

Residents react to Ford Road fixes

By Darrell Clem Staff Writer

Linda Long remembers Haggerty as a dirt road when she and husband Amos bought their Canton home 35 years ago.

Now traffic congestion has gotten so bad, she said, they have to take detours driving from the I-275 interchange to their home off Haggerty, south of Ford Road.

"We're right in the thick of it," Long said.

Most times, the Longs don't even try to turn left from westbound Ford onto Haggerty. It's too frustrating, too dangerous. So they use the IKEA parking lot as a detour and circle back to southbound Haggerty.

Linda Long was encouraged Wednesday evening after she learned of \$8.7 million in road improvements that the Michigan Department of Transportation and Wayne County



Longtime Canton resident Linda Long is hopeful the Ford Road work, intended to ease traffic congestion, will make it easier to get to her home.

plan to make this year to one of the state's most accident-prone areas, used by 50,000 motorists a day.

Specifically, Long supports plans to lengthen the left-turn

lane from Ford onto southbound Haggerty and to have what Mike Bellini, MDOT transportation engineer, said

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Boulevard on hold: MDOT

By Darrell Clem Staff Writer

Funding appears elusive for a massive, long-range plan to ease traffic problems by converting Ford Road into a bou-levard in Canton, officials say.

Michigan Department of Transportation officials have called the boulevard plan the best fix for traffic congestion, though they say smaller-scale efforts to improve Ford Road this year should provide some relief.

Gorette Yung, manager of MDOT's Transportation Service Center in Taylor, said Ford Road, eventually, could be transformed into a boulevard from the I-275 interchange west to Sheldon - a plan officials have singled out among several earlier propos-

The plan would separate opposing lanes of traffic with a median, eliminate left turns at major intersections, install boulevard-style turnaround lanes and improve intersections and lanes.

The problem for Ford, much like roads across Michi-"We don't have the money for it," Yung said.

Her remarks came Wednesday evening as MDOT and Wayne County had a joint meeting in Canton to unveil first-phase Ford projects this year, such as having a continuous third land on westbound Ford from Lotz to Lilley and lengthening turn lanes near the I-275/Ford interchange.

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Cen stairs

By Darrell Clem

Staff Writer

Stoecklein climbed 70 flights of stairs to the top of the De-

troit Renaissance Center in

just 13 minutes, 49 seconds. She did it wearing 70 pounds of firefighter gear. That placed Stoecklein first

Canton firefighter Maureen

Salem exhibit looks at Detroit's housing segregation history

By Matt Jachman Staff Writer

An exhibit at Salem High School explores the history of racial segregation and housing discrimination in the Detroit area and the neighborhoods those forces helped create and, in some cases, helped destroy. "We Dont Want Them"

uses photographs, documents and written narratives to look back on nearly a century of racial and ethnic conflict,



much of it played out as black Detroiters struggled to improve their lives - to move into better jobs and better neighborhoods - and whites resisted. The exhibit also touches on the histories of Latino, Arab and Asian Americans, as well as American Indians.

The traveling exhibit is from the Michigan Roundtable for Diversity and Inclusion and is sponsored locally by The Beloved Community, a Plymouth-Canton group that works to bring attention to issues of racial justice. "We Dont Want Them" will be at Salem through Thursday, April 2, and two evenings of viewing by community groups are scheduled for later this month.

"The housing exhibit helps people understand the policies and practices put in place over the past 80-plus years, which led to vexing wealth disparity between black and white neighbors," Roundtable president Steve Spreitzer said. "Our hope is that becoming aware of this history will inform those who were ignorant and help ad-

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A young boy carries a sign in one hand, a rope in the other, in a photo from a pro-segregation demonstration. The traveling exhibit "We Dont Want Them," now at Salem High School, takes its name from this photo.

fighters across southeast Michigan - who climbed Detroit's tallest skyscraper during the Fight for Air Climb charity event for the American Lung Association.

among 25 female firefighters -

and 33rd among all 350 fire-

"I work out quite a bit, but I didn't really know what to expect," said Stoecklein, a Westland resident. "It was hot because we had our gear on. I just put my head down and went. I knew a slow, steady pace would be the way to go."

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CANTON FIREFIGHTERS **Canton firefighter Maureen** Stoecklein after she climbed 70 stairs inside the Renaissance Center in Detroit.



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will be a continuous third lane along westbound Ford from Lotz to Lilley.

"I think it will help," Long said, as MDOT and Wayne County formally unveiled a plan to help ease traffic woes during a public meeting at Summit on the Park. "I think it's an awesome idea. It's a huge plus.

Canton resident Ron Fisher Jr., among 50 people who came out to see project drawings and talk with transportation officials, said he welcomes

the plans, but ideally he would prefer a new interchange at I-275 and Cherry Hill or, at a minimum, a service drive along the interstate.

"I pretty much liked everything I saw," Fisher said.

And while he realizes it's a separate issue, he said he remains worried about deteriorating conditions of subdivision streets in places such as Parkview Estates, off Palmer between Lilley and Sheldon, where he lives.

One major component of the latest road work involves paving Lotz, between Ford and Cherry Hill, and giving motorists another north-south route to pull traffic away from the Ford-Haggerty area. The \$5 million county project is expected to begin in June and end in November.

Ronald Agacinski, Wayne County director of engineering, said the effort includes building a three-lane paved road, smoothing out curves, installing sidewalks and eliminating roadside ditches.

"All the ditches are going away," he said. "It's a safety hazard.

Bellini said MDOT's \$3.7 million project along Ford could begin as early

as April and be completed by late August. He said motorists can expect detours and sporadic, staggered closings of I-275/Ford ramps on weekends

According to MDOT, the Ford Road work involves the following: » A continuous, third

westbound lane from Lotz to Lilley, which Bellini said should help to ease traffic congestion. » Resurface the stretch of Ford between Lotz Road and Marlowe

Street, which is west of Morton Taylor near the Rusty Nail Lounge.

» Convert right-turnonly lanes for eastbound

transportation officials

and westbound Ford at the Haggerty intersection into a shared turn/ through lane by modifying pavement markings, signs and traffic signals.

» Extend the rightturn lane for eastbound Ford at Haggerty

» Extend the left-turn lane from westbound Ford onto southbound Haggerty, hopefully easing traffic problems for residents such as the Longs

» Add pavement markings to improve turn lanes from the northbound and southbound I-275 exit ramps onto Ford

» While having three

through lanes on westbound Ford, also maintain a dedicated lane for westbound Ford motorists to enter the loop ramp onto southbound I-275

» Add sidewalks along eastbound and westbound Ford Road to connect those already there, improving access to places such as the I-275 Metro Trail that runs alongside the interstate.

» Provide an optional second exit lane at the southbound I-275 exit ramp to Ford Road, allowing motorists to more easily exit the interstate.

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Stoecklein was among a team of eight Canton firefighters who climbed the Renaissance Center last Sunday, posting an average time of 24 minutes.

Canton raised \$2,415 for the American Lung Association. Jessie Jimenez-Schlict, development director for the Madison Heights-based chapter, said area firefighters were among some 1,600 participants who raised more than \$344,000.

From Canton, Stoecklein joined firefighters Duane Lowe, Ryan Molina, Jim Harrison and Brian Switzer, Capts. Nick Lombari and Kevin Henderson and Depu-ty Fire Chief Chris Stoecklein, Maureen's husband.

"I'm incredibly proud of all the partici-pants," Fire Chief Joshua Meier said. "They worked hard. They trained hard and they

Meier commended Maureen Stoecklein's strong showing in the event. "That's a huge ac-

did it for charity."

complishment for her," he said. "The department is incredibly proud of her efforts for achieving that. Stoecklein, in her

15th year as a Canton firefighter, formerly worked as a dietitian for a cardiac rehabilitation facility. She understands the importance of staying healthy.

"I work out every day and do yoga," she said. "More recently, I've been doing strength training. I feel it's important for me in this job as a firefighter to stay physically fit.

The climb was great camaraderie for our department," Stoecklein said, "and I am proud to represent Canton and the fire department with such a great group of co-workers.'

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Earlier Wednesday, Canton Township Supervisor Phil LaJoy mentioned the first-phase improvements during his State of the Township address, but he voiced frustration over a longterm fix that local officials have sought for more than a decade.

Though grateful for this year's work, LaJoy said the bigger fix has proved frustrating, despite two MDOT studies he said have totaled nearly \$1.5 million.

Moreover, he said Canton officials have been rejected six times by federal officials for Ford-fixing grant money from the TIGER, or Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery, program.

"We are not giving up," LaJoy said, citing yet a seventh round of applications for TIGER money. LaJoy said federal

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vance the work for racial justice."

Ugly history

The display covers many of the key events of Detroit's racial history, such as the trials of Ossian Sweet, an African-American doctor whose move into a white neighborhood in 1925 was met with violence; the 1942 conflict over the Sojourner Truth housing project, built to house black factory workers during the World War II manufactu actu ing boom; the 1943 Detroit race riot, which left 34 people dead, 25 of them black; and the even more deadly and betterknown riot of 1967 Lesser-known developments are also mentioned: The establishment of Conant Gardens, a once-prosperous black neighborhood, named for abolitionist Shubael Conant; the rise and fall of the Paradise Valley area east of downtown, much of it torn down to make way for the Chrysler expressway; and the construction of a halfmile-long wall - still standing - in the area of Eight Mile and Wyoming that was designed to keep blacks and whites apart. The battles over crossdistrict busing are also mentioned, as well as the restrictive real estate covenants and the first black families to move to

have allocated more than \$4.1 billion for the first six rounds of TIGER money. Canton has sought \$20 million or more for Ford Road.

"We are determined to get our hands on some of those funds," LaJoy said.

He recently went to Washington, D.C., with a delegation from the Southeast Michigan **Council of Governments** and, while there, pushed for a Ford Road fix with legislators. He said he was assured by U.S. Rep. David Trott, R-Michigan, that Canton's traffic problems and potential solution "are a top priority" for him.

After six rejections, LaJoy and others are hopeful the latest TIGER round will be the lucky seven.

"As they say," LaJoy said with a shrug during his State of the Township address, "the seventh time's the charm."

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER State officials say money for a larger fix to the Ford/I-275/Haggerty area isn't available.



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Canton firefighters participating in the Fight for Air Climb

Maureen Stoecklein, Chris Stoecklein and Kevin Henderson

and (bottom row, from left) Ryan Molina, Jim Harrison and

were (top row, from left) Duane Lowe, Nick Lombardi,

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Nick Brandon, the school district's associate director of marketing and external relations, takes a close look.

Grosse Pointe, in 1966.

Some classes are touring the exhibit for their studies, said Nick Bran-don, the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools' associate director of marketing and external relations, plus students have been touring it on their own.

'Our students need to know it's a big world out there and history has done a lot of unfair things," Brandon said.

Point of view

Junior Shailee Shah viewed the exhibit Thursday morning, saying she had largely been "sheltered" from such unpleasant parts of history until reading A People's History of the United

The Doll Hospital & Toy Soldier Shop

States, by Howard Zinn, for an advanced placement course last year.

"The point of view the person's writing from is really important when you're learning about history," Shailee said.

She pointed to a photo of the jury – 12 white men - in the second Sweet trail. "It doesn't seem like a very diverse jury, to begin with," she said. (The jury acquitted Os-sian Sweet's brother Henry of murder.)

Juniors Nathan Ewell and Sreyas Narayanan also stopped in. Both are members of the Plymouth-Canton Education Park Diversity Council; Sreyas is vice president.

"Discrimination has happened everywhere in America," Sreyas said. "It kind of puts it into context when you hear it happened 15 or 20 miles away from you."

Sophomore Kelly Righter said she had been familiar with some of the events on a Detroit time line, but was also surprised at how much of Detroit's history she didn't know. "It's a really cool exhibit," she said.

Brandon said the exhibit is especially impor-tant given the diversity of the district's student population. "These groups are so reflected in our district right now," he said.

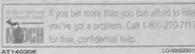
Community groups can tour "We Dont Want Them" free of charge Tuesday evening and also the evening of Tuesday, March 31. Email Brandon at Nicholas.Brandon@pccsk12.com or call him at 734-416-2755 to schedule a tour.

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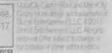


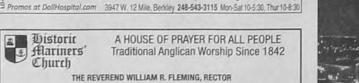
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Absentee process begins for May 5 election

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By Darrell Clem Staff Writer

Thousands of absentee ballot applications are arriving in Canton mailboxes as Michigan voters gear up for a special May 5 proposal to increase the state sales tax from 6 percent to 7 percent.

Township Clerk Terry Bennett said about 7,500 Canton voters are on a per-manent absentee voter list. Bennett said it's difficult to predict

what turnout will be for the May 5 proposal, which proponents say would raise \$1.2 billion a year for road and bridge repairs and \$300 million for K-12 schools, among other measures.

"Money issues usually bring people to the polls," Bennett said.



She said turnout was high when voters in 1994 passed Proposal A, which in part placed limits on how much property taxes can increase any given year - 5 percent or the rate of inflation, whichever is less. It also revamped school funding.

Bennett

Bennett said she will have a better idea of voter interest in the May 5 proposal after absentee bal-lots requests begin to arrive in her office.

"That's usually our way of judging the turnout," she said.

Voters who need an absentee ballot application can go to

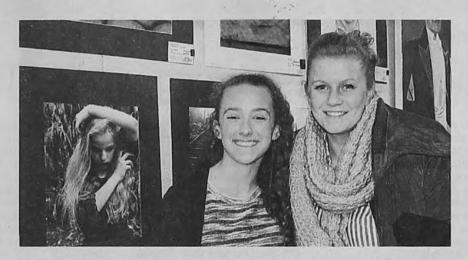
www.canton-mi.org and look under the Government tab for the clerk's office. Voters also may stop by the clerk's of-fice, 1150 S. Canton Center. Applications also are available at www.michigan.gov; look under departments for Secretary of State.

Voters seeking an absentee ballot have to state a reason, such as being out of town or physically unable to make it to the polls for the election.

Meanwhile, Bennett said her office also is looking for election inspectors to work May 5. Look on the township's website or stop by the clerk's office for an application. For more information, call 734-394-5120.



This trio of young photographers all took honorable mention in the Scholastic Art & Writing Awards (from left): senior Breanna Lopez, freshman Margaret Buck and junior Karley Schwalm.



P-CEP photo teacher Linsdey Pignatiello, with her student, 10th-grader Natalie Phillips, and Natalie's photo "Dead Beauty," which earned a Silver Key at the awards.

Young photographers show promise in national contest



Plymouth-Canton student Breanna Lopez won honorable mention for her work "Ponder ." Also pictured is photography teacher Ann Espinoza.

A group of local students has something in common with Andy Warhol - they all have won a Scholastic Art & Writing Award.

The awards have been given since 1923 and the contest, according to organizers, sets out to recognize the vision, ingenuity and talent of our nation's youth.

Students across America submitted 255,000 original works during the 2014 program year in the fields of writing, film, photography, poetry and sculpture.

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Rachel Lanzilotti and Rachel Allen assemble models of their rooms.

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Middle school students picking up on STEM curriculum

By Brad Kadrich Correspondent

The last couple of years have been fruitful ones for the new STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) Academy that Plymouth-Canton Community Schools officials installed at the high school park.

Now the district is hoping for the same kind of success at the middle school level.

Using funding provided by the overwhelming passage of the 2013 bond, the district has been upgrading STEM labs at some middle schools and outright building new ones at other schools as teachers have begun extending the STEM curriculum to sixth- through eighth-graders.

Anthony Ruela, a regional director for the district, said

getting middle school students started in STEM is an important curriculum move for the district.

"It's project-based individual and cooperative learning that provides real-world context for students to apply the academic and social skills they are developing throughout their middle years," said Ruela, also a former principal at Central Middle School. Ruela said the middle level STEM programing uses curriculum from Project Lead the Way's Gateway to Technology Pathway to expose students to engineering concepts within contextualized problem-solving that requires the practical application of the content they learn in math and science classes.

Project Lead the Way, Ruela pointed out, is a leading national provider of STEM curriculum, resources and professional development.

"At the middle level, we structure our instruction around PLTW units in design and modeling, automation and robotics and green architecture," Ruela said.

STEM programming at the middle school has been de-

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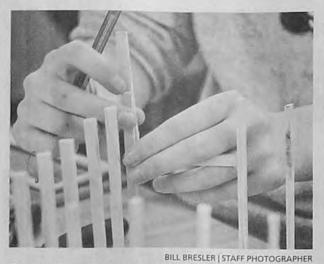


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This student is assembling a room.



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signed, Ruela explained, to provide "vertical alignment" with multiple career and educational pathways at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park. The Park's STEM Academy uses the PTLW engineering and biomedical science curriculum as the foundation of its programming.

In addition, Ruela said, work being done in the middle schools "aligns very well" with a number of career and technical education pathways, including computer-aided design, computer programming, electronics, robotics and automation.

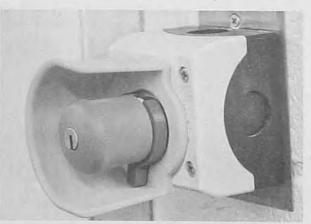
A good part of the 2013 bond work has included getting middle school STEM labs upgraded and ready for students. The lab at East Middle School was a complete new build, while labs at West and Discovery middle schools were redesigns of existing industrial technology labs.

