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Community Financial Credit Union recently presented a check at the Salem High School Rock Café to help enhance food service technology for their hospitality/culinary arts restaurant operation.

The donation made to the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools program was identified by the credit union, with the assistance of the Educational Excellence Foundation, as part of Community Financial's annual Community Shares program.

The Salem Rock Café is an open-to-the public, full-service restaurant located inside Salem High School. The restaurant is run completely by the advanced culinary program.

"We are very pleased to be able to provide funds to help students with up-to-date software and equipment to learn valuable skills as they pursue their studies in the food service industry," said credit union CEO Bill Lawton. "We are committed to supporting innovation in the communities we serve."

Super Bowl recipes

Super Bowl Sunday is still a few weeks away, but it's not too soon to begin planning party menus.

What will you serve for the big game on Sunday, Feb. 6? Do you have a favorite recipe for appetizers, snacks or an entree that's perfect for hungry fans?

We're compiling Super Bowl recipes for an upcoming issue and we don't want to miss out on yours. Send recipe, your name, city of residence and a telephone number by e-mail to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com.

Got a photo from last year's Super Bowl party that you organized or attended? Send it along, too, in jpg format attached to the e-mail. Identify individuals in the image by first and last name, as well as city of residence.

If mailing, send to Dargay at the Observer Newspapers, 615 W. Lafayette, Level 2, Detroit, MI 48226. But hurry, deadline for submissions is Jan. 23.

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If Cupid's arrow hit the mark, we'd like to hear about it.

Tell us in 200 words or less your favorite or most memorable love story and we'll share it with readers in an upcoming issue. Include a photo of yourself. You'll also be in the running to win dinner for two or movie tickets.

The deadline for submissions is Feb. 1. Include your name, city of residence, telephone number and e-mail address and send to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com. Make sure the photo is attached as a jpg. Or mail submissions to Dargay at the Observer, 615 W. Lafayette, Level 2, Detroit, MI 48226.

Locals brace for difficult cuts

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

With Gov. Rick Snyder set to give his first State of the State Address Wednesday and House Republicans issuing dire warnings about difficult cuts as the state tries to grapple with a \$1.8 billion deficit, Jim Larson-Shidler preferred to focus on a bit of good news in all the dreary projections.

Larson-Shidler, assistant superintendent for business services for Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, noted Gov. Rick Snyder and state Legislators are talking

about doing a two-year budget plan and, even better, getting it done by June 1.

That's welcome news to school officials, who've been begging for that solution for years.

"Getting it done by June 1 would be a tremendous help," Larson-Shidler said. "What would be even more help is if they do a two-year budget. You could do some projections with some solid numbers."

Larson-Shidler saw good and bad in the actual numbers. He noted that both the House and Senate fiscal agencies projected an increase in the School Aid Fund of roughly

\$11 million, giving him hope the foundation grant won't see a cut, despite the fact districts will lose some \$341 per student of one-time funding (from places such as federal stimulus money) they've gotten the last couple of years.

He's also heard the rumor the state will push funding for higher education into the School Aid Fund, which some estimate would cost local school districts some \$1,150 per student. At some 19,000 students, such a move would cost Plymouth-Canton some \$21.75

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Freshman Rep. Kurt Heise (left) agrees with Gov. Rick Snyder's contention Michigan can't afford to keep doing business the same way.

Spinning some yarn

Handcrafters look for help keeping needles knitting

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Even on a cold, wintry morning, the mood is decidedly warm and inviting as a charitable group of Canton women gather inside a Summit on the Park room to knit and crochet.

These women, Canton Handcrafters, have lovingly used their skills for 15 years to brighten the lives of needy families, sickly youngsters and shut-in senior citizens.



Carol Choma crocheted these hats.

Year-round, they make items such as hats, mittens and scarves that, come Christmas, will be delivered as gifts to local families by Canton Goodfellows.

Each month, they send gifts by Meals on Wheels drivers to homebound seniors. They always attach a friendly message to the dish cloths, refrigerator magnets, Easter baskets, Christmas ornaments and other handmade items they create.

For years, they have sought to ease the pain of youngsters at Mott Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor by making gifts such as baby blankets and afghans, pillows, hand puppets, stuffed animals and trauma dolls, which have blank faces so children can use markers to draw their features.

"We know people are hurting, and we know they need help," said handcrafters Kathy Muir, a retired

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Peggy Esper crochets an afghan.

Teachers, district wait for new pact

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

It's become a familiar scene at Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education meetings — a sea of red T-shirts filling the board room, worn by teachers tired of working without a new contract.

And with only one negotiating session scheduled this month, and none yet on the books in February, it could go on a lot longer.

More than a dozen teachers were there again Tuesday to urge the district's board and administration to settle the contract. They've been working under the terms of the old one, which expired Aug. 31, and progress has been made on a variety of issues. A new deal would be retroactive to Sept. 1.

Progress has been made. For instance, the board Tuesday passed a resolution setting the official school calendar. That will come as a relief to parents, many of whom had called the district to complain the calendar had not been set. Parents needed the calendar set to be able to schedule things like spring-break vacations.

According to Ray Bihun, the district's executive director of human resources, talks have progressed to the major issues of compensation and benefits. Bihun said the sides have met "13-14 times."

"We've had very cooperative bargaining sessions," Bihun said. "We've met a number of times ... we've got 97 different options on the board ... 21 different proposals to consider. Nobody is avoiding bargaining."

According to Bihun, the hangup is the facilitators needed in the district's interest-based bargaining process. Since each side is required to have a facilitator, juggling schedules has been difficult, he said. The sides are scheduled to meet for five hours Thursday, but it's the only day scheduled this month. No other sessions are scheduled.

Nancy Barrows, president of the Plymouth-Canton Education Association, didn't return a call seeking comment.

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Nonprofits try to broaden reach

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Kristine Miller, a certified fund-raising executive, speaks to representatives of nonprofit groups during a Canton Community Foundation luncheon.

It may seem morbid, but nonprofit groups will increasingly need to convince donors not only to give money now, but also plan to boost charity coffers after they die.

That's the message nonprofit representatives got Thursday afternoon as the Canton Community Foundation, striving to bridge ties between charitable groups and donors, rolled out its first Lunch & Learn session.

Keynote speaker Kristine Miller, a certified fund-raising executive, said half of all charitable gifts during the next 40-50 years will come from bequests, forcing nonprofit groups

that hope to thrive to develop close ties to donors who share their vision and goals.

Specifically, Miller said \$41 trillion in wealth is expected to change hands by 2052 — a huge pot of money she said nonprofits will need to tap into as they struggle to help their communities as other revenue sources potentially shrink.

"Help your donor to understand how you're making a difference and with whom you're making a difference," she told 35 nonprofit representatives who gathered in the Canton Human Services Center in Cherry Hill Village. "It takes a lot of work to keep these donors close and to help

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Library computer policies follow state law

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Though officials say it adheres to state law, a policy at the Canton Public Library allows patrons to use the Internet to view sites that include sexually explicit content in an adults-only computer lab — a practice some local residents have criticized as an inappropriate use of a taxpayer-funded facility.

One Canton man who uses the library to hunt for a job described himself as appalled after he saw others in the over-18-age computer room looking at what he labeled pornography.

"It's inappropriate," he said, though he declined to have his name used. "I don't think this is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars. I know people can do this in the privacy of their own home, but I don't think it's right for a public library."

Moreover, a Canton woman who also didn't want her name used questioned why the library allows patrons to watch what she described as "filth" in a building frequented by children, women and others. She raised concerns about whether those watch-

ing sexually explicit content might pose a threat.

Library Director Eva Davis said library officials decided years ago to adopt a policy that complies with Michigan Public Act 212 and gives adults freedom to use the Internet, including viewing sexually explicit sites in a library area prohibited to minors. However, the activity cannot involve child pornography, bestiality, online gambling or other violations of law.

"We have to have a method to provide access to adults while protecting children," Davis said.

Though patrons using 24 computers in the adults-only lab can access lawful sexually explicit material, she said filters are used to block such content on some 100 other computers elsewhere in the library.

"We do have an Internet usage policy that pretty much says you can't violate copyright or do anything illegal and use our equipment," Davis said, adding later that "there's nothing illegal" about many sexually explicit Web sites.

Davis acknowledged she has had some complaints, and she has discussed the library's

policy with those patrons.

"We have a requirement to abide by state law," she said, adding that she has called patrons into her office to let them know they have made other library users uncomfortable with the content they were viewing.

"I can attempt to morally shame people," she said, "but legally I can't do anything about it."

If the library receives a complaint about illegal Internet surfing, she said, "we would call the police, and we have."

While computers have privacy screens that make it difficult for those nearby to see what people are viewing, Davis said the screen's contents still could be seen by a patron who, for instance, is sitting directly behind another patron.

However, she said patrons may choose not to look at another's computer screen or they may completely remove their potential for seeing objectionable content by using a computer outside the over-18 lab. As a public library, she said, officials try to provide access to information that is legal.

"We can try to morally

shame people (for making others feel uncomfortable), but legally we can't do anything to adults who may be looking at" sexually explicit sites.

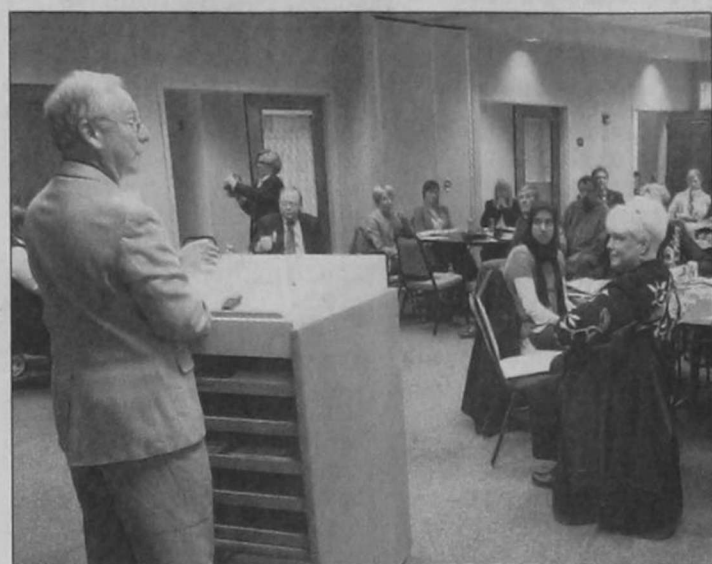
Davis said library officials chose years ago to follow state law on the issue. She said some federally funded libraries may have broader content-filtering procedures, but the Canton facility doesn't receive federal dollars and is guided by state laws.

One woman who disagrees with the policy said taxpayer dollars shouldn't be used to allow library patrons to watch sexually explicit content.

The library has adopted a written computer policy "recognizing the First Amendment rights of its patrons and their desire for intellectual freedom, equity of access and confidentiality, as well as the Michigan Legislature's mandate that the library restrict access to minors with regard to obscene and sexually explicit materials deemed harmful to minors ..."

The policy states it is intended to protect minors "without interfering with the rights of adult patrons."

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John Wald, who teaches at MSU, speaks to the group.

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them feel that they're part of your family."

While seeking to secure money from personal wills and similar sources may seem morbid, Miller said donors and nonprofits alike can share peace of mind after they forge relations aimed at reaching common goals.

Joan Noricks, the Canton Community Foundation's president, organized the first of what will be quarterly Lunch & Learn sessions as the foundation strives to help nonprofits and other charitable groups find the donors they need to achieve their goals.

Marie Morrow, president of the Plymouth Community United Way, said she came to Thursday's session because charitable organizations have had to broaden their reach as an economic downturn led to fewer resources and higher demand for help.

"The economy obviously had an impact when the auto industry went down," Morrow said. "It affected all the nonprofits."

PCUW helps groups such as The Salvation Army and First Step, which assists domestic violence victims, and Morrow said as demand has grown, all nonprofits have had to seek as many funding sources as they can find.

Ron King, program coordinator for the Plymouth-Canton Community Literacy Council, agreed. His group currently has 45 adult volunteers who are helping 60 students ages 25 to 60 improve their literacy skills. Surprisingly, he said, an estimated 13 percent of Plymouth-Canton adults are functionally illiterate, meaning their reading and writing skills are inadequate for daily life.

Like others, King attended the Lunch & Learn session to learn how he can help his nonprofit organization find the resources it needs to thrive.

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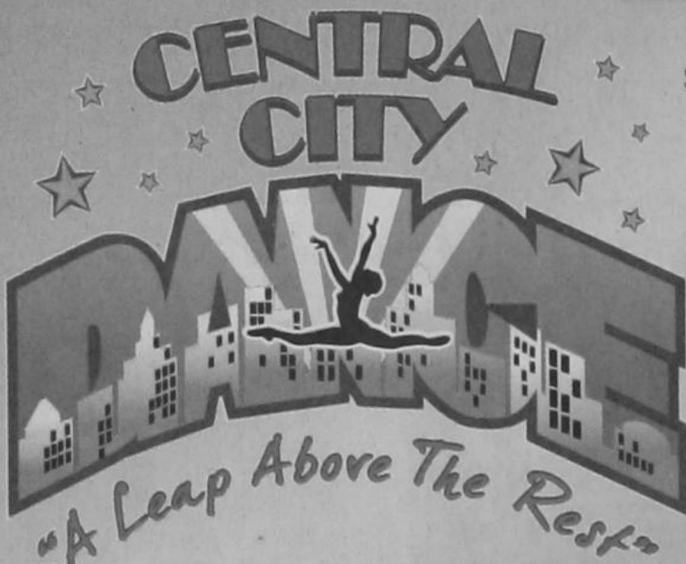
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Clothing drive

The Plymouth Democratic Club sponsors a clothing drive aimed at donations of "socks and undies" to benefit the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Clothing Bank, which provides free clothing to hundreds of families in need. Heavy demand has rendered the Clothing Bank short of socks and underwear, especially in children's and women's sizes.

The drive takes place on Martin Luther King Day Monday, Jan. 17, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main in Plymouth. Other gently used clothing will also be accepted.

Scholarships available

Community Financial Credit Union, in collaboration with the Community Foundation of Plymouth (CFP) and the Ann Arbor Area Community Foundation (AAACF), will be awarding 11 scholarships worth \$1,000 each in April.

Applications can only be made online by going to <http://scholarships.egrant.org>, creating an account and logging in. Follow the instructions carefully and read the guidelines for the "Community Financial Margaret Dunning and George Lawton Scholarships." Those who qualify can complete just one application to be considered for both scholarships.

One of the eligibility requirements is that the scholarship applicant must have had an account at Community Financial for at least six months. An application, transcripts and two letters of recommendation must be submitted online, and four copies of this information must be mailed to Community Financial, attention: Debbie Dunbar, 500 S. Harvey, Plymouth, MI 48170 and received by March 4.

Slavens coffee

State Rep. Dian Slavens,

D-Canton, invites residents to join her for a cup of coffee and conversation at one of her upcoming coffee hours on:

- Monday, Jan. 17, from 9-10 a.m. at the Canton Big Boy, 45250 Ford Road in Canton.
- Monday, Jan. 24, from 11 a.m. to noon at the Brown Bag Deli, 562 Main St. in Belleville.

Slavens hosts regular coffee hours and town hall meetings throughout Canton Township, Belleville and Van Buren Township. If your business or organization is interested in hosting an event with Slavens, please call her office toll-free at (888) 347-8021 or e-mail her at DianSlavens@house.mi.gov. Residents also can sign up for Slavens' e-newsletter and take her brief community survey by visiting her website at www.house.mi.gov/dslavens.

Blues performance

Legendary blues singer Ann Rabson is scheduled to perform her infectious blend of jazz and blues at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill Saturday, Jan. 29. Smokin' Sleddog Records presents his multi-talented artist, who will take the stage at 8 p.m. performing vocals, guitar and piano.

Playing and singing the blues professionally since 1962, Rabson was nominated in 2009 for a Blues Music Award, formerly the W.C. Handy Award, as Pinetop Perkins Piano Player of the Year. She has also been nominated eight times for Traditional Blues Female Artist of the Year. Her first solo album, Music Makin' Mama, was nominated as Album of the Year in both the Traditional Blues and Acoustic Blues categories, and her composition Elevator Man was nominated as Song of the Year.

Tickets to this dynamic show are \$20 per person, reserved seating, and can be purchased online at www.CantonVillageTheater.org or by calling (734) 394-5460. The Village Theater at Cherry Hill is located at 50400 Cherry Hill in Canton.

One-act festival

TLC Productions has organized Canton's first One Acts Festival, Jan. 21-23, at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton.

Six original plays have been chosen from among more than 100 nationwide submissions. Three of the one-acts are by Michigan playwrights, including Canton's David Lew Cooper and Jacob A. Zinke, and Randy Wyatt of Grand Rapids. Note to parents: this production is PG-13.

TLC Productions is made up of Canton's own Tim Chanko, Linda Pohl and Christopher Tremblay.

Show dates are Jan. 21-22 at 8 p.m., and 2 p.m. Jan. 23.

The One Acts Festival is organized by TLC Productions, sponsored by the Partnership for the Arts and the Humanities, and offered in partnership with The Village Theater at Cherry Hill.

Tickets are \$10 each. Go to tlcprod.wordpress.com/the-festival or call the Village Theater Box Office at (734) 394-5300.

Grief support

Compassionate Care Hospice is conducting a grief education series for anyone grieving the loss of a loved one. The goal of the program is to provide education on the grief process. The first program of the series, "Why do I Feel so Depressed?" will be held on Thursday, Jan. 20, at the Compassionate Care Hospice office located at 5730 Lilley Rd., Ste. A, Canton, from 6-7:30 p.m. There is no charge. For information or to register, contact Ann Christensen, Compassionate Care Hospice Bereavement Coordinator at (734) 983-9050.

Chef Jesse cooks

Chef Jesse Gales will offer a taste-testing opportunity at the Canton Township Weight Watchers center Thursday, Jan. 20.

The meeting is open and free to the public so anyone who is interested in learning more about Weight Watchers, without having to pay a meeting fee, is welcome.

Chef Jesse, the official chef of Weight Watchers Group, will also share tips on healthful eating and cooking techniques, as well as answer questions about the new PointsPlus Program.

The Canton Township Weight Watchers center is located inside the Willow Creek Plaza at 41814 Ford Road. Meetings will begin at 10:30 a.m. and at noon.

New Hope seminar

Anyone who has recently suffered the loss of a loved one might want to check out a seminar being offered by New Hope Center for Grief Support in Northville.

On Wednesday, Jan. 19 at 6 p.m., attorney Ron Thompson of Thompson-Platte will offer a legal perspective regarding the many issues someone might face when someone they love dies. These include minimizing tax consequences, dealing with decedent's creditors, methods to best protect surviving family members and the issues involving updating wills and trust.

The free seminar will be offered at New Hope Center for Grief Support at 315 Griswold, Northville. Seating is limited; call (248) 348-0115 to register.

Nuns in charge

"Put the Nuns in Charge," a long-running comedy from the author of "Late Night Catechism," is coming to St. Thomas a Becket Catholic Church in Canton 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 28.

Ticket prices range from \$20 for non-reserved seating and go up to \$75 for front row seats. All tickets include a desert afterglow. All proceeds will go to two great causes - St. Pat's Food Pantry in Detroit and World Youth Day.

Child care will be provided for a small donation. Tickets must be purchased in person with cash or check at St. Thomas a Becket, located at 555 S. Lilley Road in Canton, south of Cherry Hill Road. Contact the church at (734) 981-1333 for further information.



State Rep. Dian Slavens, D-Canton, was sworn in to her second term by Michigan Supreme Court Justice Michael F. Cavanagh during a ceremony in the House Chambers Wednesday. Slavens was joined by her husband, Judge Mark Slavens, and their son, Patrick.

Rep. Slavens takes oath, gets to work

State Rep. Dian Slavens, D-Canton, was sworn in this week to her second term representing the residents of Canton Township, Belleville and Van Buren Township in the Michigan House of Representatives.

The lawmaker, along with the other 109 members of the Michigan House, took the oath of office during a ceremony at the State Capitol marking the beginning of the 96th Legislature.

"I am honored to continue fighting to create jobs for our workers and reform our state government so it works better for us," Slavens said. "I will work hard each and every day to make our state the best place for businesses to start and grow so they can create jobs. And I'll keep pushing for the fiscal responsibility and accountability we need in our state government. I'm eager to roll up my sleeves and get the job done for the people of Western Wayne County."

Slavens worked during her first term to make Michigan the No. 1 spot for start-up companies and small businesses to locate and grow. She championed a law that expanded Michigan's first-in-the-nation advanced battery incentives

and attracted world-class companies that plan to invest more than \$4.4 billion in Michigan and create nearly 8,000 new jobs.

During her second term, Slavens said she'll "continue fighting to protect and create good-paying jobs for our workers by attracting emerging industries like advanced batteries and alternative energy to Michigan." The lawmaker said she'll also continue fighting to reform state government to "ensure that it uses our taxpayer dollars more efficiently and effectively."

