

ALBION
Plymouth Observer ONLY

PLYMOUTH OBSERVER

A GANNETT COMPANY

SUNDAY, MARCH 16, 2014 • hometownlife.com



TOM IZZO'S STRATEGY FOR SUCCESS

Educators' plan puts more dollars in classrooms

By Karen Smith
Staff Writer

A coalition of superintendents, school leaders, parents and other public school advocates is proposing an alternative school funding plan it says will put more money in K-12 classrooms without raising taxes.

The "Classrooms and Kids" budget, as it is called, builds on Gov. Rick Snyder's recent budget proposal by reducing or eliminating \$186.2 million in line-item categorical programs in the School Aid Fund to help provide an additional \$167 per student in base funding.

The categorical items are mostly programs that reward performance and the adoption of cost-effective practices, but also include some special programs.

The proposal would also require an extra \$88 million above Snyder's budget, with \$34 million coming from the budget surplus and \$54 million from the general fund.

See PLAN, Page A10

Left-turns prohibition changes township intersection

By Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

Drivers who regularly travel the area of Schoolcraft Road and Haggerty in Plymouth Township may have noticed the no-left-turn signs that went up there months ago.

Or they may not have. The signs were installed as part of Wayne County's rebuilding of the intersection last year. Phil McGuire, assistant director of engineering for the roads division of the county's Department of Public Services, said increasing traffic in the area and the types of crashes that occur at the intersection warranted a prohibition on left turns off of both Haggerty and Schoolcraft.

"We wanted to upgrade it to meet current standards for that type of intersection," McGuire said.

Drivers now have to use the turnaround lanes on Schoolcraft - one to the east of Haggerty, one to the west - to make left turns. The turnaround west of Haggerty was installed as part of last year's upgrades.

See LEFT, Page A2

State grant to help sewers

By Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

A \$360,000 grant from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality will help Plymouth map out long-term improvements to its sewage system.

The grant through the DEQ's Stormwater, Asset Man-

agement and Wastewater program, nicknamed SAW, was announced Wednesday. It was among a total of \$97 million in grants and loans awarded to more than 90 sewage systems around the state, systems run by communities, school districts, counties and regional boards.