To accommodate the STEM lab at Pioneer, crews completely redesigned instructional space.

Each middle school has one full-time teacher teaching five periods a day. In some buildings, Ruela said, multiple teachers are trained in certain segments of the

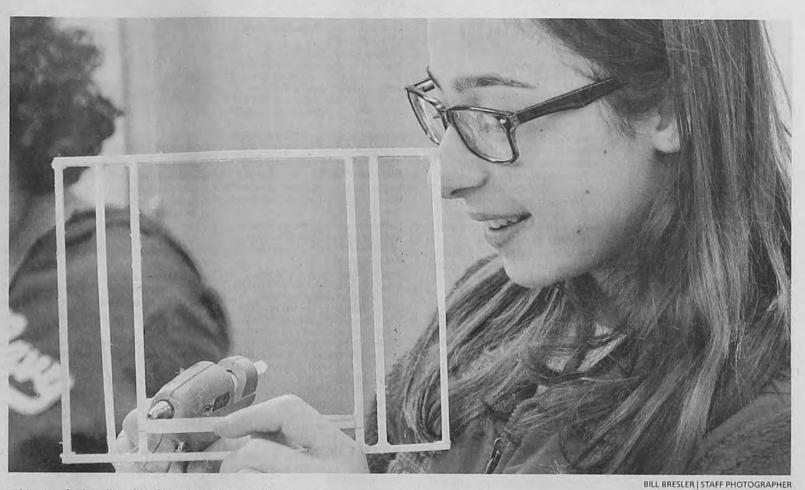


BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Canton High School makes a video of the STEM program.



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Students used a 3D printer to build a guard for the room's power shut down switch to prevent accidental shutdown and damage to the room's computers. The blue ring is removed before hitting the orange button.



Adrian Hartford applies a bit of hot glue to her model.

curriculum, so additional sections can be added as scheduling allows.

Bill Lembesis is the full-time teacher at East Middle School. Before moving to STEM, he taught seventh-grade science. He said exposing students "at an early age to the principles of engineering gets them excited about the field." "Our community has invested in the future of science, technology, engineering and mathematics," Lembesis said. "I believe that in the years to come, we will start seeing more and more P-CCS students entering these fields." According to Ruela,

all sixth-grade students are scheduled for one

nine-week introduction to the design and engi-

neering process. "At the seventh and eighth grade, it is an elective course that students may request," Ruela said. "The rooms are definitely being used to their expected capac-

ity."

And, according to Lembesis, the students are getting the most out of the experience.

"The kids absolutely love it," Lembesis said. "I often hear students say that they were waiting all day to come to

class so that they could work on their designs on our CAD software. In addition, during our recent open house for new families I heard several kids say they couldn't wait to take my class next year."

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Learn about DIA collection at Plymouth library programs

The "Behind the Seen" DIA talks, provided by the Detroit Institute of Arts Speakers Bureau, draw many people to the Plymouth District Library.

For a number of years, folks have enjoyed these monthly Monday night talks, which draw a good 25-35 people. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library, the talks are sometimes tied to a special exhibit, a standing exhibit, a theme or the museum itself. The library, 223 S. Main, in downtown Plymouth, doesn't hold these programs in the summer, but rather in September through April.

Here's what's next for "Behind the Seen":

» Monday, March 23, 7 p.m. – Your DIA: (R)evolution – Exploring the history of the DIA heightens awareness of the individuals who founded the museum, built its collection, and supported the institution for over 128 years and provides the basis for understanding why the DIA is considered one of the most renowned and innovative art museums in the world.

» Monday, April 27, 7 p.m. – Seeking the Sacred – Compare different ways people throughout the world and throughout time have used works of art to hold, communicate and reinforce ideas about religion and spirituality.

Attendees are asked to register in advance for these free programs: 734-453-0750, ext. 4, or online at plymouthlibrary.org.

Optimist Club sets Canton meeting

An organizational meeting to establish a new Optimist Club in Canton has been set for 6:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 11, in the Freedom Meeting Room at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center.

Organizers have cited a need for the club and are discussing ideas for what projects could be taken on initially by the club, which is focused on leadership, empowerment and support of youth.

Canton's club, which would be Michigan's 101st, is likely to sponsor oratorical and essay contests, among other projects, to reward children, boost their self-confidence and reinforce positive behavior.

Founding members are needed – 15 in all – to send in the official charter papers.

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an open and ongoing grief support group offering support and socialization for widows and widowers moving beyond the first year of loss. The program is sponsored by Compassionate Care Hospice and is free of charge, although a drink purchase is required for use of the space.

Contact: For more information, contact Ann Christensen, Compassionate Care Hospice Bereavement coordinator, at 888-983-9050 or email achristensen@cchnet.net.

BRAIN NEUROBICS

Date/Time: Second and Fourth Thursday through May 2015, 11 a.m. Location: Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty

Details: Wayne State University Institute of Gerontology designed the 10 free courses. Keep your brain alert and active with such topics as Memory Tricks, Food for Thought and Magic of Music. Courses taught by Waltonwood Cherry Hill.

Contact: To sign up, call the Plymouth Community Council on Aging at 734-453-1234, ext. 236.

PAGAN HOURS

Dates/Times: Fourth Monday of each month, 7 p.m.; fourth Saturday of each month, 10 a.m.

Locations: Monday, Panera Bread, 41950 Ford Road, Canton; Saturday, Leo's Coney Island, 9624 Belleville Road, Belleville

Details: State Rep. Kristy Pagan, D-Canton, announces the schedule for her monthly coffee hours. Pagan invites residents to join her to discuss their thoughts and ideas about how she can best represent and address the needs of her constituents. Pagan encourages interested residents to sign up for her e-newsletter, which will provide updates of her work at the Capitol and in the community.

Contact: To sign up, interested individuals should go to pagan.housedems.com. Residents can also contact Pagan in her Lansing office at 517-373-2575.

PFLAG MEETING

Date/Time: First Sunday of each month, 3-5 p.m.

Location: St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon, Plymouth

Details: Plymouth-Canton PFLAG meets for discussion, education and sharing. Founded in 1972 with the simple act of a mother publicly supporting her gay son, PFLAG is the nation's largest family and ally organization. Made up of families, friends and straight allies united with people who are lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT), PFLAG is committed to advancing equality and societal acceptance of LGBT people through its



Coaches needed

Coaches and other volunteers are needed for the spring and fall seasons of the Miracle League of Plymouth. The league provides opportunities for special-needs players to enjoy the game of baseball. Anyone interested in donating their time or who has questions can contact Shari Bilkie via email at shari@miracleleagueplymouth.org

threefold mission of support, education and advocacy. Contact: Email lau-

rie.mayers@gmail.com DROP-IN KNITTING

Date/Time: Third Tuesday of each month, 1-2 p.m.

Location: Plymouth Township Friendship Station, 42375 Schoolcraft, Plymouth

Details: The Plymouth Community Council on Aging offers drop-in knitting and crocheting classes. If you need help finishing a project or starting a new project, then this is the place to come. Beginners are welcome. Each class has a donation of \$2. Instructor is Dori Mefford.

Contact: For more information, call 734-453-1234, ext. 236.

CRAFTERS WANTED

Date/Time: Saturday, Oct. 17 Location: West Middle School, 44401 Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth

Details: Delta Kappa Gamma, an international society of women in education, will host its 31st annual craft show to help provide scholarships for Plymouth-Canton students. There are still openings for crafters who are interested in joining the event. Join DKG along with the AAUW used book sale and reserve a booth. Contacts: For more information, contact Debbie Cortellini at debcortellini@comcast.net or call 734-451-1525.

COACHES NEEDED

Date/Time: Saturdays in spring and fall Location: Bilkie Family Field, downtown Plymouth

Details: The Miracle League of Plymouth, the league providing opportunities for special-needs players to enjoy the game of baseball, needs volunteer coaches for its spring and fall seasons. Contact: Anyone interested in donating their time or who has questions can contact Shari Bilkie via email at shari@miracleleagueplymouth.org

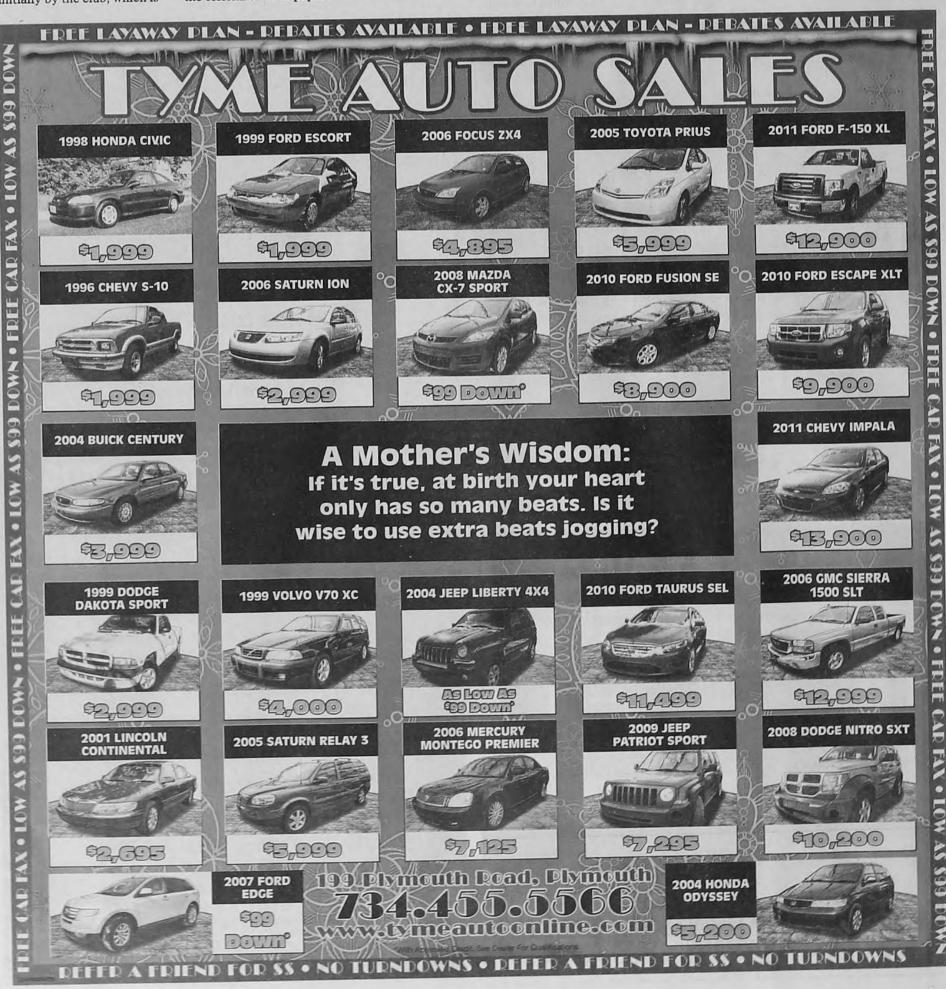
CLOTHING BANK

Date/Time: Fourth Saturday of each month, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Location: Canton Christian Fellowship clothing bank, 8775 Ronda Drive, Canton

Details: Canton Christian Fellowship sponsors a clothing bank every fourth Saturday. No documentation is needed. Drop-off is available from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. each Wednesday. Canton Christian Fellowship is located on at Joy Road, west of Haggerty.

Contact: For more information, email info@cantoncf.org or call 734-404-2480.



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File an amended tax return when errors are found

Q: Dear Rick: I just had my 2014 tax return prepared and my tax preparer noticed a mistake on my 2013 return. It dealt with the sale of a mutual fund that I had owned for years. My preparer used the wrong cost basis so, as opposed to reporting a gain, I reported a loss. My tax preparer recom-mended that I immediately file an amended return. My thoughts are that since I have not heard from the IRS, why do anything? If the



IRS contacts me in the future, I will deal with it then.

A: It makes sense to file an amended return. As a taxpayer, it is your responsibility to file fair and accurate returns. As a result, when you discover an error, whether it's in your favor or not, it is your responsibility

to correct the error.

The fact that the IRS has not discovered the error does not mean that it won't - particularly in your situation, where the issue was with the basis.

In the past, basis was not reported to the IRS and the likelihood of discovering an error was minimal. However, that is no longer the case. Over the last few years, basis has been reported to the IRS. The IRS will discover the error. It is always better for you, the taxpayer, to correct

the error before the IRS gets involved.

If the IRS discovers the error, in addition to interest that you would have to pay, there is a greater likelihood that it will assess penalties. If you voluntarily report an error to the IRS, you have a greater chance of avoiding any penalties. In addition, if the IRS

discovers the error, there's a chance it will look at past years' tax information, which could lead to audits.

Trust me - no one

wants an audit from the IRS.

When it comes to mistakes on tax returns, the issue isn't whether or not a taxpayer should file an amended return but, rather, what are the chances of being caught. That is a difficult question. However, over the last few years, more information has been reported to the IRS. The chance of the IRS discovering the error is much greater than it was in the past.

I believe it isn't

whether the IRS will catch you, the real issue is your responsibility as a citizen - to file fair and accurate returns and to correct any errors that are discovered. When it comes to taxes, those that play by the rules tend to sleep better at night.

Good luck.

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

Hats for the homeless: Local man launches business aimed at giving back

By David Veselenak Staff Writer

Livonia resident and Michigan State University student Joshua York remembers when he made his first hat.

It was in December 2012. He took a hat he purchased at a hardware store and sewed his last name on it. It was an idea that his friends thought looked cool and it grew from there.

"As I continued to sell more and more beanies, I thought this could be a chance to (give back), said York, a Schoolcraft College graduate. "Turns out other people liked the idea, too. It took off."

With that idea, York began the York Project, a business that sells clothing and donates hats, shirts and other apparel to the homeless in Detroit. Similar to Tom's Shoes, the company donates an article of clothing for every piece it sells

Since launching, York has sold more than 3,000 articles of clothing and donated even more than



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Josh York's York Project sells a hat and provides a hat to the homeless.

that to people in need. He's prepared a new spring lineup that's available now. Such items include hats and shirts and can be found at his website, yorkproject.com

He's gone to Detroit several times with myriad items, ready to give them to those less fortunate. While his business has expanded and he's gone to other cities across the country, like Chicago, Grand Rapids, Kalamazoo and New York City, York said Detroit is always where he likes to visit.

It was that way when

he first launched, he said: seeing the work being done in the city made him want to be a part of it.

"I was just really big in the Detroit movement. I just was raised all along to have a mentality to give back," he said. "My focus was always Detroit.'

Outreach

Going with groups such as PBJ Outreach out of Plymouth, York said he's always enjoyed the interactions with the people he gives hats and other items to. The group goes every weekend to an area off Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and brings items for the homeless.

Mark Moening, a volunteer site supervisor with PBJ Outreach, said he got connected with York several years ago through connections at St. **Genevieve** Catholic School in Livonia. "He called me up and

asked if he could hand out his stuff down there,' said Moening, a Livonia resident. "On an average Saturday, we'll have 40

volunteers. Our mission is about connecting and interacting.

Since going away to MSU, York, a 2011 Steven-son High School graduate, has moved his operation to East Lansing, relying on friends and family to help continue his work. His mother has helped him keep the business running in Livonia.

"Primarily, it's been my mom and I from the beginning. She's huge in helping me make stuff,' he said. "She's huge in keeping things going and being awesome with that.

After graduating, York hopes his business line will continue and grow into something huge. He eventually wants to move his operations to Detroit and employ some of the same people who benefit from his donations.

"There are really cool companies in Detroit doing that, employing homeless people," he said.

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Entrepreneur Josh York designs hats. Each hat sold provides another hat for a homeless person.





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Gordon Chevrolet General Manager Susan Janni (second from left) poses with Smith Elementary students and staff who held a mustache day for Make-A-Wish.

Gordon Chevrolet hosts auction to benefit P-C school programs

Going once, going twice, going three times!

Later this month, Gordon Chevrolet in Garden City will host an auction event to benefit Plymouth-Canton's Smith Elementary School, with money raised going toward classroom enrichment tools, field trips, assemblies and technology

This is Smith's 20th annual auction, but the second year in a row

that Gordon Chevrolet's general manager, Susan Ianni, is playing host to the school's fundraiser at her Ford Road dealership. The partnership between cars and class-rooms came about when Dana Jones, the school's principal, approached Ianni to provide matching funds for Smith's Make-A-Wish charity drive

While at the school to present her check, Ianni fell in love with the kids and the educational

environment provided by the teachers and administrators there.

"The school needed space for their fundraiser and I was happy to open up our showroom to them," Ianni said. "Helping kids to have the things they need to learn and grow, what could be better?

The auction will be held 7-11 p.m. Saturday, March 21. Tickets are \$25 at the door and include appetizers and a cash bar. The adultsonly evening will in-clude both silent and live auctions and a card pull. Bidders can check out items for auction in advance by visiting www.smithsilentauction.com. "The school's auction

committee does such an amazing job with decor," Ianni said. "Our dealer-ship becomes a gala event space for the evening. It's definitely Gordon Chevrolet's Cinderella moment of the year."