At the top of Slavens' reform agenda is a plan to end taxpayer-funded lifetime health care for all state legislators, which she previously introduced in 2010.

"I've said over and over that elected officials need to lead by example, not protect extravagant benefits for themselves," Slavens said. "This session is a new beginning and the perfect time to pass this common-sense reform to end this out-of-touch perk. Public officials need to share in the sacrifice that Michigan families are facing each and every day and there's no time like the present to make that a reality."

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Lidstrom helps students get on the stick

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Students hear every day, from parents and teachers among others, how they should work hard and eat right and make good decisions.

On Wednesday, they heard it from someone who should know, future NHL Hall of Famer Nicklas Lidstrom, the Detroit Red Wings defenseman and team captain. Lidstrom visited Field Elementary School Wednesday during the Red Wings' school youth hockey program.

Lidstrom and play-by-play announcer Ken Kal were at Field to talk to more than 500 elementary school students about hockey. The demonstration uses a youth street and floor hockey initiative, during which the students got hands-on instruction from Lidstrom.

The stop at Field was the 10th on a 22-visit tour sponsored by the Red Wing Foundation.

"We're just educating kids on having a healthy and active lifestyle, and using hockey to demonstrate that," said Anne Hayes, director of the Detroit Red Wings Foundation. "I don't think you can express that (healthy lifestyle) to kids too often. The kids really seemed to enjoy it."

Not only did the students get the hands-on instruction, the chance to slap high-fives with a Hall of Famer and have important life lessons reinforced, but the school also benefitted. As the Foundation does at all its visits, Hayes, Lidstrom and Kal left behind a variety of hockey equipment, including two sets of goalie



Detroit Red Wing defenseman Nicklas Lidstrom demonstrates some techniques and talks to students during an appearance at Field Elementary School.

equipment, sticks, nets and balls.

"It was a great event," said Field Principal Peter Kudlak. "It was great the Red Wing Foundation did this."

The students, Kudlak said, were predictably excited at first, "thrilled and screaming and all excited." They settled down and worked well with the Lidstrom and Kal.

Lidstrom, who told the children he started playing field hockey at 3 or 4, then started playing hockey several years later, delivered a message of good diet, good work ethic and, most of all, have fun.

"He was great with the kids," Kudlak said. "You could tell he just knew how to work with them. He got them excited

about the sport of hockey. They were hanging on every word."

The youth hockey initiative is just one of the foundation's efforts. According to Hayes, the foundation does several fund-raisers throughout the year to support school youth hockey, and the sport in general. For instance, she pointed out, the foundation is currently funding a program for a wheelchair hockey league whose players suddenly found themselves without a home floor. The foundation found space at the Salvation Army in Warren, where the wheelchair league now plays its games.

The kids who attended Wednesday's event at Field also get the chance to enroll in



Red Wings play-by-play man Ken Kal accompanied Nicklas Lidstrom.

a "learn-to-skate" hockey clinic the foundation is sponsoring at Arctic Edge Ice Arena in Canton Saturday.

"It's just another way kids can stay active and healthy," Hayes said. "What better way to do that than with hockey."

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W-W school board seeks applicants to fill vacancy

The Wayne-Westland school board has determined how and when it will fill the remaining 143 days of the term vacated Monday, Jan. 10, by long-time board member Martha Pitsenbarger.

Residents interested in serving on the board will have until 4 p.m. Monday, Jan. 31, to submit a letter of interest, resumes and any other information they deem appropriate in the superintendent's office at the district's administrative services building at 36745 Marquette, east of Newburgh, in Westland. The school board has 30 days from the time of Pitsenbarger's resignation to fill the position. The appointee will serve out the remainder of the term which expires on June 30, 2011.

The board has called for a special meeting at 6 p.m. Monday, Feb. 6, to screen and interview applicants before selecting a new board member. Candidates must be a registered voter of the district, which includes the city of Wayne and portions of Westland, Canton, Romulus, Inkster and Dearborn Heights and be at least 18 years old.

They also must be a citizen of the United States, resident of the State of Michigan and the school district and otherwise eligible to hold the office. The board is looking for a person who has experience in responsible decision making, a desire to work as a team member, a commit-

ment to educational excellence and to representing the community.

Following the appointment, the new board member will file an Acceptance of Office, Affidavit of Eligibility and take an oath of office.

The appointment will be made less than 24 hours before the 4 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 8, filing deadline for the Tuesday, May 3, school election. Two seats - the one vacated by Pitsenbarger and that of school Board President Skip Monit - will be filled in the election. Both are four-year terms.

Candidates for the school election have two ways to file. They can submit nominating petitions containing a minimum of 40 up to a maximum of 100 signatures of registered voters in the school district or pay a \$100 fee in lieu of petitions and file an Affidavit of Identity.

Residents can pick up the necessary paperwork between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday at the clerk's office in Westland City Hall, 36601 Ford, west of Wayne Road, or 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday at the clerk's office in Wayne City Hall, 3355 S. Wayne Road, north of Michigan Avenue.

For more information about filing for the election, call the Westland clerk's office at (734) 467-3185 or the Wayne clerk's office at (734) 722-2204.

Information about the appointment can be obtained by calling the superintendent's office at (734) 419-2010.

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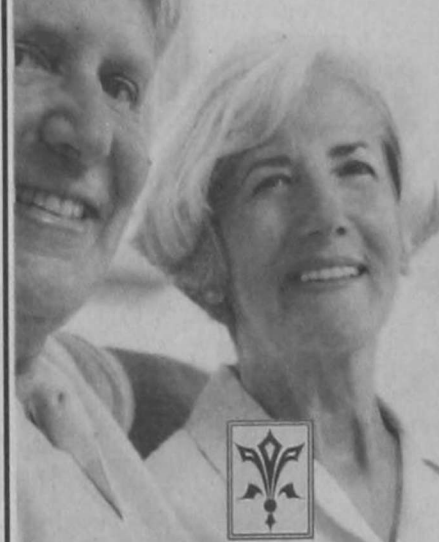
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North American International Auto Show committee member Scott LaRiche poses by the 2011 Car of the Year – the GM Chevrolet Volt – at Monday's press preview at Cobo Center. LaRiche, of Lou LaRiche in Plymouth Township, is busy assisting exhibitors at the auto show.

Lou LaRiche Chevrolet ready for banner year

BY JAY M. GROSSMAN
O&E STAFF WRITER

Scott LaRiche with Lou LaRiche Chevrolet in Plymouth Township walked around the 2011 North American International Auto Show with a smile on Monday. Like many others at the show, he could feel a buzz in the air.

"Just walking around this auto show and how it's coming together, you can tell there's an upbeat attitude," he said. "You walk in the GM display and it's packed. People love that because it means jobs. It's an exciting time."

LaRiche, who lives in Northville Township, believes the auto industry has turned the corner. He believes the cars and trucks being built in America today are reaching new levels in quality and design.

Most of all, he believes in General Motors.

"The Sonic for Chevrolet is being built in Lake Orion, the Volt is being built in Hamtramck," he said. "It means a lot to metro Detroit,

all these people working in these plants. And then think of all the suppliers in the area — Brownstown is where the batteries are being made for the Volt. Small suppliers are now hiring, too."

Located on Plymouth Road in Plymouth Township, the Lou LaRiche dealership is celebrating 40 years of success. It ranks as one of the top dealers among the GM family, with plans to grow in 2011.

"Chevy sells over 72 percent of all GM vehicles, so we're poised to really make some big sales strides," said LaRiche. "We're gearing up for 200 sales a month — that's how strong it's going to be."

In 2009, Lou LaRiche Chevrolet found itself caught up in GM's reorganization plans. But rather than close his company's doors, Lou LaRiche, 79, took his case to arbitration — and the ruling came out in his favor.

"We love GM," Scott LaRiche said. "We bleed blue and gold for GM — with a gold bow tie for Chevrolet. When you're in the top 100,

when you're a profitable business and your customer satisfaction ranks at the top, you know you're doing something right. We're just excited to still be a part of the community."

Wes Graff, executive director of the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce, said the LaRiche family plays a strong role in supporting the area. He's glad to see they're still in business.

"It's an outstanding dealership," he said. "And Lou is always contributing his time, whether it's the Chamber or Rotary. If there's a fund-raiser to help out Little League or any other group, you know Lou is a part of it."

Graff also sees the comeback signs that are showing up around southeast Michigan.

"The auto suppliers are starting to hire again — slowly but they're starting — and it's tied to an actual increase in volume," he said. "The demand out there is real and that means you're seeing solid jobs."

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W-W to fill seat following resignation

BY SUE MASON
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The Wayne-Westland school board is looking for a new member after Martha Pitsenbarger formally resigned from the board last week.

In a letter addressed to school board President Skip Monit, Pitsenbarger gave up the seat she has held for more than 15 years "due to personal circumstances beyond my control."

"I believe it is in the best interest of the school district that I resign as a board member," Pitsenbarger said in the letter. "It has been an honor to serve and represent our communities and I would like to thank the residents of the Wayne-Westland Community School District and my colleagues who have continued to support me through the years."

Pitsenbarger, the longest serving member of the Wayne-Westland school board, was not at the meeting, but rather in Myrtle Beach, S.C., where she has been staying with her husband Jack, who is getting therapy three days a week while he recovers from a bacterial fungus infection with the help of the salty air.

Pitsenbarger thanked Superintendent Greg Baracy, as well as Deputy Superintendents Gary Martin and Charlotte Sherman, saying they are "very dedicated to the school district," and also thanked Monit.

"Mr. Monit, I thank you for being understanding and for your support during my time of need," she said. "I will always cherish our friendship."

Pitsenbarger joined in the early days of Proposal A, when



Pitsenbarger

she said she "loved" in a recent interview with the *Observer*.

After reading the letter, Monit said Pitsenbarger did not attend the meeting because "she felt it would be too emotional for her."

"She is unhappy that she will not be able to serve her entire term," he said. "Her intent was to resume all of her duties by the first of the year, but due to personal challenges, she found it was not going to be possible."

Monit added that Pitsenbarger had thought the trip to Myrtle Beach was a two-week vacation, but when her husband suffered a "serious regression" when they returned to Michigan, it became "evident she would not be able to come back."

"She decided to do what's

best for the community," he said. "She will surely be missed and I hope she will be able to enjoy her retirement to the fullest. She never wavered in her efforts to do what was best for the students of this school district and the community she served. Her 15-plus years on this board is testimony to her devotion and commitment to this district."

Monit added that his "journey" on the school board paralleled Pitsenbarger's, since their terms coincided.

"She accepted me from day one and we have always been able to work well with each other," he said. "We have grown to be good friends and that has meant a lot to me."

Board Secretary Cindy Scofield described Pitsenbarger as motherly, pointing out that she "took new board members under her wing and mothered us along."

"She always had the children at heart," she said. "She was a tireless worker for this district and gave a lot of her time to everything."

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TEACHERS

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Teachers are beginning to bristle at the suggestion it's "their turn" to give back to the district, in the form of concessions. District officials, in public comments at various meetings, have lauded the other unions — most recently the transportation workers — for

concessions they say have provided hundreds of thousands of dollars in savings.

Rose Portelli, a learning interventionist at Eriksson Elementary, told the board Tuesday teachers have already done their share of giving back.

"Many times in my career I've received a zero-percent raise," said Portelli, who's been a teacher in the district for 35 years. "There was a time when I gave back 3 percent, and that

doesn't count the 3 percent state legislators took back this year.

"We understand hard times. We also teach our children they'll be rewarded if they work hard and do the right things," Portelli added. "Why can't you do the right thing and give us a fair settlement? We've done the right thing. Now it's your turn."

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CUTS

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million dollars. With a fund balance of only \$13 million, Plymouth-Canton would be in trouble.

"That would put nearly every district in the state into bankruptcy," said Larson-Shidler.

Meanwhile, House Republicans, who grabbed a 63-47 majority, plan to start attacking all the areas on which they campaigned: lowering taxes and regulation on business, tightening up welfare benefits and eliminating the Michigan Business Tax.

Freshman Rep. Kurt Heise, a Plymouth Township Republican, pointed out he sponsored House Bill 4001, the first bill out of the box, which would repeal the MBT surcharge.

"As time goes on, you'll see bills to repeal the entire MBT," Heise said. "You'll see an effort to work out some sort of fair, flat-type tax the governor talked about during the campaign. Our biggest priority is reforming the business tax climate in the state so we can bring job providers back to Michigan."

Among the priorities Republicans set forth are efforts to reduce the cost of running prisons, reviewing state tax credits, including credits for expanding or new businesses, and changes to the welfare system that would end benefits for able-bodied workers after four years.

Those are areas, among others, in which Heise said the state must take action.

"At some point, we've got to move people on from an era of dependency to one where they're going to have to

work if they can," Heise said. "That also involves things like expanding education opportunities and job training and other things we can do to move people back into the workforce. We have to look at everything across the board. Michigan just can't afford this any more."

Dian Slavens, D-Canton, whose 21st District seat covers Canton, agreed the state can't afford to do business as usual. But she warned her fellow lawmakers care must be taken when deciding where cuts should be made.

"We have to be very mindful of the kinds of cuts we do ... We want to make sure we still have a safety net for the most vulnerable — our children and our seniors," said Slavens, who just started her second term. "We have to do something with the MBT, but we can't just eliminate it without finding other sources of revenue."

Heise, who will be on the House Education Committee, agreed with Larson-Shidler the two-year budgeting and the June 1 budget deadline are good developments.

"We should work hard to keep (school funding) immune from other budget pressures that are out there, and not engage in the annual game-playing that's been going on the last few years where the school budget is held hostage," Heise said. "I've heard from school superintendents and others on the management side that 'we know there are going to be cuts and things are going to be tight, but we want some stability.' We can do that with a two-year budget."

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From center foreground, clockwise, handcrafters Sandy Randles, Nancy Krueger, Mary Patalidis, Roswitha Mann, Dianne Wilder, Carol Choma, Georgette Craig, Sherri Barnett, Carol Brovage, Peggy Esper, Lillian Love, Evelyn Moore, Phyllis Cable, Ursula McGinnis, and Kathy Muir.

YARN

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nurse. "We want them to know that somebody out there cares about them."

And now, these 20 handcrafters ages 56 to 90 find they need help of their own after a local church broadening its ministry had to drastically reduce knitting and crocheting supplies it gives to the group. The women, who meet every Thursday, have dipped into their own pockets since late last summer, but they are on fixed incomes and need help to continue their good deeds.

They need ongoing supplies of materials such as cotton and acrylic yarn, fleece, felt, cotton and flannel fabric, muslin and fiberfill.

"We'll take opened yarn," Barnett said. "It doesn't have to be new."

Thursday morning, handcrafters carefully placed packets of hot chocolate and candy canes inside cups, then used yarn to tie friendly messages to the gifts for Meals on Wheels recipients.



Roswitha Mann shows off one of the large afghans she has completed.

"We send them a treat every month," said hand-crafter Sherri Barnett, a former American Greetings and Hallmark employee.

Handcrafters last year made an estimated 1,500 items for Goodfellows, Mott Children's Hospital and Meals on Wheels recipients. Last Christmas alone, the group gave 657 items such as mittens, scarves and hats

to Goodfellows, helping that organization meet a growing demand amid an economic downturn.

Some handcrafters take on specific duties. Just ask Carol Choma, who made 50 puppets last year.

"I'm the puppet lady," she said, smiling.

Every month, handcrafter Mary Patalidir brings tags with inspirational messages the women attach to gifts for Meals on Wheels recipient.

Last year, group member Dianne Wilder alone made 168 clothing items for families helped by Goodfellows.

"I'm retired," she said, "so I have time on my hands."



Lillian Love's fingers move quickly as she crochets.

Madeline Carpenter, site manager for Canton's senior nutrition program, stopped by Thursday's knitting and crocheting meeting to once again tell handcrafters how much the Meals on Wheels seniors appreciate the gifts they receive.

"They look forward to it every month," Carpenter said.

Now, it's up to the community to ensure Canton Handcrafters can continue their good deeds.

"We just want to keep taking care of our community," Muir said.

To donate materials or money for supplies, call Muir at (734) 459-5094 or Barnett at (734) 981-4173. Yarn and other items also may be dropped off at the Canton Senior Center inside the Summit, 46000 Summit Parkway, said Susan Doughty, a Canton Leisure Services senior specialist. The center's phone number is (734) 394-5485.

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Sikh leaders plan open houses

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Sikh community leaders have announced plans to invite the public to visit two gurdwaras, or places of worship, in Canton and Plymouth — the next effort to educate local residents about the Sikh religion and culture.

"It's like a community education forum," said Jaspal Neelam, a Sikh mother of three who was the keynote speaker Jan. 6 during a Sikhism forum sponsored by Plymouth-Canton Citizens for Diversity and Inclusion at St. Thomas a'Becket Catholic Church in Canton.

TejKiran Singh of the Canton-based Gurdwara Sahib Singh Sabha of Michigan, 3310 Canton Center Road south of Palmer, confirmed an open house 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 30, to allow visitors to mingle with Sikhs and observe a religious service. Sikhs believe in one God, equality for all, truth and social justice and the brotherhood of humanity, among other things.

Visitors who plan to attend the Canton open house should, by Jan. 28, contact Singh by calling (734) 756-7338 or by sending an e-mail to tejki-ran13@yahoo.com.

A week later, Plymouth Township-based Gurdwara Sahib Hidden Falls, 40600 Schoolcraft Road at Haggerty, plans to have an open house 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., to give visitors an up-close look at the Sikh religion and customs.

Those who plan to attend should contact Raman Singh by sending an e-mail to rsingh65@comcast.net or by calling (313) 492-7314. Visitors also may contact Neelam by e-mailing her at neelamjk@comcast.net or calling (248) 765-4998.

The Sikh events come after the spotlight was shone on the Sikh community when a dagger-shaped, blunt-edged kirpan — a religious symbol — fell from a Bentley Elementary fourth-grade boy's clothing in December.

Since then, Sikhs have worked to educate the community about customs that date back hundreds of years, including the wearing of turbans as a show of respect to God and kirpans as a symbol of protecting those who are defenseless.

Visitors to Sikh gurdwaras should be aware of certain religious customs. During a service, Sikhs — and their visitors — cover their heads and remove their shoes. During the open houses, the Sikh community will provide head coverings, or visitors may bring their own head scarves.

Sikhs and their visitors — at least those who are physically able — sit on the floor during services. Visitors are encouraged to wear comfortable clothing.

TejKiran Singh, in an announcement, said those who attending the Canton service may opt to sit on benches in rooms outside the main hall during the service.

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'Mockingbird' actress visits Ladywood High

Mary Badham, the actress who played Scout in the 1962 film *To Kill a Mockingbird*, made a surprise visit Friday to Ladywood High School in Livonia.

Ms. Badham talked to Ladywood students, faculty and staff about her acting experiences and growing up in Birmingham, Ala.

Her message was one of promoting education and family values in conjunction with the important messages portrayed in the film, according to Sister Mary Ann Smith, Ladywood principal.

To Kill a Mockingbird is based on the 1960 novel by Harper Lee about a lawyer who agrees to defend a young black man accused of raping a white woman. The story is told through the eyes of his tomboyish 6-year-old daughter, Scout.

Badham cited the benefits



Mary Badham, the actress who played Scout in the 1962 film 'To Kill a Mockingbird,' speaks to students at Ladywood High School Friday.

of a single sex education. Her visit was a wonderful surprise and one the school community will not soon forget, Smith said.

Badham was chosen for the role of Scout at the age of 10, with no prior acting experi-

ence, and she was nominated for an Oscar for best supporting actress.

She was in the Detroit area to appear at The Redford Theatre's showing of the classic film on Friday and Saturday.

Former White House press secretaries to speak in Livonia

Two former White House press secretaries will headline this year's Michigan Political Leadership Program dinner and breakfast.

Mike McCurry, White House press secretary to President Bill Clinton, and Dana Perino, White House press secretary to President George W. Bush, will speak at back-to-back MPLP events Feb. 10 in Livonia and Feb. 11 in Grand Rapids.

"This is an excellent time to welcome Mike McCurry and Dana Perino," said IPPSR Director Douglas B. Roberts. "They are in a unique position to reflect on the election just past and to look into the future to Election 2012."

The breakfast and dinner are open to the public. The events annually draw one of the largest nonpartisan crowds in the state and raise majority support for MPLP fellowships.

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McCurry



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Michigan Legislature since the program was established in 1992.

MPLP will also celebrate the graduation of its Class of 2010 and the first meetings of its Class of 2011 during the events. With graduation of the 2010 Fellows, MPLP will have trained more than 500 leaders.

Among them are Detroit City Council member Kenneth Cockrel Jr., who also served as Detroit's mayor.

McCurry is a partner at Public Strategies Washington Inc., where he provides strategic communications counsel to corporate and nonprofit clients. He is also senior adviser to Grassroots Enterprise Inc., an issue advocacy software provider.

He has three decades experience on the Washington scene. He was White House press secretary to President Clinton from 1995-98, and also served as spokesman for the Department of State and the Democratic National Committee. He's been a senior adviser to Sen.