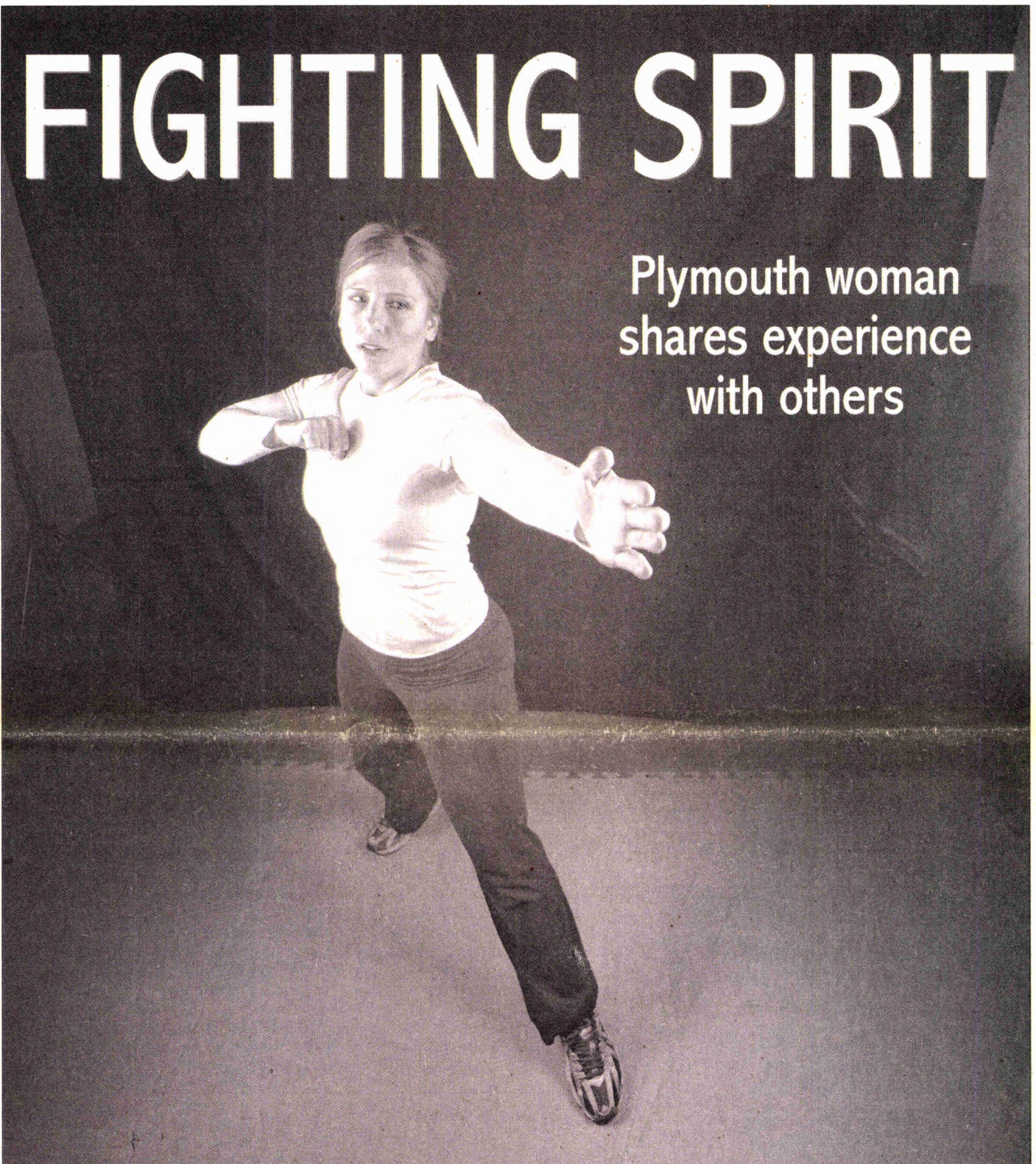
Plymouth's \$360,000 grant,

plus a \$40,000 match from the city - the match is to be spent through staff and consultant time and resources, not cash - will not be used to excavate or put sewer pipes in the ground, said Chris Porman, director of the Department of Municipal Services, but to assess the system, gather and update information on it and put it in

one place in an electronic format.

The money must be spent within three years of the city's acceptance of the grant, which is expected to be approved by the Plymouth City Commission within a month.

See SEWERS, Page A2



Tanya Panizzo, a former auto engineer, is the owner of Fighting Spirit Personal Safety. PHOTOS BY KIM OBERSKI

By Pamela A. Zinkosky
Correspondent

One in three women experience physical or sexual violence in their lifetime, according to a 2013 World Health Organization report. Yet most women don't think much about personal safety, said Tanya Panizzo, owner of Fighting Spirit Personal Safety in Plymouth.

Panizzo, a 40-year-old longtime Plymouth resident, was well-trained in taekwon do when she was assaulted at age 16, which shows that even women trained in com-

bat can be victims, she said. What's more, many victims never accuse their attackers.

"I just pretended it didn't happen," she said.

Panizzo didn't tell her parents. She believed her protective father would kill her attacker. She didn't know how to tell her mother, who grew up being abused. She didn't want to think about it. She didn't think about it until she had a

See SPIRIT, Page A2



A woman fights off her assailant in a simulated attack during a Fighting Spirit Personal Safety program.

3/16



PRICE: \$1

OBSERVER & ECCENTRIC MEDIA
hometownlife.com

© The Observer & Eccentric
Volume 127 • Number 63

Home Delivery: (866) 887-2737 | Return Address: 29725 Hudson Dr., Novi MI 48377

INDEX

Community Life.....	B6	Homes.....	C2	Services.....	C2
Education.....	A4	Jobs.....	C1	Sports.....	B1
Health.....	B5	Obituaries.....	B8	Wheels.....	C3



Plymouth Urgent Care

41424 Ann Arbor Road
Plymouth, MI 48170

734-254-0700

www.plymouthurgentcare.org

Now Open!

Quick Quality Care with Minimal Wait Time
Open 8am-9pm 365 Days a Year
No Appointment Necessary • Walk-ins Always Welcome

- Flu Shots • \$20 Sports Physicals •
- On-site X-Ray and Lab • Specials for Uninsured Patients •

Finally a Solution for Peripheral Neuropathy Get Rid of the Pain in Your Legs and Feet

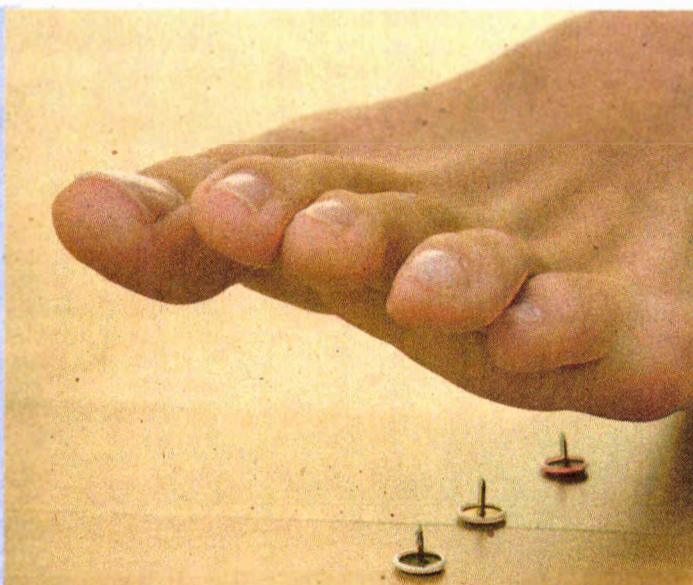
DR. SOL COGAN OFFERS FREE CONSULTATION TO PATIENTS SUFFERING WITH NEUROPATHY

"If you suffer from frequent or constant pain due to Peripheral Neuropathy; cramping, tingling, numbness, burning pain, or you can't even feel your feet; I personally invite you to call our office and schedule an appointment to learn more about the newest treatment available Peripheral Neuropathy, a condition caused by damage to the nerves affects more than 20 million people in the United States alone. This pain alters everything from your work, your play and even your happiness. If neuropathy pain has put you in a corner, I am here to tell you that there is hope. My staff and I can help you get rid of your pain and get your life back. At HealthQuest, our caring staff and advanced technology is ready to help you enjoy a better quality of life. We are so confident that we can help you, we are offering A FREE multi step consultation and evaluation. There is no obligation, and no pressure to accept treatment. We simply determine if you are a candidate for our program and show you what the anticipated results are so you can make an educated decision about YOUR health"

— Dr. Sol L. Cogan, DC

Symptoms of Peripheral Neuropathy:

- Tingling or numbness
- Feels like something is in your shoe but there's not
- Abnormal sensations
- Feels like you have socks on, even though you are barefoot
- It is becoming harder and harder to walk
- Losing your balance more often
- Stumble into things
- Unbearable foot pain
- Feels like pins and needles
- Restless legs
- No longer can feel hot or cold sensations
- Spontaneous pinching, sharpness, or electric shocks



If you suffer from just one or from many of these symptoms, you might have Peripheral Neuropathy

Many patients who come to HealthQuest have tried any and all treatments available. Some have found temporary relief with medications or other short term solutions while others have found no relief at all. Diabetic Peripheral Neuropathy is one common form of Neuropathy. Over time, uncontrolled sugar levels can damage your nerves. This nerve damage causes different symptoms and the problems first appear in the toes, feet, and hands. The custom treatment program available from HealthQuest has delivered success in a large number of their patients where other treatments or facilities have failed. If you are one of those suffering in pain and have tried other medical options only to have them fail, don't give up hope. You deserve to live without the excruciating pain or discomfort of neuropathy.

Do Pain Pills Work?

Many neuropathy patients develop prescription drug dependency after first taking them to help cope with the associated pain. Medications can sometimes provide temporary relief but can also introduce unintended consequences. At HealthQuest you will be shown many non-surgical, drug free options all customized to your needs.

Neuropathy may contribute to emotional stress and depression

Many who suffer from peripheral neuropathy don't realize what they have or that it can be treated. Often the condition can be misdiagnosed or even ignored until it is unbearable. This can affect every aspect of your

life and may even cause emotional stress or depression. Why suffer longer than you need to? If you feel that your symptoms may be caused by Peripheral Neuropathy, call today and schedule a FREE, no risk consultation with the Doctors and staff at HealthQuest.

The non-surgical solution: The latest FDA Cleared approach

Our advanced program for treating Peripheral Neuropathy is a combination of technology and experience that aids in healing the damaged nerves. Where many other treatments only address the symptoms, we address the root cause. Our treatment protocol can help restore, stabilize, and rebuild the nerves in your extremities. The effects are nothing short of miraculous in the eyes of our patients and most feel the results within the first few visits. Depending on your condition, we have many different options including the ReBuilder®. This device works by sending an electrical impulse that travels automatically from one foot, up the leg, across the nerve roots in the lower back, then down the other leg to the other foot. Most people report that the treatment feels soothing as these signals help to repair damaged nerves. The ReBuilder® is found in several prestigious medical facilities including The Cancer Treatment Centers of America, Sloan Kettering, The Cleveland Clinic, and John Hopkins. Our program has also been effective in treating painful symptoms of arthritis, MS, and other forms of chronic pain. Patients generally feel better physically throughout the treatment period and even feel better emotionally after experiencing a reduction in pain.

Why choose Dr. Cogan and the HealthQuest staff?

Dr. Cogan offers some of the most advanced non-surgical, FDA Cleared procedures for relieving chronic pain. He has also treated thousands of patients over dozens of years. He has such a great track record that the Detroit Lions have endorsed him as their official team chiropractor. Dr. Cogan has helped players before and after game time to feel and perform at their best. If the Lions trust him to work on their players, imagine what he can do for you!



NO RISK FREE VISIT

"We are so confident that you will find healing and relief at our office (if we accept your case) that we are offering you a **Free multi step evaluation and consultation**. We will personally evaluate your condition and determine how we can help you. There are no strings attached and you have no obligation. Don't live with pain, fear and doubt any longer. Pick up the phone and take control of your life right now. You have nothing to lose but your pain. Due to demand, we are extending this offer to the **first 25 callers only**. Time slots fill quickly so call today to secure your free step one consultation."

— Dr. Sol L. Cogan, DC

What are patients saying?

"I was diagnosed with postchemotherapy neuropathy in 2008. I tried several types of medications, but was allergic to all of them. After treatment I feel much better and I can even dance with my wife."

— Jerry W.

"I had peripheral neuropathy for 3 years and suffered from numbness in both feet and lower legs. I tried several types of medications, which didn't work.

After treatment on the ReBuilder® the feeling in my feet has returned to normal and I can now feel the temperature of the water on my feet when I exercise in the pool."

— Pam O.



WHAT MAKES DR. COGAN'S APPROACH SO DIFFERENT?

Dr. Cogan and his staff have made it their mission to treat patients without surgery or drugs. After years of study, training and trials, they have chosen only the most effective non-surgical options and bring them together all under one roof.

- **Super Pulsed Cold Laser** — A gentle, non-invasive treatment that is successful in treating joints and nerves. These treatments help stimulate healing in soft tissues and most patients feel a warm soothing sensation with immediate relief.
- **ReBuilder®** — The only device that duplicates the exact waveform and frequency of a healthy nerve signal, with over 90% success rate in patients reporting improved quality of life after treatment.*
- **Physical Therapy** — A traditional treatment methodology aimed at the treatment and curing of certain ailments common to patients suffering with chronic or severe neuropathy pain. Its primary aim is to bring the patient back to his/her normal self, free of any pain or suffering.
- **Non-Surgical Spinal Decompression** — Non-surgical spinal decompression is an FDA cleared technology that can relieve disc herniations, sciatica, stenosis and general pain and numbness in the back, neck, legs and feet. Non-surgical spinal decompression does this by using advanced technology to control treatment duration, distraction/angle, intensity, and relaxation of the spine, thus creating a vacuum effect which aims to pull the disc back into its normal position and brings in a fresh blood supply to promote healing. The treatment is gentle and soothing, with no discomfort to the patient.
- **Nutritional** — We provide specific recommendations on nutritional supplements and healthy food choices to enhance our patient's return to optimal health.