Book 'em: United Way helps kids with summer reading

The Plymouth Community United Way and the Chuck E. Cheese location in Canton Township will hold a month-long drive for new children's book at the pizzeria in Canton. The event runs through Tuesday, March 31.

March is reading

month and the Plymouth Community United Way is collecting books in an effort to get children to read this summer to prevent the "summer slide.'

Studies show that children, especially those from low-income families, lose up to two months of reading skills over summer break.

Customers will receive Chuck E. Cheese 20 tickets for each new children's book that is brought in.

Tickets can be used toward the purchase of prizes there. The restau-rant is at 42001 Ford

Road

All of the new children's books will go to children in the greater Plymouth community. For more information, email randi.williams@pcuw.org or call 734-453-6879, ext. 7.

hometownlife.com **Detroit Metro Airport** holds volunteer recruitment fair

Want to learn how to become a Detroit Metro Airport customer service ambassador? How about sharing extra time with Wayne Main Street, the American Red Cross, Gleaners Food Bank, the Detroit Institute of Arts, the Karmanos Cancer Institute, Detroit River-front Conservancy or Ann Arbor and Detroit Convention and Visitor. On Friday, March 13,

from 10 a.m. to noon, Detroit Metropolitan Airport will be hosting a first-of-its-kind volunteer recruitment fair to provide information on how individuals with a little extra time can find a worthwhile passion they enjoy, and help give back to their community.

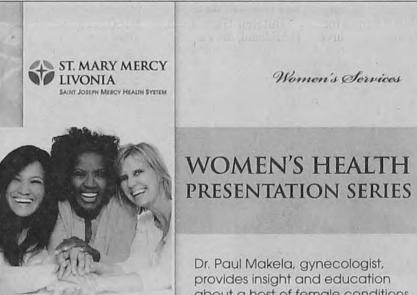
The recruitment fair will be held at Detroit Metropolitan Airport's NOMADS building at 10100 Middlebelt, Romulus

"We have a strong history of great part-nerships here," Airport Authority CEO Thomas Naughton said. "The airport is a community, and we pull in travelers, customers, employees, and volunteers from all over. The nature of what we do is helping facilitate connections — what bet-ter place to illustrate that we are stronger when we work together and that there are tremendous opportunities to give back and help contribute to many worthwhile causes throughout our region?"

Twenty-five local or-ganizations will be participating in the recruitment fair, and each will have a table and representatives on hand to answer questions from potential volunteers. Attendees will have the opportunity to hear from the groups listed below, understand more about their organizations and learn about volunteer opportunities and how to get involved.

In addition to Wayne Main Street, the other organizations include the Airport Ambassador Volunteer Program, American Red Cross, Ann Arbor Convention and Visitors Bureau, the AY-USA – Academic Year, U.S.A. - nonprofit Foreign Exchange student program, Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History, Romulus Animal Shelter, Detroit Institute of Arts, Detroit Metro Convention and Visitors Bureau, Detroit Riverfront Conservancy, Detroit Zoolog-ical Society, Fish and Loaves Community Food Pantry, Ford Piquette Avenue Plant, Freedom Center, Friends for the Dearborn Animal Shelter, Gabrielle's Angels, Girl Scouts of SE Michigan, Gleaner's Food Bank, Karmanos Cancer Institute, Old Newsboys Goodfellow Fund of De-troit, Paws With a Cause, RSVP - Retired Senior Volunteer Program, Stop the Violence, The Parade Company and the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service/ International Wildlife Refuge Alliance.

"We are always looking for opportunities to recruit new volunteer customer service ambassadors here at the air-port," DTW Customer Service Manager Fran Wood said. "Finding passionate and committed volunteers is our challenge; but there wasn't a shared local venue or platform to find new recruits, so we thought we would create one. Many of the organiza-tions we have worked with over the years thought it was a great idea as well, and the response has been wonder-ful."



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Livonia credit union breaks down old banking barriers

By Karen Smith Staff Writer

It used to be customers had to go to two or three people to take care of their financial transactions when visiting Community Choice Credit Union in Livonia, stopping at the teller window to make a deposit and then meeting with another employee if they wanted to open a new account or take out a loan.

Now they can go to one personal adviser, who can handle everything for them.

Community Choice held a ribbon-cutting ceremony Thursday for its newly renovated Member Center at 15420 Farmington Road.

"It's very innovative for this industry," branch manager Holli Kerkhof said, adding that Community Choice is the first financial institution in Michigan to break down the physical barriers of traditional banking in favor of a more relationship-focused concept with low-profile kiosks.

The Livonia Member Center, which underwent seven months of renovations, is one of three Community Choice locations debuting the new concept this month. The others are in Milford and Northville.

"Most members aren't going to their credit union to deposit a check or make a transaction anymore - that's all being done online or on a smart phone app," said Philip Cooper, executive vice president and chief operating officer of Community Choice Credit Union. "Instead, they're coming to us for personal financial advice. Our new Member Centers promote this type of relationship-focused environment.

Kerkhof said the turnout for the ribbon-cutting ceremony was great. "We had incredible support from the community," she said, including visits from many from the business community.

In additional to selfserve kiosks, customers can help themselves to free coffee and, on some days, free popcorn.

Community Choice invites the entire community to an open house from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, March 21. The day will include food, prizes and giveaways, as well as several promotions, including \$100 for new members who sign up for checking and direct deposit and \$100 for financing a vehicle with Community Choice.



Credit Union branch manager Holli Kerkhof welcomes the morning crowd.



People gathered at the Community Choice Credit Union to celebrate its new design.

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Credit Union vice chair Brian Wilson, Member Center Manager Holli Kerkhof, Livonia Mayor Jack Kirksey, and President and CEO Robert Bava cut the ceremonial ribbon.



Livonia Mayor Jack Kirksey offers a few remarks. Chamber of Commerce President Dan West is at left.

DTE Energy, Consumers Energy sound alarm on impending energy shortfall

The state's two major electricity incumbents have told a House panel that the forced shuttering of coal-fired plants is creating a costly energy shortfall that could hit the wallets of those in the electric choice market the hardest.

Impending federal clean-air regulations and old age are forcing nine Michigan power plants to be mothballed in 2016, meaning DTE Energy and Consumers Energy will need to buy more power off the "grid."

Tim Sparks, vice president of energy supply operations for Consumers Energy, and Irene Dimitry, vice president of business planning and development, compared the situation in the Lower Peninsula to the energy concerns facing the Upper Peninsula.

From their standpoint, Consumers and DTE are planning to have capacity for its existing companies, according to the Michigan Press Association's weekly Michigan Capitol Press Report. But the 10 percent of Michigan electricity users who purchase power from one of the roughly six or seven choice providers are on their own if the price of power purchased off the regional pool - called the Midcontinent Independent System Operator or MISO — spikes from lower production and higher demand, they said. As it stands now, MISO is trying to encourage operators to provide electricity for the grid to prevent potential spikes, Sparks said. These issues are real. They are urgent. And the time to address them is now," Dimitry said.

kicked off discussion about a likely rewrite in the state's electricity policy in 2015 that will center around the future of the 10 percent cap on electric choice providers.

As in prior energypolicy discussions in 2008 and 2000, the two incumbent utilities claim the more the electricity market is opened up to competitors, the less certainty they have in the market and the less likely they'll invest in more electricity generation.

The choices

The choices, as the incumbents see it, are either getting rid of the state's electric choice program or creating a mechanism where choice customers — startled by the spiked rates from their provider — could return to the incumbent at a cost or not be allowed to return at all.



CONSUMERS ENERGY

Consumer's Energy J.R. Whiting Generating Complex on an 875-acre site along the Lake Erie shoreline in Erie is one of the smallest coal-fired plants in the company's fleet. It began producing electricity in 1952.

tiple times," Kuipers said. "At some point, people don't listen. The unfortunate thing is that with term limits you have some lawmakers who haven't heard this before ... there's nothing new here."

The truth is monopolies don't react well to change, Kuipers added. What needs to happen is if the Michigan Public Service Commission believes more electricity generation is needed, all companies should be allowed to put in electric generation bids. If Consumers and DTE can produce electricity at the best price, they should have nothing to worry about. enough to provide power for 2.1 million homes for a year. That's about three times the size of the city of Detroit.

The shortfall will come through the estimated retirement of about 100 coal-fired generation units by spring 2016.

Alternative energy is

"I think that will provide the long-term investment that is needed here in Michigan to make sure we have the right energy capacity," Nesbitt said.

The House energy chair pointed to Great Britain, which went to 100 percent retail choice in the late '90s and are now in a situation where they only have a 2-3 percent reserve market because no one is building new generation. The ideal reserve market is 14-17 percent.

Let market decide

But Rep. Gary Glenn, R-Midland, the vice chair of House Energy, said he isn't going to presume the two incumbent utilities have the exclusive right to address the upcoming energy capacity shortfall. Rather, he asked about a competitive bidding process for all electric providers and let the market decide what is a "competitive" electric rate, not what is an "affordable" rate, which is determined by what they "believe it costs them to do business.'

compete and whether that process would be better for ratepayers.

"You can not fault the utilities for wanting to maintain the system or go to a completely regulated market," he said. "Who can blame a business for wanting to have the government guarantee them a customer base for the next half century?"

The minority vice chair of the energy committee, Rep. Bill LaVoy, D-Monroe, said he's always supported Michigan generating its own electricity as opposed to MISO bringing it in from other states.

When it comes to electric choice, LaVoy said choice customers are not necessarily contributing to in-state production and "is open to a lot of different options," such as keeping the 10 percent cap and grandfathering them in. There's also talk about whether those companies that leave the choice market for an alternative supplier can come back, and, if so, what fee should be charged. "Another possibility is to get rid of (choice) completely," LaVoy said. "I don't know if that fair to the people who are on choice because they're on it when the Legisla-ture passed the measure to allow it. Another possibility is to close off the choice market customer by customer as they drop off, he said.

The comments in front of the House Energy Policy Committee

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"We'll have resource issues because we're not planning for them to come back," Sparks said.

Wayne Kuipers of Energy Choice Now and former vice chair of the Senate Technology and Energy Committee said the "scare tactics" the incumbent utilities are using are not new. If they truly are not preparing themselves for different alternatives in regards to the future of energy production, the aforementioned attitude is "dumb in every sense of the word."

The fact Michigan had one of the country's oldest generation fleets is not a big secret to anyone, and if federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regulations didn't shut down these aged plants in 2016, they would have gone away soon due to old age, Kuipers said.

"It's like crying fire in a crowded theater mul-

"We need to explore our options here and try to provide the citizens of Michigan with the cheapest energy we can in a reliable fashion," he said.

Shortfall is 'significant'

Dimitry said the power shortfall coming in 2016 is significant. The three-gigawatt shortfall projected for 2016 is an option, they said, but in a limited way. For example, all of the utility's wind turbines were at full capacity Feb. 24 due to the gusting winds. But that doesn't help anyone in July and August when the wind is still and something needs to power the air conditioners.

The future is not coalpowered production, but natural gas.

House Majority Floor Leader Aric Nesbitt, R-Lawton, the chair of the House Energy Policy Committee, said he believes that as a peninsula state, Michigan should be energy independent. The best way to make that happen is to go back to a completely regulated market, he said. "Both utilities insist they would win these competitive bid processes," Glenn said. "If that's true, then why would they not support an open competitive bid process?"

As it stands, Michigan has the highest residential electric rates in the Midwest and the country's 11th highest, Glenn said. That's why he'd like to explore opening up the market to multiple providers to





PUBLIC NOTICE Regular Meeting

The Plymouth District Library Board will hold its regular meeting March 17th at 7:30 p.m. at the Friends Room on the main level of the Library at 223 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI 48170.

The Plymouth District Library will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon seven (7) days notice to the Plymouth District Library. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Plymouth District Library by writing or calling the following:

> Sandra Young, Administrative Assistant Plymouth District Library 223 S. Main Street; Plymouth, MI 734-453-0750 x 217

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WHEN PART IS MORE THAN WHOLE

Everyone has heard the adage that 'the whole is greater than the sum of the parts.' However, in arthritis it is possible that the part is greater than the sum of the whole.

To illustrate: doctors will see patients who ache throughout their body, have a difficult time arising and moving about in the a.m. and who are always fatigued. A person hearing such a story might believe that the patient is experiencing fibromyalgia. But doctors do physical examinations; that evaluation often reveals why the patient hurts so badly and is fatigued.

Ambulation reveals the patient has an impaired gait. Either a hip or knee is arthritic; at times the ankle or foot is at fault. It is the disturbance in gait, putting strain on the back, pelvis and even into the shoulders and neck that causes the patient to ache all over and always feel tired.

Then, the doctor's role is to establish which joint that is impaired i.e. the hip, knee ankle or foot. Then he must obtain information by x-rays, MRI, joint fluid analysis or a trial of medication to determine the arthritic condition and its extent.

When the impaired joint again becomes whole, then the physician can re-access the patient's total pain. In most instances with knee or hip replaced, the patient finds the body has resolved its pain or it is minor enough to live with.

The same sequence holds for shoulder problems. Pain radiates down the arm, the patient assumes the cause is a pinched nerve in the neck when the impairment comes from a shoulder needing replacement. With successful shoulder surgery, the neck pain ends.

LOCAL NEWS

Win \$1,000 in marketing exposure

Winner in Buy Michigan Now contest also gets festival booth

The Buy Michigan Now campaign is dedicated to helping businesses succeed in Michigan and creating awareness of products made here. For the fourth consecutive year, in conjunction with the campaign's festival, one new business owner will win free marketing exposure worth more than \$1,000 via the Up & **Coming Entrepreneur** Contest.

Last year's winner was Jonathan Ramer. His Grand Rapids-based company, Michigan Adirondack Chairs LLC, makes Adirondack chairs with a back that is shaped like the Lower Peninsula of Michigan and handcrafted from cedar.

"Winning the 'up and coming entrepreneur of the year' propelled my company forward," Ramer said. "I had started my company about one month prior to winning this award and because of the exposure associated with winning this award, I had no need to advertise during my start-up time frame. The show itself proved to be an even bigger

success, as I sold out of my inventory during the festival weekend and continued to receive orders through the Christmas season from people who had attended the festival."

Each of the past winners of this contest has credited the opportunity with helping them to establish their new businesses, according to Lisa Diggs, Buy Michigan Now founder. "And that's what the Buy Michigan Now campaign and festival are all about. There is so much entrepreneurial spirit and ingenuity in Michigan. We just need to nurture the growth of these true job pro-ducers, and this contest gives us one truly unique way to do that."

The grand prize win-ner will receive:

» 10-foot by10-foot exhibit space at Buy Michigan Now Festival, July 31 through Aug. 2;

» press release announcing selection as grand prize winner; » story pitch to media

outlets; » free one-year premier membership at www.BuyMichiganNow.

com; » inclusion as a featured business on www.BuyMichiganNow Fest.com;

» listing in scheduled exhibitors on festival website with website

link:

» feature in Buy Michigan Now monthly newsletter;

» highlight on Buy Michigan Now Facebook page; and

» announcement as winner in 10 separate tweets leading up to festival.

The two runners-up in the Up & Coming Entrepreneur Contest will receive:

» free one-year premier membership at www.BuyMichiganNow-.com:

» feature on Buy Michigan Now Facebook page;

» announcement as a runner-up on Twitter; » naming in press release announcing

contest results; and » option to purchase 10-foot by 10-foot festival exhibit space for 50 percent off regular

price. The seventh annual **Buy Michigan Now** Festival takes place July 31 through August 2 in downtown Northville. For information on exhibitor or sponsorship opportunities, contact Buy Michigan Now at 248-390-0974 or Fest@ BuyMichiganNow.com.

A full list of events for the weekend of will be announced at a later date. For the most up-todate information, go to www.BuyMichigan NowFest.com.

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 second reading by the Plymouth Charter Township Board at its March 3, 2015 meeting:

STATE OF MICHIGAN COUNTY OF WAYNE **CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH**

AMENDMENT 14 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 thirty years.

Community Opportunity Center celebrates 50th year

Randy Lewis, a national trailblazer in providing jobs for adults with special needs, will be the keynote speaker April 18 in Livonia at the 50th anniversary celebration of Community Opportunity Center.



and support for persons with developmental dis-

abilities in western Wayne County, will celebrate its 50th year of service at 6 p.m. Saturday, April 18, at Laurel Manor Banquet & Conference Center in Livonia.

Lewis is author of No Greatness Without Goodness, a book named by Fast Company as one of the "Ten Books You Need To Read This Year, which describes how a father's love changed a company and sparked a movement to employ persons with disabilities, many of whom had never been offered employment.

Under Lewis' leadership as senior vice president, Walgreens grew from 1,500 to 8,000 stores. During that time Lewis introduced an inclusive model in Walgreens distribution centers that resulted in 10 percent of its workforce being staffed by persons with disabilities — employees who are held to the same standards as those without disabilities and receive the same pay and benefits.

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initiative has changed the lives of thousands of people and serves as a model for other employers in the United States and around the world," said Lewis, whose program serves as a model for other companies in the United States and abroad, including large employers such as Proctor & Gamble, Lowe's, UPS, Marks & Spencer in the United Kingdom, Natura in Brazil and Ica in Sweden.