John Kerry, Sen. Lloyd M. Bentsen and Sen. John Glenn.

Perino, the second female press secretary in U.S. history, is a political commentator who served as White House press secretary to President Bush from 2007-09.

She's current president of her own strategic communications firm, Dana Perino and Co. Her commentary can be seen on Fox News and in the Washington Post, Politico and National Review.

President Barack Obama has nominated Perino to the Broadcasting Board of Governors, the governing board of all U.S. broadcast services, including Voice of America. Perino is also the founder of "Minute Mentoring," an organization focused on giving professional guidance to young women starting their careers.

The event in Livonia, a dinner, will be held 5-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 10, at Laurel Manor Banquet and Conference Center.

The event in Grand Rapids, a breakfast, will be held 7:30-9:30 a.m. Friday, Feb. 11, at the Amway Grand Plaza Hotel.

Event tickets are \$150 each. Tables for 10 are \$1,500, and sponsorships at all levels are available. To purchase tickets online, go to <http://www.ippsr.msu.edu/MPLP/fundraisers.htm>.

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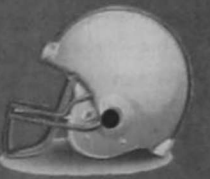
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Plymouth-Canton student among poster winners

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The William D. Ford Career Technical Center has made history when it comes to the 2011 North American International Auto Show. Six students in instructor Steve Paulsen's graphic arts classes won a collective \$1,850 in prize money for posters they created in the NAIAS's annual high school poster contest.

"The contest has never seen six from the same school," said center Principal Steven Kay. "There were 16 cash prizes and Wayne-Westland won six of the 16."

Paulsen's students have participated in the contest for more than eight years and this year's prizes continue a winning streak dating back to at least 2005.

"I want to thank the school board for giving me the ability to teach these students so they can win these awards," Paulsen said.

Established to engage the creative minds of Michigan's future artists, the 23rd annual contest recognizes students from local art communities. There were 740 poster from 79 high schools entered in the contest. The top prize, the Chairmen's Award of \$1,000, went to Reid Dickson, a 12th-grade student at Stoney Creek High School in Rochester Hills.

Westland resident Kaela

Wojtowicz, a student at John Glenn High School, received a \$500 prize for her poster which was picked as the Designer's Best of Show in the digital category. The stylized poster was done in Photoshop and includes 20 layers, according to Paulsen, who introduced the winners at Monday's school board meeting.

"She did a very good job, it's one of the best pieces in the contest," he said. "The designers chose the top design poster, she won for the whole contest."

Amber Santo, also a John Glenn student, placed first among the 11th-grade entries. She also received the College for Creative Studies Award, which includes a free continuing education class at CCS and two tickets to the CCS student show.

"She used a lot of raster and vector computer graphics for her image," Paulsen said, adding that the poster is on the cover of the *Italian Tribune*. "She's in 11th grade so it means she can display something next year."

Bridget Werner, also a John Glenn student, gained \$250 for her entry which received the Best Use of Color Award.

"Her poster has a very expressive color palette," said Paulsen.

This is the second year in a row she and Wojtowicz have won in the poster contest. In 2010, Wojtowicz placed sec-



David Harrington, a student in the Plymouth-Canton school district, received a second place in the 12th-grade category with his poster.

ond in the 11th-grade contest, while Werner was first in the 10th-grade category.

Also receiving \$250 prizes were Nichole Tyra, a student at Wayne Memorial High school, who placed second in

the 11th-grade category, and David Harrington, a student in the Plymouth-Canton school district who received a second place in the 12th-grade category.

"Nicole's is a nice piece,

it's inspired by the *Ironman II* movie," Paulsen told the school board. "David's is very creative, it has a nice color palette. He's always doing things in class that surprise me — good things."

Receiving a \$100 prize for placing third in the 12th-grade category was Alyssa Shirkey, a student at Lutheran High School Westland.

"She's one of my best students," said Paulsen. "She designed the new veterans memorial that will be built at Central City Park. She did a great job."

The poster entries were judged by an independent panel of recognized members from the local art community. All winning entries are on the official NAIAS website, www.naias.com. They also will be on display during the public show days as well as appear in the official NAIAS program.

Trustee William Gabriel called the showing a "testa-

ment to the hidden gem we have at the technical center."

"We have a great building there," he said. "There's so many things we can be proud of. It's a credit to the staff, instructors and students in this school district."

"I'm very impressed with what I saw tonight," added board Secretary Cindy Schofield. "The artwork is one of the small pieces of what we see at the Career Technical Center."

Superintendent Greg Baracy offered a thank you to Paulsen for his contributions and hours spent with the students.

"These things don't happen between 7:30 a.m. and 3 p.m.," he said. "He has state of the art technology and digital programming to enhance the students' creativity. When you go in to his classroom, you think you're in a Big Three design lab. It's a phenomenal thing to see."

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Healing school board may take some time

John Jackson swears he's going to unite the fractured Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education, and the fair thing to do is to give Jackson, elected Tuesday as the new board president, time to get that done.

But if his first night as president is any indication, you may need to give him a lot of time. In the meantime, get used to reading this sentence fragment: "The board voted 4-3 to ..."

In a move that surprised absolutely no one, the Big Four made the power grab everyone expected them to make, claiming all four leadership positions in a total reorganization of the board's structure. There was more seat-shifting than you see in your typical game of musical chairs.

This time, when the music stopped, Jackson, new Vice President Dianne Gonzalez, re-elected Treasurer Judy Mardigian and new Secretary Adrienne Davis grabbed the four chairs, leaving former President Steven Sneiderman, former Secretary Nancy Eggenberger and former Vice President Barry Simescu standing.

On three of the four positions (say it with me now) the board voted 4-3. Jackson bested Simescu for the president's spot, Gonzalez bested Simescu for the vice president spot and Mardigian beat Simescu to retain her post as treasurer. Only Davis, who was the only one nominated for the secretary job, was a unanimous choice.

The voting hardly smacked of conciliation or collaboration. Sneiderman



Brad Kadrich

nominated Simescu for three different positions, including the one he should have gotten (president). In supporting Simescu over Jackson, Sneiderman scoffed at the Big Four's claims they want "collaboration," citing the Nov. 22 motions Jackson brought — and the other three helped push through — to boot Superintendent Craig Fiegel and install Deputy Superintendent Ken Jacobs as the district's chief operating officer.

"I hear collaboration being said, but I don't see much of it occurring," Sneiderman said, referencing those Nov. 22 decisions. "Collaboration takes give-and-take and compromise. In the (recent) past, it's been 'We'll listen to you and then do what we want.'"

He made basically the same argument each time he nominated Simescu, clearly frustrated with the way things are being handled. Each time, Jackson, et al., listened quietly, said nothing, then voted against him. It was a coup unlike anything seen before, with a divide so clearly ripped apart you wonder if anything is going to heal it.

Both Jackson and Simescu spoke about wanting to continue the workshops they've been doing with Mary Kerwin, the Michigan Association of School Boards consultant who's been trying to lead them to learn how to get back on the same page, to work

together even though there are clearly sharp divides, for the betterment of the district.

Everyone in those workshops speaks eloquently about the need to do just that. But it's like a football team; what you do in practice, you need to convert to the game. Board members have talked a great game in those workshops; putting it into practice in meetings hasn't yet happened.

Case in point is the contract to be the board's general counsel, a job held for a long time by Gary Collins' firm, Collins & Blaha. Simescu, Eggenberger and Sneiderman are steamed about a meeting that took place in January 2010, in a restaurant in Livonia, between Mardigian, Gonzalez and Collins. It was well-known in inner circles at the time that Mardigian was disenchanted with Fiegel and wanted to replace him. The meeting was witnessed by Eggenberger, who happened into the restaurant at the same time.

While no one has divulged the contents of that meeting — when Eggenberger brought it up a couple of meetings ago, Gonzalez said it was "friends getting together for lunch" — Eggenberger believes it was about Fiegel. Whether that sort of meeting was legal or ethical is a question for legal scholars; the fact it took place without the knowledge, much less the participation, of board members who supported Fiegel has festered ever since.

Simescu pointed out Tuesday, when he tried to get the general counsel contract taken away from Collins, he

was rankled by Collins' actions pertaining to the two motions Jackson introduced Nov. 22. Those meetings, and that legal advice, also came without prior knowledge of or consultation with other board members.

When Simescu voiced his concern, Mardigian, Gonzalez and Davis sat on their hands; only Jackson seemed interested in even discussing it, although he wouldn't support Simescu's motion to change counsel.

There also seems to be no hurry to replace Fiegel. Jackson said Tuesday the board "must decide what we want," emphasizing the *we*, but also said he doesn't think there's any rush. The belief of many within the district is the Big Four want Jacobs to hang out longer than his scheduled retirement date of September 2011.

But there are other things to consider. Jacobs, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction Services Cindy Swift, Director of Human Resources Ray Bihun and several other administrators are scheduled to retire at about the same time. To date, none of those positions has been posted. That's a lot of leadership to be faced with losing, particularly if there's no real plan to replace them.

Critics are questioning the desire of the Big Four for collaboration, particularly after Tuesday's coup. Extending an olive branch by giving at least one of the leadership positions to the Little Three might have signalled a bigger desire for conciliation. Such a move may also have

quelled the growing opinion they're just a power-hungry clique.

It might also have left them with some experienced leadership. Neither Jackson, Gonzalez nor Davis has held a leadership position; Davis is just completing her first year on the board.

It might be constructive for all seven board members to watch videotape of themselves in those Mary Kerwin workshops, when they talk glowingly about formulating a better working relationship. All seven of them need to understand that just because someone from the "other side" suggests an idea doesn't mean it's automatically a bad idea.

Jackson shrugged off criticism leveled at his selection and reiterated his position it's time for the board to "make it 'our' plan and not 'my' plan."

"Whatever I have to do (to heal), I'm going to make every effort to do," Jackson said. "I'd like to sit down one-on-one with all the board members to see what we need to do to make that happen."

The leadership is set, and there's no turning back from that. And Jackson deserves the time to accomplish what he says he wants to do in terms of healing the board.

With so many big decisions facing the board, the looming question becomes, "How much time?"

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cash; that money is subject to income tax.
In analyzing your situation, since your son was not treated as an employee, he is considered self-employed. That means when you complete his 2010 tax return, report his earnings on Schedule C. There is a benefit to Schedule C, and that is he can deduct any expenses he had associated with his child care services from his income. If he had any out-of-pocket expenses, he can

deduct those on his Schedule C.
Even though you were surprised that he received the 1099 and has to report the money on his tax return, the tax consequences may be very insignificant. After all, when you factor in some of the deductions that he would be entitled to and what his bracket is, the tax consequences should be immaterial. That being said, I do believe there are a couple of distinct advantages to your son's situation.

Because your son's income was generated from his labor, it is considered earned income. Earned income means that he is eligible to contribute money into an IRA. In your son's situation, I recommend a Roth IRA. Your son has the opportunity to invest a substantial amount of that money that will grow tax-free for as long as he chooses. I recognize that the last thing a 15-year-old is thinking about is retirement, however, this does provide him an opportunity.

In fact, you can even consider some sort of matching program as an additional incentive.
Opening a Roth IRA for a minor is a great opportunity and if you are eligible, consider doing so.
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BOYS HOCKEY

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PinckneyBY TIM SMITH
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In the midst of a brutal schedule, Plymouth got back on track Thursday night with a 4-2 victory over host Pinckney in a KLAACrossover boys hockey game played in Chelsea.

Plymouth, now 3-4-3 overall and 2-2-2 in the KLAASouth (second behind Canton, 7-2-1) netted three goals in the second period to overcome a 2-0 deficit.

Scoring the winning goal at 10:06 of the second was Mitch Claggett, from Zach Gambrell and Kyle Bauer.

Sean Smiatacz added an insurance goal early in the third.

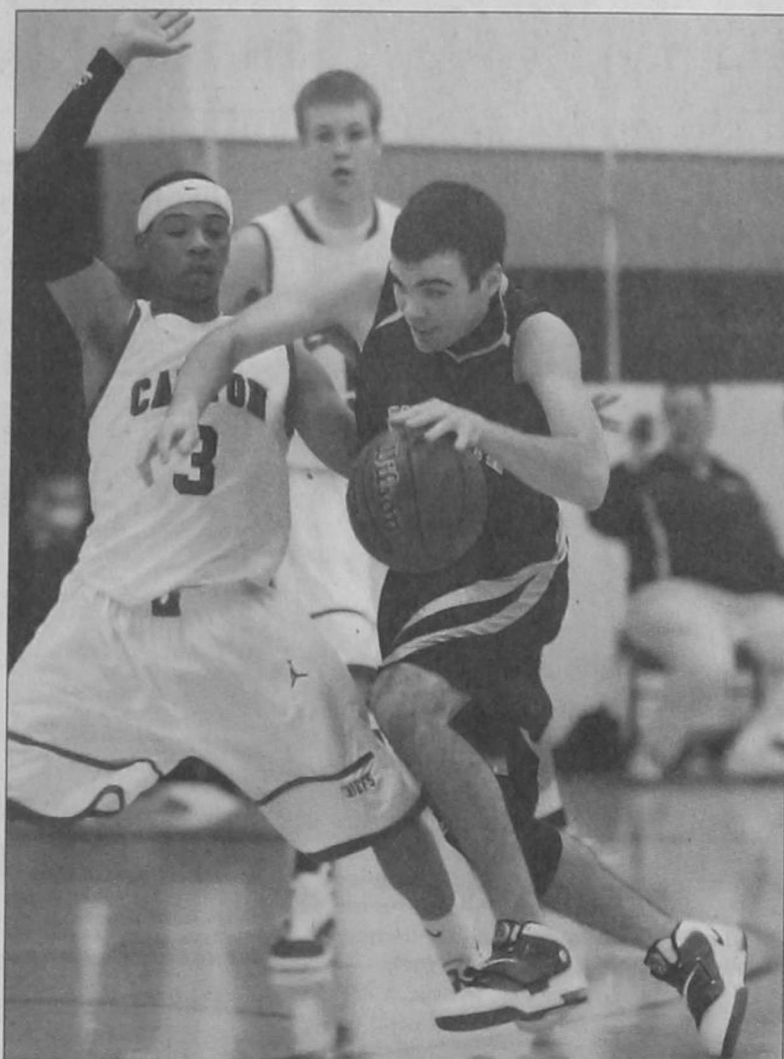
The Wildcats climbed out of the two-goal hole on goals by Tyler Sanders and Cody Staub, in the first 5:18 of the middle period.

"We played fast, physical and showed great intensity," Plymouth head coach Paul Fassbender said. "We outshot them, outplayed them and deserved to win. I am very proud of these guys tonight."

Fassbender cited the strong play of the Staub-Matt Goertz-Smiatacz line. In addition to the Smiatacz goal, Staub had one goal and one assist; Goertz contributed two assists.

Also helping the cause was physical play from Goertz, Nate Brocci and Cam Nadell, the coach noted. Picking up one assist was Ryan Thiesen.

Making 23 saves for the win was goalie Mike Justus, who protected the lead with stellar work between the pipes down the

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Plymouth's Mike Nadratowski (above) drives past Canton's Dietrich Lever II (No. 3) in the waning seconds of Friday's game. Nadratowski (photo at right) then sank a short jumper over Lever's outstretched hand to win the game for the Wildcats.



Wildcats win on buzzer-beater

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

It figured that on a night featuring slams and circus shots that something pretty special would decide Friday's exhilarating boys basketball game between Plymouth and Canton.

With the score tied at 37-37 following a clutch layup by Canton senior point guard Dietrich Lever II with 11 seconds left in regulation, overtime loomed between the KLAASouth and campus rivals.

But Plymouth senior guard Mike Nadratowski, had something else in mind.

Nadratowski gave the visiting

Wildcats a 39-37 win with a soaring short jumper from the lane that fell through the cords after time expired — unleashing a loud roar from the Plymouth stands.

"I just called for it and I think I called for a screen up there," said Nadratowski, who scored 17 points to lead all scorers. "But didn't use it. I just went left."

JUST A GREAT SHOT

He crossed mid-court, dribbled into the key and let his soft shot go.

"Mike's that kind of player, he loves the pressure of the end of the game," Plymouth head coach Mike Soukup said. "He certainly showed it tonight."

I'd like to take credit for that one, but it was all him."

Canton head coach Jimmy Reddy gave Nadratowski props for the winning shot.

"I think Dietrich got a hand in his face, but he made a tough, great shot," Reddy said. "It was a tough shot, you got to credit him on that. Big play by him."

The way the Wildcats started the game, few could have predicted such a finish.

Canton (4-4, 2-1) got out to a 10-2 lead, with junior forward Paul Baumgart scoring six of those points.

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SIDELINES

Still liking U-M

When Rich Rodriguez was football coach at the University of Michigan, one of the players he received a verbal commitment from was Plymouth senior linebacker/tight end Brennen Beyer.

But will Beyer still go to U-M following the firing of Rodriguez and subsequent selection of Brady Hoke as head coach?

Following Friday's boys basketball game against Canton, Beyer didn't seem like someone in a hurry to find another college to play for.

"Right now, I'm still loving Michigan," said Beyer, with a grin.

Beyer added that he hasn't had the chance to chat with Hoke, however. "I haven't talked to him yet, or met him yet, but I plan on doing that soon."

Whalers overtime

Rickard Rakell scored 14 seconds into overtime Friday night to spark visiting Plymouth to a 6-5 win over Sarnia in an Ontario Hockey League tilt. It was Rakell's second goal of the night and 13th of the season.

Other Whalers goals were scored by Tyler Brown, James Livingston, Mitchell Heard and Garrett Meurs.

Goalie Scott Wedgewood made 29 stops to get the win for Plymouth, now 22-18-1-1.

Tennis meeting

If you are a Salem High School girls tennis player, or are interested in playing in the 2011 season, there is an important meeting slated for 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 31, in the school library.

For more info, visit www.salemrockstennis.com. Coach Lin Ware can be reached at (734) 453-0669 to answer any questions.

Canton bowlers bounce back, get best of Novi

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Wednesday's matchup against Novi at Westland Bowl proved to be the winning tonic for the Canton varsity boys and girls bowling teams.

Both squads snapped two-match losing streaks in the process, with the Canton boys winning by decision and the girls earning a 17-13 victory.

The Chiefs (5-2) were sparked by sophomore Alex Champagne, who rolled a 245 and tallied five consecutive strikes in the second game. Three others posted doubles or more in the eighth and ninth frames.

That collective hot streak helped Canton overcome a 50-pin deficit after six frames, said co-coach Jim Keppen.

But the game came down to the wire, as three Wildcats threw multiple strikes in the 10th frame.

"But (we) answered the chal-



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One of Canton's consistent bowlers in recent matches is senior Ross Terrasi (right), shown here in a photo from last season.

lenge man for man," Keppen noted.

Canton eked out a 1,000-991 win in that game, enough to take the match. Besides

Champagne, seniors Ross Terrasi (213) and Andrew Klein (207) had strong games in the clincher.

Keppen said the Game

2 outcome made it a 15-15 score, but "the match decision defaults to total pins" which Canton won by 26.

Novi held off a Canton rally in Game 1, winning 1,075-1,064.

For the Chiefs, Terrasi led the way with a 235. Junior Kurt Kowalski helped the cause with a 220, with other contributions from senior Casey Bindas (215) and Champagne (212).

In Baker's games, each team came out on top once. In the opener, Canton prevailed 229-187. But Novi followed with a 193-179 triumph.

In the girls match, after dividing the Baker's games (Canton took the opener 180-134), the Chiefs took care of the Wildcats in regular games to ultimately earn a 17-13 victory.

Senior captain Ashley Cade persevered to post a 168 score

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JUSTIN BAUER



Who: Justin Bauer, co-captain for the Plymouth varsity boys hockey team.

Miscellany: The 17-year-old Bauer, whose parents are Michelle and Bauer, carries a 4.0 grade-point average and is a member of the National Honor Society. He also was all-conference and all-district for Plymouth's varsity boys golf team in 2009 and 2010, earning a trip to states both years. In 2009-10, Justin was named the hockey team's defensive player of the year.

Captain's job: "The job of a captain is to set a good example for the rest of the team. Their leadership should be shown through their actions on and off of the ice, by always working hard and

pushing their teammates to work hard and do their best."

Leadership style: "My leadership style is leading by example. I may not be the most vocal person on the team, but I lead by providing positive examples for my teammates to follow and continue."

Why him? "I believe my teammates chose me to be a captain because of the hard work I put in on and off the ice. Also, I think some of the younger players respect me and look up to me as a player."

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PLYMOUTH

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NOVI

BUZZER

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In the first minute of the second quarter, Baumgart grabbed Lever's long, alley-oop pass and slammed the ball through the rim to make it 12-6.

Baumgart (14 points, all but two in the first half) tallied another dunk 1:30 later, and it looked to be Canton's night.

"We didn't come out very aggressively, we played timid," Soukup said.

But the Wildcats started chipping away, and trailed 19-13 at halftime, with senior power forward Brennen Beyer muscling in for five points.

