful."

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SWIM

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Third state championship

Sophia Schott took top honors in the 50-yard freestyle, winning in 23.66. Also in that event, Christina Schott was sixth and Swantek tied for seventh as the Mustangs trio combined for 44.5 points. The Schotts also scored for Marian in the 100 free behind Pulte.

Senior Hannah Richard scored points in the 100 fly (10th place), freshman Lauren Biglin scored in the 500 free (12th), freshman Gabby Granata scored in the 100 back (13th) and sophomore Rebekah Irwin scored in the 100 breast (12th). The Schott sisters, Richard and Pulte comprised the win-

ning 200 free relay team. "For Sophia to win the 50 free was amazing," Thompson said. "She beat a top-notch swimmer on pure, basically guts. She went out there and did it and when she got her hand on the wall, that was in-

credible.' Marian finished with an 8-2 record this season, with its only losses to Catholic League rival Farmington Mercy and Grosse Pointe South. The Mus-

Catholic League championship meet and third in the annual Oakland County meet. The state title was Marian's third in program history, but

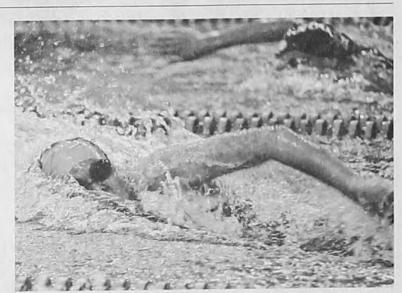
tangs won the Holland Invita-

tional, finished second in the

the first in Division 2. The Mustangs won consecutive Division 3 championships in 2007-08.

"What was great is that we knew we would have to be a team. They just gelled into a team and everybody played a part in it," Thompson said. "Even the kids who didn't make it back to the second day, they were cheering and were part of it. For me, that's the most important thing. That they have that experience and they learn from it.

To have it finish the way it did, it was a fairy-tale ending to our season," he added. "This season went better than I probably ever would have thought. They basically made the decision they were going to do it and they did it."



NANCY D. MURPHY

All-state swimmer Mollie Pulte of Birmingham Marian races to first place in the 100-vard freestyle at the Division 2 state championship meet.

COLLEGE MEN'S BASKETBALL

Crusaders stumble late in loss to Saints

By Brad Emons Staff Writer

It's still early in the season, but the Madonna University men's basketball team is still searching for an identity while undergoing growing pains.

That was evident again Tuesday night as visiting Aquinas College, holding a 51-50 lead with only 4:37 left, out-scored the Crusaders 9-2 down the stretch to earn a 61-52 Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference victory.

The loss dropped MU to 3-6 overall and 1-3 in the WHAC, while Aquinas, paced by senior Anthony Williams' game-high 26 points, improved to 5-3 and

MU committed 21 turn-overs, which led to 27 Aquinas points. And the Saints also made a living at the free-throw line going 22-of-30 (73.3 per-cent), while the Crusaders were a mere 1-of-7 (14.3 per-

"I thought we did a lot of things well, but the things we didn't really hurt us," MU coach Noel Emenhiser said. "Going 1-of-7 (free throws) and, on top of that, missing several front ends of one-andones was a difference during certain sections of the game where we were clinging to a tight lead."

The Crusaders clicked in

the early going, leading by as many as 10 with 6:20 left first half, but suddenly found them-selves down 32-28 at intermission after Aquinas made a 12-2

"If we had made free throws, we could have extended that lead a little bit and really changed the outlook of the game," Emenhiser said. "Then just some decisionmaking and ball-handling errors really gave them opportunities which led to scores and easy buckets. When we made them play in the half court, I thought we did a pretty good

Williams, a 6-0 guard from East Chicago, Ill., made 7-of-11

shots from the floor, including 3-of-4 from 3-point range, to go along with 9-of-10 free throws. He did not commit a turnover and had three steals and two assists.

"He's a good player, kind of the heartbeat of their team right now, makes them go,' Emenhiser said. "And we knew that coming in, but he did enough, made enough plays. got open in the right spots. He really hit some daggers, a deep 'three' against our zone, then a few other plays, a jumper right there at the end for the game that really helped them to seal

Senior forward Jeff Schmitz (South Lyon), who was saddled

with four fouls down the stretch, was the only Crusaders player to score in double figures with 14 points.

Freshman Austin Johnson (Spring Lake) added eight points, while 6-8 senior center Donald Owens (Inkster), the only returning starter from a year ago, added six points and team-high eight rebounds.

We got a lot of good players, but we haven't been able to develop that killer instinct just yet," Emenhiser said.

The Crusaders return to WHAC action at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 3, at Concordia University in Ann Arbor.

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FLYERS

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cons never give up; they're never out of it.' I explained, 'We've been here in the past, and we have to keep working, keep working."

We always tell the kids, 'You have to handle the highs and lows," Farmington coach Bill Newton said. "I thought we handled the lows, getting down 3-0.

"We got back in it and just couldn't finish it off to get over the hump and get the lead. But give Ken's team credit; they played hard."

Head-spinning finale

The third period was like one continuous power play as the officials called penalty after penalty. Each team took turns having the man advantage. There was a lot of 4-on-4 and 4-on-3; Farmington even had a 5-on-3.

But the Flyers weathered the storm and the adversity of which Anderson spoke (half of their 12 penalties in the final period).

Petras stole the puck inside the blue line early on and fired a shot, but senior defenseman Lucio D'Ascenzo raced to the net and knocked the puck away.

Shortly after that, Austin Bottrell, who assisted on the Cikra and Lajcaj goals, added an insurance goal with 8:29 to play and the teams at even strength for a rare time.

"That was huge because you're nail-biting; you're on the edge of your seat with a one-goal lead," Anderson said. "One shot ties it up. When you get that fourth goal, it brings us up and brings them down a little. That was huge."

Solid netminding

Senior goalie Brendan Dilloway played exceptionally well for the Flyers, who were outshot by a small margin in the third period. The overall tally was pretty close.

'We really didn't know what we would get out of Brendan (this season), and he really stepped up big," Anderson said.

"He was awesome; he gave us exactly what we needed. He wants it really bad. The more confidence he gets, the more he can carry us through.

Farmington raised a championship banner at Farmington Hills Ice Arena before the game in celebration of the Division 3 state title it won in



JOHN STORMZAND | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

North Farmington-Harrison senior Danny Arnold stole the puck and scored the first goal of the game on a first-period breakaway.



JOHN STORMZAND | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Farmington junior Cam Noseworthy (left) has the edge in a race for the

March.

'The Flyers played real hard and I'll give them credit," Newton said. "They took it to us the first period. I think we were still standing around, celebrating the banner and not focusing on what we needed to focus on.

puck with senior Danny Arnold.