The dreamers who helped form COC 50 years ago when the institutions were closing and emptying their rooms, creating a critical need for housing for persons with developmental disabilities, also will be honored at the April 18 celebration.

A dinner of filet mignon and chicken del signore will be served. Non-alcoholic beverages are included in the ticket price of \$40 per person and a cash bar will be available. After the program, there will be dancing to the music of The Relic Band, a classic and modern rock band. "This is an exciting

event as COC celebrates

of a loved one. COC's ence for each individual.

Local recruits aim for state police careers

Eighty-five prospective troopers reported this week to the Michigan State Police Training Academy in Lansing for the first day of the 128th Trooper Recruit School.

For the next 21 weeks, between wake-up at 5 a.m. and lights out at 10 p.m., the recruits will receive training in firearms, water safety, defensive tactics, patrol techniques, report writing, ethics, first aid, criminal law, crime scene processing and precision driving. "The start of a new recruit school is an exciting time for the department," Col. Kriste Kibbey Etue, director of the MSP, stated in a release. "It is our hope these recruits will successfully meet and exceed the challenges they will face during these next few months and, come July, we will welcome each of them to the ranks of the Michigan State Police." Local recruits include: Christopher Proctor of

Canton, Thomas Markey of Farmington Hills, Tyler Cotter of Livonia, Andrew Tower of South Lyon, Nicholas Talbot of White Lake and Austin Wonfor of Wixom.

Recruits who successfully complete recruit school will graduate July

this very special milestone in serving adults with development disabilities," said Denise King, executive director of COC. "We look forward to the opportunity to recognize those citizens who stepped for-ward and helped provide a very important need housing - when it was such a critical need."

COC has homes for almost 90 persons with developmental disabilities in Plymouth, Livonia, Garden City and Redford, plus apartments and other residential settings in Westland, Canton and other communities in western Wayne County.

Among those expected to attend will be Pat Babcock, who was state director of mental health at the time of COC's founding and helped lead the reform movement to end the institutional living style relegated for special-needs citizens and offer them the opportunity to live in residential settings with the comfort of home. COC's Plymouth House was one of 24 group homes initially opened in Michigan under Babcock's leadership.

Community Opportunity Center was founded in 1965 and began with one home. Today, COC comprises almost two dozen homes in northwestern Wayne County, including houses and apartments owned by COC, rented or leased homes and a condominium owned by a family member for the benefit primary aim is to encourage greater independ-

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

CONDITIONS. No highway, street, alley, bridge, waterway or other public SECTION 3. 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 purposes.

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. <u>EXTENSIONS</u>, 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.

FRANCHISE NOT EXCLUSIVE. The rights, power and authority herein SECTION 6. 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.

REVOCATION. The franchise granted by this ordinance is subject to revocation SECTION 8. 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 9, 2014 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 CHARTER 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.

Nancy Conzelman, Charter Township Clerk

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Livonia Public Schools Announces Section 105c Limited Schools of Choice To Out-of-District Students for 2015-16 School Year

Accepting from Wayne County and contiguous Intermediate School Districts (Macomb, Monroe, Oakland, Washtenaw) 50 seats are open to students entering level K-4 20 seats are open to students entering Kindergarten 10 seats are open to students entering grade 1-2 10 seats are open to students entering grade 3-4 Application dates: March 2, 2015, 8 a.m. to March 31, 2015, 4 p.m. FAXED AND EMAILED APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED Applications and information available at www.livoniapublicschools.org/Choice Return completed forms to: Livonia Public Schools Personnel Office, 15125 Farmington Rd., Livonia, MI 48154 A random draw selection will take place April 2, 2015 if the number of applicants exceed seats available.

24 In order to be selected to attend the 128th Trooper Recruit School, recruits had to pass a stringent selection process that included a physical fitness test, background investigation and hiring interview.

Since 2011, the state police hired 430 state troopers, bringing the total number of troopers statewide to 1,023. The MSP is actively recruiting for future recruit schools. To learn more about a career with the MSP, interested candidates should go to www.michigan.gov/ mspjobs or follow the recruits' blog at http://msprecruits.word press.com.



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Salem wins district title for Thomann

Rocks knock out Chiefs 42-29 in district final for 19th straight win

By Evan Paputa Correspondent

When most teams get hit with adversity, they ask "why us?"

Salem's varsity girls basketball team answered the adversity of the December 2013 death of legendary head coach Fred Thomann with a loud statement — winning the district championship Friday over rival Canton.

"These kids, especially the six seniors, have had a lot of adversity thrown at them with the passing of Fred last year," head coach Lindsay Klemmer said. "I'm trying to bring the potential out of them that I know they have in them. We're starting to click at the right time."

Salem defeated Canton 42-29 in the Class A district championship game held at Novi High School. Klemmer was beaming with pride after the game knowing what the win means to the program and to Thomann who was watching from heaven. "This means everything to us and Fred. I know he's been with us this whole time," Klemmer said. "But the whole thing when I came back (to coach) was I wanted to rebuild this program and bring Salem back to the 'glory days' from when I was here as a player.

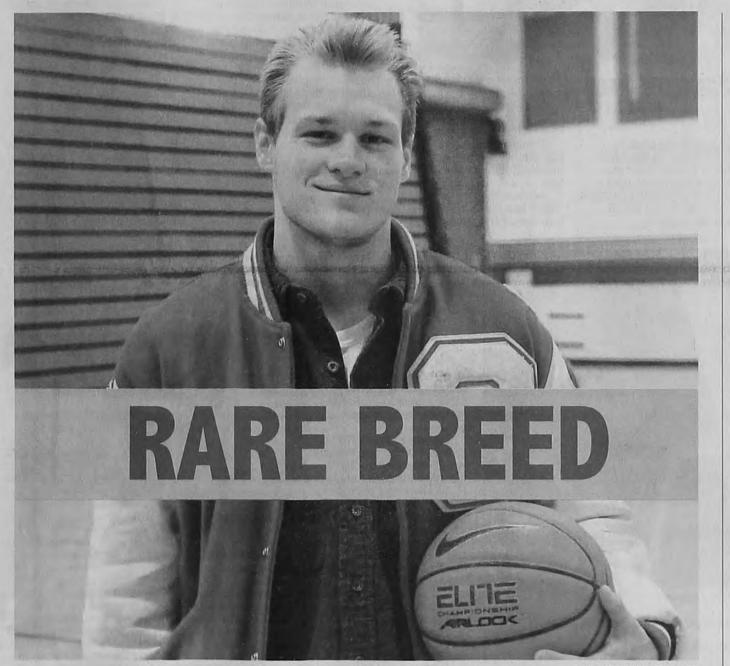
"It starts with the little things taken care of like division and conference and working your way up."

Senior forward Hayley Rogers kick started Salem's (19-4) victory thanks in large part to her eight points in the first three minutes of the game. She nailed two long triples and a

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Vying for a rebound Friday night are Canton's Natalie Winters (left) and Salem's Shara Long.



KLAA CHAMPIONSHIP Western powers past Plymouth

Wildcats find going tough in association title showdown

By Tim Smith Staff Writer

For the first few minutes of Thursday's KLAA boys basketball championship game, Plymouth enjoyed a bit of a mismatch against Walled Lake Western.

It was Senior Night for the host Warriors and so the Wildcats were able to face a couple reserves to open the night. Plymouth rolled early, with treys by juniors Brent Davis and Armani Tate sparking an 8-2 surge in the first two minutes. But then, Western head coach Chip Lutz inserted two of his best — senior guards John Flowers and Daryl Porter. All of a sudden, the Warriors went on a 15-2 surge to close out the first quarter up 17-10 and never looked back, winning 61-46. "They started some of their seniors for Senior Night who don't see a

Here, Greg Williams is all smiles. But when he on the basketball floor or football field, he is nothing but business.

JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

Chiefs' Williams leaves winning legacy, leaves it all out on the court or grid

By Tim Smith

Staff Writer

Greg Williams wears red for the Canton Chiefs, and some might say there are certain nights when he also *sees* red.

Whether on the basketball court or football field, Williams leads by example. He leads through communication. And losing is unacceptable.

"I hate to lose, I really do, in anything," said the 17-year-old Williams. "Even if I'm playing ping pong or video games with my friends. ... I always want to win, I'm always competing.

"I never want someone to beat me and think they're better than me, so I try to prove myself every time."

Concurring is Canton varsity boys basketball coach Jimmy Reddy.

"I would say Greg's a rare kid, an ultimate competitor, the best competitor we've had here," said Reddy about the 6-3, 190-pound guard and team captain. "I can only speak to basketball, but I've been around since I played, 1997-2000, and I've been helping out since I graduated and he's the best competitor we've had here."

best competitor we've had here." Consider a recent first-round game in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association boys basketball tournament. The top-seeded Chiefs wound up losing to Livonia Stevenson, but not without a fight from Williams.

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JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO Plymouth senior Randall Aikins (left) dribble drives against Walled Lake Western's Jerald Booker during Thursday's KLAA championship game.



DI BOYS HOCKEY REGIONAL FINAL

ROCKS SHOCK BULLDOGS, WIN REGIONAL

Goalie Phillips sensational in Salem's 3-0 victory

> By Tim Smith Staff Writer

For the third time in five days, Salem's varsity boys hockey team skated onto the Arctic Edge Arena ice as a clear-cut underdog.

Each time — including Friday's 3-0 victory over No. 7ranked Brighton in a Division 1 regional final — the Rocks skated off triumphant against a top 10 opponent.

The third time, they left the ice happily clutching a regional championship trophy.

al championship trophy. It wasn't easy. Salem dodged bullet after bullet against the Bulldogs, a team that won the 2012 and 2013 state titles.

But the Rocks managed to hold off a non-stop onslaught thanks to the brilliant goalkeeping of senior Dillon Phillips (35 saves). When it finally ended, Salem had its first regional title.

Next for the Rocks (14-10-4) is Wednesday's D1 quarterfinal at Yost Arena in Ann Arbor against the winner of the Dearborn Edsel Ford regional. "We got healthy at the right

"We got healthy at the right time; we peaked at the right time," Salem head coach Ryan Ossenmacher said. "This is when it matters and we've done something that a Salem team's never done before. And we've had some good teams in the past."

The Rocks also had rocksolid goaltending under constant pressure. Brighton (also 14-10-4) outshot Salem by a 35-20 margin.

After the game, Phillips chuckled when asked if the puck looked as big as a beach ball against the Bulldogs.

"I got lucky a few times, with a post and one that landed on top of the net," Phillips said. "But it was just a lot of hardworking guys out there, blocking shots for me, too."

Ossenmacher described Phillips' game as "fantastic. ... He's been really good the last week. He's played big, he's



Salem's varsity boys hockey team capped off an unbelievable week with Friday's victory over Brighton at Arctic Edge to win a Division 1 regional title. Here, the Rocks celebrate on the ice following their big win.



Peering around Salem defenseman Noah Saad (front) and Brighton's Colin Bilek is Rocks senior goalie Dillon Phillips, who was outstanding in the 3-0 win.

squared up to the puck." With Phillips on his game, the Rocks started their amazing week-long stretch with a 4-1 win Feb. 28 against Orchard Lake St. Mary's, the No. 10 team in the state.

Then in rapid succession followed victories over Plymouth, Northville and Brighton.

Salem senior forward Noah Willer banged in his own rebound past Brighton goalie Jimmy Milletics (17 saves) on the power play with 7:22 left in the second period to open the scoring.

"They'll never stop working, they'll hit you every chance they get," Willer said. "You just got to go to battle (against) them."

Setting up the Willer goal were sophomore forward Matt Schaumburger and senior forward Liam Walker.

Soon after the Salem goal, senior defenseman Noah Saad was penalized for charging. In turn, the Bulldogs started charging Phillips in hopes of netting the equalizer.

Twice, the puck found it's way into the Salem net. Both times the whistle had blown.

In the third, the Rocks minimized Brighton's attack, deflecting shots and passes.

"I think between Northville (a 3-2 win March 4) and tonight, we probably had 30 blocked shots," Ossenmacher said.

A key factor to the way Salem was able to hold off the Bulldogs was the third-period return of junior forward Evan Newel — who left during the second period after a mid-ice collision.

MICHAEL VASILNEK

"He's able to find pucks in traffic ... and get pucks out," said Ossenmacher, about Newel.

The Salem bench continued to sweat things out as the Bulldogs kept firing at Phillips, particularly on a power play late in the third.

Coming through with second efforts to clear the zone on the PK were Newel and Walker and Phillips swatted away a dangerous one-timer off the stick of Vitkuske.

Then came an empty-netter at 15:42 by Salem junior forward Zach Goleniak that brought the house down.

brought the house down. Goleniak raced into the Brighton zone after a loose puck and managed to swipe a backhander into the goal while prone on the ice following a check. "He got knocked down and it was a great individual effort, great strength to get the puck to the net in that situation," Ossenmacher said.

Closing it out with an empty-net goal in the final minute was Walker, touching off bedlam among Salem's faithful.



Upstart Salem knocks off Northville

By Brad Emons Staff Writer

After a so-so regular season, Salem has become a giant killer in the



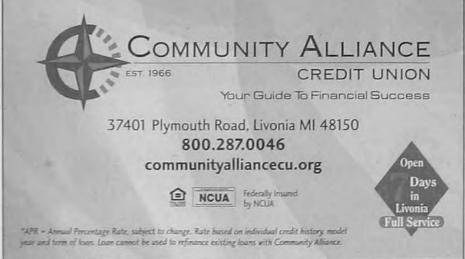
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MHSAA state tournament.

The Rocks made No. 8-ranked Northville their latest victim with a 3-2 victory Wednesday night in the Division 1 preregional at Canton's Arctic Edge. On the heels of a 4-3

On the heels of a 4-3 overtime upset in the state tourney opener Monday night over No. 9-ranked and rival Plymouth, Salem advanced to regional championship against Brighton.

They jumped out to a 1-0 first period lead on Joe Driscoll's goal from Evan Newel and Matt Schaumburger at 2:58. Salem tallied two

more goals in the second period to take a 3-0 lead as Noah Willer scored Salem's Zach Goleniak rips a shot over the shoulder of Northville goalie Chance Boutin.

from Zach Goleniak at 7:19 followed by Goleniak's unassisted goal at 9:20, which proved to be the game-winner.

the game-winner. Northville (16-8-3) then responded at 6:55 of the second period on Jack Meacham's goal from Alec Morgan and Kevin O'Connell. The Mustangs then pulled to within one with 1:51 remaining in the second period on Jack Sargent's power-play goal from Meacham and O'Connell, but they couldn't score the equalizer during the final period against Salem netminder Dillon Phillips, who stood tall by making 25 saves on the night.

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WILLIAMS

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He registered 39 points. nearly carrying his team to a comeback win. That performance was just two point shy of Canton's team record of 41 points scored in 1978 by Butch King.

"It's kind of a bad thing when you score that many points," Williams recalled. "Because obviously that means something's not going right.

Yet quite a lot has gone right for Williams, who since joining Reddy's team as a freshman in 2011-12 has climbed Canton charts in a number of categories.

Williams moved into second place for career scoring with Thursday's 29-point performance against Brighton. That gave him 871 points, trailing only Dietrich Lever (1,217). He also has amassed 406

points this season (third alltime for a season) and ranks third in all-time assists (229) and treys (92). His 88 steals are fifth-best in Canton history.

The best time

Except for missing an extended chunk of his junior season due to a wrist injury, Williams has been a prominent player for the Chiefs - even when he was a freshman under the wing of senior center Paul Baumgart.

"It's been a crazy run, it's been awesome," Williams said. 'It flew by, it's insane. I remember my freshman year and he (Reddy) said it doesn't matter if you're 14, 17, 18, this thing goes by fast.

"It does, it's incredible. I've had the best four years of my life, though, met some great guys, played with some talented players and some great guys who are now my best friends."

Williams added that Reddy deserves a lot of credit for the basketball player he has become. "He's made me a lot better, his coaching style's made me a lot better.

Canton won the KLAA South Division and looks to make a push in the Class A tournament. The Chiefs begin that mission with a first-round district game 7 p.m. Monday at Plymouth.

"I think we can make a good run," said Williams, noting the way teammates such as Logan Ryan and Obi Okoli have been playing in recent games and practices.

Football-wise, Williams was starting quarterback for three seasons, spearheading Canton to KLAA South and Division 1 district titles in 2014.

"From my sophomore year to senior year I played on a team that had a lot of talent,



Canton senior guard Greg Williams goes to work against Novi earlier this season

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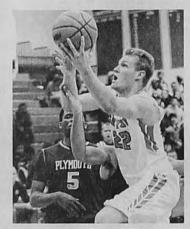
Who: Greg Williams, senior basketball guard and football guarterback for the Canton Chiefs. He captained both squads.

What: The 17-year-old son of James and Lina Williams is wrapping up a four-year varsity basketball career for the Canton High School record books. He ranks second all-time in career scoring (871 points) and third all-time in season scoring (406), assists (229) and 3-pointers (92). Don't forget: From 2012-14, Williams also was a superb quarterback and

leader for the football Chiefs. Last season, he was instrumental in spearheading Canton to an outstanding 9-3 season — highlighted by a Division 1 district title. Canton nearly reached the Elite Eight but lost the regional final to Saline in a heartbreaker.