During intermission, Soukup urged his team to reboot. He also made a couple of defensive switches, putting the physical Beyer against 6-7 Baumgart and junior guard Marcus Oden on Lever.

NO QUIT

"We had a really tough first half," Nadratowski said. "Last year's team would have rolled over, you know?"

"But it's a lot different squad this year. We talked in the locker room about playing more our style, focus more on us instead of them."

Beyer (nine points, eight rebounds) added that those tweaks helped.

"We had to make an adjustment on Paul (Baumgart) because he was getting some points in the paint," Beyer said. "And really we just needed to keep Dietrich locked down and play a little smarter."

Right from the start of the third, the Wildcats (5-3, 3-0) were a different group.

They forced turnovers and

other Canton miscues with their all-out 'D' and went off on an 11-0 run to go up 24-19.

Helping carry the defensive load for Plymouth were senior forwards Pat Salo (nine points, three boards) and Jake Morris (seven rebounds).

Lever (16 points, seven assists) canned a trey with about two minutes to go in the third for Canton's first points of the half.

"In the second half, the first four minutes, we really came out and started playing some basketball," Soukup said. "We ran the floor, we made some smart decisions. That was our type of ball right there. We locked down defensively."

Plymouth carried a 29-25 edge into the fourth, yet the Chiefs weren't done fighting.

Another Baumgart slam made it 29-29 early in the stanza, but Plymouth went on a 6-0 run to regain a 35-29 lead.

Lever scored two foul shots and sliced through defenders to tally a spectacular layup (following one of Baumgart's six blocks), cutting the lead to 35-33.

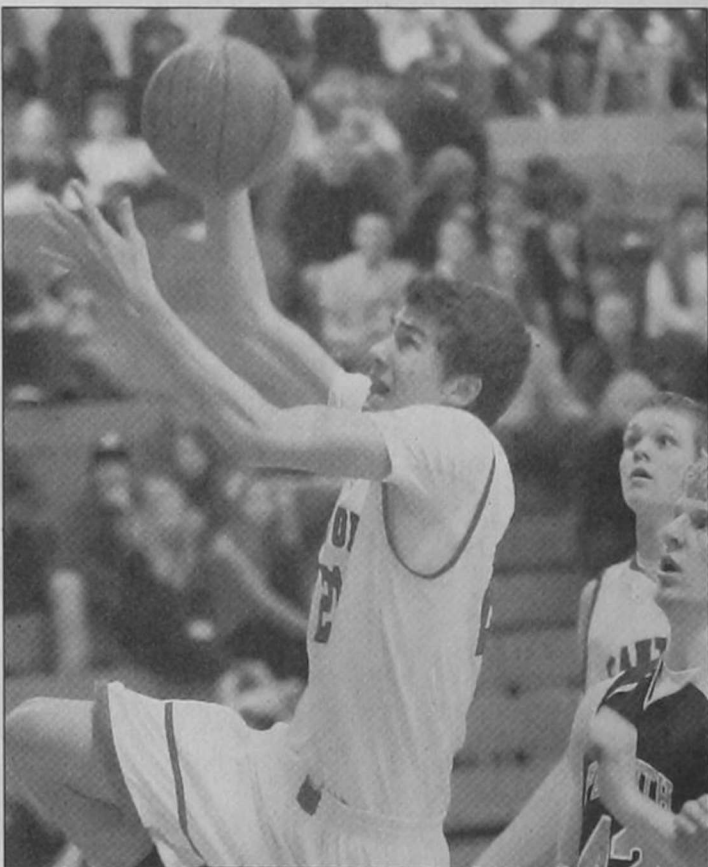
He finally brought Canton back to even with another layup, which looked like it would send the contest into an extra period.

Of course, Nadratowski would have none of that scenario.

Salem falls in OT

In a matchup between two of the top teams in the competitive KLAA Central, Livonia Stevenson earned a 65-59 overtime win against host Salem.

The Rocks (6-2 overall, 1-2



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Going for a layup Friday night is Canton's Ben Spreitzer (No. 21), being guarded by Plymouth's Brennen Beyer (No. 42).

Central) and Spartans (7-1, 3-0) were tied 51-51 at the end of regulation, but Stevenson never trailed in the extra stanza.

"Stevenson got the lead in OT, we came back and tied it and then it became a free-throw game," Salem head boys basketball coach Bob Brodie said. "But it was a hard-fought game."

Brodie said the Rocks missed an open shot in the final seconds of regulation that would have won it.

Junior forward Tyler Stewart scored 23 points for Salem, while junior guard Grant Bettner tallied 11.

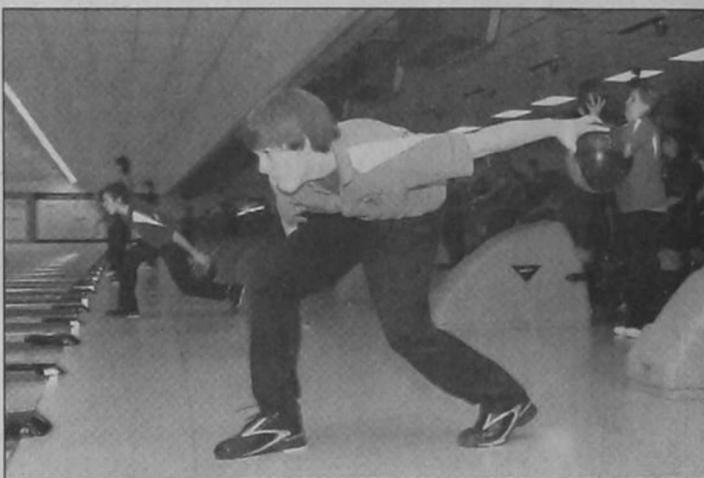
Eagles hold on

Plymouth Christian Academy's boys basketball team edged Bloomfield Hills Roeper 45-40 Tuesday night in a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference matchup.

Scoring 14 points each for the Eagles were junior center Eric Jipping and sophomore point guard Mick Noel.

Jipping also led the team with seven rebounds and was part of a team defense that forced 13 turnovers.

The Eagles led 22-21 at halftime and kept the Roughriders at bay throughout the hard-fought second half.



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Plymouth's Rob Korstjens was one of four Wildcats to throw a 200 game against Livonia Clarenceville. Here, he is shown from last season.

PREP BOWLING STATS

BOYS DUAL MATCH RESULTS

PLYMOUTH 21

LIVONIA CLARENCEVILLE 9

Jan. 12 at Westland Bowl

Plymouth scorers: Kyle Webb, 268-224-492; Eric Thompson, 212-189-407; Brandon Congdon, 206-181-387; Rob Korstjens, 207; Antonio Spinale, 190; Evan Grimm, 165.

Team totals: 1,049-949-1,998 (11 points); Baker games: 245-192-437 (10 points).

Clarenceville scorers: Tyler Fox, 224-201-425; Mike Uren, 268-173-414; Sean Diaz, 173-223-396; Corey Coughlin, 168-211-379; Kyle Kissandi, 154-191-345.

Team totals: 987-999-1,986 (9 points); Baker games: 165-189-354 (0 points).

Dual match records: Plymouth, 5-2 overall; Clarenceville, 2-4 overall.

PLYMOUTH 18

NOVI 12

Jan. 11 at Super Bowl

Plymouth scorers: Brandon Congdon, 222-179-401; Justin Thompson, 188-159-347; Rob Korstjens, 194; Eric Thompson, 189; Antonio Spinale, 171.

Team totals: 937-832-1,769 (12 points); Baker games: 167-181-348 (6 points).

Novi scorers: Gillespie, 377; Thorwall, 374; Cullen, 353; Kuczada, 217; McNiff, 156; Smith, 143.

Team totals: 792-957-1,749 (8 points); Baker games: (4 points).

Dual match records: Plymouth, 4-2 overall.

GIRLS DUAL MATCH RESULTS

PLYMOUTH 23

LIVONIA CLARENCEVILLE 7

Jan. 12 at Westland Bowl

Plymouth scorers: Caitlyn Webb, 185-194-389; Mackenzie Carlson, 165-202-367; Tiffani Patterson, 138-133-271; Jessica Cullen, 132; Emily Fraser, 119; Ashley Mikolaiczik, 112; Allyson Gibbs, 106.

Team totals: 732-754-1,486 (17 points); Baker games: 159-153-312 (6 points).

Clarenceville scorers: Bridget Moricz, 186-214-400; Kaycee Chappell, 119-136-255; Natalie Kay-Flaherty, 109-108-217; Casey O'Rourke, 94; Katie Rogers, 85; Nikki Iuliano, 82.

Team totals: 590-644-1,234 (3 points); Baker games: 159-153-312 (6 points).

Dual match records: Plymouth, 5-2 overall; Clarenceville, 0-6 overall.

PLYMOUTH 19

NOVI 11

Jan. 11 at Super Bowl

Plymouth scorers: Tiffani Patterson, 158-190-348; Mackenzie Carlson, 178-146-324; Jessica Cullen, 150-147-297; Allyson Gibbs, 142-146-288; Caitlyn Webb, 205; Ashley Mikolaiczik, 107.

Team totals: 833-736-1,569 (13 points); Baker games: 157-144-301 (6 points).

Novi scorers: Callie Wright, 149-194-343; Shelby Lampert, 175-155-330; Sara Schulz, 166-164-330; Claire Rice, 117-128-245; Bridgett Porras, 110-117-227.

Team totals: 717-758-1,475 (7 points); Baker games: 158-128-286 (4 points).

Dual match records: Plymouth, 4-2 overall.

BOWLING

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against Sara Shultz's 164, which sealed the match win for Canton.

In the opening team game, Canton won 798-755 with sophomore anchor bowler Charlotte Zimmer registering a fine 214 score.

Other top performers

included Cade (192) and Allison Fries (156).

The Chiefs, also now 5-2, bounced back from a heart-breaking 15-15 tie against Westland John Glenn (Canton took an "L" in the standings due to the new tiebreaking rule of awarding wins based on total pins).

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HOCKEY

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stretch.

Pinckney fell to 8-2 in the KLAA West with the crossover loss.

"It was good to see some roles being filled," Fassbender said. "Hopefully we can build on this. We have a tough road ahead the next few weeks."

It started Saturday against Muskegon Mona Shores and continues with road games Friday and Saturday against Northville and South Lyon.

On Tuesday, Jan. 25, will be a matchup against Park rival

Salem at Compuware Arena.

Chiefs edged

Outstanding goaltending by junior Spencer Craig could not nab Canton a victory Wednesday night against Brighton at Canton Arctic Edge.

Although Craig displayed lightning-fast glove work and made 20 saves, the Chiefs fell just short, 2-1. Scoring the lone Canton goal was senior defenseman Jimmy LaFontaine, from seniors Phil Baciak and Matt Rodgers.

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Notice of Public Sale of Liened Property

Notice is hereby given that a closed bid sale will be held on January 27, 2011 at 1:00 PM at 40671 Joy Road Canton MI 48187 County of Wayne. AMERICA'S BUDGET STORAGE will sell to satisfy the lien on property stored at 40671 Joy Rd Canton MI 48187, by the following persons. The inventories listed below were notated by the tenants at the time of rental. AMERICA'S BUDGET STORAGE makes no representation or warranty that the units contain said inventories. Unit A 25 Simons, Furniture/Boxes: Unit J 15 Haynes, Household Goods: Unit J 39 Walker, Household Goods: Unit D 06 Pace, Household Goods: Unit D 14 Mullen, Household Goods-Tools: Unit G 23 Horn, Business Items: E 20 Cebelak, Household Goods: Unit I 43 Ghananyem, Household Goods: Unit K 19 Ferguson, Household Goods: Unit A23 Gerhart, Household Items: Unit D 41 Little, Household Goods: Unit E 14 Shannon, Household Items: Unit E 40 Hogan, Household Goods: Unit F 24 Jones, Household Goods: Unit G 03 Ritter, Misc Household: Unit I 35 Hancock, Household Items: Unit J 21 Barton, Household Items: Unit K 09 Ray, Household Items: Unit K 42 Lyons, Household Goods: Unit C 210 Bunt, Household Goods: Unit C 226 Speiser, Misc.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2011 6:00 P.M.

PLEASE NOTE that the Zoning Board of Appeals will hold its Regular Meeting on Thursday, February 3, 2011 commencing at 6:00 p.m., to consider:

- Application 1475, 9351 Beck RD: The applicant is in an R-1-H zoning district and is proposing a 48 x 52 foot detached garage with a roof height of 14.5 feet. The maximum allowable accessory structure height is twelve (12) feet. The applicant is requesting a variance of two feet (2.5) feet in roof height.

The meeting will be held at Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Road in the Town Hall Meeting Room.

For further information contact Plymouth Township Building Department 734 354-3210.

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NOTICE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH RESIDENTS

If you experience an overflow or backup of a sewage disposal system or storm water system, you must file a written claim with the Charter Township of Plymouth Department of Public Utilities within 45 days after the overflow or backup was discovered. Notice should be mailed to Charter Township of Plymouth, Department of Public Utilities, 9955 N. Haggerty Rd., Plymouth, Michigan 48170. Failure to provide the written notice will prevent recovery of damages. Contact the Department of Public Utilities, 734-354-3270, Extension 3, for assistance immediately upon discovery of an overflow or backup.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

JOE BRIDGMAN, MMC Township Clerk

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City of Plymouth, Michigan Public Notice of Determined Uses of 2011-2012 Community Development Block Grant Funds

Pursuant to Federal guidelines, the Plymouth City Commission, at the conclusion of the public hearing process on January 3, 2011 determined the following projects and respective funding levels for the 2011-2012 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program:

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|---|-----------|
| 1. Senior Transportation Services | \$ 12,730 |
| 2. ADA/Public Facilities Improvements (all City owned Property and buildings) | \$ 47,570 |
| 3. Grant Administration | \$ 6,700 |

TOTAL \$67,000

Linda J. Langmesser, CMC City Clerk

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Zebras pin loss on Salem bowlers

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

After a promising start in the Baker's games, Salem's varsity boys bowling team dropped a tough 16-14 decision to KLAA rival Wayne Memorial on Wednesday.

The Rocks tallied scores of 266 and 247 in the Baker's games, which head coach Kathie Hahn called "exceptional."

Top performers for Salem included seniors Ryan Clark (213-199-412), Tyler Foley (223), Evan Ross (213), junior David Nikkila (190-200-390) and sophomore Kevin Williams (192-186-378).

But the Zebras' Elliot Arnold was a bit better, sparking his team with scores of 267 and 268, for a 535 series.

As for the junior varsity boys, it was a similar outcome. After a 202 in the first Baker's game, the Rocks "couldn't keep up the steam" and like the varsity lost 16-14.

Several impressive showings included sophomore Jimmy Bowling (187-205-392), seniors Eli Engle (181) and Jack Roberts (167), freshman Brandon Allison (166-155-321) and senior Jordan Moore (142-135-277).

Meanwhile, the Salem varsity girls were doubled up by a 20-10 score.

A highlight was freshman Micaylin Peltz, who tallied a 200 game.

But Hahn noted several others, including senior captain Ashley Kretschmer (166-174-340), sophomore Bridget Maul (178-145-322), sophomore Kristin Larkins (192) and senior Meaghan Eldridge (182).

"Bridget is ... helping the team with her consistent scoring," Hahn noted.

Salem's JV girls featured a solid effort from Rachel Amodio, who chipped in with a 146-156-302 series.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Salem's Ryan Clark, shown from last season, led the Rocks against Wayne Memorial by bowling a 412 series.

Wildcats best Trojans

Plymouth's boys and girls varsity bowling teams rolled to wins Tuesday against Novi — but then the Wildcats made it two triumphant days in a row.

The Wildcats' boys won 21-9 over Livonia Clarenceville, Wednesday at Westland Bowl. Also in the winner's circle was Plymouth's varsity girls squad, with a 23-7 victory.

Four members of the Plymouth boys squad tallied 200 games against the Trojans.

Those were turned in by Kyle Webb (268 and 224), Eric Thompson (212), Rob Korstjens (207) and Brandon Congdon (206). Webb finished with a 492 series as Plymouth took both Baker's games and Game 1 (the latter by a score of 1,049-987).

Similarly taking care of Clarenceville was Plymouth's varsity girls team, sparked by Caitlyn Webb's 185-194-389 series and a 202 in the second game by MacKenzie Carlson (367 series).

Plymouth grabbed both regular games (732-590; 754-644) after the teams split the Baker's games.

Both the Plymouth boys and girls teams improved to 5-2 with the victory.

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Fame and friendship

Canton's Chuck Drewicz (right) recently was enshrined into the USSSA National Hall of Fame in the managers-coaches category. But the local softball legend also received an unexpected second trophy, presented by good friend Steve Leasure of Kansas City. The trophy was given to Drewicz by all his friends and former players who traveled to Daytona Beach, Fla. for the Nov. 19 induction ceremony. The plaque congratulates Drewicz for joining late father Carl Drewicz as a USSSA hall of famer, thus becoming the lone father-son combo so honored. "This really blew me away," said Chuck, who currently is an assistant coach for the Garden City varsity softball team.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Canton gymnasts win

The Canton girls gymnastics team remained undefeated thanks to Thursday's 141.9-125.45 victory over Northville. Erica Lucas took first in all-around (35.20 points) and shared first-place honors in the vault with teammate Robyn Piwowar (both with 9.45). Alex Fidler was first in uneven bars (9.25), followed by second-place Lucas (9.05). In floor exercise, the Chiefs dominated. Piwowar won with a 9.4, followed by Green, Fidler and Kali Pierce in a three-way tie for second (9.0). Melissa Green also had a solid performance, third in all-around (33.9). Canton's Nicole Lasecki placed fourth in all-around with a 31.9 tally.

Salem tennis meeting

If you are a Salem High School girls tennis player, or are interested in playing in the 2011 season, there is an important meeting slated for 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 31 in the school library. Those interested should bring current physical and medical insurance information. Also, uniforms will be ordered that evening and it will be the only opportunity to order them for 2011. Bring a check for the uniform, made out to Salem Girls Tennis. Additional optional clothing will be available for purchase. For more info, visit www.salemrockstennis.com. Coach Lin Ware can be reached at (734) 453-0669 to answer any questions.

GCYBSA signups

Greater Canton Youth Baseball Softball Association is holding its registration for spring programs for baseball and softball for ages 4-18 girls and boys. Information and registration can be found at www.gcybsa.com. Registration is open until March 15. Programs include, small ball, T-ball, coach pitch, baseball, softball, competitive and travel leagues. GCYBSA partners with Plymouth Township, Canton Township and Plymouth Canton Community schools to provide developmental skill building

baseball and softball leagues.

Free throw contest

The 2011 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship for boys and girls (ages 9-14) will be Sunday, Jan. 30, at St. Thomas a' Becket Church, 555 S. Lilley Road, Canton. Registration starts at 2 p.m. followed by competition at 2:30 p.m. Winners will advance through local, district and state competi-

tion. International champions are announced at the K of C international headquarters base on scores from the state level competitions. For more information, call David Lengel at (734) 516-4930.

MU softball camps

Madonna University women's softball coach Al White and his staff will hold two sessions of winter camps, specializing in individual instruction, including: Fundamental Camp No. 1 - 9 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Saturdays, Jan. 15, 22 and 29, at the MU Activities Center, 36600 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia; Fundamental Camp No. 2 - noon-2:30 p.m. Sundays, Feb. 6, 13, 22 and 27, at the MU Activities Center. The cost is \$150 for each camp. For more information, call White at (734) 432-5783; or Steve Gentilia at (734) 776-1716. You can also e-mail awhite@madonna.edu.

Stevenson baseball clinic

Learn the basics of throwing, pitching, hitting, infield-outfield play at a youth baseball clinic (grades 2-6) from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26 at the Livonia Stevenson High School fieldhouse. The cost is \$30 for the first 60 enrolled. For more information, call Stevenson baseball coach Rick Berryman at (734) 455-8623.

YMCA winter fun

The Plymouth Family YMCA is offering a variety of youth instructional programs this winter - designed for individuals of all ability levels to give kids a chance to learn or improve on life and sports skills. In each lesson, staff and volunteer will focus on youth development elements such as teamwork and dribbling as well as healthy living components such as exercise and making good decisions. The programs include Fun and Fitness Clinic (ages 3-5), Preschool School Clinic (ages 3-5) and Club Kickball (ages 6-8) and run from Jan. 17 through Feb. 28. For more information, please contact the YMCA at (734) 453-2904 or visit www.ymcadetroit.org.

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Franklin baseball camp

The fifth annual Franklin Future Stars spring baseball camp for boys and girls in grades 3-6 will be Saturday, Feb. 12 at the high school fieldhouse, located at 31000 Joy Road, Livonia. Session 1, consisting of hitting, base running skills and infield work, will be from 9-11:30 a.m. Session 2, consisting of pitching, catching, outfield and defensive kills, will be from

12:15-2:45 p.m. Lunch will be from 11:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Each camper will bring his or her sack lunch. Campers and instructors will eat a supervised sack lunch together in the bleachers of the fieldhouse. The cost for each session is \$25, or \$45 for both sessions. E-mail Franklin varsity baseball coach Matt Fournier at mfournie2@livoniapublicschools.org; or call (734) 968-0499.