But we got back in it. We're not very deep; we had a lot of guys who played a lot of hockey. We just didn't finish. We had a lot of chances to score and we just didn't score.

I really want to give their goalie credit, too. He played well. He was square to the puck; he made stops with his feet, and he made some good glove saves. But we have to

find a way to score goals,

Need more offense

The Falcons need to be more effective on the power play and capitalize on the opportunities they had

Wednesday, he added. "We really have to focus on the power play next week and get it humming," Newton said. 'It would be nice to get it over 20 percent; right now we're in the low single digits. That will be our biggest emphasis mov-

ing forward "We're going to give up goals. That's just the way it's going to be. When you lose three senior defensemen,

your whole team changes. Every time we get on the ice we get better; that's the good "But we have to score

goals. We left a lot of goals on the table. When we get those Grade A scoring chances, we have to make sure more than 50 percent go in and we didn't

Flyers leadership

While half the North-Harrison team is composed of new players, the nine varsity veterans are carrying the load. They include everyone who figured in the scoring, Dilloway and D'Ascenzo.

"They're all stepping up," Anderson said. "It was exactly what we needed and was nice to see. I think we're right where we need to be.

"I don't think we're playing really well at this point. It was a solid effort, and the guys played with a lot heart. There are things we can do better, but I'm happy with where we

Newton said he's not disappointed with his team's record or where the Falcons are at this early stage.

"We have to get them better every day at practice," he said. "It's all about getting focused for (the state tournament). We have to keep getting better in November, December and January for February.

"Last year, when we had eight seniors, we could chew some butt in there. This team is different. We have to do a lot of teaching. That's the fun of being a coach, and it's a different challenge for us this COLLEGE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Justice served: Dean lifts MU

By Brad Emons Staff Writer

Madonna University junior guard Justice Dean is making up for lost time.

The red-shirt sophomore guard from Garden City, who played in only five games last season due to a stress fracture, continued her strong play Tuesday night with 23 points and a team-high 11 rebounds as the MU women's basketball team downed visiting Aquinas College, 87-75, in a Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference

Freshman guard Lindsey Hernden (Romeo) paced MU, which improved to 4-2 overall and 3-1 in the WHAC, with a game-high 24 points, while Oakland University transfer Michele Hayes (Southfield-

Lathrup) added 22.

The 5-foot-9 Dean, who also missed her junior year of high school with a torn ACL, went 8-for-9 from the floor, including 5-of-5 from 3-point range, to go along with a pair of free throws.

'This season is better than I expected coming off an injury," said Dean, who is averaging 17.1 points and nine rebounds so far this season. "I've got my teammates supporting me. It's been a good so far."

The Crusaders were good from the perimeter, nailing 13-of-28 shots from 3-point range as Hernden got hot by hitting 6-of-10.

And it was out of necessity, as starting forward Rachel Melcher (Birmingham Marian) and starting center Erin Menard (Livonia Churchill) both got into foul trouble. Melcher, who had five points, played only 14 minutes before fouling

"We played small, we play small often because if we board, we can run the ball quicker and can get out in transition," Dean said. "We gave up a lot of easy layups, though, which wasn't very good. We didn't want them to score on us that much. But we hit a lot of our shots. We were fortunate. We did well at the free throw line (18-of-23). We rebounded, we worked hard and it worked out."

Aquinas (3-7, 2-2), which dressed only nine players, got 23 points from Kesley Spitzley and 16 points and 12 rebounds from Allison Heberlein.

Chelsea Matley also added 10 points as the Saints were unable to overcome a 39-32 halftime deficit.

Despite being outscored 44-26 in the paint, MU was able to fend off the Saints with solid perimeter play, often going to a five-guard set.

"We play physical, got to stay in front," Dean said. "And then it's better because they don't push the ball. And then their posts (players) are trying to guard us, but we have all the guards out there so it gives us an advantage on offense. It's

run-and-gun, get the layups when you can and shoot the 'threes.' It's fun.' And it's also fun having Dean back healthy and in the

starting lineup.

Madonna returns to WHAC play at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 3, at home against Concordia University.

PREP SWIMMING & DIVING

Hoag erases one of Vanker's longtime marks

By Marty Budner

Jenny Vanker is widely considered the top female to ever swim at Birmingham Seaholm High School.

An individual state champion through the mid-'90s, Vanker's legacy is displayed on the high-profile record board hanging on the north end pool wall. As of two weeks ago, Vanker held six individual and was part of two relay school records. A high school swim meet consists of 12 events.

Vanker's record list was reduced by one at the recent Division 2 state championship meet held Nov. 22 at the Holland Aquatic Center.

Although seeded fifth, senior Celia Hoag brilliantly swam to first place in the 100-yard breaststroke in 1:03.66. The time eclipsed Vanker's old mark of 1:04.46, set in 1994. Hoag's winning time also would have set Seaholm pool and OAA records.

In addition, Hoag was a member of Seaholm's winning 200-yard medley relay, which also established a school record of 1:45.22. That team included senior Mykala Arnold (backstroke), Hoag (breaststroke), freshman Linnea

Anderson (butterfly) and Allie Russell (freestyle). The old Seaholm record of

1:46.57 was set in 2011 by the Hoag quartet of Kelsey Gariepy,

Natalie Pierce, Mykala Arnold and Emily Parsons.

Proud of state effort

Hoag proudly reflected Tuesday on her state meet accomplishments in the poolside hallway at Seaholm.

"It's insane. She was an amazing swimmer," Hoag said of Vanker. "I never thought I'd be able to break one of (Vanker's) records when I first started swimming here. It's really exciting.

"Last year was when I first started to think about it when

I went to 1:04. This year, I really went for it and wanted it really bad," she said. "It will be weird to see my name up there. I like it. I was hoping to get up on the board and be remembered. That was important to me and I'm really happy. It was a great way to end the season.

Hoag said it was the first big championship of any kind she's ever won. One of Hoag's motivating

factors was the result of last year's state meet. She was seeded first in the 100 breast, but finished fourth – just 0.42 seconds behind winner Brooke Rowe of Battle Creek Lakeview. "This was really exciting

for me. I had never been a champion before," said Hoag, who also placed 12th in the 200 free. "This was one of the first races I had ever won because swimming is such a big sport down here and there's a lot of competition. I had never won anything before, so this was really cool to have this experience.

"I think the energy from the team and all the people really helped me. We were all just so excited and that's what makes you pumped up to race hard and make those people proud of you. I knew I had to make it count because it's the last one - last one, fast one. It's an incredible experience.

"It was amazing. I could hear all the people yelling my name and cheering for me while I was swimming," she added. "That was really cool and I loved it. It's a surreal experience. It doesn't feel real.