Background: Williams said he began playing both basketball and football around age 8 or 9, with the Plymouth-Canton Steelers (football) and St. John Neumann (basketball)

Next: Although Williams was a football standout and his first love as far as sports go, he intends to play college basketball. Grand Valley State University is among schools interested and Eastern Michigan University already extended him an opportunity to be a preferred walk-on for the 2015-16 season.



JOHN KEMSKI LEXPRESS PHOTO Taking it to the rack during a recent game is Canton's Greg Williams, who is wrapping up an outstanding prep career. At left for Plymouth is Deji Adebiyi.

time you've got a quarterback that plays other sports, they're going to more than likely be leaders in those other sports," Reddy stressed. "When he was

But he won't be able to play both sports in college, although he is talented enough to do so.

During a recent Canton-Plymouth basketball game, scouts from Grand Valley State University were on hand to keep tabs on Williams. Reddy said Williams al-ready has an offer from East-

ern Michigan University to be a preferred walk-on with the men's basketball team next year. That means Williams would have a guaranteed slot on the team, but no scholarship money

"He'll be playing basketball somewhere next year," Reddy said. "He's too good not to and whether it's at Eastern or a D-II or a small D-I by the time the year ends we'll have it figured out.'

One of a kind

When next year rolls around for the basketball Chiefs, they'll have to turn the page from the Williams era the same way they did when previous standouts during Reddy's six-year tenure (Dietrich Lever, Baumgart, Josh Mayberry, Davon Taylor, Jordan Nobles) graduated. It's not going to be easy. "I told him (Williams) this on Senior Night, he's a once-ina-lifetime kid, I mean that sincerely," Reddy said, beaming. "There's probably coaches across the state that have coached 20-30 years and never coached a kid like Greg.'

OHL HOCKEY

Saginaw answers with victory over Whalers

By Tim Smith

Staff Write

That didn't take long. The Plymouth Whalers have embarked on a months-long climb just to catch the Saginaw Spirit in the battle for the final playoff spot in the Ontario Hockey League's Western Conference. Plymouth did just that Tuesday with a 4-0 victory at Saginaw.

But just two days later, the Spirit bumped the Whalers down a peg with a 4-1 triumph before just under 1,400 fans at Compuware Arena.

Plymouth (23-33-3-2, 51 points) will look to get back on the winning track Saturday night against visiting Oshawa.

Dylan Sadowy was the main culprit Thursday, scoring three goals against Whalers

goalie Alex Nedeljkovic (35 saves).

Getting the Whalers' lone marker was forward Sonny Milano, who netted his 20th goal of the season at the 16:09 mark of the opening period to tie it at 1-1. Milano's was an unassisted tally.

Saginaw (53 points) went out in front 2-1 in the second frame on a goal by Jesse Barwell, and Sadowy capped the night's scoring with two mark-

ers in the third. Both Plymouth and Windsor are deadlocked in ninth place, just behind eighth-place Saginaw. The Spitfires make up a game in hand on both rivals with a Friday night game at Kitchener.

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Also in the D1 finals on the

is Salem's Mitchell Rusinek.

Results of the final were not

Meanwhile, the Chiefs will

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BOYS BOWLING

Canton keglers fall to Zebras

tage.

By Tim Smith Staff Writer

Canton's march toward a team bowling championship hit a snag Friday afternoon at Sunnybrook Lanes in Sterling Heights. After the top-seeded Canton varsity boys squad defeated Macomb L'Anse Creuse North 1,456-1,383 to reach the Division 1 final four, the Chiefs took it on the chin against Wayne Memorial.

The Zebras rolled to a 1,370-1,277 victory over Canton to move into the championship

COLLEGE BASEBALL

Madonna baseball team tramples Gwinnett, 13-2

After letting one slip away in the opener, the Madonna University baseball team bounced back Thursday in the second game to beat No. 6ranked Georgia Gwinnett College, 13-2, in a non-conference matchup played at the Grizzly Complex in Lawrenceville, Ga.

The Crusaders, who improved to 6-4 overall, got a sterling six-

inning pitching effort from starter Adam Prasad (3-0), who allowed two

the bottom of the ninth off MU freshman reliever Patrick Wierimaa (Redford Union) to pull out an 8-7 triumph.

Victor Nazario went 3-for-5 with two RBI and Fabian Chirino was 2-for-3 with a homer and four RBI for the victorious Blue Raiders, who improved to 5-4 overall.

MU starter Evan Piechota (Livonia Stevenson) worked the first 7½ innings and did not get the decision. He struck out six, walked one and scattered seven hits. Wierimaa then came on giving up three hits over the final 1% innings to

and teams that had not as much talent at all," Williams noted. "But it's different to see how those talented teams and the not-so-talented teams played together and how successful we were.

"This past year was awesome, a great team ... Just guys that wanted to play hard and get the job done. I learned a lot from coach (Tim) Baechler, on being a young man, being a player. A lot of things I will carry the rest of my life.'

Common thread

According to Reddy, there's a common thread to Williams' success in both sports.

"I think that helps him. any

a sophomore he played on a very good team that year, he was probably our most vocal leader when he was a sophomore

"So definitely that quarterback aspect helps him out with that."

Williams brings a footballstyle of play to the basketball court, too. At least, when it is called for.

"I try to go out every night and bust my butt, anything I can do," Williams explained. "Diving on the floor for a loose ball, rebounds, steals, anything that gets them going.

He is passionate about both sports, although football "was always my first love," he said.

Indeed, Greg Williams has left a lasting legacy at Canton High School.

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earned runs on Lambrecht four hits and

three walks while striking 12. Relievers A.J. Susick (two innings) and Dylan Cooper (one innings closed out the victory, while the MU offensive attack was led by Ryan Lambrecht (4-for-5; RBI; two runs) and Levi Lamour (3-for-4; three RBI)

Shane Dokey also went 2-for-4 with an RBI and two runs scored, while Ben Matigian (Livonia Churchill) also knocked in a pair of runs.

The loss dropped Georgia Gwinett to 12-4 overall.

Earlier in the day, Lindsey Wilson College (Ky.) struck for the the game-winning run in

suffer the loss.

Lindsey Wilson's Sam Ross, who pitched 31/3 innings of middle relief, earned the victory.

Zack Bryon and Taylor Grzelakowski each collected two hits and an RBI, while catcher Matt Deneau also

catcher Matt Deneau also drove in two runs for MU. MaDonna 12, roccoa Falls (Ga.) 6: Freshman Todd Jones made an impressive debut friday throwing seven scoreless innings to pick up his first career victory as Madonna University (7-4) turned back Toccoa Falls (8-11) at the Grizzly Complex in Lawrenceville, Ga. Does, a right-hander from Monroe St. Mary Catholic Central, allowed just two hits while striking out four and not allowing a walk. Reliever Christian Holder had a rough two innings finishing up allowing all six earned runs on nine hits. Offensively, Taylor Grzelakowski went 3-for-3 with two RBI, while John Lauro went 2-for-4 with four RBI to pace Madonna. Also contributing to MU's 14-hit attack was Ryan fambrecht (2-for-3, three runs). Shane Dokey (2-for-3, RBI); and Mitch Hudvagner (2-for-3).

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lot of action," Plymouth head coach Mike Soukup said. "And we just weren't able to match the intensity when that other group got in.

'They've only lost one game all year, so it's a real special team he's got. A lot of seniors, real big guys who are physical.

"We answered the bell for about three quarters and just got fatigued. We didn't play our best game in the biggest game."

Answering the bell

Plymouth standouts in a disappointing effort were Davis (23 points) and senior forward Deji Adebiyi, who tallied a handful of blocks in the first half trying to rally the Wildcats (14-6)

"What a job that guy's been doing," said Soukup, about Adebiyi, who registered eight blocks, five rebounds and four points. "He did a really nice job. Leadership, he played his best game in the biggest game today. And Brent really did too."

For the Warriors (19-1), winners of their first-ever KLAA title, Flowers and senior guard Jerald Booker each scored 19 points while Porter and senior forward Marcus Bailey each tallied nine.

"We both have good players," Lutz said. "They hit some shots early and they jumped out. Then we were able to lock down on defense a little bit and kind of chip away at that

Once we get the lead, we're tough, because we have so many ball-handlers, so many finishers around the rim."

The closest the Kensington Conference champs would be able to get after the first quarter was a five-point deficit (21-16) midway through the second, following a putback by Tate.

Western enjoyed a 26-18 halftime lead and really never faced a major challenge the rest of the way, perhaps helped along by poor free-throw shooting by the Wildcats (4-14 for the game).

"That's not a winning combination either," said Soukup, about his team's struggles at the line. "You make those ... and you start to cut that (deficit) down.'

A nifty finger roll by Plymouth senior guard Randall Aikins (six points, seven rebounds) closed out the third with the Warriors up 39-27.

Can't sustain it

If the Wildcats were to embark on a monumental rally in the final stanza, they would need to crank up the defensive urgency and grab a bushel of points off the transition.

Things got off to a promising start when Davis scored a layup, but Porter answered with two baskets in a 20-second span - the second a slam off a steal - to make it 43-29 with six minutes left.

The Lakes Conference champions did not let up the rest of the way, putting a punctuation mark on the victory when senior guard Dana Scott buried a trey from the left wing with 10 seconds left.

"We tell them to play it in attack mode, but to take good shots," Lutz said. "We worked real hard on knowing when to go and knowing when to slow.

'We tell them, hey go to the rack and shoot layups when you got em, but let's not take poor shots.

In the too-little, too-late de-partment, Plymouth senior wing Josh Reynolds (seven points) registered a four-point play (triple-and-one) with 2:15 left to slice Western's lead to 51-38.

Meanwhile, Lutz credited the solid defense of senior forward DJ Young and the work of his guards (Bailey, Porter, Booker, Flowers) for helping keep the Wildcats out of sync on offense.

"You can't take it from them," Lutz said. "DJ just plays his role, he's a rebounder, he's a defender, he's not real flashy out there but he does a great job too. I can't speak enough about those guys."

More to do

Soukup now will look to help his team turn the page from Thursday's disappointment. Plymouth hosts a Class A district and will play 7:30 p.m. Wednesday against the winner of Monday's Canton-Novi matchup.

"There's still a lot to play for," Soukup said. "There's a district championship which we've never done here.

"We'll still always speak highly of this group for some of the things they've accomplished, but there's still fish out there to catch. Let's keep casting our net out there and see what you can come up with.'

Western moves on to a 'tough" district with Walled Lake Central, Orchard Lake St. Mary's and West Bloomfield, Lutz said.

SALEM 49, PINCKNEY 47: In a Thursday night KLAA boys basketball consolation contest, Salem knocked off the Pirates.

"We held on, a lot of turnovers, a little bit sloppy game," Salem head coach Bob Brodie said. "Pretty good defense but not a lot of offense, especially in the second half.'

Salem, which ended the regular season with a 15-5 record, was led by senior Jakob Lenders with 13 points. Chipping in with 12 points was senior Allante Wheeler. For 8-12 Pinckney, Andy Kurk tallied 14 points. The Rocks now will face 9-9 Novi-Detroit Catholic Central 7 p.m. Monday in a Class A district opener at Salem.

BRIGHTON 48, CANTON 45: The final game of the regular season did not go Canton's way, as the Chiefs lost Thursday night to the Bulldogs.

Senior guard Greg Williams scored 29 points, to lift him into second place in Canton's career scoring leaders with 871 points. Logan Ryan added 12 for the Chiefs.

That closed out Canton's record at 15-5 entering Monday's Class A district game at Novi against the Wildcats (12-8).

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DISTRICT GIRLS BASKETBALL

Rocks oust Northville for 18th straight win

By Brad Emons Staff Writer

There was no letdown Wednesday night for Salem, arguably the hottest girls basketball team in the state.

The Rocks were solid once again cruising to their 18th straight victory as senior center Shara Long scored 20 points in a 42-26 win over Northville in the Class A district semifinal at Novi.

Salem had beaten the Mustangs twice during the regular season, 42-37 (Jan. 9) and 47-33 (Jan. 30), and were coming off an emotional win Monday night in the district opener when they rallied past rival Plymouth, 32-29.

"You always have a little bit of a scary thought in the back of your head when you do have big games like that," Salem coach Lindsay Klemmer said. "But actually it motivated us to understand that everybody is going to bring 110 percent and give us their best game. We can't have any lulls at this time of the season."

Salem jumped out to an 8-2 lead at the outset forcing Northville coach Todd Gudith to use his first timeout. And the Mustangs were unable to close the gap trailing 20-8 at halftime.

The 18-4 Rocks then went on an 8-2 run to open the third quarter and Gudith found himself calling another timeout.

"They won 17 straight coming in, they're on a mission, clearly," Gudith said of the Rocks. "They've played in a lot of big ballgames within the last week with winning the (Kensington) conference championship, the (KLAA) association championship, a big rematch (Monday) again with Plymouth. So they're certainly focused."

State-ranked Salem hangs it hat on defense and Northville was unable to crack it.

"Defense is our first priority," Klemmer said. "I'm a defensive-minded coach. Our defense was great. We gave up a couple at the end, but I think we just got tired. Offensively, too, I thought we moved the ball well. We had patience, which I've been telling them. We have the green light offensively, but I tell them I just don't want them to take any shot. I want them to come down, work the ball and get the best one and I think that they did. They shared the ball really well. They found the open player."

Seniors Katie Latack and Hayley Rogers each added six points for the Rocks, but Long made the Mustangs pay inside with 12 of her 20 in the opening half.

"Getting the ball inside right now is huge with Shara Long, who is a big presence in there," Klemmer said. "So when we hit outside shots, they have to respect both you're inside and you're out (game), so I think we did that right from the beginning."

Sophomore forward Jessica Moorman scored eight points, while freshman point guard Mariah Modkins added five for Northville, which bowed out at 13-8 overall.

going to show up in the stat

"We missed a lot of shots in

the first half for us," Gudith said. "We're young and, from a mental standpoint, we're fragile with that. One miss, mentally, leads to two and it just snowballs whereas they're separate things. We had a couple go in and out. I just wanted to see if we had make a couple of those the first half. Instead of being down only 12 the first half, we could have been down five."

Northville bid adieu to three seniors, including starter Emily Maresh, along with Katie Kalass and Christina Minna.

"Our kids know that we got to get better," Gudith said. "I think we got the pieces and kids to do it. And I think we've got kids that want to commit to it. Salem was in our position three or four years ago. And look at them now. That's what we told the kids after the game. Those six seniors for Salem really committed themselves to getting better each year. And now they're being rewarded for the fruits of their labor. That's the lesson we're trying to teach our young kids. We can get there, too, but it's going to take some time and we have to commit to it.'

Meanwhile, it seems so long ago when Salem dropped its first four games of the season back in December to Plymouth (45-25), Farmington Hills Mercy (49-46), Brighton (44-32) and Dearborn Divine Child (44-37).

(44-37). "We played some tough teams, I'll give our schedule that," Klemmer said. "I don't think they realized how good



JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO Salem's Maranda Armstead goes up for two points over Northville defender Jessica Moorman in Wednesday's Class A district semifinal.

they could be and I think they doubted themselves a little bit in those first four games. So I think the adversity was good for us. I scheduled those hard games on purpose. I wanted to see what we looked like and I think it exposed our weaknesses. I was never worried. Did I think we'd knock out 18 in a row? I don't know about that. But it pushed us to the next level and made us understand we could be because we competed with them, and just what we had to do to get there."

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DISTRICT GIRLS BASKETBALL

Brown's return gives Chiefs a big boost

By Brad Emons Staff Writer

After an up-and-down and somewhat disappointing regular season, Canton appears to have gotten its defensive mojo back just in time, thanks to the return of Alanna Brown to the starting lineup.

The senior forward, cleared to play only a day earlier after sitting out the past month in a cast with a bad ankle, didn't fill up the stat sheet Wednesday night but made her presence known as the Chiefs got past host Novi, 38-26, in the Class A district semifinal.

sheet a lot of times, or the scoreboard with how many points she puts up. It's the de-fensive plays she makes. It's a little tip on the ball, keeping the ball alive, just being in the right place at the right time, and help. And having that senior leadership is so, so huge. And I think it was a big emotional boost for our girls, too, having our captain come back and practice with us yesterday and being able to play with us today. Novi tried to make a run in the fourth quarter cutting the deficit to 32-24 on a basket by Allie Lipson with 3:18 remaining, but the Wildcats couldn't overcome 18 turnovers and 10-of-20 free throw shooting on the night. "The weaknesses we had when we first went through the (KLAA Central) division, which we hadn't seen in awhile, reared its ugly head tonight where we had missed layups, missed free throws and turnovers," Novi coach Bill Kelp said. "... the last few weeks we became a pretty good team and for whatever reason those things came back to us tonight."



Canton, which improved to 12-9 overall, gets a crack at rival Salem (18-4) in the district final beginning at 7 p.m. Friday at Novi.

Brown did not score a point in the victory, but brings experience. She is one of two starters returning off last year's state Class A runner-up team (along with junior guard Natalie Winters).