DUE TO THE COMPREHENSIVE NATURE OF THE FREE OFFER, DR. COGAN AND HIS STAFF ARE ONLY ABLE TO SEE 25 NEW PATIENTS THIS WEEK.

SPACE IS LIMITED TO THE FIRST 25 CALLERS SO CALL TODAY!



HealthQuest
24100 Drake Road
Farmington, Michigan 48335
www.healthquest.us.

248-494-4626

NHS leaders mentor Bentley students

By Brad Kadrich
 Staff Writer

Bentley Elementary School teacher Cheryl Zuzo believes empowering kids is one of the greatest gifts in teaching. And since 2003, the Bentley Care Club has been proving her right.

This year, with the addition of some guidance from National Honor Society students at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, the Care Club and other programs at Bentley are going even farther in helping students and others outside the school.

The Care Club, a philanthropic school-wide service club with the lofty goal of urging students to take ownership and help change the world, generates service ideas, creates posters and makes announcements on the Bentley live broadcast. They've collected for organizations ranging from the American Red Cross (hurricane relief for both Katrina and Sandy) to the Plymouth-Canton Clothing Bank, the Michigan Humane Society and relief for earthquake victims in India.

"The club's motto is 'Kids Can Make a Difference,'" Zuzo said. "It's so wonderful to see our little ones giving back and truly making a difference in our world."

'Honor'-able boost

This year, the club is getting a boost from NHS students Alyson Weeda and Taylor McArdle, Canton High School seniors who are helping the Bentley Care Club connect with the Ronald McDonald House. As part of their individual service project, the NHS students, working closely with Bentley kids, focused on getting donations for the Ronald McDonald House, which provides families of hospitalized children a "home away from home," allowing them to stay close to their children.

Students, headed by Weeda, collected donation items and pop-can tabs at the high school

and all of the district elementaries, made posters, created and set up collection boxes, collected all of the pop-can tabs and donations and delivered them to the Ronald McDonald House.

Weeda, whose mother teaches at Bentley, said the club exceeded the program goals, collecting eight large boxes of donations and more than 1,000 pop-can tabs, which Ronald McDonald House converts to cash to help provide supplies.

"I knew the Care Club would be a stepping stone for me to get involved with an organization, like the Ronald McDonald House, to make a difference," said Weeda, who lives in Canton with her parents Jim and Jill Weeda. "I wanted to take on a project that would give me an opportunity to make a difference and show my leadership skills. I feel a sense of pride knowing that families at the RMH will benefit from the supplies that were donated by caring citizens."

Weeda believes the RMH project will inspire the kids to "pursue a personal interest that will make a meaningful impact on the community."

Making a difference

"The Care Club shows young students there are families in other communities that are less fortunate than themselves," Weeda said. "It is important to be compassionate toward others' needs by giving time or donations that would make a difference in young lives."

While the Care Club reaches outside Bentley's walls to help others, two other programs are providing assistance to kids inside the school and both are getting help from NHS students.

The RAZ Afternoon Reading Club, formed in 2010, is an online leveled computerized reading support program that runs four days a week for students after school.

NHS student Archana Sondor organizes junior NHS students to support Bentley stu-



Amber Mekled works with Bentley Elementary students.

dents. The older students monitor, assist with the program and have the Bentley students reading to them.

And Bentley's mentoring/tutoring program goes a step further, providing after-school mentoring with NHS high school students. Twice a week, they help Bentley students in third, fourth and fifth grades. The Bentley kids are matched with 13 NHS mentors, including 18 junior and two senior NHS members.

The students keep the same mentors all year, allowing them to develop the kind of relationship that's conducive to learning.

"We make sure the students are getting academic help, as well as forming a positive relationship with the mentors," said NHS student Lauren Bedro, who organizes the Bentley mentoring program with fellow NHS member Sahsa Cucuz. "The mentors want to build a trusting relationship with and



NHS members, including Kelsey Cheaney, work with Bentley Elementary School students in an after-school mentoring program.

become role models for the elementary students."

Valuable lessons

Bedro, a Canton High School senior who lives in Plymouth with her parents Ron and Mary

Bedro, chose Bentley after deciding she wanted to work with elementary school children.

"I have always loved work-

See STUDENTS, Page A11

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

Fabulous SPECIALS!

2014 FORD FOCUS SE



\$123 per mo.
 24 Month Lease
 Up to \$4,000 in Rebates
BUY FOR ONLY \$14,343

2014 FORD FUSION SE



\$164 per mo.
 24 Month Lease
 \$4,000 in Rebates
BUY FOR ONLY \$18,420

2014 FORD ESCAPE SE



\$184 per mo.
 24 Month Lease
 Up to \$3,500 in Rebates
BUY FOR ONLY \$20,785

2014 FORD TAURUS SEL



\$206 per mo.
 24 Month Lease
 Up to \$6,000 in Rebates
BUY FOR ONLY \$21,019

2014 F-150 SUPERCREW STX



\$239 per mo.
 24 Month Lease
 Up to \$4,000 in Rebates
BUY FOR ONLY \$31,575
 4x4, V8

USED CAR SPECIAL!



2008 FORD EXPLORER SPORT TRAC
\$15,999

XL, ONLY 58,000 miles

GET MORE FOR YOUR TRADE IN!