WSU softball camps

Wayne State University will stage pitching and catching camps for girls softball players in grades 4-12 at the Matthaei Building, 5101 John C Lodge, Detroit (corner of Warren). The pitching and catching camp will be from 9-11 a.m. (Session I); 10:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m. (Session II); or 12:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m. (Session III) on Sunday, Jan. 16, 23, 30; and Feb. 6. The cost for the entire four Sundays is \$100. For more information, call (313) 577-7513; or (586) 864-4233. You can also e-mail ab6906@wayne.edu; or kentpa@comcast.net. Application forms are available on wsuathletics.com.

Micro-Soccer Shootout

The University of Michigan will stage its ninth annual Winter 3v3 Micro-Soccer Shootout camp, Saturday-Sunday, Feb. 5-6, at the Oosterbaan Fieldhouse in Ann Arbor. The cost is \$100 per team with a guarantee of four games. All proceeds will go directly to the U-M men's soccer program. All skill levels are encouraged to participate with under-12 through men's and women's adult on Saturday followed by under-7 through under-10 recreational and competitive divisions on Sunday. Registrations can be picked up at local soccer store outlets or obtain at www.umsoccer.com. (Registrations must be postmarked by Friday, Jan. 28 or dropped off by Monday, Jan. 31.) For more information, call (734) 647-1201; or e-mail ldurkee@umich.edu.

Combine training for high school football to prepare for the 2011 season will be Sundays, beginning Jan. 20, at the Auburn Hills Sports Dome. Players will be taught drills and techniques used to prepare college seniors for the NFL Combine and use SPARQ, Michigan Preps and NUC testing protocols. To register, visit www.coach-jacksonspeed.com; or call coach Jaime Jackson at (248) 535-7404.

KLAA rivals topple Salem

BOYS WRESTLING

Although two opponents defeated Salem's wrestling team at Wednesday's home quad meet, several Rocks had success both against Livonia Stevenson and Novi. Salem lost 44-34 to the Spartans and 54-30 to the Wildcats, but winning both of their matches for the evening were Alex Arble (112), Cody Korpus (119), Josh Marhoffer (152) and Tyler Gross (160). Arble won by void over Stevenson's opponent but pinned Novi's Tony Levy in 3:17. Korpus followed with wins in each match, including a pin of Andrew Park in 3:27, which briefly gave Salem a 12-6 lead over Novi. Mitch Rosinski then won via void at 125 and it was 18-6 before Novi reeled off four wins in a row to take control. The other double winners were: Marhoffer, with an 8-0 major decision over Stevenson's Zac Auner and a pin of Novi's Ben Landry in 5:35; Gross, who pinned each opponent in less than two minutes. He needed just 1:38 to defeat Jake Kelly of Stevenson and followed up with a pin of Novi's Zach Roush in

1:27. Other Rocks to collect wins included Jacob McCabe at 189 against Stevenson's Kyle Agar and 103-pounder David Wells via void against the Spartans.

Canton strong in win

There was little the host Canton Chiefs couldn't do Wednesday against Westland John Glenn in their KLAA South opener. Four Canton wrestlers pinned their opponent, Richard DeMarius (112), Alec Pantaleo (119), Keshaw Patel (125, via a technical fall) and Anthony Abro at 189. But the Chiefs had little trouble elsewhere, scoring three major decisions. Those were chocked up by Julia Salata (140), Zach Marsh (145) and heavyweight Ben Poirier. "We wrestled well tonight," summed up Canton head coach Cory Mancuso. The Chiefs improved to 19-4 overall and 1-0 in the KLAA South while the Rockets fell to 16-8 and 0-1.

PREP WRESTLING RESULTS

KLAA DUAL MEET
Jan. 12 at Canton
CANTON 47
WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 15

103 pounds: Ben Griffin (C) won by decision over Kyle Gilles, 2-1; **112:** Richard DeMarius (C) pinned Quinn Depraw, 4:39; **119:** Alec Pantaleo (C) won by fall over David Isaacs, 2:32; **125:** Keshaw Patel (C) won by technical fall over Brett Quinn, 4:00; **130:** Jesse O'Neal (JG) dec. Marc Przybylski, 11-6; **135:** Alex Eimers won by forfeit; **140:** Julia Salata (C) maj. dec. Donovan Reilly, 14-2; **145:** Zach Marsh (C) maj. dec. Keven Wacker, 14-2; **152:** Anthony Long (JG) dec. Patrick Murphy, 12-6; **160:** Danny Croft (JG) p. Austin Vela, 1:39; **171:** Kameron Jones (JG) dec. Braden Price, 5-3; **189:** Anthony Abro (C) p. Noah Williams, 1:20; **215:** Robert Lincoln (C) dec. Zack Bower, 6-4; **285:** Ben Poirier (C) maj. dec. Charles Crawford, 9-1.
Dual meet records: Canton, 19-4 overall, 1-0 in KLAA South; John Glenn, 16-8, 0-1.

Crusaders' upset bid goes awry in OT

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The Madonna University men's basketball team put forth an inspiring effort after dedicating its locker room during a pregame ceremony Jan. 8 in the name of former coach Bernie Holowski. But unfortunately for the host Crusaders, they couldn't pull off the upset against No. 19-ranked Davenport University, which survived in overtime, 84-77. MU led by as many as 10 during the second half before the Panthers rallied to tie it with 10:06 remaining on a pair of free throws by James Nelson.

The Crusaders then fell behind five, 66-61, with 2:44 to go when Nelson threw down a dunk. But MU rallied to tie it at 68-all thanks to a three-pointer with by freshman guard Travis Schuba, who led all scorers with career-high 22 points. Davenport could not convert on the last possession in regulation, but the Panthers took control in the five-minute OT by going on a 9-0 run during the first 2 minutes and 24 seconds to seal the win. "Our guys have been playing as hard as possible," MU coach Noel Emenhiser said. "I'm really proud of the way

we're playing right now. They're executing as far as what we're asking them to do on both sides of the ball to the best of their ability. And one of these days we're going to be on top in one of these close games." James Humphrey led Davenport with 19 points and 12 rebounds, while JaVontae Ford contributed 16 points. Kale Waaso came off the bench to scored 14 points and grab eight rebounds, while Nelson added 10 points. Lonnie Fairfax, a junior point-guard from Livonia Clarenceville, started and played 33 minutes with nine points and two assists.

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Long, Steven Clagg, J. Zhang), 1:38.31; 6. Salem-C (Kyle Stokfisz, Stephen Pietron, Carpenter, Matt Pairitz), 1:47.49.
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Danotek, which manufacturers wind turbine generators, has a display at the MEDC hall inside the North American International Auto Show at Cobo Center.

Canton company aims to become a global force

BY JAY M. GROSSMAN
STAFF WRITER

Danotek motion technologies is using magnets to help harness the wind. The Canton company specializes in the development of permanent magnet generators to service the global wind generator market — an alternative energy market that's expected to reach \$1.6 billion in worldwide activity by 2014. That's good news for Michigan — and especially western Wayne County. Danotek currently employs about 50 people in design and manufacturing and

expects to add nearly 100 more jobs over the next several years. Their facilities are located at 8680 N. Haggerty. "Canton Township has been the ideal place for a technical company like Danotek to locate," Chief Financial Officer Frank Alex said Thursday from the Detroit auto show. "The area's close proximity to world class universities, major engineering talent and an international airport has allowed Danotek to grow significantly." The company, which started in 2001, currently produces a power steering pump for electric vehicles and a 200kw

permanent magnet generator that serves as a backup power supply for hospitals, schools and businesses. Alex said the company has raised over \$20 million in venture capital funding and has also received support from the Michigan Economic Development Corporation in terms of tax abatements and low-interest loans. Their goal is to reach \$300 million in revenue annually. Their display is located in the MEDC's "Smarter Living in Michigan" exhibit at the auto show.

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All in the family: Birmingham man chairs auto show

BY JAY M. GROSSMAN
STAFF WRITER

Barron Meade stands on top of the auto world. The Birmingham resident has the pleasure of chairing the 2011 North American International Auto Show. It's a personal honor for him, as his father twice chaired the



Meade

event, in 1989 and 1991. Meade, 41, also understands the importance of this year's show, where everyone involved seems to be pulling together for

the greater good of the auto industry.

"Definitely you can see that everyone is on the same page," he said Tuesday while checking over the showroom displays. "There's a lot of enthusiasm around here. You can almost feel it in the air."

With an anticipated crowd of nearly 800,000 people expected to attend next week, Meade sat down for a moment and talked about the show:

Q: How does the Detroit show stack up to the auto shows in New York, Los Angeles and other parts of the globe?

Meade: The North American International Auto Show is one of the world's premier global events. The amount of international media at NAIAS surpasses any other domestic show with more than 5,000 estimated this year from nearly 60 countries. Our January show is a true thermometer as to the temperature of the world's economy — the media, the industry and government officials use us as that vital tour.

Q: How many new car introductions are planned at the show this year?

Meade: We anticipate between 30-40 brand new vehicles that are worldwide

debuts and that's without counting North American debuts.

Q: How many visitors typically attend the show?

Meade: We get more than 5,000 journalists each year and last year for the public days we had about 715,000 visitors — an increase of 65,000 visitors from the previous year. We anticipate an increase on public days attendance to nearly 800,000 based on the positive nature of what we've seen thus far in 2011.

Q: Talk about Friday's black-tie event. How many people do you expect, how much do you expect to raise and where does the money go?

Meade: Our goal is to have 10,000 attendees. Our sales are tracking well, up more than 15 percent. Since 1976, we've raised nearly \$82 million that benefits nine local children's charities. Tickets are \$250 each.

Q: Is this an event for the whole family?

Meade: Absolutely! This town has a passion for cars that goes beyond age and demographics — and at \$12 a ticket, as well as local discounts at participating Kroger stores, it's a very cost-effective event.

Q: What are some of the latest tech-driven trends in the industry?

Meade: Improvements in standard combustion engines are massively improving fuel economy across the board. The electric vehicle market is gaining a great deal of attention and most auto makers are seeing that as a clear sign for development. The Chevy Volt, for example, has won North American Car of the Year as well as Motor Trend's Car of the Year, so an entire industry is seeing these innovations as significant.

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A watchful eye

Plymouth Township resident heads security team at NAIAS

BY NATHAN MUELLER
STAFF WRITER

Carl Berry has one goal this week as the public invades Cobo Center for the 2011 North American International Auto Show — keep everyone safe.

Nearly 800,000 people are expected to make the trek to Detroit to see the industry's hottest cars, and Berry and his security team of thousands will be in place to make sure everything goes off without a hitch.

The longtime Plymouth Township resident, who also served as chief of police in Plymouth and Plymouth Township before retiring in 1997, is in his 10th year as the chief of security for the show. He has come back year after year because of the "challenge" and the people he works with. "Everything involves communication," he said. "We have a standard here we have to maintain and I am proud of all the people who help me and work with me to make that happen."

Berry's team consists of personnel from more than 60 law enforcement agencies, ranging from the Michigan State Police, Detroit Police Department and Wayne County Sheriff's Department to the FBI, U.S. Marshal's Office and international agencies.

The majority of the security members are dressed in plain clothes, and likely will go unnoticed by the public — exactly how Berry wants it.

Since being hired by the Detroit Auto Dealers



Carl Berry, chief of security for the North American International Auto Show, pauses on the show floor on Jan. 11 during press preview day. Berry, the former chief of police for Plymouth Township and a former patrolman and chief for Plymouth, says that during the show he often works 18- to 20-hour days.

Association as chief of security one month before 9/11, Berry said little has changed in terms of security. Obviously security measures were heightened following the attacks, but the NAIAS has not had any issues. "The same basic principals apply," Berry said, comparing the job with his previous stints as the chief of police. "It's a matter of coordination."

That coordination is a year-round job, he said, adding that he lives in Detroit from the start of January until Jan. 24 and works 18-to-20-hour days.

When asked what keeps him going outside of the people he works with, Berry praised the city.

"Detroit is one of the best venues I have worked in," he said. "They know how to put on a show."

And as far as this year's show? "This is one of the best shows I have worked at," he said. "The attitude is so positive."

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Perhaps the strangest-looking concept car on display is the Buckeye Bullet 3, an electric land speed vehicle from Ohio State University that has a target speed of 400 mph. An earlier version of the vehicle, the Buckeye Bullet 1, holds the current electric land speed record of 314 mph.

FILL 'ER UP

The loss of gas taxes from too many electric cars has at least one local politician worried.

"From an energy use and oil dependency point of view, we were very glad to see the number of hybrid and electric vehicles being shown at this year's auto show," Oakland County Road Commissioner Greg Jamian observed in a press release Thursday.

"However, hybrid cars pay far less gas taxes, and all-electric cars pay no gas taxes. That means a further hit to the largest source of funding for roads. Those vehicles require good roads just like other vehicles, but they generate less revenue to maintain them."

TOO COOL

No doubt the coolest car to check out is the 1965 Lincoln Continental from the HBO hit series *Entourage*. You can almost picture Turtle, Johnny, Eric and Vincent cruising the boulevard.

On top of that, a pair of custom-made Mustang GTs belonging to hip hop artist Nelly and NBA player Shaquille O'Neal are on display as part of the DUB magazine tour. Nelly's car is prominently featured in his "Just A Dream" video. For Shaq's ride, the back seat was removed to give the driver seat an extra 18 inches.

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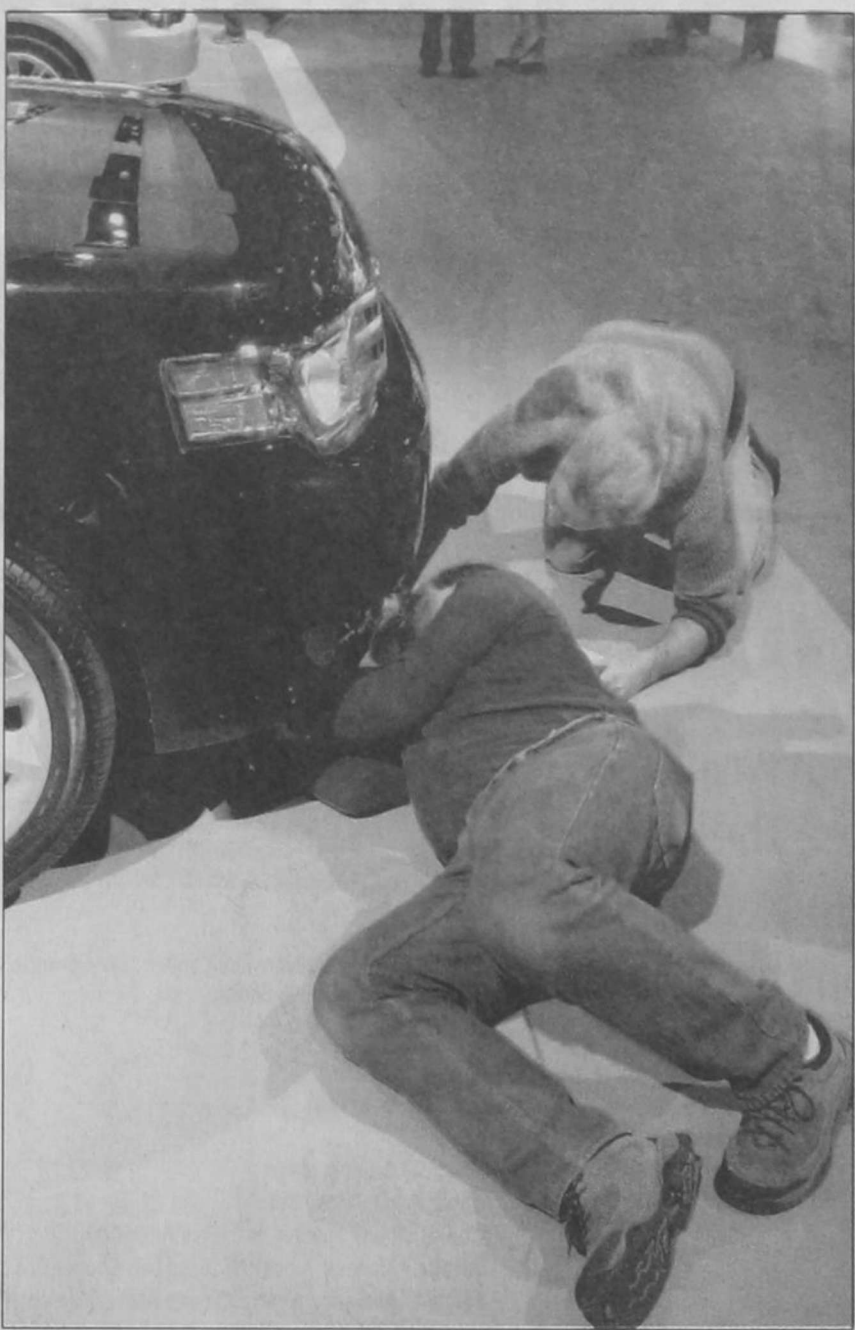
WellHome, a business of Masco Home Services Inc., is unveiling a new, interactive software application designed for the iPad that guides users through a virtual energy usage assessment — a sort of miles per gallon for the home. Their display is in the new "Smarter Living in Michigan" section of the show.

WellHome representatives will be on hand to help homeowners develop a strategy for improving home efficiency and determine cost savings estimates. Everyone who stops by to determine their home score will be entered into a drawing to win a free iPad.

NORTH AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL AUTO SHOW



Andy Rumptz of Canton checks out a Ford SUV mounted on a wall at the Industry Preview Day.



A pair of engineers get down low to check out the suspension of a Ford Flex vehicle Thursday at the NAIAS.



Canton's Ken Feldman takes some photos of the Ford Explorer exhibit on Thursday at the NAIAS in Detroit.

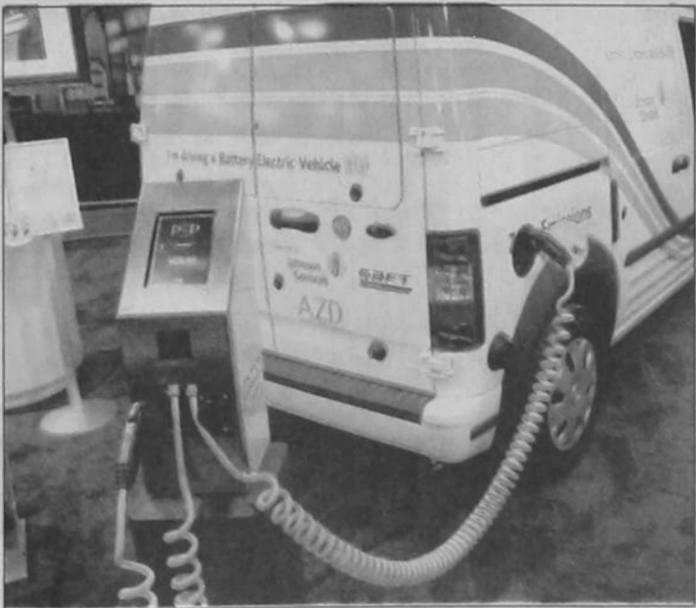
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Ron Smaldone (right) of Livonia, an engine design supervisor for Ford, talks about one of the displays to visitors at the North American International Auto Show last Thursday.



A group of engineers checks out the undercarriage of a GMC pickup truck.



Livonia-based PEP manufacturer's electric vehicle recharge stations have a display at the MEDC hall inside the auto show.



A.J. Kraus, 16, a student at North Farmington High School, tests his towing capabilities compared with a Ford pickup truck.