Canton junior guard Madison Archibald provided the offensive punch, leading the way with a game-high 15 points, including three triples on 5-of-6 shooting from the floor.

Senior guard Alexa Lagola also contributed 10 points, while sophomore forward Erin Hult added eight points and four blocks (all in the first half). Winters also grabbed six rebounds.

But just having Brown back in tow made Canton first-year coach Kevin Palmer feel a whole lot easier.

"It was huge; she's a difference maker, especially on defensive end," said of the 5foot-8 Brown. "That's what she's known for and what's she's been known for the last three years throughout this program and this year. When we lost her, that's when our defense lost a little bit. We had a streak going, from the second game of the year we didn't allow anybody to score over 40 points up until Alanna went out with her injury."

Canton led 9-5 after one quarter and 18-11 at halftime. The Chiefs increased their lead to 28-16 after three quarters while holding the Wildcats to 5-for-24 shooting from the field.

Brown, ironically, attempted just two shots but let her defense do the talking.

"She went out a month ago, and that's when the defense fell off," Palmer said. "That's the kind of value she has. It's not Forward Kelsey Miller scored a team-best nine points, while center Alex Felice added eight points and six rebounds for the Wildcats, who committed 18 turnovers.

Canton, meanwhile, made 13-of-27 shots from the floor (48.1 percent) and 9-of-15 free throws (60 percent).

We were really disciplined on the offensive and defensive end," Palmer said. "We were just a lot more together. And I think 'Lan' brings that communication, that camaraderie defensively. Offensively we talked about being more disciplined and patient with the ball, and just not shooting quick shots, and trying to force things. And we did a really good job with that tonight. We kind of forced Novi to play out a little more than being able to pack it in and we got a lot more easier looks because of it.

But on the negative side, the Chiefs committed 20 turnovers.

"And they were silly turnovers, not like things that we were forcing things, but just like travels," Palmer said. "We're a team that's got to get better with our feet. I couldn't tell you how many silly travel calls we had, at least five or six off of just catch, step and not being sound with our footwork."

The triumphant Salem Rocks varsity girls basketball team celebrates after winning the Class A district title Friday night at Novi.

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layup to give the Rocks an early 8-2 advantage.

"It all started with our driving and our ability to move the ball around. That's how I was able to get open," Rogers said.

Fast start

Rogers' fast start echoed a conversation with Klemmer before the game.

"I said to Hayley before the game that she had to knock down some shots early on. All she needed was a little bit of confidence and somebody to believe in her. It's good for her to come out shooting like that," Klemmer said.

Canton (12-10) answered Rogers' fast start with jump shots by Erin Hult, Madison Archibald, and Alexa Lagola to get to within four points with under ten seconds left in the first quarter.

Salem freshman Lasha Petree boosted Salem back up with her razzle dazzle, coast-tocoast spinning layup with just six seconds left.

The Petree layup sparked a 16-5 run for the Rocks giving them a 26-11 lead at halftime.

"Salem is a phenomenal team. They have a lot of seniors, a lot of experience," Canton head coach Kevin Palmer said. "Those seniors put in a lot of hard work throughout the course of their four years.

"Things weren't always great for them and they had to go through those trials and failures in order to get to where they are now. I have a lot of respect for them and their coaches. They have an opportunity to do something great like we did last year. I'm really excited to see what they can do throughout the rest of the tournament."

Holding it together

Salem's calming presence of the night was senior guard Jamyra Wilson. She dished out nine assists and was constantly looking to get her teammates open looks with her drives to the basket.

"I look for my teammates more than I look to score," said Wilson, who finished with five points. "I have played with them long enough to know where they're going to be at all times whenever I drive so I just give it to them and let them take care of it."

Wilson gave credit to Thomann for helping develop her passing skills.

"He told me to always, always look for my teammates and pass the ball," Wilson said.

"Jam is always good at finding the open player. It's hard to not collapse on her as a defender because if you don't she's getting to the basket, she's a good finisher," Klemmer said. Klemmer and the Rocks

Klemmer and the Rocks pushed the tempo all game in hopes of speeding the Chiefs up to an uncomfortable level.

"Our conditioning is a big part of our success. I tell our kids I want to get the ball down the court in six seconds or less. I wanted to wear Canton down and that's what I think we did,"

Klemmer said.

Canton will graduate two seniors that had a very successful career that saw them get to the state championship game as juniors. Palmer called Alanna Brown and Alexa Lagola "two truly great young women."

"Our two seniors are Alanna Brown and Alexa Lagola," Palmer said. "Alanna was kind of the mother of the group. She was the wiser mother hen that kept the kids in line.

"Lex was one of those kids that if I could have 12 Lex's I would have been one of the happiest coaches in the world. She's incredibly coachable, she's one of the hardest workers I've ever seen."

Their tribute

Winning the district championship for Thomann meant "everything" for the Salem players. Rogers and Wilson both were proud to wear the Salem jersey in Thomann's honor.

"He believed in us so much," Rogers said. "We feel when we play, when we practice that he's always with us; we will always remember him. It feels great to know that we are doing this for him."

Concurring was Wilson, noting that "every time I go home, I think of him. I love Fred. I know he's smiling on us after this one. He is so proud of us."

Salem will face off against Fenton (12-10) in next Tuesday's regional semi-final matchup 7 p.m. at Fenton High School.

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Canton Township woman seeks financial help for volunteer trip abroad

By Sharon Dargay Staff Writer

Meghan Montgomery Jones has never met a kiwi bird, but she'll spend a few weeks this summer safeguarding its habi-

"I am passionate about the Earth and I do my part with recycling and I garden," said Jones, a Canton resident and a junior at Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti. "The kiwi is the national bird of New Zealand. They are endangered. I'm happy to get to work with them.

After a representative from International Student Volunteers (ISV) spoke at her college last year, Jones, for whom volunteering has been second nature since childhood, researched the organization, space with her parents and jumped at the chance to volun-teer abroad. Initially, she considered working with elephants in Thailand through ISV, but discovered the weather would be too hot in July, when she plans to travel.

"I have to think of my health," said Jones, who has lupus and arthritis. "In New Zealand, it will be winter there when I go. I tend to do better when it's cooler out.'

Lupus kept her from trav-eling with her church youth group to Spain and with a school group to England a few years ago. She has the OK from her doctors to volunteer in New Zealand this summer, but she could use financial help for the trip. She has raised \$390 of her \$1,000 goal through an online crowd-funding site, volunteerforever.com.

"I'm paying for most of it myself. I have two jobs and have been saving. And my parents are helping. I'm fundraising for transportation."

Jones offers perks, ranging from a thank you letter and postcard sent from New Zealand, to a personal video and a souvenir, to her benefactors, for various donation amounts.

Books, volunteering

Jones, a 2012 Salem High School graduate, calls herself an "eco geek" and "book nerd" who has always loved reading, volunteering and working with children. She's studying children's literature and drama for



Meghan Montgomery Jones and her young campers from the YMCA Summer Camp at Achieve Charter Academy, have fun at a Detroit Tigers game last year.

brary."

She spent so much time at the Canton Public Library, she asked if she could help. She shelved books and joined a book club there, later volunteering at the Plymouth District Library, where she also served on a teen advisory board.

"I will read anything, fiction and nonfiction. I read three to four books at a time. I just read The Secret History of Wonder Woman, which was so good. I'm reading If You Could Be Mine, about two girls in love with each other in Iran," she said. "And I'm reading a book for fun about children's litera-ture and the history of it."

Writer, activist

She writes for the SPARK Movement at sparksummit-.com. SPARK is a coalition of organizations training teenage girls and young women to become "media activists and leaders in the fight against sexualization" of girls, according to its website.

I run an online book club a that. We have an app that just came out, we partnered with Google, and it will help you find the history of influential women near you," she said. Her own idols are Helen Keller and Mother Teresa.



Meghan Montgomery Jones of Canton plans to volunteer in New Zealand this summer. She is raising money for the trip through a website, volunteerforever.com.

managing editor of pulpzine-.com, a website that celebrates "girl power" along with music, fashion, and other topics.

She volunteers as a Brownie oon leader in Canton and



children at Eastern, and plans to make a career in publishing where she hopes to diversify the content of children's books.

"I liked books when I was younger, but when I was 11 I became hard core. I realized I loved reading. My childhood was volunteering at the li-

She also writes for a website that focuses on book-tofilm story adaptations and is works as a supervisor at an after-school program adminis-tered by the YMCA at Achieve Charter Academy.

"I just love anything that's structured, as far as a place for kids to grow. I've always loved after-school clubs, anything creative that allows someone

Meghan Montgomery Jones has used a walker occasionally because of her lupus and arthritis. She won't let that stop her from volunteering in New Zealand this summer.

to find themselves."

To help Jones meet her fundraising goal, visit volunteerforever.com, click on the volunteer tab and then type "montgomery jones" in the search box.

New water heaters will be bigger, more difficult to install

fter April 15 when you have a hot water heater installed it will cost you a lot more money — and this is no April Fool's joke.

The protector of energy standards in Washington, who continues to modulate the savings of products, has done it again. The new water heater will be much larger and have added components to ensure they operate on the new energy standards set forth by the U.S. Department of Energy. Now we have a water heater that will not fit in the current space you have and because it is going to be more complex, you might not be able to install the heater yourself.

It was not so long ago that because of new energy standards the water heater was changed in design and here we go again. The water heater with new energy standards became a burden to homeowners and a boon to the plumbing industry. They had to be vented to the outside; you couldn't simply change the thermocouple when the pilot wouldn't stay lit because the thermocouple was no longer sold in the hardware stores for \$10-\$15.

It had a screen at the bottom which had to be kept clean and sensor to smell anything that could explode and the list goes on. But, keep in mind that the average life span is seven to 10 years and that won't change.

I believe that there are only five manufacturers of hot water heaters in this country and they produce many brand names and from what I read and hear, they are all the same. My heater is 11 years old and it is a shame to replace something that still works perfectly fine, but this news is food for thought.



Garage refrigerators

Cookie writes: "I would appreciate your advice. I have a 25- plus-year-old Kenmore refrigerator. We have used it in our unheated garage for many years. It now needs to be replaced as the freezer is no longer working well. I have heard that new refrigerators don't do well in a garage as the compressor does not hold up in the cold. Is this true and if so is it all brands or are there any that do work in that environment? We depend on both the refrigerator and freezer compartment to supplement our indoor refrigerator.'

Joe

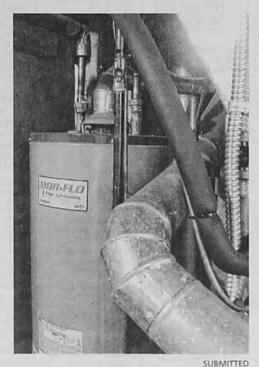
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Reply to Cookie: I would like you to wait until the outside temperature warms up (one of these days) and see what happens. When the temperature in the garage is colder that the setting on the thermostat control, food will start to thaw in the freezer section. This is a normal condition. If you purchase a refrigerator/ freezer for a garage it probably will be made by Whirlpool and be very costly. Buying a regular refrigerator and placing it in an unheated garage can be very costly if the compressor should fail. Especially in the first year of ownership. The warranty reads that the refrigerator must be installed inside the home and a compressor replacement is over \$600.

Some 20 years ago, I found an old Philco refrigerator, (1948 model) with the rounded door and a door handle that moves and latches shut. I replaced a little



Newer, bigger hot water heaters may not fit into existing cramped basement spaces.

wiring around the compressor and this refrigerator has never quit running. It uses less energy than the energy-saving models of today and keeps the pop and beer colder than Alaska. I'll bet money that I'll be in appliance heaven before it gets there. I only wish that appliance manufacturers would build a product that could last as long as some of the hot water heaters and refrigerators that were made years ago. The new technology of today which is all set according to new energy guidelines is only costing the end user a lot more money in repeated purchases of the same products. 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.

Agency helps job seekers hone skills

Women and men who've been out of the workforce awhile can sign up for help with resumes, job interviewing and related topics through Women to Work, a program of JVS. The sessions have been held at the JVS Southfield office for many years, with the next beginning in April

'We are now also offering the program in Detroit," said Judy Richmond, Women to Work coordinator for the agency, which in the past was known as Jewish Vocational Services. "Typically they're women who have not worked in awhile or have worked sporadically.

The free job-seeking help is available to men as well and to those of all faiths. Advance registration is needed and should be done by contacting Richmond at 248-233-4232 or jrichmond@jvsdet.org

The Detroit-based Women to Work will also begin in April. There is an information session needing advance signup through Richmond, set for April 7 for Southfield partici-pants and April 8 for Detroit participants.

Sessions will start at both locations the following week in Southfield from 9 a.m. to noon Tuesdays and Thursdays for five weeks. In Detroit, they will be held from 9 a.m. to noon Tuesdays and Wednesdays for five weeks.



JULIE YOLLES

Ted Setlak (left) of Warren, FAR President Emerita Jody Wachler of Troy and Steve Lipsen of Livonia attended Sing Out 4 Kids on Saturday night to benefit the FAR Conservatory of Therapeutic and Performing Arts.

Events raise funds for kids' programs

was karaoke at its finest on Saturday night at the Emagine Theatre Royal Oak. Standing ovations all around for the 11 performers including the musical lawyers of A (Habeas) Chorus Line, who were this year's "Sing Out 4 Kids" participants. The third annual event, attended by 150 donors, raised more than \$40,000 for FAR Conser-vatory of Therapeutic and Performing Arts in Birmingham. The funds will help provide art, music, dance, recreation and sports therapy to children with special needs.

Next up, at 7 p.m.



Thursday, March 12, Variety, The Children's Charity invites you to its Big Bowl Tournament at at Emagine Lanes in Royal Oak. Tickets are \$50 and include bowling, dinner, drinks and entertainment. www.variety-detroit.com

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Butterflies

Brendon Weil, vice president of Southeast Michigan Butterfly Association (SEMBA), will discuss the Lycaenidae family, the second largest family of butterflies, including the blues, coppers, hairstreaks, and harvesters, 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 18, at Nankin Mills Nature Center, 33175 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland. \$3 for non-members. 734-223-5510; sembabutterfly.org.

Northville, Novi

Ed Blondin, a Master Gardener with horticultural training from Michigan State University, will talk about Per-sian gardens, 7 p.m. Monday, March 9, in Media Forum Room 198C, at Novi High School, 24062 Taft, at 10 Mile, Novi. Blondin will be the guest speaker at the monthly meeting of the Gardeners of Northville & Novi (The No-No's), which will start with a social mixer at 6:30 p.m. Park in the staff parking lot and enter via door 43. Visitors pay \$5; gardenersnorthville-novi.org



Learn how to keep your lawn healthy at a free presentation, March 14 at English Gardens stores.

Mushroom hunters

Michigan Mushroom Hunters Club offers a seminar by Timothy James of the University of Michigan on fungal diversity and taxonomy, 1-5 p.m. Sunday, March 15, at the Farmington Community Library, 23500 Liberty, Farmington. A potluck starts at 1:15 p.m., followed by the lecture. The public is welcome. For more information, call Phil Tedeschi at 734-355-0359.

Holliday Nature Preserve

Celebrate spring with a guided walk noon Saturday, March 21, starting at the preserve's Hix entrance on Hix Road, north of Warren Road, in Westland. The walk is free.

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English Gardens

» Learn how to keep your lawn healthy throughout the season at a free presentation, 1 p.m. Saturday, March 14.

» Get a head start on gardening and learn how to grow your own transplants at a free presentation, 1 p.m. Saturday, March 21.

» Kids, ages 3-12, can plant a salad bowl to take home, 2:30 p.m. Saturday, March 21. Cost is \$10. Sign up in the store or online at englishgardens.com. Classes are held at all stores unless noted. Area stores are at 155 N. Maple, Ann Arbor, 734-332-7900; 22650 Ford Road in Dearborn Heights, 313-278-4433; 4901 Coolidge Highway, Royal Oak, 248-280-9500; and 6370 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield; 248-851-7506.

Educational conference

Tickets are available for the Master Gardener of Oakland County third annual Educational Garden Conference, "Gar-dening and All That Jazz - Innovation and Sustainability For Your Garden." Early bird tickets are \$70, \$80 after March 14. The event runs 8 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. April 25 at the Oakland Schools Conference Center, 2111 Pontiac Lake Road, Waterford. It will include a garden market, presentations by Will Allen, CEO of Growing Power; Matthew Benson, photographer, writer and organic farmer; and Kerry Ann Mendez, who teaches low-maintenance perennial gardening. Entertainment by Kerry Price and The Dave Bennett Quartet. Pay online or download a form for mailing. Visit mgsoc.org. No registration at the door.

Spotlight Players offers two student scholarships

Spotlight Players is accepting applications for its annual scholarships.

The community theater group will award two \$250 scholarships. Recipients may apply the money toward any artsrelated training program they choose. Applicants must be Michigan residents and in high school or middle school when the scholarship is awarded, but they don't have to be associated with Spotlight Players.

Applications must be submitted online through SpotlightPlayersMI.org. Or type http:// goo.gl/mxTOZV into your url. Applications deadline is April 1.

The Spotlight Players Board of Governors will review applications and announce the two winners on April 6. The winners will be invited to a matinee performance on Sunday, April 19, of Young Frankenstein where they will be called on stage for recognition of their achievement and be presented with a certificate.