9800 Belleville Rd. • Belleville, MI 48111

734.697.9161

www.atchinson.net

Open

Mon. & Thurs. 9 am - 9 pm

Tues., Wed. & Fri. 9 am - 6 pm

Saturday 10 am - 3 pm



* A/Z Plan Pricing. 10,500 miles per year. Includes Factory and Renewal Rebate. Requires \$2000 due at signing plus taxes and plates. With Approved Credit. ** A/Z Plan Pricing. All rebates to dealer. May require Ford Credit Financing. Plus taxes and fees. May require trade-in.





South Canton Charter Academy student Amaan Rahman challenges himself with a pair of after-school academic clubs.

Canton family 'honored' bridge named for son

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

Amy Bonneau believes her son James Bonneau was a low-key, unpretentious young man who wouldn't necessarily be all that comfortable in the spotlight.

Still, the Canton woman believes, her late son would have been proud – and maybe a bit humbled – after watching Gov. Rick Snyder sign a bill Tuesday designating a Jackson County bridge as the Officer James Bonneau Memorial Bridge.

Snyder signed the bill, introduced by state Rep. Earl Poleski, R-Jackson, at a ceremony Bonneau's parents, Amy and Marc, attended Tuesday in Lansing. Also present was James' former fiance,

Rachael Maloney.

Amy Bonneau called the bridge-naming "an honor to Jim" and said the family "really appreciated" Poleski introducing it.

"Jim liked to keep a low profile ... I think he might feel kind of funny with all the attention, but I know he'd appreciate it," Amy said. "He was always very down-to-earth. He'd be very overwhelmed to think people might actually think of him, even if it's just for a second, when they go over that bridge."

James Bonneau, a Jackson police officer, was killed while responding to a domestic violence incident in 2010. He was just 26 years old.

Bonneau was previously awarded the Law

Enforcement Congressional Badge of Bravery, which honors exceptional acts of bravery in the line of duty by federal, state and local law enforcement officers.

Amy said the bridge, on West Avenue in Jackson, is surrounded by "the people Jim served and protected." She hopes they'll think of him when they cross the bridge.

"I'd want people to remember Jim was such a good person and so selfless," she said. "He had such a good heart."

"He sacrificed so much for Jackson. I want them to remember, from time to time, what was given up."

bkadrich@hometownlife.com
Twitter: @bkadrich

Student competes in Science Olympiad

Students in South Canton Scholars Charter Academy's Science Olympiad spent Saturday competing in regionals at the University of Michigan-Dearborn.

Each student on the 15-member team worked on three fields of science, ranging from chemistry to mechanical engineering. Eighth-grade student Amaan Rahman was looking forward to the opportunity to compete in his events, which include building a self-propelled wheeled vehicle, studying a solar system and studying anatomy.

"I received two awards at my first tournament and it was incredibly exciting!" Rahman said. "I work on my science events in a small team of two, but each of the 23 events counts toward our total Science Olympiad school standing so you really feel the team spirit."

This is Rahman's sec-

ond year participating in Science Olympiad, which is team-oriented, but he also challenges himself individually by participating in South Canton's MATHCOUNTS team, as well. MATHCOUNTS is a national middle school competitive mathematics program.

"MATHCOUNTS makes me think numerically at a completely different level versus my regular math class. The homework can sometimes be time-consuming given the amount of other school work I have, but overall it has been a good experience the last two years," he said.

Parent volunteer coach Surjeet Gill said the goal of the program is to create awareness about mathematics and teach students to apply what they have learned to solve challenging problems and at the same time develop independent thinking.

"It has been very eye-

opening for students to participate in competitions like MATHCOUNTS," Gill said. "I want students to succeed, grow and achieve above and beyond by learning these mathematics skills."

Rahman is not the only student participating in both after school clubs; four other students are challenging themselves in both fields of study as well. With so much interest in science and math, it's no wonder Rahman has a lot of ideas about what career path he may follow.

"My grandpa was a surgeon, so medicine looks interesting. I like studying foreign languages and traveling. I love public speaking and enjoy making presentations. I am also really into sports. I play competitive soccer and I am a certified soccer referee, so sports business is also interesting to me," Rahman said.



State Rep. Mike Shirkey (from left), state Rep. Earl Poleski (who introduced the bill), state Sen. Mike Nofs, Marc Bonneau, state Sen. Patrick Colbeck, Amy Bonneau and state Rep. Dian Slavens attended the ceremony during which Gov. Rick Snyder signed House Bill 4089 designating a Jackson County bridge as the Officer James Bonneau Memorial Bridge.

Ready to Sell Your Diamonds & Estate Jewelry?

Sell for more in one of our upcoming Estate Jewelry and Diamond Auctions

Why sell for less to one or two dealers when you can sell for more by reaching thousands of buyers in one of our Monthly International Auctions

- Specializing in Larger Diamonds 5.00ct to 20.00ct and up.
- Now accepting diamonds over 1.00ct to 20.00ct and larger.
- Also seeking Natural Fancy Blue, Pink & Yellow Diamonds
- Estate jewelry of any kind

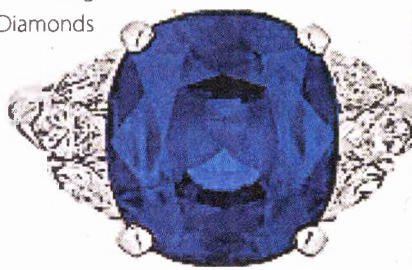
Safe, Secure, Simple and Easy
Immediate cash payment option available

CALL NOW for more information or to set up a confidential, no cost appointment.