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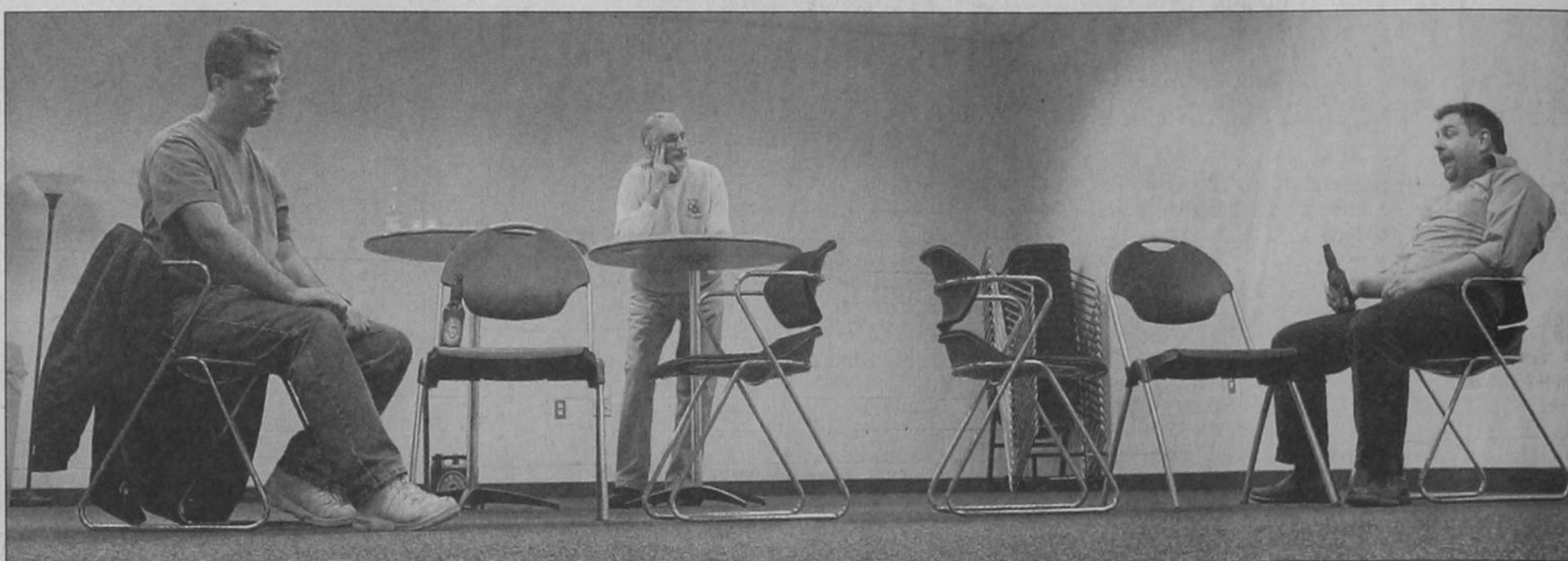
 BY SHARON DARGAY
 O&E STAFF WRITER

David Cooper will stage and direct his own script Jan. 21-23 at the Village Theatre in Canton.

Jacob Zinke will debut his first play — and act in it — that same weekend.

Christopher Tremblay of TLC Productions is pleased to help the two Canton men and four other playwrights find an audience for their works through "Canton's 1st One Acts Festival" at the theater.

"We're helping make other people's dreams come true in terms of authors having a venue to stage their plays," said Tremblay, who along with his TLC partners, Linda Pohl and Tim Chanko, created the festival, read the 108 submissions and selected the final six scripts with the help of two other readers.



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Tim Chanko is Ben Sullivan, Joe Cone is Jerry, proprietor of Jerry's Pub, and Jeff Foust plays Will, a man with a terrible secret in one of six one-act plays that will be staged Jan. 21-23 at the Village Theatre at Cherry Hill, in Canton.

ONE ACT FESTIVAL

What: Six original plays

When: 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 21-22 and 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 23

Where: Village Theatre at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton
Details: "Alone or Alone" by David Lew Cooper of Canton, "How to Make a Mobile" by Randy Wyatt of Grand Rapids; "Jerry's Pub" by Matt Croyle of Oil City, Pa.; "Joshua Judges Ruth," by Jacob A. Zinke of Canton; and "Uncomfortable Sex," by Lorin Howard of Long Beach, Calif.

Cost: Tickets are \$10, available at tlcprod.wordpress.com/the-festival or call the Village Theater Box Office at (734) 394-5300

"It was a blind submission process. We didn't know how many Canton authors or Michigan authors we had until the very end."

Tremblay said the team whittled the scripts — which came from writers in 27 states — from 108 to 11, held staged readings of the semi-finalists and then chose the six winners.

"I'd say most of them have a little comedy. Probably one, *Jerry's Pub*, is true drama. It's a little more serious and

intense. There's enough comic relief to make it a night of entertainment. We didn't want the content to be too heavy. Seeing six shows is a lot for many people, especially if they've never been to a festival."

CREATING A NICHE

TLC Productions has staged two of its original plays, the latest being *Fonts! A Type of Musical*, on the Biltmore stage inside the Village Theatre. Festival



Linda Trygg directs "Jerry's Pub" for the One Acts Festival at the Village Theatre at Cherry Hill in Canton.

shows will be produced on the main stage in the 400-seat auditorium.

"*Fonts* had three sold-out shows and people now are familiar with the quality of our work. We're all still mem-

Tremblay said the festival also gives TLC a chance to recruit and groom new directors for future productions. Newcomers are more likely to give directing a try with a one-act play, rather than a full production.

bers of Spotlight Players," he said, referring to the theater's resident company. "We're not trying to compete with Spotlight Players. What makes us different is we're focusing on original works. We feel we are filling a niche."

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MULTI-TASKING

Both Cooper and Zinke are acting and directing. Cooper is in charge of his own script, *Alone or Alone* and he's cast in another playwright's work. Zinke is acting in his play, *Joshua Judges Ruth*, but directing a piece by a Grand Rapids playwright.

"The moment you hear someone say what you wrote and watch someone breathe life into your character, I can't imagine it's much different than the feeling of watching a child take their first step," said Cooper, 19, a sophomore at Schoolcraft College. "You feel so blessed, it's really a magical thing."

Cooper said he was written, acted and directed in theater for the past five years and hopes to pursue it as a career. *Alone or Alone* is the second play he has staged, although he has 15-20 scripts "in the works."

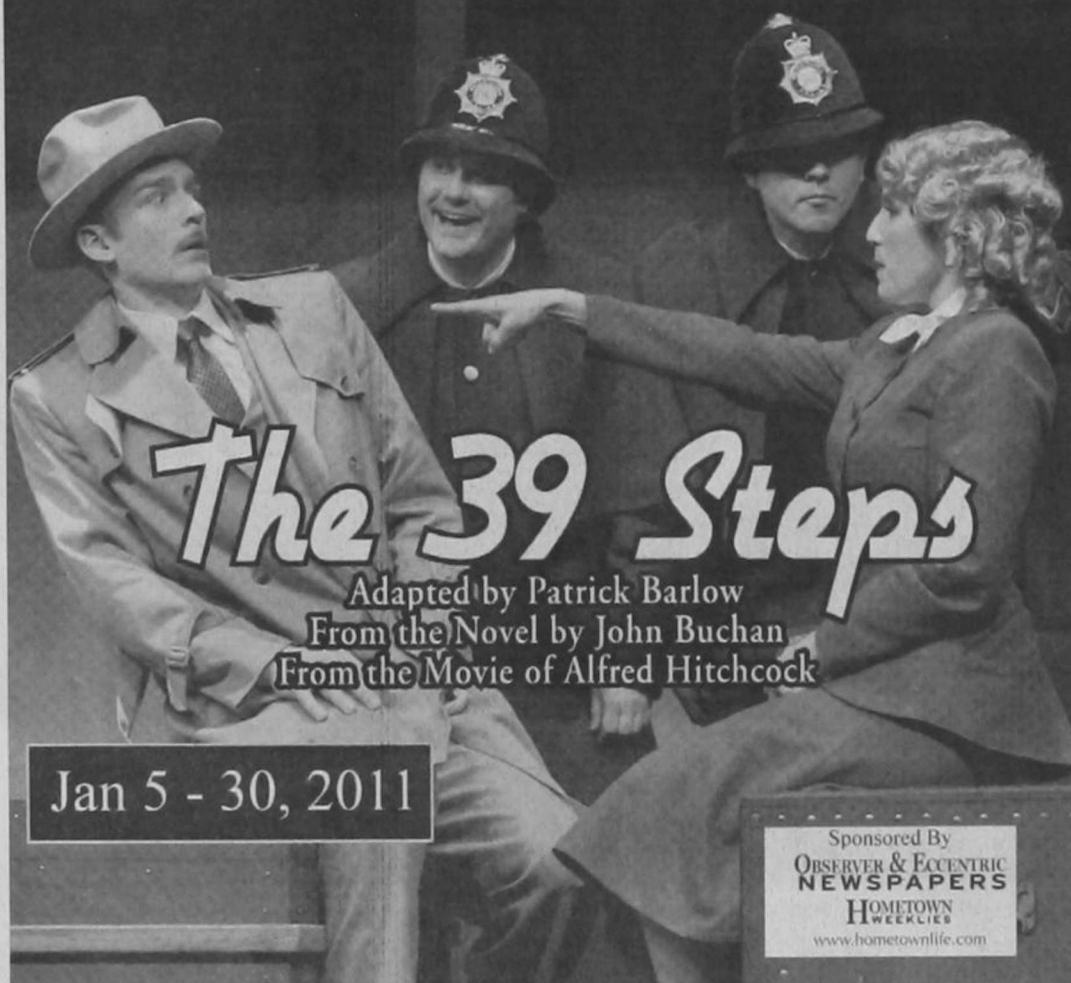
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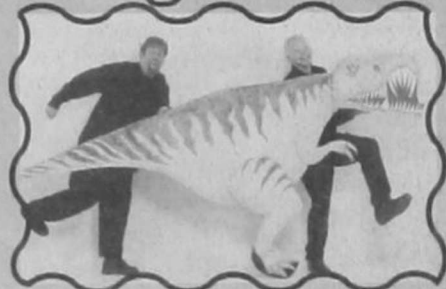
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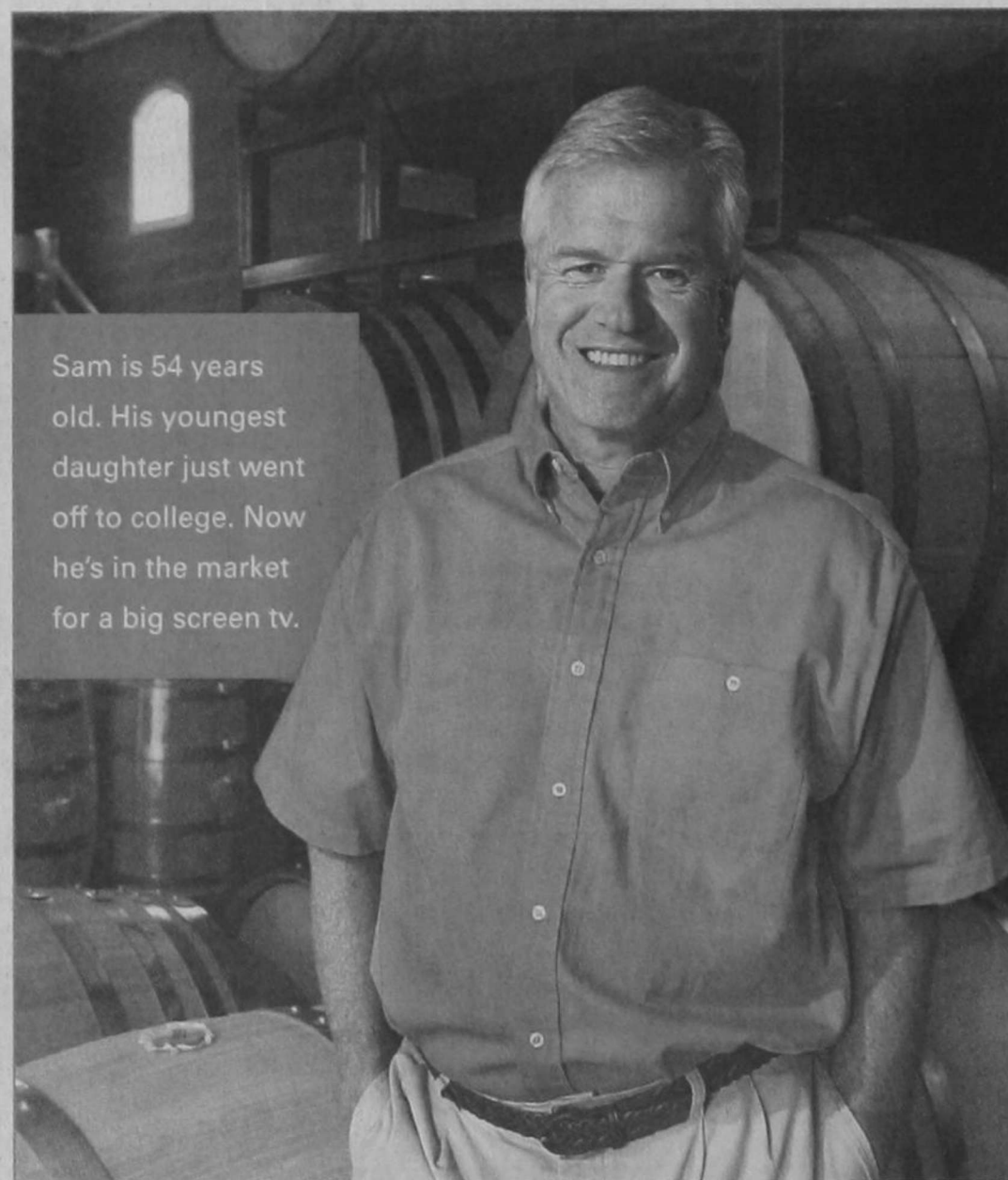


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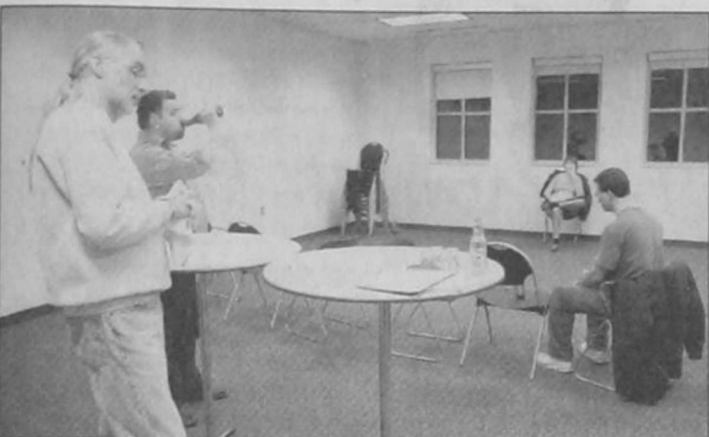
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Joe Cone (left) is Jerry, proprietor of Jerry's Pub; Jeff Foust of Canton plays Will, a man with a terrible secret; and Tim Chanko is Ben Sullivan. All are from Canton. Linda Trygg directs.

PLAYS

FROM PAGE B6

Zinke, 32, a speech-language pathologist at a skilled nursing facility, based *Joshua Judges Ruth*, his first play, on his own experience of being Christian and gay. As the character, Stephen, he questions his faith and sexuality. "I'm so thankful and excited that I get to see my characters from Joshua Judges Ruth come to life on the stage. Jeff Foust, my husband of four years, is doing an amazing job directing the show and the actors are por-

traying the characters with true passion." Tremblay, who also has a role in Zinke's play, said its gay theme is new to the Village Theater stage. For that reason, he describes the festival as "PG 13," even though most of the plays are "family friendly." *Uncomfortable Sex*, a play about two senior citizens, is risqué in title only. He said Joshua Judges Ruth may raise a few eyebrows because of its theme. "It's a festival. And that is what theater is supposed to do — entertain, educate, get people thinking about issues."

Six One acts

- *Alone or Alone* by David Lew Cooper of Canton features Nick Rapson of Canton as Lucas and Kristin Heitmeier of Northville as Christi in a play that follows the pair in three stages of their relationship. From first date to the proposal to the end of the relationship, it explores how uncertainty is really all anyone can be certain of. Cooper directed his work.
- *How to Make a Mobile* by Randy Wyatt of Grand Rapids includes Carol Lipinski of Garden City as Lila, the star of Lila's Craft Corner, and Kimmy Elliott of Canton as Colleen, her daughter. Lila has a lot to learn about her daughter, whose life she can't easily order. Directed by Jacob Zinke, who wrote *Joshua Judges Ruth* for the festival.
- *Jerry's Pub*, by Matt Croyle of Oil City, Pa., includes Canton residents Jeff Foust as Will, Tim Chanko as Ben and Joseph Cone as Jerry and Kyle Coykendall of Walled Lake as Chucky. Linda Trygg directs this play about two men who meet in a bar and realize their meeting isn't by chance.
- *Joshua Judges Ruth* by Canton resident Jacob A. Zinke features Kimmy Elliott of Canton as Marge, Melody Nimmo of Livonia as Flo, Eric Briggs of Ypsilanti as Marc, Christopher Tremblay of

Canton as Ric, and Wendy Krekeler of Livonia as Audrey. Zinke takes on the character of Stephen. Jeff Foust directs the play about Marge and Flo, a devoted couple, who host a party for their friends, Marc and Ric, also a couple. Stephen hesitantly brings a date, Audrey. Stephen grapples with his identity, Marc struggles to accept Stephen's date and Marge tries to enlighten them. Open-minded Audrey surprises them all.

- *The Rental* by Harvey Levine of Pasadena, Calif., features Lisa Fuente-Purdy of Hartland as Sonya and David Lew Cooper of Canton, author of *Alone or Alone*, as Harold. Robert J. Fox directs the play, about an extraordinary birthday present — a rented boyfriend — that Sonya receives. He's the perfect man for her, but he's only there for a day.
- *Uncomfortable Sex* by Lorin Howard of Long Beach, Calif., includes Betty Berryman of Canton as Ida, Joseph Cone of Canton as Morty and Wendy Krekeler of Livonia as Jen. Stanley Guarnelo directs the play about Ida and Morty who meet and talk about "uncomfortable sex" and other topics. They eventually realize they have more in common than they thought. Jen is Ida's granddaughter, who introduces them.

Couple heads to Sudan on spiritual growth, learning trip

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

When Edward and Amanda Cheladyn began researching pen pal opportunities for youth at their church, they didn't intend to deliver the correspondence in person. But that's exactly what the Canton couple will do when they visit Sudan in east Africa on a learning tour next month. What started as a few simple inquiries for a youth project turned into a trip halfway around the globe for the Cheladyns, who are members of Living Peace Church, in Canton.

Co-leaders of the youth group, they traded e-mails with David Radcliff, director of the New Community Project, a faith-based non-profit organization in Illinois aimed at helping American Christians live more responsibly. While discussing youth cultural exchange, Radcliff also mentioned the Feb. 2 Sudan learning tour.

"In a week it went from pen pals to a trip," said Ed, 28. He and Amanda, 23, will travel with 11 other individuals, ranging from age 15 to 72, from churches across the country for two weeks, stopping at Nimule and Nurus, close to the Ugandan border, in Sudan. They'll visit local residents, meet with church and civic leaders, and learn about New Community Project's support for girls' education, women's development and reforestation. All of the organization's learning tours are meant to foster personal and spiritual growth. Participants build relationships with the people they visit and return home with a better understanding of their challenges.

"We're not doing mission work. We're not going to build a school," Amanda explained. "The idea is to learn about them, visit with them. The more we learn about them, the more we can bring back



Amanda and Ed Cheladyn of Canton will head to Sudan next month.

here and help in that way. Our main goal is to raise awareness."

"I want to be a resource for the community," Ed added. "If a church wants to know how to make a difference, we can help them understand how. If anyone wants us to come and talk to them, we'll do a presentation."

The couple hopes to share what they learn on tour with other churches and community groups.

DONATIONS ACCEPTED

Living Peace Church, a member of the Church of the Brethren, and the Michigan District Church of the Brethren have helped with trip expenses, which costs \$1,400 per person in addition to air fare. Anyone interested in donating to their tour can reach them through Living Peace Church at info@livingpeacechurch.org or (734) 233-1466. Any money collected in excess of trip costs will be donated to New Community Project's Give a Girl a Chance program, which helps fund educational opportunities for girls in Sudan and Nepal.

Sudan is rebuilding after a 35-year civil war and voting began Sunday on a referendum for southern Sudan independence. Violence in disputed border areas have led to several deaths since the voting began.

"It's such an important time in history. It's the best time to go," Amanda noted. "I have wanted to do this for so long. I don't even think about any risk."

Ed said they'll be "far enough" south of politically tense areas in Sudan.

"Yeah, it's a little scary, but the reward is worth it. It will be a life-changing experience for both of us."

GETTING TIME OFF

Amanda, who works as a toxicologist, was able to take time off from work for the trip. Ed, who was working a contract job in engineering design services for Toyota, initially did, too. But he said the company withdrew permission after they booked the trip. So, he quit.

"I could have said no to the trip and kept working. If I had kept working, I don't

know if a trip like this would come up again. I felt in my heart it was the right thing to do," he said.

Amanda and Ed have been involved in volunteer work for years. Amanda organized a Beanie Baby collection for soldiers while she was a student at Lake Orion High School.

"We collected 4,000 Beanie Babies," she said. "I love being involved."

Ed, who grew up in the Ludington area, was involved in student government at Lake Superior State University, where the couple met. Both spent hours walking dogs at the local shelter.

He attended the Church of the Brethren and introduced Amanda to it.

"It's one of three historic peace churches," he said, noting that it preaches peace and justice at home as well as around the globe. "It's about finding peace in your every day life, stopping fights with your neighbors."

To learn more about New Community Project visit www.newcommunityproject.org

STUDY GROUP WINTER SERIES UNDER WAY

The Plymouth Study Group is offering a series of lectures on a variety of topics from 10 a.m.-noon, Thursdays, at the Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth.

Membership for the Study Group is \$20 per series, which runs through March 17. Coffee, tea and refreshments are served 15 minutes before the lecture begins.