Veteran head coach Karl Hodgson was excited for Hoag, a four-year varsity swimmer who served as one of five team captains this

"It's quite an accomplishment. I never thought I'd live to see the day when a Vanker record went down," he said. "She had mentioned the record to me on occasion and I think that's something that she had been eving."



Peggy Nielsen, program coordinator for SandCastles, a grief program for youngsters, talks with piano students Zach Waarala of Canton and Eva Naberhaus of Northville during a break between their piano lessons. Zach, Eva and 114 other piano students will perform a benefit for SandCastles Dec. 6 at Laurel Park Place in Livonia.

Piano students entertain, benefit charity cause at Laurel Park Place

By Sharon Dargay Staff Writer

If you plan to shop at Laurel Park Place on Saturday, Dec. 6, be sure to include a little relaxand-listen time at the mall.

One hundred sixteen piano students will entertain throughout the day - and it's all for a good cause.

"We are calling it Rockin The Keys For Charity," said Maxine Berghoff, event chair and a member of the Livonia Area Piano Teachers Forum, an organization of approximately 100 piano teachers in southeastern Michigan. Berghoff suggested the idea to the organization after participating in a similar event while living in Florida.

"The performing experience motivates the kids to practice," she said. "It's a great opportunity for them to gain experience. It allows students to share their talent while supporting a worthy cause."

Students each collected at least \$25 in pledges to secure a performance time. The money they raise - nearly \$7,000 so far in pledges — will benefit SandCastles, a nonprofit or-

ganization, part of the Henry Ford Health System Hospice, that offers support groups for grieving children, teens and their families.

"I thought it was a good cause," said Zach Waarala, 15, a piano student from Canton. 'I've lost people in my life, but I think it's cool they have a place to go to let anger out or talk about it."

Zach, a Canton High School sophomore, has taken private piano lessons for six years and performed in recitals and competitions. He says he's "more excited than nervous" about playing to a potentially large

audience in the mall "I'm just thankful for the

opportunity." Zach, who raised the most money in pledges, will play his own arrangement of Silent

Eva Naberhaus, 9, of Northville trailed Zach in pledges by

approximately \$10 "I was able to collect \$150. I decided to do it because it's for charity," she said.

Eva's working on a rocking Christmas tune in rehearsals.

"I think I'm going to have to work hard," she said, reflecting on the upcoming gig. "I will be a little nervous, but I think I'll be OK.'

Berghoff said the youngsters will perform the pieces they know best. Focus is key in a mall setting where "there are lots of distractions" and the audience constantly changes.

Free services

"I'm excited. I got to listen to them play," said Peggy Nielsen, SandCastles program manager, after hearing both Eva and Zach rehearse. "They were so good and practicing so hard. It was fantastic.'

She said the event will give shoppers and opportunity to relax and "enjoy some great music.'

Donation canisters will be set out to help raise even more money for the organization, which runs on charitable contributions.

We fundraise our entire budget and we don't charge families for services," Nielsen said. "A lot of families that come to us have had one parent die and that cuts the family income in half.'

SandCastles runs support groups in eight locations in

southeastern Michigan, including Livonia, with each serving between 15-30 families. Families attend sessions every other week and generally remain in the program for a year to 18 months. Some seek help immediately after a death in the family, but others may wait for several years before

"I had one boy who joined four years after the death of his father. He did OK after the death initially, but four years later a grandparent died and everything started going wrong," Nielsen said. "Grades dropped. He got into trouble. The family joined the program and then the dad's death came

"The quirky thing about grief is you're going to do it at some point. You have to do the work to get through it. If you try and not do the work, it will come back at some other time.'

Dinner, support

SandCastles gives families a place to "process" their grief, find support and understanding from other families in grief and learn coping skills. Each

session starts with dinner for group facilitators, who are trained volunteers, and families. After dinner, family members meet in support groups for ages 3-6, 7-9, 10-12, teens, and parents.
"A lot of times kids just

don't know someone else who has lost a mom or dad and they feel like they are the only one in the world. By coming into SandCastles you are surrounded by people going through something similar to what you're going through. It helps normalize the process."

Volunteers go through 26 hours of training before they facilitate a support group. Nielsen said prior counseling experience or work with children isn't required. The organization also needs program aides, speakers bureau and fundraising committee members, in addition to facilitators.

For more about SandCastles, visit aboutsandcastles.org or call 313-874-6881. For more about the Livonia Area Piano Teachers Forum, visit lapt-

Skip candy-like soap packets if you have young kids

everal days ago, the media warned consumers about laundry soap in plastic pouches that you just throw into a clothes washer and they do the job.

I know they work because a while back I went to the grocery store and purchased a container of these for our use at the cottage. My darling Valorie loves the top load washer at the cottage and thinks these tablets are great. No measuring or mess with a cup, just throw it in and you save time. All very fitting for a busy person who does the laundry, you

The consumer warning which I believe was on all television networks across the land, and rightfully so, stated that thousands of children visited the emergency centers of hospitals every year. One of the reports showed children selecting a soap packet when placed beside candy. The packets are brightly-colored, some with two-tone stripes, similar to treats. Any child who has ever tasted a candy cane would



Joe Gagnon APPLIANCE

certainly select this packet of detergent and no wonder it has become a national safety con-

You know that the manufacturers are not going to pull this product off the market because it is a big money maker for them and it would just be too saintly for them to show this kind of concern. This packet, made of plastic decorated with candy cane stripes, dissolves in the washer after it begins to agitate. It is easy for a child to bite through this plastic and the liquid detergent to run down the throat of the unsuspecting toddler. I remind you, this is happening to thousands of children across this country. Manufacturers say they have made containers harder to open and yet a television report shows a 3-year-old child opening a container. You

know that a child will dedicate a lot of time to open something they can't and making it any harder will prevent some senior citizen from getting in

My father used to tell me that if I gave him a problem to always have an answer to solve it. I can't this time, Dad, except to say that soap companies should not be producing this product. It has caused death and just how stupid can they be? If you have children I suggest you do not buy these packets because you know it is bound to happen.

Plastic problem

A few years ago, these packets of detergent hit the market and proved very successful. There was a problem with them in the beginning when the plastic wrap on them didn't dissolve during the wash cycle. My friend, Mike Miller, called me for service on his dishwasher because it stopped cleaning the dishes after he used dishwasher soap packets. I told him about this problem



Single-use laundry detergent packets and candy may appear similar to young children.

and he called me back and told me, "I have the spray arm out of the dishwasher and I am pulling little strips of plastic out of the holes in the spray arm with a small pair of needle nose pliers." That did the trick for Mike and I added that he should turn up the temperature on his hot water heater. I guess the manufacturer made the plastic a little thinner.