17 Kercheval Avenue
Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236
In the lobby of the Punch & Judy Building
Hours: Monday through Friday 10am to 5pm
(313) 884-4800 or (800) 475-GEMS (4367)

Ask about our Birmingham location

info@josephdumouchelle.com
www.josephdumouchelle.com



7.89ct Kashmir Sapphire Ring
Presale Estimate \$20,000.00 - 40,000.00
Sold for \$660,000.00

JOSEPH DuMOUCHELLE

FLORIDA MICHIGAN NEW YORK

Let it grow. Let it grow.

1.05% **0.65%**
6-MONTH INTEREST RATE¹ ANNUAL PERCENTAGE YIELD²

SuperSmart Savings

Watch your savings accumulate. Let your savings grow with an APY better than the national average.³ No checking account required. No maximum balance. No kidding!

Open an account today.
(800) 642-0039
flagstar.com/SuperSmart



¹ 1.05% interest rate is accurate as of 01/27/2014. Funds currently deposited in accounts at Flagstar Bank are not eligible for promotional interest rate. The 1.05% interest rate is guaranteed for the first 6 months. The rate after 6 months is a variable interest rate and is subject to change. Similar offer available for Business Savings and IRA Savings. Limit one account per customer. Not available for public units. Fees could reduce earnings. Offer subject to change or cancellation at any time without notice. Accounts can only be opened at a branch. No minimum deposit to open.

² Annual Percentage Yield (APY) is accurate as of 01/27/2014.

³ National savings average based on savings products with a \$2,500 product tier as reflected on the FDIC.gov website dated 1/27/2014.

FAITHFUL ASSISTED LIVING

A Step Above The Rest

Our Commitment to You

Is to provide safe long term home care for people whose families may be unable to give daily one-on-one care and supervision to their loved ones. We are an alternative to a nursing home for people who prefer to live in a smaller home environment with more individual personalized care and remain independent as long as possible. It is our Goal to provide peace of mind for the entire family. Our home is suited for six residence. We feel that with a small group of residence we are able to give more individualized care in a peaceful and relaxing home setting.

Medical Doctors, Nurses and Rehabilitation Therapists that come to the house.

24 hour supervised care to help with all of their daily living needs....

Private or Semi-Private Rooms.

Home cooked meals daily

We also Provide In-Home Care in your home

50990 Mott Road • Canton, MI 48188

248-252-0083

www.faithfulcaregivers.com

Long-awaited Cantoro's Market opening this week



The long-awaited opening of Cantoro's Italian Market is scheduled for Wednesday, March 19. PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Specialty store will feature dining and drinking options as well as shopping

By David Veselenak
Staff Writer

Putting in long hours prepping a business opening can be taxing. But for Cantoro's Italian Market grocery manager Van Karibian, it's just part of the excitement.

"We're just anxious to get everything going," the Shelby Township resident said. "We have all the product up and all the neat stuff we brought up from Italy. It's going to be a destination; it's not just going to be shopping."

Karibian is one of 150 employees ready to work at the new Cantoro's Italian Market opening Wednesday at 15550 Haggerty, just north of Five Mile in Northville Township, though it has a Plymouth mailing address. The location is the second Cantoro's Market and is significantly larger than the current store, located on Middlebelt in Livonia, which will remain open.

At the new market, patrons are invited to come in and not only shop, but spend time perusing the various goods available, as well as perhaps sit down and enjoy a fine meal or glass of wine.

"We have a different outlook than most (shops) do," said Mike Larranaga, the sommelier at the new Cantoro's Market. "We want to be a gathering place like in Italy. The markets there, they're gathering places. I just want them to come and hang out. I want this to be a comfortable place."

Visitors to Cantoro's can come beginning Wednesday and browse aisles full of imported Italian groceries, cheeses, wines and other items. Sausage and pasta will be made on-site using fresh ingredients. A wide selection of wines, specialty liquors and Michigan craft beer is also available.

For those interested in staying a while, Cantoro's Market will also have several tables set up for meals and a bar. The upstairs overlooking the market is large enough to

host wedding receptions, which Larranaga said the shop has already started booking; it will begin to take place later this summer.

Downstairs, the market holds its wine cellar, a place where tasters, enthusiasts and businesses can hold events complete with wine-makers. There will be several clubs that will meet in the wine cellar, including wine clubs, a cheese club and a dinner club. Larranaga said he's already had some wine-makers visit, including former University of Michigan football player Charles Woodson, who owns a winery in California.

The wine cellar was originally not planned with the market, Larranaga said. One of the two brothers who own the market made a comment regarding a wine cellar and, shortly afterward, contractors were out digging out a cellar, located under the parking lot.

"We do beautiful dinners down here," Larranaga said.

The market is unique to southeast Michigan, Larranaga said. Other cities in the United States, such as New York and Chicago, have markets similar to Cantoro's, but nothing in metro Detroit compares, he said, a movement ushered in by the shop's owners, the Fallone family.

That's one reason the shop has delayed its opening until March, he said. Many times, the delay came from the shop employees looking to make improvements to the market, which can take time. Those improvements, Larranaga said, should be worth the wait to patrons.

"This blows everything away," he said. "I've done lectures in Napa, I've done them all over California, this is unlike anything that I've done."

dveselenak@hometownlife.com
313-222-5379
Twitter: @DavidVeselenak



Bartender Kim Stilson polishes glasses.



Training for new employees.