Upcoming topics include: Jan. 20: "History of the Penn Theater" with Ellen Elliott Jan. 27: "What is PTSD (Post Traumatic Stress Disorder)?" with Carol Lindsay-Westphal Feb. 3: "The Prize in Disguise" will include a screening of the documentary and

discussion with producer Tom Avolio.

Feb. 10: "History of Hats" with Valerie Stephan Green Feb. 17: "Your New 13-Planet Solar System" with Mike Best Feb. 24: "The Toll House Cookie Lady" with Marguerite Humes

March 3: "I Never Pictured This!" with Adam Jacobs of Adam Jacobs March 10: "History of Eloise" with Jo Johnson March 17: "Increasing your Curb Appeal," a program about landscaping with Jeremy Christianson

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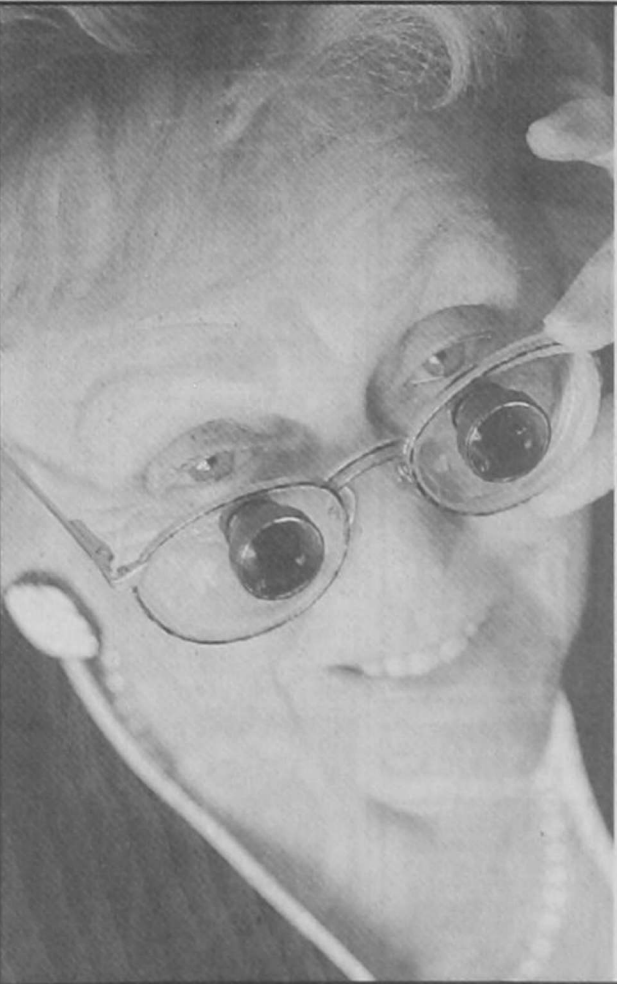
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Purebred, household felines compete for titles

BY SHARON DARGAY
OSE STAFF WRITER

Megan Hiemstra will do double duty as both an exhibitor and records keeper at the Cat Fancier's Association (CFA) 46th Championship All Breed and Household Pet Cat Show next weekend in Allen Park.

The Plymouth woman will show her Maine Coon females, Roxanne and Rhiannon, at the show, which runs 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Jan. 22-23 at the Allen Park Community Center, 15800 White Street, Allen Park.

As a licensed CFA clerk and "master clerk," Hiemstra will submit a record of every feline competitor's points and placements to the CFA's central office after the show. The organization uses the record to calculate the points for each cat in competition.

"These points are combined with all of the other cat shows to determine both the national and regional rankings," said Hiemstra, who hopes her own 9-month-old champions, Roxanne and Rhiannon, will earn "Grand Championship" status at the show.

Hiemstra grew up showing cats and has owned several different breeds including Persians, Tonkinese, Cornish Rex, Maine Coons, Exotics and a Norwegian Forest Cat.

"My parents got their first Persian about five years before I was born, and I was brought along on trips to cat shows since infancy," she said.

Her favorite part of the show begins when she's at home bathing, grooming and "loving on" her cats in preparation for the competition.

"You really do bond very closely with any pet that you show,"

she said. "The other favorite thing for me is that every show weekend is an opportunity to meet and spend time with new friends, both spectators and my fellow exhibitors."

"When I have a cat that's doing well — and by that I mean enjoying the travel and the show experience, and winning at least some of the time — is that it's an excuse to travel a little bit. While I primarily go to shows in Michigan, Ohio, and Pennsylvania, I will sometimes take longer trips if the cat is up for it. I've driven as far as New Jersey or Atlanta, and flown to Houston, Boston, and San Francisco for the right cat at the right time. I've had a great opportunity, through this hobby, to make friends all over the country and even across the world."

Midwest Persian Tabby Fanciers, a local nonprofit

cat club is the show sponsor. Judging will take place throughout the day, so guests can watch the judging or walk the exhibit hall and get a close-up view of the competitors.

Admission is \$5 for adults, \$4 for seniors, \$3 for children. Children under 5 are admitted for free; www.cfa.org.

PET THERAPY

Pet-A-Pet, the nonprofit organization that provides pet therapy to hospitals, nursing homes and convalescent centers, is looking for enthusiastic, friendly pets and their owners to visit facilities one hour a month.

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RICHARD KATRIS

Maine Coon cats, Roxie and Rhiannon, from Plymouth will compete at the Cat Fancier's Association 46th Championship All Breed and Household Pet Cat Show.

COATS AND CRITTERS

Thornton & Grooms, a residential plumbing, heating & cooling specialist in Farmington Hills partnered with Oakland County's Pet Adoption Center, in conjunction with a coat collection program last month.

For every coat donated to the "Coats for the Cold" program, individuals received a discount on a pet adoption. A total 82 cats and 30 dogs were adopted during the coat drive for humans.

Oakland County Sheriff Michael Bouchard started the coat collection program 24 years ago. This year, 3,000 coats were collected and donated to 14 charities, including Judson Center and Grace Center for Hope.

ICE SHOW SCULPTURE

Puppy Mill Awareness Meetup will distribute literature for the third year at the Plymouth Ice Festival, Jan. 21-23 in Kellogg Park, in downtown Plymouth.

The group also has commissioned its third sculpture for the show. Two years ago it presented an icy likeness of a bulldog at the park. Last year Rudolph, a Dachshund and puppy mill survivor, was honored with a sculpture.

The carving this year is of Minnie, a Chihuahua puppy mill survivor. The pooch has helped educate the public at the organization's information booths for the last two years. Minnie is shy, but allows adults and children to pet her.



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3) Using TGL/TK programming language and Visual Basic to automate FEA model setup. Job requires: Master degree in Mechanical Engineering or foreign education equivalent and experience in the following:

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3) Testing of driveline components in test cells and on vehicles is preferred.

4) Program development on analytical model setup automation using Visual Basic or other programming language on PC, Unix or Linux platforms.

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4. Managing project tasks and teams associated with bevel gear product design, process development, testing, and launch;

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JAN. 16-19

Breakfast

Time/Date: 8:30 am - noon Sunday, Jan. 16

Location: St. Theodore Social Hall, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland
Details: All-you-can-eat pancake and French toast breakfast also includes scrambled eggs, ham, sausage, applesauce, tea, coffee, milk. Cost is \$3 adults; \$1.50 children, ages 2-10

Contact: (734) 425-4421

Financial Peace University

Time/Date: 7 p.m., Jan. 18-April 12

Location: Clarenceville United Methodist Church, 20300 Middlebelt, Livonia

Details: Discover a world of freedom by using proven, biblical principles to permanently break free from the bondage of debt.

Contact: Register by calling (248) 474-3444 or by e-mailing to clarencevilleumc@att.net

Tu B'Shevat

Time/Date: 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 19

Location: Congregation Beth Ahm, 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield

Details: A learning seminar on Tu B'Shevat led by Rabbi Steven Rubenstein and sponsored by the Beth Ahm Men's Club. Includes a pizza and salad supper. Cost is \$6 per person

Contact: RSVP by Jan. 18 to Marc Soble (248) 661-0416 or e-mail mhsoble@cs.com

JAN. 20-31

ENDOW

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m., Thursday,

beginning Jan. 27, for 10 sessions
Location: St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia
Details: The series, designed for women, will explore such topics as society and the moral law, the teaching authority of the church, the difference between contraception and natural family planning, and more. Cost is \$60
Contact: To register call (303) 715-3224 or visit www.endowonline.com; for facilitator Michele Schmidt, call (734) 367-0353 or e-mail to mtschmidt@sbcglobal.net

Exodus and liturgy

Time/Date: 5 p.m., Jan. 23

Location: St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia
Details: Reflection offered within the context of evening prayer with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Presenter is David J. Conrad. A potluck dinner will be held after the presentation. The parish provides the main course. Participants provide appetizers, vegetables, salads and desserts

Contact: RSVP to Conrad at (734) 425-5950 Ext. 203

Former Catholics

Time/Date: 7 p.m., Jan. 25

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

Details: Six-week series, "Catholics Returning Home," is designed for non-practicing Catholics who are seeking answers to questions about the possibility of returning to the Church. The sessions will be conducted by former lapsed Catholics in a casual, non-threatening environment, with plenty of opportunities for questions and discussion.

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Why Be Catholic

Time/Date: 7 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 26

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

Details: The popular series, Why Be Catholic, returns from hiatus with the Rev. Ed Fride pastor of Christ the King parish in Ann Arbor,

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Widowed Friends

Time/Date: 2:15 p.m. check in; 2:30 p.m. Mass, Jan. 23

Location: St. Thomas a' Becket Church, 555 S. Lilley Road, just south of Cherry Hill, in Canton

Details: Mass for widowed men and women, with refreshments and social time after

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

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Location: Faith Bible Church, 23414 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills

Details: AWANA program for children from kindergarten-fifth grade

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Classes/study

Emmanuel Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 7-8 p.m., second

Monday of the month

Location: 34567 Seven Mile, between Farmington and Newburgh roads, Livonia

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Livonia Unity

Time/Date: Monday movement

Qigong, 7-8:30 p.m.; Thursday

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Details: Learn Qigong, the ancient form of Chinese energetic medicine – rid the body of toxic pathogens and painful emotions
Contact: (810) 813-4073 or gary@energeticarts.org
Men's Bible study
Time/Date: Breakfast at 7 a.m. and study at 8 a.m.

Location: Kirby's Coney Island, 21200 Haggerty, Northville Township
Contact: John Shulenberg at (734) 464-9491
New Life Community Church
Time/Date: Jobs seminar, 8-9 a.m., Fridays; reading program for students in grades K-12 and martial arts instruction, both at 10 a.m., Sundays
Location: 42200 Tyler, Belleville
Contact: (734) 846-4615 for information

Nicole's Revival
Time/Date: 10:30 a.m., Monday-Friday
Location: YWCA Northwest Branch, 25940 Grand River, west of Beech Daly, Redford
Details: KJV Scripture Reading, Communion and Prayer
Contact: (313) 531-1234
Our Lady of Loretto
Time/Date: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday
Location: Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford
Details: Scripture study
Contact: (313) 534-9000

Ward Presbyterian
Time/Date: 7 p.m., Mondays
Location: Room A101, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville
Details: Learner's Bible study is held
Contact: (248) 374-5920

Clothing bank
Canton Christian Fellowship
Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., fourth Saturday and 5-6:30 p.m., second Wednesday
Location: 41711 Joy, between Lilley and Haggerty
Details: Canton Christian Fellowship Clothing Bank offers free clothing (men, women and children) for those in need
Contact: (734) 404-2480, visit www.CantonCF.org or send e-mail to

info@cantoncf.org

Food Bank**New Hope Church**

Time/Date: 5-7 p.m., every Friday by appointment only
Location: is 44815 Cherry Hill, Canton
Contact: Call pastor Ranay Brown to schedule an appointment at (734) 270-2528.

MOMS**Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church**

Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m., second Tuesday, MOPS; 7-8:30 p.m., first and third Thursday, MOPSnext. Both programs run through May
Location: 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia
Details: Mothers of Preschoolers is aimed at mothers of infants through kindergartners; MOPSnext supports mothers of school-aged children. The theme will be "Momology – The Art & Science of Mothering" for MOPS and "Boundaries" for MOPSnext

Contact: Rebekah Creeden at (734) 524-0283 for MOPS and Susan Wagner at (248) 478-3643 for MOPS
Dunning Park Bible Chapel
Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m., first and third Tuesdays
Location: 24800 West Chicago Road, Redford
Details: MOPS is a place where moms can build friendships, receive mothering support, practical help and spiritual hope
Contact: Amy at (313) 937-3084 or Kristen at (734) 542-0767

Pet-friendly service
Time/Date: 1 p.m., Sunday
Location: Dunk N Dogs, 27911 Five Mile, Livonia
Details: All Creatures ULC sponsors the service which is conducted in an informal setting. Pet blessings are available after the service. All Creatures ULC describes the gathering as non-denominational and Christian. Water is available for dogs
Contact: (313) 563-0162

Prayer
Nardin Park United Methodist Church
Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesday
Location: 29887 W. 11 Mile,

Farmington Hills

Details: Participate in an open time of praying silently and aloud together as well as responding to personal requests
Contact: (248) 476-8860

St. Edith Church

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday
Location: 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. Enter through the back of the church
Details: Music, singing, prayer
Contact: Grace at (734) 464-1896, Shirley at (734) 464-3656, or Geri at (734) 464-8906

St. Michael's Church of Livonia

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. third Wednesday
Location: Corner of Plymouth and Hubbard roads, Livonia
Details: Parish prayer and Eucharistic Adoration. Benediction service follows. (734) 261-1455

Senior citizens**Riverside Park Church of God**

Time/Date: 11:30 a.m., third Thursdays
Location: 11771 Newburgh, Livonia
Details: Senior adults, age 50 and over, enjoy social interaction and food
Contact: (734) 464-0990

Singles**First Presbyterian Church**

Time/Date: Thursdays 7:30-7:45 p.m. for social time, 7:45-8 p.m. opening, 8-9 p.m. program
Location: 200 E. Main St., Northville
Details: Single Place Ministry meets; cost is \$5
Contact: (248) 349-0911 or visit www.singleplace.org

Steve's Family Restaurant

Time/Date: 9 a.m. second and fourth Thursday
Location: 15800 Middlebelt, 1/4 mile north of Five Mile, Livonia
Details: Widowed men of all ages may attend the Widowed Friends Men's breakfast. This is an informal "peer" group where men have an opportunity to meet with others who are ready to help cope or become involved in the other social activities offered by Widowed Friends.
Contact: (313) 534-0399

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church

Time/Date: 11:30 a.m., Sunday
Location: 40000 Six Mile, Northville
Details: Single Point Ministries, for 30 and up, offers fellowship. Coffee, doughnuts, conversation
Contact: (248) 374-5920

Song Circle**Congregation Beth Ahm**

Time/Date: Noon to 12:30 p.m., every Shabbat
Location: 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield
Details: Sing zemirot (traditional Shabbat songs) and celebrate Kiddush following morning services. Lyrics are provided in transliteration as well as the original Hebrew.
Contact: (248) 737-1931 or e-mail nancyellen879@att.net.

Support**Detroit World Outreach**

Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday
Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford; room 202
Details: Addiction No More offers support for addictive behavior problems, drugs, alcohol, overeating, gambling
Contact: (313) 255-2222, Ext. 244

Farmington Hills Baptist Church

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m., second Tuesday of the month except January, July and August
Location: 28301 Middlebelt, between 12 Mile and 13 Mile
Details: Western Oakland Parkinson Support Group
Contact: (248) 433-1011

Merriman Road Baptist Church

Time/Date: 1-3 p.m., second and fourth Thursday
Location: 2055 Merriman, Garden City
Details: Metro Fibro-Myalgia support group meets; no dues, but donations are accepted
Contact: www.metrofibrogroup.com; or call Lucy with questions at (734) 462-1768

Riverside Park Church of God

Time/Date: 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday-Friday
Location: 11771 Newburgh, Livonia
Details: Riverside Park Adult Day Ministry offers an adult daytime care program with a specialty in dementia care
Contact: (734) 367-4220; www.riversideparkchurch.org

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to noon Saturday morning
Location: 16360 Hubbard, Livonia
Details: A weekly drop-in Food Cupboard (nonperishable items) is available. There are no requirements, this a service the church wants the community to be aware of and use if needed. Donations of nonperishable items also accepted for the cupboard.
Contact: (734) 421-8451.

St. John's Episcopal Church

Time/Date: 10 a.m., the first and third Friday
Location: 574 S. Sheldon, Plymouth
Details: St. John's Support Group for the Caregiver's of Alzheimer's patients or patients with other forms of dementia meets. Respite care is provided. The group is authorized by the Alzheimer's Association
Contact: Connie McNutt at (734) 895-1426

Thomas a' Becket Church

Time/Date: Weigh-in is 6:15-6:55 p.m.; support group meeting starts at 7 p.m., Thursday
Location: 555 S. Lilley, Canton
Details: Take Off Pounds Sensibly encourages members of the organization to lose weight and keep it off for good
Contact: Margaret at (734) 838-0322

Unity of Livonia

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday
Location: 28660 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster, Livonia
Details: Overeaters Anonymous
Contact: (313) 387-9797. www.aa.org

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church

Time/Date: 6 p.m. dinner (optional); 7 p.m. praise/worship; 8 p.m. small group discussion; 9 p.m. Solid Rock Cafe (optional coffee/desserts)
Location: 40000 Six Mile, Northville
Details: Celebrate Recovery helps men and women find freedom from hurts, habits and hang-ups (addictive and compulsive behaviors); child care is free
Contact: Child care, call (248) 374-7400. Visit www.celebraterecovery.com and www.wardchurch.org/celebrate

Thrift store**St. James Presbyterian**

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday
Location: 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford
Contact: (313) 534-7730

Way of Life Christian Church

Time/Date: 2-3:30 p.m., third Saturday from October through May
Location: 9401 General Drive, Lilley Executive Plaza, Suite 100, Plymouth
Details: Women's fellowship is designed for women with a question to know God more in their lives
Contact: (734) 637-7618

Tree sale

Time/Date: Through 2010
Location: Oakland Baptist Church, on Beck Road just south of 10 Mile in Novi
Details: The church is selling trees for \$200. Trees will be planted on the church property. Purchasers can dedicate what they buy in honor of someone they know, of a member of the church or former member. Dedication plaques are available for each tree
Contact: The Rev. Tim Whyte, after 5 p.m., at (248) 882-4041 or Roxie Sinclair at (248) 437-0832

WORSHIP**Adat Shalom Synagogue**

Time/Date: 6 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m. and 9 p.m., Saturday, 7:30 a.m., 8:30 a.m., Sunday and 6 p.m., week days
Location: 29901 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills
Contact: (248) 851-5100

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. services; 9:45 a.m. Sunday school and youth and adult Bible classes
Location: 14175 Farmington Road, just north of I-96, Livonia
Contact: (734) 522-6830

Congregation Bet Chaverim

Time/Date: Services are held 7 p.m., the third Friday of the month
Location: At the shared facilities of Cherry Hill United Methodist Church, 321 S. Ridge, Canton
Details: Reformed Jewish Congregation
Contact: Reach Roberta Malkowski, president/treasurer, at (248) 231-6280

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NILA ASHLEY LEBLANC

Nila Ashley LeBlanc was born Dec. 21, 2010, at Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital in Commerce Township.

She weighed 6 pounds, 5 ounces and measured 19 inches.

Proud parents are Jennifer and Darryl LeBlanc of Livonia.

Grandparents are John and Sandy Bennett of Livonia, Carol LeBlanc of Livonia and the late Jamie LeBlanc.



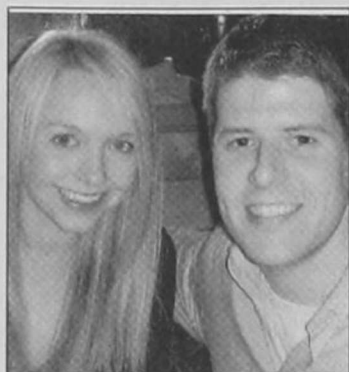
Nila Ashley LeBlanc

JULY WEDDING PLANNED

Sara Lynn Loewe and Donald Campbell Bulea announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of David and Robyn Loewe of Plymouth, graduated in 2004 from Plymouth Salem High School and in 2008 from Michigan State University. She is a third grade special education teacher for the Amherst Exempted School District in Amherst, Ohio.

Her fiancé, son of former Plymouth residents Craig and Nancy Bulea of Huron, Ohio, graduated in 2001 from Huron High School, in 2005 from Ohio State University and in 2008 from Cleveland Marshall College of Law. He is an asso-



Loewe-Bulea

ciate attorney for Griffen & Kaminiski, LLC., in Cleveland, Ohio.

A July 2011 wedding is planned in Plymouth.

NATHAN ROBERT HIX

Bryan and Susan Hix of Gilberts, Ill., announce the birth of their son, Nathan Robert, born Sept. 11, 2010, at Sherman Hospital in Elgin, Ill.