In closing, let me once again voice my concerns about the lack of publicity regarding appliance recalls. There are millions of appliances under recall that homeowners have no clue about. Most are prone to catch fire whether they are turned on or not. There is a good chance that you have one in your home and I suggest you search the website Saferproducts.gov and type in your model and serial number.

I commend the television networks for the fine coverage on these detergent packets and I think the whole intent came from the fact that children are involved. Maybe that's the secret to greater coverage on this subject of recalled appliances. An appliance fire can kill a child. 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.

Olympic gold medalists party at Hob Nobble Gobble



Canton residents Shawn Wilson Jr. and Shawn Wilson II attend the Hob Nobble Gobble for their second year. Wilson is an employee with Presenting Sponsor Ford Motor Co.

ouchdown at Ford Field on Friday, Nov. 21. The Hob Nobble Gobble celebrated its 25th anniversary with 2,000-plus party rockers in the house that night. The Michigan Thanksgiving Parade Foundation's premier fundraiser supports 88 years of bringing America's Thanksgiving Parade to Detroit and nationwide, airing on WDIV-Local 4.

Ford Field had pretty much everything during the Hob Nobble Gobble except a skating rink. That didn't deter Meryl Davis and Charlie White, Olympic gold medalists in ice dancing, from showing some slick moves on the dance floor to rapper Vanilla ICE and pop band MKTO. Davis and White, who train at the Arctic Edge in Canton, were named grand marshals of the 88th American Thanksgiving Parade.

Along with the world's top skating pair, clowns were everywhere. And not just any clowns - the Distinguished Clowns



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Corps (DCC), comprised of 165 business and community leaders, including Michigan Thanksgiving Parade Foundation Chair Eric Larson and his wife, Kathy, and daughters Paige and Makenzie of Bloomfield Hills.

The Parade has had a long, great history with Detroit — 88 years — and we're in the best shape," said Eric Larson to the Hob Nobble Gobble partiers.

Larson also congratulated the team at M-1 Rail, the Woodward Avenue Streetcar Project in Detroit, for working with the Parade Company to ensure a smooth Thanksgiving Parade route along the construction

"You don't have to wear your hard hats," Larson joked.

Tell that to the Big



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Blue-haired Canton couple in the house: Brian Lawrence and Lisa Raiche



Belleville resident Kelly Springer, (left) Canton resident Melani Ivery, and Detroit resident Brianne Brown enjoy Hob Nobble Gobble. Note to self: "Don't wear high heels to the Hob Nobble Gobble when you're six months pregnant," Ivery



Wheelz, Smiggins and Gracie - have you driven a Ford lately? Wearing their clown costumes are Todd Delo (left) of Holt, Sherrie Chrysler of Redford and Cheryl Woodard of Holt.

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BUTTERMORE, HELEN

November 19, 2014. Age 94 of Canton. Beloved wife of the late Alvin "Mickey". Dear mother of Sharon (Cliff) Moyer, Linda VanderRoest, Wayne Krupin (Laura Barnett). grandmother Cherished Robert (Michelle) Moyer and (David) Rice. grandmother of Samantha and Michaela Moyer, Alexis Rice, great-great-granddaughter, Baily Rice. Also survived by two step-grandchildren and five step-Funeral great-grandchildren. Tuesday 11 a.m. from the Chapel of the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, 42600 Ford Road (west of Lilley). Family will receive visitors Monday, 3-8 p.m. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions to Angela Hospice or Marywood Nursing Care Center would be appreciated. Share a "Memorial Tribute" with the family at





CALE. MARY BEATRICE

Of Issaquah, Washington, went home to be with the Lord on 21 November, 2014. She will be reunited with parents, Frank and Kathleen Looney, and her husband, John J. Cale, Jr. Francisco, San California on 30 July 1933, as an only child. Mary grew up in San Francisco area and attended the College of the Holy Names, Oakland, CA earning a B.A. and her Teaching Credentials. While visiting Hawaii she met a Marine Corps Lieutenant whom she mar-Over the course her adult life Mary was actively engaged as a teacher. First as an elementary school teacher in California, then Hawaii and later in Bloomfield Hills, MI. After getting an advanced degree in Learning Disabilities from Marygrove College, she took on the role over the following years as a Learning Disabilities teacher in several Detroit area school districts establishing programs to help students identify and overcome their challenges. In 1996 John and Mary moved to Washington State, living first in Sammamish before residing in Issaquah. Growing up Mary was an avid fan of tennis, golf, and college football. She also loved animals, especially dogs which she had while growing up and while raising her children. Mary is survived by her three children: Judy Cale Brown, Kevin Cale, and Terry Cale Rossi; son-in-law Rossi, grandchildren. Funeral services will be held on 10 December at Saint Joseph's Catholic Church. 220 Mountain Park Blvd. SW, Issaquah, WA, with internment to follow at Tahoma National Cemetery, Kent, WA. Memorial contributions may be made in the memory of Mary Cale to the American Cancer Society.



CAVIN, BETTY

Passed away on November 19, 2014 in Plymouth MI at the young age of 90. She was the loving and feisty wife to the late Raymond Cavin; mother to Michael (Doris) Cavin; wonderful grandmother to Tracey, Sarah, and Shaun Cavin; and great-grandmother, to Xavier, Marni, and Harper Cavin. Betty was a social and active woman, who lived life to the fullest. She enjoyed traveling, gardening, reading, and most importantly spending time with her family and friends. She will always be remembered by those who knew and loved her as a vibrant, fun-loving, caring, and giving person. She will be deeply

HARRIS. TODD DAVID

Age 43 of Taylor, died suddenly Wednesday, November 26, 2014. Beloved husband of Dana. Loving step-father of Hayley, Machayla, Logan, Katrina and Dalila. Dear brother of Thomas (Ellen) and Kenny. Preceded in death by his parents Kenneth Wayne and Linda Mae and a brother Timmy. He will be greatly missed by family and

> May you find comfort in family & friends



DAHN, ANNA MARIE

With family at her side, Anna Marie Dahn passed away from Died kidney cancer at her home in Holland early in the evening of November 23rd, 2014. Marie Dahn was the beloved wife of Douglas for 50 years and cherished mother of Katherine Marie Hartgerink, Jennifer Anne Poudrier, and Douglas Robert Dahn. She was also the loving grandmother of Abby, John, and Matt Hartgerink, Hunter and Poudrier, and Jonah and Micah Dahn. She was the dear sister of the late Judy Stade, and caring aunt to Julie Stade and Carla Shupp. She was sister-in-law to Richard Dahn, the late Barbara Dahn, and the late Chuck Stade, and guiding mother-in-law to Philip Hartgerink, Johanna Paas, and Tracy Poudrier. She was born on July 4th, 1939 in Detroit, MI to parents Robert Temple and Mary Temple. The family lived in Detroit throughout Anne's child-hood. Some of Anne's favorite memories were boating on Lake St. Clair and taking overnight trips to Put-in-Bay. Anna Marie graduated from Dominican High School and the University of Detroit. She studied chemistry at U of D and was a member of the Kappa Beta Gamma sorority. Anna Marie met Douglas Dahn in 1960 while they were both still in college. They married in 1964 in Detroit, MI. After the dren; wedding, Anne and Doug moved to Birmingham, where their three children Katie, Doug, and Jen were born. Anna Marie was a stay-at-home mom during the children's formative years. There was a family meal every weekday night and family was extremely important to her. She was an amazing cook who was always making slight adjustments to her well documented recipes. Anna Marie worked to raise money for Children's Hosat www.coxgiffordseawinds.com pital in Detroit in a couple of different ways. One was through an called Tennis and Crumpets, and the second by way of the Festival of Trees. Anne was quick to jump in to help and enjoyed the social aspect of these two charitable Sports was a big part of