Colleen "The Cheese Lady" Elliot cuts Locatelli Pecorino Romano from a large wheel of cheese.



The owners' Ducati sits above the main floor.

CRYSTAL CREEK
Assisted Living

We care for and about our residents and their families.

Our staff is professionally trained and able to provide the support and care that your loved one needs, all while providing a secure lifestyle.

- Relaxed, caring atmosphere
- Contained outdoor courtyard
- Spacious studio-styled suites
- Housekeeping/laundry
- Accommodations for couples
- Beauty/barber shop
- Handicap accessible suites
- Variety of activities and programs
- 24-hour staff physician services
- State Licensed
- Daily medication management
- Nurse on site
- Memory care
- Secure facility

Call us for an appointment today
734-453-3203

8121 North Lilley Rd. • Canton, MI 48187 • www.crystalcreekassistedliving.com

allergies? asthma?

EGGS

Keepside Total Comfort

AIRBORNE ALLERGENS

Protect Your Family's Health

DUST MITES

Control Dust

DOG AND CAT DIRT

Remove Allergens

We will have you breathing cleaner, healthier air in no time...

- Whole house media & electronic air filtration
- Whole house humidifiers & dehumidifiers
- Whole house UV light systems to kill molds and fungus

SHARON'S

Heating & Air Conditioning

LICENSED

734-425-1415

31776 Cowan Road • Westland

Commercial & Residential • Woman Owned • In Business for 32 Years

Aprilaire
Feel Good. Inside.

INSURED

PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Win a bike

Date/Time: Tuesday, April 22, 6:30 p.m.
Location: Max & Erma's of Canton, 2240 N. Canton, Center
Details: Diners can join Max & Erma's each Tuesday through April 22 for "Kids Eat Free" and enter to win a bicycle and helmet. The drawing will take place 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 22. Donors can help Max & Erma's give bikes to everyone by dropping off used bikes April 5. Donors will get a coupon for a free hamburger, redeemable during May, which is National Hamburger Month.
Contact: For more information, call 734-981-3370.

Spelling bee

Date/Time: Wednesday, March 26, 7 p.m.
Location: Canton High School Allen DuBois Little Theater
Details: The Community Literacy Council hosts its 2014 spelling bee, a night of what organizers call "spirited spelling competition" that supports the local literacy program. Businesses, groups and organizations can sponsor a team, make a donation, be a speller or be part of the cheering section. The event is designed to "make a difference for many adults in our community who are not proficient in English."
Contact: For more information, call chairperson Carol Saunders at 734-455-4940, email dcsaunders64@comcast.net or visit www.plymouthcantonliteracy.org

Heise coffee

Date/Time: Friday, March 21, 7:30-9 a.m.
Location: Panera Bread, 400 S. Main (at Ann Arbor Trail), Plymouth
Details: State Rep. Kurt Heise is hosting coffee hours to give residents a convenient opportunity to meet with him locally and discuss state or local issues. No appointment is necessary. Heise is also available to meet with constituents by appointment either in the district or at his Lansing office.
Contact: Residents are invited to call toll free 1-855-REPKURT or e-mail kurtheise@house.mi.gov to schedule an appointment.

Plymouth Relay kickoff

Date/Time: Thursday, March 20, 6:30 p.m. (registration)
Location: Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, Plymouth
Details: The Plymouth Relay for Life committee kicks off its 2014 relay season with a ceremony designed to inspire and motivate Relayers to finish the fight. The committee shares the work the American Cancer Society can do and the progress we have made because of Relayers, hear a story of hope from a cancer survivor, celebrate the efforts of last year's Relay and get pumped for the season ahead. Anyone interested in learning how to make a difference in the fight against cancer in Plymouth should attend the kickoff.

Prom dress sale

Date/Time: Saturday, April 5, 9 a.m. to noon.
Location: Plymouth High School, 8400 Beck Road, Canton
Details: The annual Prom Dress Sale features what organizers call "a wonderful collection" of new and used dresses, both long and short dresses, as well as some formal shoes and jewelry. No dress is priced over \$20. Dress donations are greatly appreciated and being accepted in the office at Plymouth High School.
Contact: For more information, contact Lisa Benages@pccsmail.net

Northville luncheon

Date/Time: Wednesday, April 6, noon to 1:30 p.m.
Location: Meadowbrook Country Club, 40941 W. Eight Mile, Northville
Details: The Northville Chamber of Commerce host its annual State of the Community luncheon, sponsored by St. Mary Mercy Hospital. Featured speakers include state Rep. Kurt Heise, Northville Township Supervisor Robert Nix, city of Northville Mayor Chris Johnson and school district Superintendent Mary Kay Gallagher. Tickets are \$40 per person.
Contact: Reservations may be made by contacting the Northville Chamber of Commerce at 248-349-7640 or by email at tracincock@northville.org.

Newcomers Mom2Mom

Date/Time: Saturday, April 5, 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Location: Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton
Details: The Newcomers and Neighbors invite the public to their charity Mom2Mom Sale benefiting Big Family of Michigan, which serves the needs of Michigan's foster children and young adults. The Canton Newcomers and Neighbors Club expects 40-plus tables selling new and gently used maternity, baby and child items including



Pom success

The Salem JV Rockettes' last competition of the season was held Sunday, March 9, at Crisler Center in Ann Arbor. The Rockettes took first place in the pom division and second in hip hop at the 11th annual University of Michigan Dance Team Competition. Pictured are (front, from left) Sarah O'Donnell, Morgan Poulos, captain Becky DeWater, coach Jes Wilhoite, captain Erica Garczynski and Kelcie Rocheleau; and (back, from left) Basia Bokuniewicz, Maddie Martinsky, Emily Bates, Alyssa Marshall, Tiffney Ciotte, Hannah Parent and Kara Rocheleau.

furniture and larger play equipment. Related local business vendors. Strollers welcome. Admission is \$1.