Susan is a former Livonia resident and graduate of Churchill High School. Nathan joins his big brother, Brycen, 5 1/2 and big sister, Kathryn, 3 1/2.

Proud grandparents are Andy and Devinee Neil of Livonia and Bob and Barb Hix of Montello, Wis.



Nathan Robert Hix

JACK EDWARD HARTKE

Jack Edward Hartke was born Nov. 18, 2010, at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak.

Jack joins his parents, Brandon and Amanda Hartke, and sibling, Sydney, 2, at home in Novi.

Grandparents are Bruce and Mary Barnes of Rochester Hills and Mike and Toni Hartke of Plymouth. Great-grandparents are Ethel Barnes of Rochester and Joan Barton of Belleville.

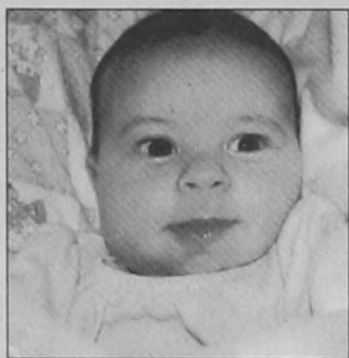
ELIZABETH ANN HENDERSON

Elizabeth Ann Henderson was born Oct. 19, 2010, at University of Michigan Mott Children's Hospital.

She joins her parents, Brandon and Michelle, and her siblings, Tyler, 14, Gabriel, 4 and Gavin, 2, at home in Canton.

Proud grandparents are Jay and Cheryl Henderson of Livonia and Jerry and Katherine Becklehamer of Westland.

Great-grandparents are Donald Holman of Van Buren Township and Robert and Shirley Vierk of Westland.



Elizabeth Ann Henderson



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Blue and Oscar are the featured dogs this week at Greyheart Greyhound Rescue and Adoption. Here's what volunteers say about them:

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Oscar, 2 1/2, also is brindle colored. He's friendly, laid back and would make a perfect family companion.

If you're interested in finding out more about Blue and Oscar, call Greyheart Greyhound Rescue and Adoption at (866) 438-4739 or visit www.greyheart.org.

The organization will hold "Meet N' Greet" adoption events from noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 6 at Canton Petco, 43435 Ford Road, and 12:30-4:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 13, at Celebrity Pets in Laurel Park Place, 37700 W. Six Mile, Livonia.

Send garden information and photos to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com

BUTTERFLIES

The Southeast Michigan Butterfly Association will show the film, *Secret Life of Butterflies*, at its next meeting, 7 p.m., Jan. 19, at Nankin Mills Nature Center, 33175 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland. The movie reveals why butterflies will come to your yard and what they do there. Parking on Hines Drive or Ann Arbor Trail. \$3 for non-members. For more information visit www.sembabutterfly.com or call (734) 326-0578.

LIVONIA CLUB

Pat Krueger, a member of the Michigan Orchid Society, will talk about growing and caring for orchids at the next meeting of the Livonia Garden Club. It starts at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 1, at the Livonia Senior Center, Five Mile and Farmington Road. Visitors are welcome.

GARDEN TRIP

Party Animal Travel is accepting registration now for the The Garden Club of Wayne County trip to the North American Flower and Garden Show, Friday, March 4 in Chicago, Ill. Cost is \$88 and includes motorcoach transportation, time for

shopping and admission to the show, which will include garden displays, Master Gardeners and more than 100 informational booths. For more information call (734) 525-9777.

AT ENGLISH GARDENS

See a free presentation on arranging fresh flowers at 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 22 at all stores except Brighton and Eastpointe locations. At 2:30 p.m. that same day, a Make it & Take it workshop on floral arranging is planned. The store will provide everything needed to design a gorgeous fresh flower arrangement with a touch of spring. The work-

shop costs \$24.99. Sign up online. Other upcoming programs:

• Learn to attract birds and wildlife to your yard through a free presentation at 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 29.

• Youngsters can choose between a pine cone or orange cup bird feeder in a Make it & Take it workshop at 2:30 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 29. Cost is \$5. Sign up online.

Local English Gardens stores are at 155 N. Maple, Ann Arbor, (734) 332-7900; 4901 Coolidge Highway, Royal Oak, (248) 280-9500; and 6370 Orchard Lake Road, at Maple, in West Bloomfield, (248) 851-7506.

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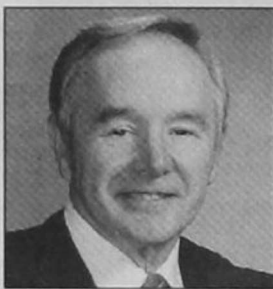
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LINDA CORKINS

Age 60, of Farmington Hills, December 22, 2010. Visitation Friday, January 21st, 4-8PM at the Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home, 23720 Farmington Rd. (btwn 9-10 Mile Rds., N. of Grand River) downtown Farmington. Memorial tributes are suggested to the charity of the donor's choice. heeney-sundquist.com

MYRTLE DESMELIK

Age 103; longtime resident of Farmington and member of Grand River Baptist Church; died Monday, January 10, 2011 at her niece's home in Cottonwood, AZ. She was born on December 27, 1907 in Taylorsville, NC., to Alfred and Beulah Carter Boston. After a career as a registered nurse, her zest for living continued in the many hobbies she pursued, such as, collecting dolls, wood carving and oil painting. She entertained as a member of the Farmington Dancers, and as a clown in the Farmington Parade. She is survived by her sister, Jean Brink of Marshall, MI; her niece, Judy Cowan of Cottonwood, AZ and many other nieces and nephews. Myrtle is preceded in death by her husband Michael, parents, five sisters, Paralee Sharp, Esther Asher, Alice Ava Brown, Daisy Chavez, Ann Sanocki; and her brother, Glenn Boston. A Celebration of Myrtle's life will be Wednesday, January 19th, 12 Noon at the Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home, 23720 Farmington Rd. (N. of Grand River; btwn 9-10 Mile Rds.), downtown Farmington (248-474-5200). Pastor Mike Donahue officiating. Visitation Tuesday 5-8 PM and Wednesday 10 AM until the time of the service. Interment Glen Eden Memorial Park, Livonia. heeney-sundquist.com



WILLIAM 'BILL' GARVEY



Longtime resident of Livonia, passed away at age 85 on January 7, 2011 at Clare Bridge Alzheimer's Care Center in suburban Denver, CO. Bill was born September 26, 1925 in Detroit, MI. The third of five children, he grew up during the Great Depression. His father died when he was thirteen and his mother worked at Ford to make ends meet. Bill graduated from Mackenzie High School in 1943. He served in the Navy during WWII as an electrician's mate onboard the USS Alioth, a supply ship stationed in the Pacific. He returned to Detroit after the war and married his high school sweetheart, Ruth Von Gunten, in 1946. They moved to Livonia in 1959. Bill graduated from Lawrence Tech in 1951 with a degree in electrical engineering. He worked 34 years at Detroit Edison, retiring in 1986 as a Superintendent of Operations. Ruth predeceased Bill in June 2005. Bill is survived by his children and their spouses; William (Pat), Glenn (Sandy), Janet (Jack) and Richard (Gale); eight grandchildren; 5 great-grandchildren, his sister Pat Ross and many other family and devoted father. Bill loved to hunt and fish and craft beautiful bamboo fishing rods. He and Ruth traveled across the United States in a series of Chevy Suburbans and later in life, he lived his dream of fly fishing out west and in Alaska. He will be missed. Bill will be laid to rest alongside Ruth at Parkview Memorial Cemetery, 34205 Five Mile Road, Livonia. Visitation will be Saturday, February 5 from 1:00pm - 4:00pm with a memorial service from 4:00pm - 5:00pm at L. J. Griffin Funeral Home, 7707 N Middlebelt Rd., Westland, MI 48185 (734) 522-9400. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the "Pere Marquette Watershed Council", www.pere-marquette.org or the Alzheimer's Association www.alz.org



LEWIS I. (BUD) HARTSHORN, SR.



April 30, 1919 to January 5, 2011. Bud was preceded in death by his father, George Irving Hartshorn; his mother, Arletta Knoles; brother Edward B. Herrington and his wife, Mable. He was the beloved father of Klotylda Phillippi and Lewis I. (Naomi) Harshorn, Jr. Beloved grandfather of Karen (Matt) McAmmond, Kristin (Doug) Clark, Jennifer (Bryan) Honeycutt and Marlon Hartshorn. He was the great grandfather of Tyler McAmmond, Michael Clark; Kendall, Lindsey, Alyssa and Luke Honeycutt. He was a favorite uncle of many, many nieces and nephews in the extended Basch family. He is also survived by several of his cousins in the Steward family and his step-son, James (Debra) Rowcliff of Brandon, MS. Lewis was a Master Sergeant in the U.S. Army Signal Corps during World War II. He lived in Rochester, MI until 1965 and then moved to various southern states. He returned to Michigan in 2006 and resided at the Plymouth Inn, an assisted living facility in Plymouth. He died there peacefully in the wonderful care of the nurses and staff of the Inn and of Angela Hospice of Livonia. Bud's cremated remains will be interred in the Mt. Avon Cemetery in Rochester on March 18. Family and friends will gather for a celebration of his life at his daughter's home in Plymouth on March 19. Donations may be made in Bud's name to Angela Hospice of Livonia.

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JOSEPHINE MAGUIRE HAWTHORNE

Age 85, born October 1, 1925, in Anyox, British Columbia. Passed away January 7, 2011. Current resident of Vero Beach, Florida and Northville, Michigan. Long time resident of Dearborn, Michigan, and Windsor, Ontario. Graduated from London School of Nursing. Served as Head Emergency Nurse for over 40 years at Oakwood Hospital and Henry Ford Hospital in Dearborn. She assisted in the development of one of America's first triage units at Henry Ford Hospital. She was also a founding member of St. James United Church of Christ. President of the Parent Teacher Association for Dearborn Public Schools. Daughter to Joseph and Nancy Maguire and sister of Rose Mary and Joseph. Married to the late William Hawthorne in 1948. Dear mother of Barry T. Hawthorne and Bruce N. Hawthorne. Adored by her grandchildren: Brian; Catherine; Hannah; Jessica and great-grandchildren: Dagny; Avery; and Elizabeth. Josephine's laugh, smile and tremendous kindness will always be remembered. Services will be held Thursday, January 13 at 2:00pm at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 37000 Six Mile Rd, Livonia, MI, 48152. Please visit: www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com

LYDIA S. MARCRUM (nee STASEVICH)

Passed away on January 8, 2011 at the age of 89. She is survived by son Daniel & Sharon Marcrum, daughter Marilyn Marcrum, granddaughter Renee O'Rourke, grandsons Andrew & Joseph Bresinski, brother James & Katherine Stasevich, and many nephews and nieces. Visitation will be held at Harry J. Will, 37000 6 Mile Rd., Livonia (734-591-3700) Wednesday, January 12th, 5pm-9pm; Thursday, January 13th, 1pm-9pm, PARAS-TAS at 7:30 PM. Friday, January 14th Body in State 10 AM Funeral Service 11 AM at St. Michael Orthodox the Archangel Orthodox Church, 26355 W. Chicago in Redford, MI (between Inkster & Beech Daly). Donations may be made to: Paws with a Cause™ www.pawswithacause.org or to St. Michael the Archangel Orthodox Church

WILLIAM T. "BILL" MOORE

Age 67. January 10, 2011. Bill is an employee of Bill Brown Ford. He is survived by his loving wife Debbie(s) and cherished children John (Ruthanne), Cheryl, and Susan (Joseph) Aumiller. Memorial Visitation will be held Friday from 12-3pm at Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 37000 Six Mile Rd., Livonia, with a memorial service at 11am on Friday. Please share a message with the family at: www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com

RUTH E. RIEHL

Age 94, of Brighton, passed away peacefully Jan. 11, 2011. Services were held Jan. 14, 2011 at: Casterline Funeral Home, Inc. of South Lyon (248) 446-1171

BURLENE SALISBURY

Age 91. Passed January 8, 2011. Loving wife of the late William. Dear mother of Terry (Fran) King, Chuck (Marsha) King, Keith (Dana) King, William Salisbury, Shawn (Janet) Salisbury. Preceded in death by sons Burl, David, and Paul (Kathy) King. Also survived by 22 grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren. The family has entrusted care and services to the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, Westland, MI.

JOAN PERRY SNYDER

Age 84, passed on January 11, 2011. Beloved wife of the late Robert; dear mother of Carol (William) Jarocha, Susan (Mike) Keller, and the late Robert Jr.; dearest grandmother of Stacey and Heather Jarocha, Amy, Jeffrey, Julie, and Tommy Keller and Ashley, Steven, Matthew, and Andrew Snyder; loving sister of Ray (Betty) Perry. Family will have a visitation Thursday 6pm until the time of their memorial service at 7 pm at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 37000 Six Mile Road, Livonia. Family appreciates memorials to the University of Michigan Alumni Association.

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Breast cancer survivors sought for study

Jody Conradi Stark, a Ph.D. candidate in music education music therapy at Michigan State University seeks breast cancer survivors for a dissertation study.

Stark is site director of Music Therapy Clinical Services at MSU Community Music School in Detroit and president of Creative Arts Therapies, Inc., a company she started in 1991 that provides contractual music, dance-movement, and art therapy services to agencies

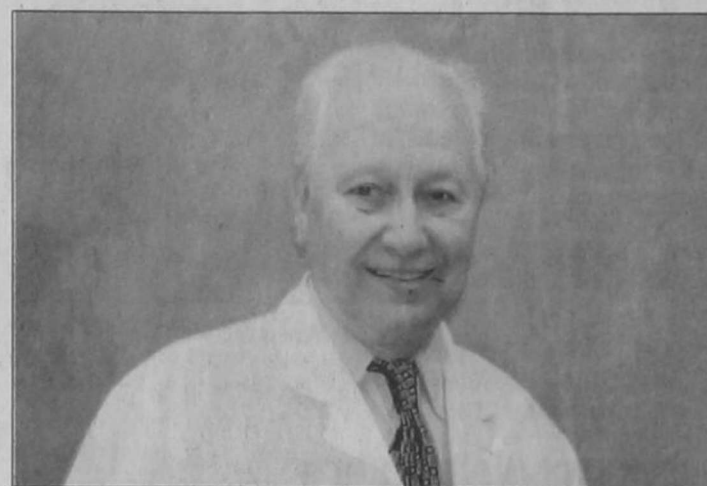
throughout Southeastern Michigan.

Her study is titled "The Effects of Group Music Therapy on Mood, Psychosocial Well-Being, and Quality of Life of Breast Cancer Survivors." She is looking for women who have finished treatment for breast cancer within the last year to attend music therapy group sessions that will run 60-90 minutes and will be held for six weeks. The sessions will incorporate music creating and/or listening.

Groups will take place at MSU's Community Music School-Detroit Music Therapy Clinic, 3408 Woodward Ave., in midtown Detroit, or at another metro Detroit location if it's more convenient for participants. Individual therapy sessions may also be offered.

No prior music experience is required.

For more information call Stark at (313) 578-9719 or e-mail to starkjo2@msu.edu.



Dr. Steven William Paris was honored recently for 45 years of service.

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JANUARY

Alzheimer's caregivers

Jeanne Trumpe of Comfort Keepers will talk about in-home health services at the next meeting of the St. John's support group for the caregivers of Alzheimer's patients and other forms of dementia, 10 a.m.-noon, Friday, Jan. 21, at St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 Sheldon, Plymouth. The support group meets the first and third Friday of the month and is open to anyone responsible for the care of a dementia patient. The Alzheimer's Association sponsors the meetings. Free respite care is provided for the caregiver's loved one.

Health seminar

Learn why exercise is important to your health and try out a few simple exercises at a free health seminar at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 17, at Cherry Hill Seventh-day Adventist Church, 33144 Cherry Hill, east of Venoy in Canton. Jeanie Weaver will teach the session. Participants should dress comfortably. For more information call (734) 524-0880 or (734) 329-2884.

FEBRUARY

Baby Basics

Get the basics of baby care and breastfeeding all in one class, at 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 5, at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia. This class is designed for first time parents to learn the skills of feeding, bathing, diapering, skin care, soothing and safety. A St. Mary Mercy Hospital certified pediatrician will discuss infant illness and child immunization. New parents will learn breastfeeding techniques including positioning, pumping, storage and breast care. Participants should bring a stuffed animal or doll to use during a demonstration on how to hold the baby when breastfeeding. There will be a 45-minute lunch break during the class. This class is open to anyone who cares for an infant. The fee is \$50 per couple. Registration is required. Call (734) 655-1162, or register online at stmarymercy.org and click on "classes and events."

Ladies' Night

Dr. Barbara Kong will be the speaker at "The Heart of a Woman," 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 16, at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five

Mile, Livonia. Bone density screening, blood pressure screening and massage will be offered from 5:30-7 p.m. Participants will learn to identify the unique signs and symptoms of a heart attack and the simple steps needed for a healthy lifestyle that can improve heart health. There is no charge, but a \$5 goodwill donation is requested to benefit Marian Women's Center Programs. Register at (734) 655-1182 or stmarymercy.org and click on "classes and events."

ONGOING

Aquatic classes

The YMCA of Metropolitan Detroit and the Arthritis Foundation have partnered to offer aquatic classes designed to ease the pain of arthritis. Classes are held 10-11 a.m., Tuesday and Thursday at the Farmington branch; 1-1:45 p.m. Monday and Wednesday at the Livonia branch; and 2-3 p.m. Wednesday and Friday, at the Birmingham branch. All classes are offered to members and non-members of every age and participants do not need to know how to swim to participate. To join, interested

individuals can contact their local YMCA branch or visit www.ymcadeloitrois.org.

Arthritis support group

2-3:30 p.m. the third Thursday of the month at the Krieger Center, DMC Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital, 1 William Carls Dr., Commerce. Enter the building via the South Garden entrance. Registration not required.

Breast cancer support group

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

Caregivers support groups

St. John's Support Group for the Caregivers of Alzheimer's Patients or patients with other forms of dementia meet the first and third Friday of each month at 10 a.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 South Sheldon, Plymouth. Respite care for your loved one will be provided. Call Connie McNutt at (734) 895-1426 for information. Authorized by the Alzheimer's Association.

St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia named medical staff officers and honored physicians for their years of service at an installation dinner this month.

New officers are:

• Dr. Peter Dews, will serve as vice president of medical affairs. He received his medical degree and completed his residency in internal medicine at Wayne State University and is board certified in internal medicine. He has broad expertise and experience in clinical medicine, health care administration, quality management, program evaluation methods and scientific research. He has been on staff at St. Mary Mercy since April 2009.

• Dr. Louis Hallal, who received his medical degree from the University of Damascus, will serve as chief of staff. He completed his residency in surgery at Interfaith Medical Center and his fellowship in thoracic surgery at Baylor University Medical Center. He is board certified in surgery by the American Board of Surgery and on staff

at St. Mary Mercy Hospital since 1995.

• Dr. K.C. Joseph will serve as chief of staff-elect. He received his medical degree from the University of Kerala T.D. Medical College, Alleppey, Kerala, India, and completed an internal medicine residency at Sinai-Grace Hospital, Detroit. He is board certified in psychiatry, neurology, and geriatric psychiatry. He has been on staff at St. Mary Mercy Hospital since 1995.

• Dr. Jay Daitch, will serve as secretary/treasurer. He received his medical degree from the University of Michigan Medical School and completed an internal medicine residency at Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill., and nephrology fellowship at the University of Michigan Hospital. He is board certified in internal medicine and has been on staff at St. Mary Mercy Hospital since 1979.

Physicians celebrating 10 to 45 years of service were also honored. Top recognition went to Dr. S. William Paris, M.D., Allergy-Immunology, with 45 years of service.

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(L to R) FOUR SEASONS THERAPIST APARNA GOPALAKRISHNAN WITH BETTY ILLTIS OF LIVONIA

Betty Illtis came to Four Seasons for physical therapy after pacemaker surgery and five weeks in the hospital. Betty's muscles had weakened to the point that she needed a wheelchair. Today, she is walking around her Livonia apartment.

"They went out of their way to teach me not only the physical part of walking but how to pace myself, to take a rest when

"... (the staff) went out of their way to teach me ... how to pace myself..."

I started to breathe hard," said Illtis. "They said you have to pace yourself because of your heart. They made my heart part of the treatment. From the nurses to doctors to staff, they go out of their way to help. They were just so friendly."



SHIRLEY RODRIGUEZ OF GARDEN CITY

Shirley Rodriguez was only in physical therapy at Four Seasons for two weeks after hip replacement. Before surgery and rehabilitative therapy, Shirley was unable to lift her leg to put on a sock. Today, she is able to walk without assistance because of the physical therapy. Occupational therapy helped strengthen her muscles to perform daily living tasks.

"Rehab got me back on my feet and walking," said Rodriguez of Garden City. "I had to walk with the walker, exercise my legs with weights. They taught me how to stand by the sink and get my balance and get glasses and plates from the cupboards."

"... occupational therapy and rehab got me back on my feet and walking again ..."

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