Anna Marie's life as well. An

avid University of Michigan fan,

she had season tickets to the

"Big House" for over 30 years.

shared with her husband and

kids, and from most accounts,

became quite good. Anne also spent countless hours taking her

kids from one sporting event to

another. If it wasn't a gymnastics

meet, then it was a tennis match

or a soccer game. Gardening was another one of her passions. She

was knowledgable on every type

of flower and choreographed the

garden so that there was a differ-

ent flower blooming at any given

time during the growing season.

With a smile that would light up

a room, Anna Marie was some-

one who lived life from moment

to moment. She said the first

thing that came to her mind,

which could just as easily be a

compliment or a criticism. You

always knew where Anna Marie

stood on an issue, and this

straight up approach, combined

with her smile and social nature

made her truly unique. It is these

qualities that helped her establish

so many good lasting friendships

over her lifetime and made her

such a wonderful wife and mom.

and it is these qualities that we

will all miss so much. The funer-

al service was held on Saturday,

November 29th, 2014 at 2:00 pm

at All Saints' Episcopal Church located at 252 Grand Street,

Saugatuck, MI 49453. A celebra-

tion of Anna Marie's life began

after the service at the The Mer-

maid Bar and Grill, 340 Water

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and Joann who have become like

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HOEKSTRA, DALE V. MD

November 10, 2014 Albuquer-

que, NM Dale v. Hoekstra was the only child of the late Profes-sor and Mrs. Hoekstra. Born and

educated in Highland Park Pub-

lic Schools, graduated from The

United States Air Force Acade-

my, Wayne State University Medical School, Beaumont Hos-

pital orthopedic surgery residen-

cy, and spine fellowship at The

Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto. Dr. Hoekstra enjoyed

practicing his specialty at Henry

Ford Hospital, later joining Rochester Hills Orthopedics until relocating to Carrie Tingly

Pediatric Orthopedic Hospital in

New Mexico in 2007. As medi-

cal director he continued his love

and commitment of teaching and training medical students and

resident the skills and compas-

sion necessary to be successful

Caroline and her husband and grandchildren, and a host of colleagues, extended family and

orthopedic

effective

was a sport that she



August 16, 1925 - November 16, husband Loving Annemarie Lilly Van Voorhis joining her in heaven. Father of four children: Karen Bradley, Daniel Van Voorhis, Kristina Fayyad, Michael Van Voorhis. Opa to twelve grandchildren: Kristen, Daniel Kristen, Daniel Jr., Richie, Robbie, Louisa, Bella, Ali, Zayd, Richie, Dima, Sami, Kaitlin and Lauren. Loving brother of the late Ann Van Voorhis Keller. Tom was a Varsity Athletic Marketing and Development executive at Oakland University for more than 10 years after retiring from General Motors Corporation. A 35-year veteran of General Motors, Tom was most recently a Marketing Executive within the AC Delco division. Tom earned both undergraduate and masters degrees at The University of Michigan. He was also long-time supporter of Miami University, Oxford, Ohio. Tom served honorably in both World War II and earned 2nd Lt. US Army Reserve in the Korean Era. A public memorial service will be held in Spring 2015 at Ward Church, Northville, MI. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to Ward Church, 40000 Six Mile Rd., Northville, MI, 48168. Serving the family is Lynch and Funeral Home, Walled Lake. Condolences at

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MELLAS, DOROTHY ADELINE

November 25, 2014, at Hospice House in Vero Beach. She was born in White Plains, Kentucky. She spent most of her life in Michigan before moving to Palm City, Florida in 1995. She only recently moved to Horizon Bay, Vero Beach. Before retiring, Dorothy worked at Michigan National Bank and then later, for several years, as Office Manager for Gene Harris Agency, Insurance Livonia, Michigan. She enjoyed her re-tirement in the Charter Club community where she was active in card groups, and volunteered for holiday decorating and women's luncheons. She enjoyed golf and won the "Most Improved Putter Award". She danced at the Kravis Center, West Palm Beach, and in New York City for the "Fabulous Footnotes". also enjoyed her new life at Horizon Bay, Vero Beach, where she is remembered for her smile her friendliness. Survivors include her husband of 67 years, Charles A Mellas of Vero Beach; son, Charles M. Mellas and Jewel Burgess of Duluth, Georgia; daughter and son-in-Cheryl and ... Vero Beach; son Cheryl law Cheryl and Paul Showerman son and daughter-in-law, Cheryl and James Mellas of Brighton, MI; Williams Tawana Blairsville, GA; six grandchiland nine greatgrandchildren. Memorial contributions may be made to VNA Hospice of Indian River County, 1110 35th Lane, Vero Beach, FL 32960; www.vnatc.com. SERV-ICES: A Memorial Service will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m., December 5 at South Florida National Cemetery, Lake Worth. Arrangements are by Cox-Gifford-Seawinds Funeral Home and Crematory, Vero Beach. An online guestbook may be signed



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Sharon (Cliff) Moyer, Linda (David) VanderRoest, and Wayne Krupin (Laura Barnett). Robert (Michelle) Moyer and (David) Rice. Greatgrandmother of Samantha and Michaela Moyer, Alexis Rice, and great-great-granddaughter, Baily Rice. Also survived by two step-grandchildren and five stepgreat-grandchildren. Funeral Tuesday 11 a.m. from the Chapel of the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, Ford Road (west of Lilley). Family will receive visitors Monday, 3-8 p.m. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions to Angela Hospice or Marywood Nursing Care Center would be appreciated. Share a "Memorial Tribute" with the family at