Spotlight Players is a nonprofit organization based in Canton.

Carson's collects donations for Goodwill

The Goodwill Sale at Carson's kicks off on Thursday, March 12, with a "Stuff the Truck" event at the store, located at Laurel Park Place, 37700 Six Mile, Livonia. During the sale, which continues through Saturday, March 28, Carson's will accept clothing and household textiles such as apparel, outerwear, shoes, handbags, blankets or comforters. In return, shoppers will receive a coupon for up to 25 percent off of new spring products at Carson's.

Additionally, customers will receive a 15 percent discount on cosmetics and fragrances, available exclusively during the Goodwill Sale.

The donations will be

sold at local Goodwill stores.

The revenue generated will fund job placement, job training programs and communitybased support services, such as child care, financial education, mentoring and transportation for people looking for employment.



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Details: Free meal

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MARCH BREAKFAST

Time/Date: 8:30-11:30 a.m. Sunday, March 15

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

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

Contact: 734-425-4421 CHURCH MISSION

Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m, March 22-25

Location: St. Robert Bellarmine Catholic Church, located at West Chicago Road and Inkster Road, Redford

Details: Sponsored by the clustered parishes of St. Robert Bellarmine and St. John Bosco. topics include "Jesus, How Do We Come To Know You?" March 22; "Come, Follow Me," March 23; "Reconcile and Forgive, March 24; "Become A People of Purpose," March 25. Reconciliation will be offered March 24 Contact: 313-937-1500

CONCERT

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Saturday, March 14

Location: St. John Neumann Catholic Church, 44800 Warren Road, Canton

Details: The combined choirs of St. John Neumann and St. Mary's of Wayne will perform Mass in G by Schubert. St. Mary's will present the concert at 5 p.m. Sunday, March 15. Free Contact: 734-455-5910

CONCERT

Time/Date: 3 p.m. March 15 Location: Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia Details: "Footprints in the Sand," with words by Joseph Martin and music by Joseph Martin and David Angerman, will be presented by the choirs of Newburg United Methodist Church and First United Methodist Church of Garden City, directed by Richard Lenz with Bev Ratcliffe accompanying Contact: 734 422-0149

CONCERT

Time/Date: 8 p.m. March 19-21 Location: Trinity in the Woods, 26880 La Muera, Farmington Hills

Details: "A Call to Peace," with reception to follow. Tickets, \$10 Contact: trinityinthewoods.org

DETROIT LUTHERAN SINGERS

Time/Date: 3:30 p.m. Sunday, March 15

Location: St. Paul Lutheran Church, 21915 Beech Street, Dearborn

Details: Requiem for the Living, by Dan Forrest focuses on grace and redemption. Ticfkets are \$15 general admission and \$10 for seniors and students, 12 and over. Children under 12 are admitted free. Buy tickets online at detroitlutheransingers.com or at the door

Upcoming concerts: 3:30 p.m. Sunday, March 22, at St. Mat-thew Lutheran Church, 5885 N. Venoy, Westland, and 7:30 p.m. Sunday, March 22, at Cana Lutheran Church, 2119 Catalpa, Berkley

Location: St. Priscilla Catholic Church, 19120 Purlingbrook, Livonia

Details: Catherine Lanni, author of A Call to Trust, will talk about her life-changing experience, St. Faustina, and the Divine Mercy Centers. Prayer ministers will be available for private prayer and books and religious items will be sold

Contact: 313-255-0455 for additional information JEWS FOR JESUS

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesday,

March 18 Location:St. Michael Lutheran Church, 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton Details: Alexander Adelson will present "Christ in the Passover" Contact: 734-459-3333; of-

fice@connectingwithGod.org for additional information LENTEN SERVICES

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesday, through March 25

Location: St. Michael Lutheran Church, 3003 Hannan, Wayne Contact: 734-728-3315 for additional information

LENTEN SERVICES

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesday, through March 25 Location: Lola Park Lutheran Church, 14750 Kinloch, Redford Details: Theme is "I Tell You The Truth." Free treats after the service

Contact: 734-968-3523, 313-532-8655

VESPERS

Time/Date: 6 p.m. Sunday, March 8

Location: St. Gregory Palamas, 14235 E. 11 Mile Warren Details: The second of five Vespers services sponsored by The Council of Orthodox Christian Churches of Metropolitan Detroit. Services conducted by members of the Clergy Brotherhood of St. John Chrysostom of Metropolitan Detroit. The Orthodox Choir of Metropolitan Detroit will sing responses during the service. The homilist will be the Very Rev. Radomir Obsenica, pastor of St. George Serbian Orthodox Church, Monroe

Contact: Richard Shebib, at 248-345-9346 or pascha books@sbcglobal.net

APRIL **RUMMAGE SALE**

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Friday, April 17 Location: Salvation Army, 9451 S. Main, Plymouth Details: Rent a table or space and sell your own stuff; tables are \$20. Proceeds to Older, Wiser and Loving Senior Group Contact: 734-453-5464, Ext. 22, for additional information

ONGOING CLASSES/STUDY

Men's Bible study Time/Date: Breakfast at 7 a.m. and study at 8 a.m. Location: Kirby's Coney Island, 21200 Haggerty, Northville Township Contact: John Shulenberger at 734-464-9491 for additional information

you don't have one Contact: pastor Tom Hazelwood at 734-765-5476 **CLOTHING BANK**

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. last



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Details: No documentation

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CHAPEKIS THEODORE

January 31, 2015, Age 86. Hus-band of the late Cleo for 62 years Dear father of Anthony "Andy" (Cheryl), Nicholas (Carole), and Philip (Alison). Loving grandfa-ther of Melanie, Meredith, Kelsey, Sarah, and Robert. Brother of Nick (Marina), Fred (late Helen), Jim (Jean), Georgia Vezane (late John), and the late Kaye Kolovos (late Nick) and Mary Paige. Brother in law of Kay Vlachos (late John) and the late Angie Vlachos. Memorial service Saturday, March 14th, 2015 at 3p.m. at Franklin Community Church, 26425 Wellington, Franklin. In lieu of flowers family suggests memorial tributes to Regents of the University of Michigan, DEPT CH 10189, Palatine, IL 60055-0189. A.J. Desmond & Sons (248) 549-0500. View obituary and share memories at www.DesmondFun eralHome.com 248-549-0500



CORTRIGHT, CHARLES ROBERT "BUCK"

97, born in Great Age Meadows, New Jersey on February 20, 1918 passed away March 4, 2015. WWII veteran of the Army Air Transport Command. Charles was a resident of Farmington Hills, Michigan for the last 49 years. Loving husband of the late Pearl Cortright for 49 years and Phillisha Cortright for 10 years. Dearest father of Sandra Cortright (Bob Frankenfield) of Vienna, New Jersey and Debra (Brent) Stoops of Plymouth, Michigan. Proud grandfather of Jennifer (PJ) Scott of Hudsonville, MI, Karen (James) Doletzky of Rockford, MI, Jason (Kristin) Stoops of Northville, MI, and Matthew Stoops of Livonia, MI. Great grandfather of nine. Member of VFW, Elks and Funeral Danish Brotherhood. service Saturday 11:00 a.m. at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home,



GAGNEUR, **BRUCE EDWARD** age 52, passed away on Tuesday,

March 3, 2015 at Maury Region-al Medical Center. Bruce was born on February 2, 1963 to the late Roland Gagneur and Joyce Case Gagneur in Wayne, Michigan. As a little boy, he loved to play in the dirt with his toy cars and his passion for dirt continued throughout his life. Bruce had the absolute best smile. He was the youngest of seven wonderful children. Bruce was a family man and deeply loved his family He has a big heart and treated everyone as family. He adored his nephews and nieces. The family will visit with friends at Williams Funeral Home in Columbia, Tennessee on Friday, March 6 from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Funeral services will be held in the Chapel of Williams Funeral Home on Saturday, March 7, 2015 at 12:00 p.m. Burial will follow at Polk Me-morial Gardens. Bruce is sur-vived by his loving wife Carol Gagneur of Columbia; sons Rodney DeWire and Justin Gagneur both of Columbia; grandchild Keeley DeWire of Columbia; sisters Karen Serra of Westland, Michigan, Sandra Kleven of Holly, Michigan, Teresa (Tho-mas) Smith of Allen Park, Michigan, and Lynne (Frank) Ouellette of Holly, Michigan; brothers Tom (Suzanne) and Christopher Gagneur Gagneur of Columbia; brother-Tommy Childrey of in-law Fayetteville, Tennessee; neph-ews Kevin (Amanda) Serra of Westland, Michigan, Andrew (Christa) Ouellette of Holly, Michigan, and Jeremy Gagneur of Fayetteville, Tennessee; and nieces Crystal Hall of Tullahoma, Tennessee and Casof sie Blalock. Williams Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements. Condolences may be shared with the family at www.williamsfh.com.



PEDERSEN, ROY A. Age 84, passed away February 26, 2015. He was born on

Contact: info@cantoncf.org

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

Location: Salvation Army,

FAMILY MEAL

Thursday

January 12, 1931 in Madison, Wisconsin, son of the late Arne & Gudrun Pedersen. Roy was a Veteran serving in the U.S. Air Force. Roy received his Air Force. Roy received his Masters of Education in Art and was an educator at Northville High School for 30 years teaching art. He was an accomplished artist known best for his stoneware pottery which won numerous awards both locally and nationally. He was a member and instructor at the Ann Arbor Potter's guild and was also a featured potter demonstrating at the Plymouth Fall Festival for many years. Roy enjoyed wood carving, fishing and outdoor activities at his northern retirement home at Canada Creek Ranch. He was well known for his wit and humor which carried him through his retirement that was hindered by Parkinson's. He is survived by his beloved wife, Mary; his loving children: Bruce (Dixie), Scott (Ann), Jann (Michael) Carrier, Jill (Joe)

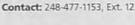
Vander Stel and Eric (Amy). Roy is also survived by his grandchildren: Nathaniel, Meredith, Brenda, Michelle, Rachel, Jason, Shannon, Alyssa, Brendon, Marah, Matthew and Emma; and his great-grandson, Tanner. Roy was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Gordon. Memorial donations may be made to Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research in memory of Roy or visit www.michaeljfox.or g A private family service was held on Saturday, February 28th. www.phillipsfuneral.com





RANDAZZO, SHARON JEAN (Nee FAIRFIELD)

Age 66, of Livonia. Passed away peacefully February 23, 2015. Beloved wife of Joseph Sr. Dear mother of Dionne Ciaramitaro and Lisa Pisano. Nonna of Adrianna, Darian and Rocco. Dear step-mother of Michelle, Cindy, Christy (Danny) and Joseph Jr. Plus grandmother of ten and three great grandchildren



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SEAVITT, **EMILY LOUISE** (MATTHEWS)

Emily Louise (Matthews) Seavitt passed peacefully the morning of February 25 in Saline, Mich. where she continued to share her bright smile with the attentive staff at the Saline Evangelical Home who cared for her the last few years of her 7-year duel with Parkinson's Disease. She was 88. Emily was born May 20, 1926 in Highland Park, MI to Sue Gay Short Matthews and James Gordon Matthews. She survived her adoring older siblings; James G, David O., Sue G, Jean S., and her youngest son, Daniel E. Sparling. Emily grew up in Roy-al Oak, Mich. and graduated from Albion College in 1946 She met Bob "Spud" Sparling (d. 10/6/1999) in Bay View, Mich. the summer of 1946, marrying him the next year, beginning their 36-year life together in Detroit and later Plymouth, Mich. Together, they raised six chil-(Susan dren, Robert VanAntwerp) Sparling, Peter (John Gutoskey) Sparling, Tim (Lynne Tobin) Sparling, Dan, Sue Gay (Jim Collins) Sparling Collins and Julie Sparling. Dan. Emily sang in the choirs at Strathmoor Methodist Church in Detroit and the First United Methodist Church of Plymouth, raised funds for the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra and sup-ported her children through their violin, dance and piano lessons, play practice, scouting, swim practice and life celebrations and challenges. She taught 26 years at the Plymouth Children's Nursery. Emily later married Richard Seavitt of Dearborn (d. 1996). She is survived by nine grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and many cherished nieces and nephews. Memori-

als are planned for Ann Arbor in

May and also for Bay View this summer. Nie Family Funeral

Home in Ann Arbor has details.



Contact: detroitlutheransingers.com

EVANGELIZATION SERIES

Time/Date: 7-8 p.m. Sunday-Tuesday, March 8-10

Location: Our Lady of Loretto, corner of Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford

Details: Deacon Alex Jones leads the series

Contact: 313-534-9000

GUEST SPEAKER

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday, March 12

Our Lady of Loretto

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

Monday Location: Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford Township

Details: Scripture study Contact: 313-534-9000 for additional information

FAITH COMMUNITY WESLEYAN

Time/Date: 4-5 p.m. every Saturday

Location: 14560 Merriman, Livonia

Details: This informal class includes fellowship, discussion and question and answers. All ages welcome. Bibles available if

BIRTH



Thayer Thomas Pomerson

THAYER THOMAS POMERSON

Thayer Thomas Pomerson was born Feb. 11, 2015, at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Ann Arbor. Proud parents are Anthony and Claire Pomerson of Ann Arbor. Grandparents are

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Michael and Donna Pomerson of Canton, and Tom and Gwenn Marchesano of Plymouth.

Great-grandparents are Janet Pomerson of Huron, Ohio, Salvatore and Nina Rabbio of East Harwich, Mass., and Roger and Joyce Rehfeld of Guntersville, Ala.

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33603 Grand River Ave, Downtown Farmington. Visitation Fri-day 4-9 p.m. Burial at Parkview Memorial Cemetery in Livona, Michigan. Memorials may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project PO Box 758517, Topeka, Kansas 66675.

www.thayer-rock.com

DENYES, WILLIAM "BILL" ROBERT, February 26, 2015. Age 93 of

Birmingham, Michigan Survived by daughters Sally (Frank) Dor-set and Susan (John) Karpicke. Companion to Betty Frost. Delighted grandfather to Jeffrey (Stephanie), Alicia (Nick), Paul (Molly) and Jennifer (Gavin) and four great-grandchildren. Preceded in death by his wife of 55 years Elizabeth Denyes, twin brother Hugh Denyes and sister Ruth Rockhold. Proud World War II veteran. Donations may be made in Bill's name to Almost Home Animals Obituary and condolences at lynchfuneraldirectors.com

DISLER, RICHARD CHASE

Age 85, died at Botsford Commons Senior Community Center in Farmington Hills, Michigan, on Sunday, February 8, 2015. Born November 18, 1929, in Canton, Ohio, he eventually moved to Detroit where he started a career repossessing cars for GMAC. Forty three years later, he retired as a GMAC executive, living in Livonia. He was a caring husband and father of three. He was a great mentor throughout all of his years. He was well known for his passion for fishing and fished right through his last years, reeling in Richard was preceded in death by his wife, Anne. He is sur-vived by three children, Cheryl Hunter of Plymouth, MI; Corey Disler of Tulsa, OK and William Disler of Livonia, MI. He is also survived by eight grandchildren. A small service was held at Botsford Commons. Private me morial eatherings will also be armorial gatherings will also be ar-ranged with family and friends. He will be laid to rest at Rose-land Memorial Gardens in Jackson, MI, right next to his wife, Anne. Memorial contributions are welcome and should be either mailed to Angela Hospice at 14100 Newburgh, Livonia, MI 48154 or Angelahospice.org online

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GIACOMIN

ABELINDO ANTONIO 1924 - 2015 Abelindo "Abe Giacomin, 90, of Palatine, IL passed away peacefully Tues., March 3, 2015 at Oakton Pavillion Hos-

pice in Des Plaines, IL. Born in Johnston City, IL, June 2, 1924, but lived his childhood in northern Italy (Fonzaso & Pordenone) from age 6, returning to the United States at age 15. Abe was so proud to be an American and fought bravely in WWII with the Army First Divi-sion (The Big Red One) fighting 3 days with General George Patton. He was severely injured during the Battle of the Bulge losing a leg at 19 years old. Abe was very active in the DAV (Disa-bled American Veterans) and Purple Heart organizations...in cluding being past Wisconsin State Commander of the Purple Heart. Despite his handicap he was faithful to his church and was active in the construction of its building. Abe spent his working career in the automotive engineering division with Ameri-can Motors, Kenosha, WI and Chrysler, Detroit, MI. Married for 52 years to his lov-

ing wife Christine Seeger from Kenosha, WI who preceded him in death in 1998. Abe loved his country and family, sister Silvia Misurelli from Kenosha, WI, daughter Elena (Joe) Giacomin Dennis from Santa Fe, N. M., son Vince (Ramona) Giacomin of Rolling Meadows, IL, granddaughters Tyra (Donald) Poyner from Jupiter, FL, Elizabeth (Ross) Fiersten from Chicago, IL, Cara Knutson from Naperville, IL, grandson Anthony Giacomin from Chicago, IL, five great-grandchildren, Mia, Josh, Max, Giavana and Alistor, he was uncle and cousin to many. He was loved by his family and friends and will be greatly missed

Funeral services will be held on Monday, March 9th at 12:00 Noon at Proko Funeral Home. Interment followed by military honors at Green Ridge Cemetery. A Visitation will be held on Sunday from 2:00 P.M. until 4:00 P.M. and will continue on Monday from 11:30 A.M. until the time of the services at Proko Funeral Home

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Dearest niece of her devoted Aunt Adline (Kenny) Vahle and many relatives in Ohio and Michigan. Sharon leaves many dear life long friends (Elaine, Laura, Judy, Louise, Sharon) and her devoted dog Sophia. Preceded in death by parents Robert and Tressie Fairfield and brother Edward Fairfield. Sharon was a proud letter carrier and union member in Livonia for 35 years, with a winning smile, bright blue eyes, sense of humor, generosity, sharp wit and energetic spirit that will be greatly missed but never forgotten. "A women who loved life and lived it." Sharon's wishes were to be cremated. A me-morial visitation will be held at 9:00am March 21, 2015 at SS. Simon & Jude Catholic Church, 32500 Palmer Rd., Westland, MI until time of Memorial Mass at 10:00am. A luncheon will be served in the church hall following the mass. The family re-quests that memorial donations be made to SS. Simon & Jude building fund. Please share a memory and sign online guest book at www.rggrharris.com

TURF.