O'REILLY, JOHN A. Goshen, Indiana, Age 89, died

November 17 in his Monday, home. He was born Sept. 13, 1925 in South Norwalk, Connecticut to James J. and Margaret M. O'Reilly: On July 9, 1952, he married the love of his life, Patricia A. Pond, at St. Mary's Church, Norwalk, Conn. They celebrated 62 years of marriage before Patricia died in July of this year. John embarked on the greatest adventure of his life in September of 1943. Enlisting in the U.S. Navy, he left the East Coast for the first of many Midwestern homes. He completed radio school at Great Lakes Naval Station and was sent to the Pacific Theatre where he served as a radioman in the Kwajalein after the war, he complete his GED and received his Bachelor's

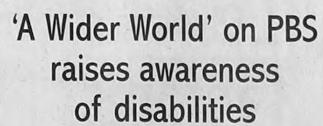
Atoll. Returning to Connecticut Degree from the University of Bridgeport, Bridgeport, Conn. He was a member of the Naval Reserve and was briefly activated during the Korean War. After school he embarked on a shortlived career as a history teacher. While using the school wood shop to build a table, John found an advertisement for the DeWalt Saw Company in a woodworking journal. He immediately wrote to the firm asking for an interview, and a sales career was born. As John built his career, he and Pat travelled to Jackson, Miss., Cincinnati, Ohio, and for more than 30 years, Plymouth, Mich. He often told stories of working the State and County Fair circuits demonstrating product. No fami-ly vacation or Sunday drive was complete without at least one detour into an industrial park, or along a waterfront or rail line. Eventually the original DeWalt Company became part of Black and Decker. John continued to work for the combined group until 1968 when he and two partners started Power Tools of Michigan, a manufacturer repre-

sentative of professional wood working equipment. Even though PTM was dissolved in 1997. John continued to represent certain product lines from his home 2002 when he and Pat joined the Greencroft Community in Goshen. John enjoyed people. While never specifically joining organizations, he was always willing to help with a project (especially home improvements) or serve on a committee. He was still in touch with service men with whom he had served in

the Pacific and recently donated memorabilia of his service to the National Museum of the Pacific War. He loved building furniture, as well as decorative and useful items, many pieces grace his home, his daughter's home and those of friends and rela-Survivors include his daughter, Ann Linley, son-inlaw, Gary, and grandsons, Mi-chael and Daniel, all of Elkhart; his brothers, Thomas of Fort Worth, Tex., Robert (Lynn) of DeForest, WI; and Patrick of Charleston, S. Carolina; sisters -in-law, Patricia (James) O'Reilly of Norwalk, Conn.; Marine (Vincent) O'Reilly of Harrisburg, Penn.; Maureen (Fred) Rottjer of Trumbull, Conn., and Eileen Connors of Norwalk.

Conn.; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was proceeded in death by his sisters, Elizabeth O'Reilly and Margaret Harlow, his brothers, James, Gene, and Vincent, brothers-in-law, Wil-Vincent, brothers-in-law, Wil-liam Harlow and George Connors, and sisters-in-law Rose (Gene), Martina (Thomas) and Sybil (Patrick). A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at noon Saturday, Nov. 29, with visitation for two hours prior at the Greencroft Meeting House, 1904 S 15th St, Goshen, IN 46526. The Rev. Bob Van Kempen, of St. Mary's Bristol presided. Memorials are welcomed and may be sent to the Greencroft Foundation's Employee Appreciation Fund or the Admiral Nimitz Foundation through the National Museum of the Pacific War in Fredricksburg, Tex. The family would like to extend our profound thanks to the teams at Greencroft at Home, Fresenius Medical Care, Goshen Hospice, and the office of Dr. Kay, for John's end-of-life care and to our friends and family for their loving care and support along the journey. Rieth-Rohrer-Ehret Funeral Home, Goshen, is handling arrangements and online condolences may be sent at www.rrefh.com





his month in Our Mental Health I'm proud to profile a wonderful, weekly, PBS television show called A Wider World.

The show airs locally at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday on WTVS. It is a half-hour magazine-format show, which is is entering its 15th season.

A Wider World offers viewers hope and information about disabilities and features numerous resources for rehabilitation, entertainment, and education. Episodes give accounts of people dealing with disabilities. This inspires people who have special needs. It shows programs that help persons of all ages. It offers hope by diminishing the isolation and stigma about disabilities.

The information provided includes raising awareness of disabilities and resources, education about new technologies, and updates about new legislative actions furthering the cause of our citizens with special needs.

Did you know that the most recent edition of the American With Disabilities Act says that more than 54 million Americans are challenged with some sort of disability? These range from hearing and sight impairments, developmental disabilities, stroke, traumatic brain injury, Parkinson's disorder, orphan diseases and more.

During my 40-plus years of work as a psychotherapist I've had the fortune of working with individuals and groups that represent all of the above special needs categories. Some have congenital (from birth) disabilities. Some have acquired (from trauma) disabilities.

I have also had the pleasure of working with the like-minded staff of A Wider World. Jim Saliba is the program's executive producer. Elizabeth Kelly is the program's host. Jeremy Taylor is editor,



camera man, and narra-All three are "de-

scendants" of Roger McCarville who had created the PBS TV show Disabilities Today many years ago. With Roger's passing, the show's name changed to A Wider World in 2008. You see, Roger was a friend of mine and encouraged our forming the Therapy Choirs of Michigan, www.therapychoirs.org. In no small way, Roger encouraged the cause of choir therapy, which began with only one singer and has developed, over 17 years, to special needs, therapeutic singing groups in three counties. With the help of Volunteer Voices from many communities, TCM has given hundreds of free performances, throughout Michigan, in its' "Tour of Hope." as Roger called it. TCM is very grateful for the ongoing working relationship with the staff of A Wider World and delighted that they have featured our therapeutic choir in five separate episodes.

Through A Wider World, choir therapy and countless other recreation and therapeutic programs for people with disabilities have found an audience throughout the world. I encourage all readers of this column to tune into A Wider World each week. You will be glad you did! Dates, times and archived You-Tube shows can be found

Len McCulloch is a Diplomate of the American Psychotherapy Association. He is credentialed in mental health, addictions, trauma, brain injury and social work. With his director of operations, Sherry Cantrell, he created and directs the Therapy Choirs of Michigan, www.therapychoirs.org.

via the Internet.

GARDEN & NATURE CALENDAR

Send material for the Garden & Nature Calendar to Sharon Dargay, sdargay@hometownlife.com.

Heritage Park

The park is located on Farmington Road, between 10 Mile and 11 Mile in Farmington Hills. Pre-register for programs online at recreg.fhgov.com or at the Costick Center, 28600 W. 11 Mile.

» Make a grapevine wreath using materials found in nature, 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7, at the nature center. Crafts for children also will be available. \$8 per person or \$24 for a family of

» Make-and-Take Garden Gifts workshop runs 6:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 16. Cost is \$5. An additional \$5 materials fee will be collected. Registration is required at least three days before the workshop.

Register for classes at the Costick Center, 28600 W 11 Mile, or online at recreg.fhgov.com. Call the nature center at 248-477-1135 or email asmith@fhgov.com for more information.

Holiday Shopping Escape

Join the Holiday Nature Preserve Association for a nature hike noon Saturday, Dec. 6, starting at the Nankin Mill parking lot on Hines Drive, east of Ann Arbor Trail, in Westland. The walk is free and runs 60-90 minutes; holidayassociation@hnpa.org.

Friends of Maybury

Take a night hike listen for owls, 6-8 p.m. Dec. 6. Meet at the concession building at the park, which is located on Eight Mile west of Beck in Northville. Register for Owl Prowl at friendsofmaybury.org. Call 248-349-8390 for more information.

Matthaei Botanical Gardens

Letters & Leaves exhibit runs through Jan. 4, 2015, and explores the link between poetry and nature. Includes an installation of nature-inspired photography. Special events include Wonders of Winter kids program featuring stories, crafts and wreath making, 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Dec. 6; poetry reading 6 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 10; and a visit with Father Christmas, noon to 2 p.m. Saturday Dec. 20. Exhibit and program are free, except Wonders of Winter, which costs \$10 per child. Matthaei Botanical Gardens is located at 1800 N. Dixboro, Ann Arbor; 734-647-7600.

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Canton girl heads an 'army of elves' at Jingle Bell Run/Walk for Arthritis

By Sharon Dargay Staff Writer

Emi Werschky ballet danc-

Her best move in gymnastics is a cartwheel.

And she recently portrayed a horse, mouse and towns per-

son in the play Cinderella.

But there is something else the 7-year-old Canton Charter Academy second-grader wants you to know about her personal achievements. She has done it all between heat packs and weekly shots.

"I have arthritis," she explained, during a recent lunchtime interview at her school, where fellow students are fundraising for the Arthritis Foundation's Detroit Jingle Bell Run/Walk for Arthritis. "It feels good to teach all these people who don't know that kids have arthritis, that they

Emi is getting plenty of chances to educate others about her illness, an autoimmune disease that typically causes joint inflammation, but that can involve eyes, skin and gastrointestinal tract. She's this year's youth honoree for the Jingle Bell Run/Walk and has her own team, Emi's Army of Elves, that will participate in the fundraiser on Dec. 6 in Detroit. Her story and her photo is printed on event publicity posters distributed, not only at her school, but throughout Southeastern Michigan.

Supporting the **Foundation**

She and her family, includ-ing parents Lisa and Tony, have been active in Arthritis Foundation events since Emi was diagnosed with the disease at age 2 1/2. They've walked in the Foundation's annual spring event at the Detroit Zoo and attended galas. Tony and Lisa also earned silver (Tony) and

bronze (Lisa) medals in the Forge through Hell, an extreme 5K for the cause.

The entire family, including Emi's three siblings, attended Arthritis Foundation family camp earlier this year in Lapeer and got a chance to meet other children with arthritis.

"It was a nice experience. We met some families we've seen since at other events. You feel close because it's hard for other people to understand just what you experience. When we started putting up posters with Emi's picture and her story, people would come up to me and say, 'Oh my gosh, I didn't know this is what you've gone through.' Well, we don't usually walk around telling everyone what we've gone through," Lisa said. "We just do it. It's the way it goes and we're OK with that. We've accepted our journey and our path and we're thankful it's not any worse. But we still pray for healing and that it's not our path forever."

It's been an on-again, offagain journey as Emi has been in remission, out of remission and in again over nearly five

Ups and downs

"Even in remission she will get injections of Enbrel for the next three to four years. Right now she's on Enbrel, a biologic drug, and methotrexate, a low-dose cancer drug. One of the biggest hurdles we face is that when her arthritis flares we can up the medication to fight the arthritis, but in doing so, we usually add other problems. So, you're kind of in a race to try to get the arthritis under control so you can get off those medications so she can get back to feeling good and having that sense of humor and that smile and being the normal little adorable 7-yearold we love so much. But it comes and goes."



BILL BRESLER I STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Emi Werschky of Canton is youth honoree for the Arthritis Foundation's 2014 Detroit Jingle Bell Run/Walk for Arthritis. She's ready to dress as an elf to head up her team, Emi's Army of Elves.

When her arthritis flares when her immune system "kicks into overdrive" and attacks the her joints, Lisa said. Both drugs she takes, administered in a shot each week, can lower her immune system, making her more susceptible to illness.

"She can get the flu and her arthritis could flare. She could get a cut and her arthritis could flare. The more illness you have, the more likely your arthritis will flare. We did the happy dance all the way out of the rheumatologist office the first time we were in remission. And it only lasted about a month."

Diagnosis

Lisa discovered her daughter's illness when Emi, then an active and independent toddler, began asking to be carried everywhere. She noticed her knee was swollen and her daughter was limping, but was told it was a symptom of a virus. A follow-up visit to the doctor's office confirmed the arthritis. She received steroid injections in her sore joints almost immediately and started on a series of medications that have increased in strength over the years. Lisa estimates

that her daughter has tried "well over a dozen" medications since she was diagnosed. Her arthritis has affected mostly knees, ankles, wrists and occasionally elbows and

When we started this we heard a lot of people say kids outgrow this. We've noticed they've stopped saying that to us. We try to take it one day at a time and we celebrate days she feels well and we do what we can to get through the days she doesn't.'

Emi is looking forward to the Jingle Bell Run/Walk, where she'll dress as "head elf" for her team and ride through the event in a "sleigh" pulled by her mom, who will be in reindeer costume. Her dad will run the race. One sibling will pass out candy canes along the route and two others will ride with her.

The event starts with registration from 7:30-8:30 a.m., followed by the quarter-mile "Snowman Shuffle" fun run for children at 8:50 a.m. and the 5K run/walk and 10K run at 9 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 6 at Compuware, 1 Campus Martius, Detroit. A soup and chili party follows the event. Medals will be awarded for top three finishers in 13 age groups, along with prizes for largest team, best costume and top fundraiser. Fees are \$35 for the 10K, \$30 for the 5K and \$12 for the

bellrundetroit.kintera.org for more information. "People think that their donation doesn't count, or doesn't make a difference," Lisa said. "The biologic drug that Emi is on is a direct result of research done by the Arthritis Foundation and without supporting the Arthritis Foun-

dation and providing funds and

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research, she wouldn't be in remission.'

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How to approach a small-town job search

By Justin Thompson

A lot of career advice targets workers in moderately sized cities who have more access to job opportunities. Rural communities have a limited number of companies and a population competing for fewer jobs. How can a worker from a smaller town make an impression on a company without being a pest?

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Job seekers should adapt their job-search strategy depending on the local workforce climate. From there, it comes down to adjusting how you apply for jobs. In some instances, you can take a more out-of-the-box approach to job searching when in a smaller town.