ANNE M. KOCZMAN April 19, 1919 - March 2, 2015, age 95, of Birmingham, Michigan. Born in Cleveland, Ohio. She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Louis R. Turf II, parents Gustave J. Koczman and Margaret Krivjansky Koczman and brother Gus. Sur-vivors include four children: Sandy (David) Spaw, Louis R. Turf III, Alan (Betsy) Turf and Turt III, Alan (Betsy) Turt and Denise (Greg) Pentiak, nine grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. She was a 1937 graduate of Milan High School and received her nursing degree from St. Joseph Mercy College in Ann Arbor, MI. She lived in Milan Saline. Three Oaks and Milan, Saline, Three Oaks and Birmingham, MI. She loved to garden, and was a member of the Birmingham Estates Garden Club. Anne was also a member Club, Anne was also a member of Holy Name and later St. Thomas More Catholic Church-es. A Memorial Mass will be held at 3:00 p.m. Monday, March 9th at St. Anne's Mead, Assisted Living, 16106 West 12 Mile Rd., Southfield, MI.

May the

memory of your

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...bring you peace.



SCOTT, BARBARA P.

Age 75. March 2, 2015. Beloved wife of Gene. Dear mother of (Steve) Fabirkiewicz, Ann Eugene (Karen), Janet (Chris) Roos and Rose. Grandmother of eight. Great-grandmother of one. Visitation Sunday and Monday 4-8 p.m. with Scripture Service Sunday 7 p.m. and Rosary Mon-day 7 p.m. at the John N. Santeiu & Son Funeral Home, 1139 Inkster Rd., Garden City (be-used Rd and Charpe Hill) tween Ford Rd. and Cherry Hill). In state Tuesday 10 a.m. fol-lowed by the 10:30 a.m. Funeral Mass at St. Theodore Catholic Church, 8200 N. Wayne Road, (bet. Warren and Joy). Family suggests memorials to the American Red Cross or St. Vincent dePaul www.santeiufuneralhome.com

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Health research: New study indicates nondrug method best for calming dementia patients

By Sharon Dargay Staff Writer

A University of Michigan

clinical trial starting next month will test a nondrug approach to dealing with dementia symptoms.

The computer program, called WeCareAdvisor, will help families and other caregivers prevent or mitigate the triggers for common dementia symptoms such as repetitive questioning, pacing, irritability, aggression, and apathy. Triggers can be anything from a loud telephone ring to clutter in the home to an argumentative caregiver.

"The WeCareAdvisor will have two parts. It will be installed on an iPad and one part is a survival guide with a myriad resources for caregivers in one place," said Helen Kales, M.D., head of the U-M Program for Positive Aging. Participants will have at their fingertips information on understanding dementia, legal advice, financial resources, and more.

The other part of the pro-gram is based on a nondrug approach to addressing dementia called DICE. The model encourages patients, doctors and caregivers to "describe"



GETTY IMAGES/ISTOCKPHOTO A U-M researcher says a nondrug approach called DICE is more effective and less risky than medication, for calming dementia patients.

situations where behavioral problems occur, along with their context; to "investigate" medical problems, such as urinary tract infections or other physical factors that might lead to behavioral prob-lems; to "create" a plan to prevent or respond to behavior issues; and to "evaluate" how the plan is working and if it needs to be changed.

The caregiver comes to the WeCareAdvisor tool with a symptom - for example, maybe the person is agitated and aggressive during bath time – the tool walks (the caregiver) through the DICE process, so at the end they get a tailored prescription to mitigate that

"We're taking the DICE approach and combining it with technology. We've built 1,000 tips and strategies into it. We're really excited about it.

DICE, not drugs

Kales and Laura Gitlin, Ph.D., and Constantine Lykets, M.D., both from Johns Hopkins University, are working with the U-M Center for Health Communications Research to launch the clinical trial, which is funded through the National Institute of Nursing Research.

The DICE approach came out of an expert panel, including nurses, pharmacists, social workers and other health professionals that Kales, a geriatric psychiatrist, Gitlin and Lykets convened in 2011.

Kales and her two co-au-thors recently published a paper in the British Medical Journal, asserting that nondrug approaches, like DICE, work better and are less risky than drugs in addressing dementia behavior symptoms. They reviewed 20 years worth of research in comparing drugs, such as antipsychotics and antidepressants, with nondrug approaches to reach their conclusions. They found that caregivers trained to identify

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and stop behavioral triggers, can be more effective than drugs in treating dementia symptoms.

"Medications do work on some people," Kales noted. "There are scenarios where they would be used as the first line of treatment — if someone is depressed and may be at risk of suicidal thoughts or actions. Or if someone is aggressive to the point they put others or themselves in danger. Medication may be necessary in the short run.

'But in many other cases behavioral and environmental (intervention) should be used first.'

Key factors

She said caregivers need to be trained in identifying and then mitigating the triggers of behavioral symptoms. They need to look at the patient, themselves, and the environment.

"Things may be going on with the patient themselves. They may have developed a urinary tract infection, they may be dehydrated. The caregiver is a factor. They may be stressed, frustrated and angry," she said, adding that a caregiver's "negative reaction" can trigger symptoms.

"The environment is a huge factor in all this. If they are over-stimulated - too much noise, clutter, people coming in and out of the house — that can set off agitation." She pointed out that medication may sedate a dementia patient but doesn't fix the trigger that causes behavioral symptoms, such as anger or agitation.

The issue and the challenge is that our health care system has not incentivized training in alternatives to drug use, and there is little to no reimbursement for caregiver-based methods," Kales noted. She said the U.S. can take a cue from Japan, which has a high rate of dementia among its elderly population and "as a society has made a decision to deal with it.'

"They are developing community health-focused centers for people with dementia. They're training people to be dementia supporters. They're training transportation work-ers," she said. "We can learn something from looking at their culture. As a society, it's important we speak about these issues."

Caregivers interested in joining the clinical trial can email Kales at kales@umich.edu.

Blood drive

Garden City Hospital will host an American Red Cross Blood Drive, 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Thursday, March 26, in Classrooms 1-4 in the Allen Breakie Medical Office Building, located on the hospital campus, 6245 Inkster Road, Garden City. Call 734-458-4259 to schedule an appointment. Walk-ins are welcome.

Breastfeeding clinic

Botsford Hospital, 28050 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills, offers a

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class for new moms who need assistance nursing their babies, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Monday, March 9. Participants will get a chance to examine various products and supplies. Cost is \$35. Register for Breastfeeding Basics at 248-888 2500 or botsford.org/forms/payment/ maternity/index.html.

Celiac support

Atchinson Ford has received the President's Award from Ford Motor Company, which is Ford's highest honor for customer satisfaction.

Kelly Dorfman, an expert on using nutrition therapeutically to improve brain function, energy and mood, will speak at the next meeting of the Tri County Celiac Support Group, 7 p.m.

Monday, March 30, at the First Presbyterian Church, 26165 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills. Her topic will be "Beyond Celiac: When Removing Gluten Is Not Enough." tccsg.net

Childbirth Class

Learn about the stages of labor, managing discomfort, relaxation and breathing methods, the partner's role in labor and delivery, medications and anesthesia, C-Section deliveries and more, 7-9:30 p.m. Wednesdays, March 11, 18, 25 and April 1, at Botsford Hospital, 28050 Grand River Ave., Farming-

ton Hills. Cost is \$75. Register by phone, 248-888-2500, or online, www.botsford.org/forms/payment/ maternity/index.html.

Diabetes management

» Link Up with Diabetes, a Garden City Hospital support group with a focus on living a healthy lifestyle, will focus on Internet health literacy, 2 p.m. April 1, at Westland Shopping Center, 35000 W. Warren Road, Westland. For more information, call the hospital at 734-458-4330.





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The biggest perk to having a job is often the money that accompanies the work you provide. But what about the workers who handle money for a living, and help others manage their finances? Those in financial and planning services plan and manage the financial interests and growth of individuals and institutions, including instruction in portfolio management, investment management, estate planning, insurance, tax planning, strategic investing and planning, financial consulting services and client relations. And that's just the tip of this economic iceberg.

Between 2014 and 2023, this group of workers is expected to grow nationally by 38.9 percent.* Along with this high growth comes a competitive group of workers. Those who are attracted to these occupations cite key drivers like personal growth/advancement and a personal fulfillment in work/life balance as reasons they're attracted to these roles, and they stick around because the work is more interesting and challenging, and they have access to higher salary and benefits.

Important competencies and skills in finances

To succeed in a financial ser-

vices occupation, or to identify the transferrable skills that you may take with you to a new role, consider these competencies that are expected from workers in financial services:

Customer and personal service Mathematics **Computers and electronics**

Economics and accounting Sales and marketing Clerical

Administration and management

Top 10 employing industries

Financial and planning services workers are needed by nearly everybody; plenty of businesses or individuals have finances that require the expertise or certification of these workers to help manage and move their money smartly. However, the top employing industries of these professionals are:

- 1. Investment advice
- 2. Portfolio management
- 3. Miscellaneous intermediation
- 4. Securities brokerage
- 5. Investment banking and securi-
- ties dealing 6. Commercial banking
- 7. Other insurance funds
- 8. Trust, fiduciary and custody ac-
- tivities
- 9. Pension funds
- 10. Open-end investment funds

Financial and planning services and 10 target occupations

Those in financial and planning services plan and manage the financial interests and growth of individuals and institutions.

Top 10 target occupations

Though this expansive industry has plenty more roles to consider beyond this list, here are 10 related jobs in financial and planning services that cover a variety of roles and responsibilities:

1. Securities, commodities and financial services sales agents buy and sell securities or commodities in investment and trading firms, or provide financial services to businesses and individuals. They may advise customers about stocks, bonds, mutual funds, commodities and market conditions.

2. Insurance sales agents sell life, property, casualty, health, automotive or other types of insurance. They may refer clients to independent brokers, work as an independent broker or be employed by an insurance company.

3. Loan officers evaluate, authorize or recommend approval of commercial, real estate or credit loans. They advise borrowers on financial status and payment methods. Includes mortgage loan officers and agents, collection analysts, loan servicing officers and loan underwriters.

4. Credit counselors advise and educate individuals or organizations on acquiring and managing debt. They may provide guidance in determining the best type of loan and explaining loan requirements or restrictions. They may also help develop debt management plans, advise on

credit issues or provide budget, mortgage and bankruptcy counseling.

5. Loan interviewers and clerks interview loan applicants to elicit information; investigate applicants' backgrounds and verify references; prepare loan request papers and forward findings, reports and documents to appraisal department. They review loan papers to ensure completeness and complete transactions between loan establishment, borrowers and sellers upon approval of loan.

6. Insurance underwriters review individual applications for insurance to evaluate degree of risk involved and determine acceptance of applications.

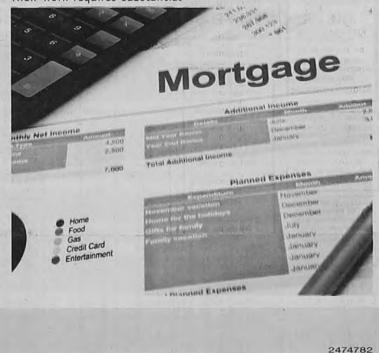
Sales representatives, 7. wholesale and manufacturing (except technical and scientific products) sell goods for wholesalers or manufacturers to businesses or groups of individuals. Their work requires substantial knowledge of items sold.

8. Credit analysts analyze credit data and financial statements of individuals or firms to determine the degree of risk involved in extending credit or lending money. They prepare reports with credit information for use in decision making.

9. Advertising sales agents sell or solicit advertising space, time or media in publications, signage, TV, radio or the Internet. This role includes individuals who obtain leases for outdoor advertising sites or persuade retailers to use sales promotion display items.

10. Tax preparers prepare tax returns for individuals or small businesses.

* All figures and descriptions for industry, occupation and skill information from Economic Modeling Specialists International 2014.2 Class of Worker Dataset: Financial Planning and Services. © 2014 CareerBuilder, LLC. Original publish date: 07.03.2014



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Buick Leads Field Day for GM in Closely Watched Consumer Reports, J.D. Power Surveys





to gain significant ground By Dale Buss

It's a very good (up from No. 12 in 2014) as rated by time to be Buick. Two Consumer Reports-making it the top of America's most-U.S. domestic brand for the second year respected arbiters of in a row automotive quality and In addition, the Buick Regal stunned reliability-Consumer

observers by besting the BMW 328i to earn Top Pick honors among sports sedans, which Jake Fisher, the director of automotive testing for Consumer Reports, called a "very un-Buick category."

Fisher told Automotive News that Buick "has a reputation for large, cushy cars, and they've [reinvented] themselves

Buick Regal stunned the industry by besting premium sedans in Consumer Reports

The endorsement continues a strong run for Buick lately that, globally, last year saw it deliver nearly 1.2 million vehicles, with sales in North America and China both up 13 percent. In the United States, the Buick Encore has become the industry's best-selling small crossover. On a global basis, the Encore ended 2014 with sales of 138,218 units, up 42 percent.

Buick rose to the No. 2 spot in Power's ranking and nabbed the No. 7 position

pretty quickly. They're making reliable vehicles, and they're making cars that score very well. In many ways, they're like the new Lexus, but also sporty to drive."

Actually, GM made a strong showing overall especially in the Power survey, with Cadillac ranking fourth among all brands, and Chevrolet and GMC ranking 10th (in a tie.)

"GM's customer-driven approach to quality and dependability is breaking through," said Grace Lieblein, vice president, global quality, for GM. "Dependability is a top purchase consideration and key to customer lovalty. These awards reflect our commitment to provide customers with the best overall experience in the industry.

The 2015 Power study tracked 2012 model year vehicles in their third year of ownership.

Chevrolet ranked higher than ever in this study, led by Malibu as the segment leader in the highly competitive Midsize Car segment. For the third year in a row, the Chevrolet Camaro ranked highest in the Midsize Sporty Car segment.

The GMC Sierra LD and Chevrolet Silverado LD ranked first and second in the Large Light Duty Pickup segment and the Chevrolet Silverado HD and GMC Sierra HD ranked first and second in the Large Heavy Duty Pickup segment.

GMC Yukon, Chevrolet Tahoe and Suburban all ranked in the Top 3 of the Large SUV segment. These models also filled the Top 3 positions in the Large SUV segment in the 2014 J.D. Power Initial Quality Study, where the 2014 Chevrolet Suburban and 2014 GMC Yukon ranked highest in a tie, along with the 2014 Chevrolet Tahoe.

Other brands and companies that scored particularly well across the two reports that were released this week were Lexus, Toyota, Tesla and Subaru.



Buick Encore has become best-selling small crossover

Most Chrysler brands, however, were notably positioned on the below-average end of the 2015 J.D. Power Vehicle Dependability study.

For the second year in a row, Consumer Reports once again ranked Tesla S as the best overall vehicle in the U.S. for reliability, commenting that "For all of the impressive new vehicles released in 2014, none was able to eclipse the innovation, magnificence and sheer technological arrogance of the Tesla."

Lexus executives must certainly be pleased with the fact that American consumers still find the brand highly reliable. The Toyota-owned brand finished No. 1 in Consumer Reports' list for the third straight year, though no individual model topped its segment.

Lexus also ranked best in the J.D. Power study for the fourth consecutive year, and its ES nameplate was rated No. 1 in the Compact Premium Car segment, while the Lexus GX was rated highest in the Midsize Premium SUV segment.

Buick, Mazda, Toyota, Audi and Subaru rounded out Consumer Reports' top five, while Power's top rankers after Lexus and Buick were Toyota, Cadillac and Honda.

Some divergent brand evaluations were apparent between the readers of the magazine versus auto buyers responding to Power's survey. Subaru, for instance, was ranked No. 5 by Consumer Reports readers but finished below the industry average for dependability in the Power study.

Power also reported that car buyers continued to downgrade many brands because of connectivity issues, such as Bluetooth problems and voice-recognition difficulties-even as infotainment becomes a more competitive platform and auto brands vow they're doing everything possible to make the experience easy and enjoyable.



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