Be unique

"In rural communities, it's sometimes easier to just go directly to the company and apply face to face," says staffing manager Joshua Johnston. "It can create a lasting impression and can help hiring managers attach that impression to the résumé." If that's not an option, you can still stand out, Johnston says. Anything that grabs a hiring manager's attention or makes a lasting impression may get you ahead of the competition.

"One candidate called a pizza delivery service and had them deliver not only a fresh, hot pizza, but a laminated copy of the résumé around 11:15 a.m.," Johnston says. "Ultimately, they really wanted to work for that specific company and wanted to think outside of the box." As unusual as this example is, the tactic is helpful for those who find themselves repeatedly applying to the same company for multiple positions.

Use your networks

Johnston suggests that you reach out to friends, relatives, teachers, former co-workers, acquaintances and even your doctor or dentist to ask if they are aware of any local job vacancies. Telling everyone you know or meet that you're looking for a job can help you

with job leads.

In addition, use social networking websites such as LinkedIn to connect with hiring managers at local companies. However, don't use a generic introduction. Personalize your invitation, be creative and be specific about why you're reaching out -- whether it's to make a connection or follow up after submitting an application.

Find your focus

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When there are fewer job opportunities in your community, narrow your focus and stop applying for every opening at every company. Be honest about your education, work experience and any supplemental experiences, such as volunteering, and choose the career path in which you'll have the most success.

Look beyond your ZIP code

You can also broaden your job search to include companies across the U.S. that hire telecommuters or allow employees to work offsite. Finding a company not based in your area doesn't necessarily mean that you have to move, so if you do

search, you may be able to find companies that

to hire an out-of-town worker. Justin Thompson is a writer and blogger for CareerBuilder.com

and its job blog, The Work Buzz. He researches and writes egy, career management, hiring trends and workplace issues.



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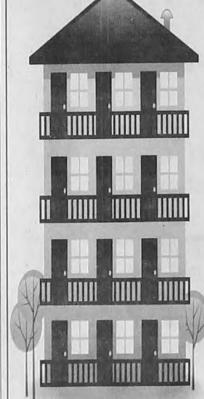
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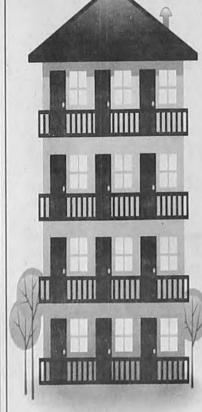
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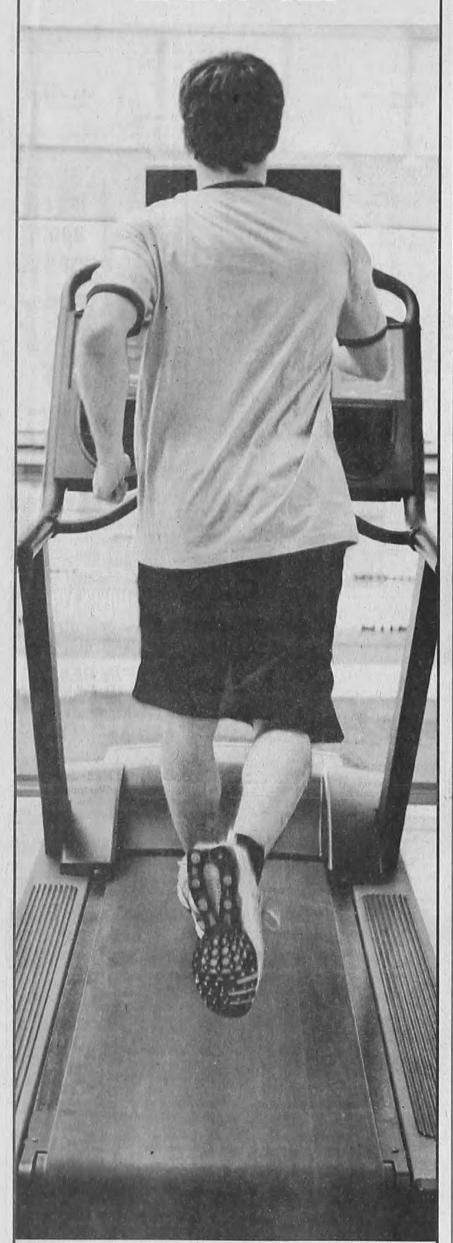
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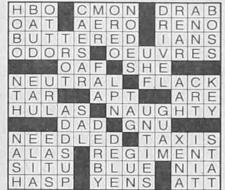
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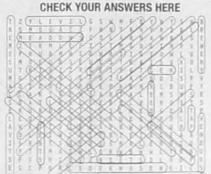
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Test drive 2015 Ford F-150 during special event at Bill Brown Ford in Livonia

By Greg Mullin Staff Writer

Take a sneak preview of the 2015 Ford F-150 during the Ride and Drive Event at Bill Brown Ford in Livonia from 5-9 p.m. Monday, Dec 8.

Customers can test drive the soon-to-be-released 2015 F-150 alongside a Ford product expert while enjoying appetizers and soft drinks. Also, WYCD 99.5-FM and radio personality Linda Lee will be on-site to meet and greet visitors, and there will be giveaways and prizes to win.

To register for the test drive event, visit www.f150drive.com/ billbrownford.

Anticipation is building for the revamped F-150. The vehicles are expected to be on the lot in late December or early January — but Bill Brown Ford is taking pre-orders now.

"Customers are really enthusiastic," says Andrea Calvaneso, Marketing Director for Bill Brown Ford. "Most of all, they're excited about seeing the new body

style."
Thanks to an all-new aluminum body construction, the 2015 Ford F-150 is lighter than previous

models.

"By getting rid of 700 pounds, the 2015 F-150 has increased its towing capacity while also improving fuel economy—a win-win," Calvaneso

Other highlights in-

» The availability of the all-new 2.7-liter Eco-Boost model

» A 360-degree camera view to assist with parking and maneuver-



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» Active park assist» Remote tailgate

release
» 8-inch productivity
screen in the instrument

» Quad-beam LED headlamps

Available engines include:

» 325-horsepower, 2.7-liter V-6

» 365-horsepower,3.5-liter V-6» 385-horsepower,

5.0-liter V-8 » 282-horsepower,

3.5-liter V-6
"Once they become available, we will have a strong allocation for our customers to purchase,"

Bill Brown Ford's seasoned sales associates have superior product knowledge, allowing customers to find the F-150 that suits them best.

"Bill Brown Ford has extraordinary service across the board," Calvaneso says. "We are a full-service dealership — new and used sales, service, Quick Lane Tire & Auto Center, body shop and a state-of-the-art Fleet Center — that accommodates all of your needs before and after the sale."

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