Contact: For more information, including table rental information, call Carrie at 313-520-5626 or email cpollaccia1975@yahoo.com.

Medicare/Medicaid counseling

Date/Time: April 9, 1-3 p.m.
Location: United Home Health Services, 2200 N. Canton Center Road, Ste 250, Canton
Details: United Home Health Services offers free individual counseling with a certified MMAP (Medicare/Medicaid Assistance Program) counselor who will help you understand: Medicare/Medicaid eligibility, transitioning from employer coverage to Medicare, plan options, assistance programs, drug insurance, and Medicare/Medicaid fraud and abuse identification and reporting. Medicare plan enrollment and subsidy application assistance also provided.
Contact: Heather Pinage at 734-727-2063 to schedule an appointment. For MMAP information, visit www.mmapinc.org/pages/about.html

Night of Hope

Date/Time: March 21, 6:30-11:45 p.m.
Location: The Dearborn Inn, 20301 Oakwood Boulevard, Dearborn
Details: Canton-based Our Hope Holds The Cure is hosting its second annual "A Night Of Hope" formal charity gala, featuring a silent auction, dinner, live entertainment and cake auction officiated by Vic Faust of WXYZ-TV (Channel 7). Individual tickets are \$150 and tables are \$1,500. Proceeds go directly to the national HHT Foundation.
Contact: Register for tickets or sponsorships at ourhopeholdsthecure.org.

Jazz @ The Elks

Date/Time: Tuesday, March 25, 7-10 p.m.
Location: Plymouth Elks Lodge, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth
Details: Jazz @ the Elks happens on the last Tuesday of the month. There is a \$10 donation at the door which includes hors d'oeuvres. On Tuesday, March 25, the Dave Bennett Quartet returns with Dave on clarinet, Doug Cobb on drums, Jeff Kessler on piano and Jeff Pedraz on bass.
Contact: For more information, call 734-453-1780 or email plymouthelks1780@yahoo.com.

United Way meeting

Date/Time: Friday, April 4, 7:30-9 a.m.
Location: Comcast, 41112 Concept Drive, Plymouth
Details: The Plymouth Community United Way holds its 2014 Annual Meeting and Awards Presentation sponsored by Comcast. The public is welcome. The morning begins with networking and a continental breakfast followed by the meeting at 8 a.m. The purpose of the meeting is to elect new board members and officers and includes reports on the organization's 2013 finances and programs.
Contact: To RSVP, call Cindy Bumgardner at 734-453-6879, ext. 2, or send email to cindy.bumgardner@pcuw.org by Monday, March 17.

Agent Orange town hall

Date/Time: Saturday, April 26, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (registration 8-9 a.m.).
Location: Northville High School, 45700 Six Mile, Northville
Details: Vietnam Veterans Chapter 528 sponsors an Agent Orange Town Hall to inform and register veterans, their families and community, that have been affected by Agent Orange and

other dioxins used during the Vietnam War up to the present. The effects of these dioxins are carried in the DNA of the affected person for up to seven generations. The National Academy of Sciences and Veterans Administration has connected Agent Orange and other dioxin exposure during this period, to include 12 diseases, 38 cancers and 20 birth defects. Reservations are required for this event.
Contact: To RSVP or for more information, go to www.VVA528.org.

Blood drives

Dates/Times/Locations:
 Sunday, March 23, 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., St. Kenneth Church, 14951 Haggerty, Plymouth
 Monday, March 24, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Plymouth City Hall, 201 S. Main
 Tuesday, March 25, 1:30-7:15 p.m., St. Michael's Church, 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton
 Friday, March 28, 3:30-8 p.m., Dodson Elementary School, 205 Beck, Canton
Details: The American Red Cross sponsors the above blood drives. All donors will be entered into a raffle for a two-year lease on a 2014 Ford Fusion, with a \$5,000 cash option. Donors will also be entered into a weekly raffle for a \$125 gas card. Walk-ins are welcome.
Contact: Donors can call Diane Risko at 313-549-7052 or email at Diane.Risko@redcross.org to set up an appointment.

Building bridges

Date/Time: Saturday, April 12, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Location: The Muslim Community of Western Suburbs (Canton Mosque), 40440 Palmer, Canton
Details: The Muslim Community of Western Suburbs hosts the annual "Building Bridges - A Family Fun Day," a free open house event, with the goal of meeting neighbors and fellow citizens to foster communication and build relationships. There will be fun activities, henna, calligraphy, information on Islam around the world and a variety of ethnic food.
Contact: For more information, contact mcwsou-treach@gmail.com and RSVP at mcws.org/outreach.

Community conversation

Date/Time: Thursday, March 20, 7 p.m.
Location: Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main, Plymouth
Details: The Center for Michigan will hold a Community Conversation at which the public is invited to provide their input regarding education, jobs and prosperity, quality of life and public money priorities, among other state issues. This is an opportunity to engage in meaningful and informative conversations that make a difference to Michigan residents.
Contact: To RSVP, email Irene-Lamanen@gmail.com

Hospice support

Date/Time: Third Saturday of each month, 10-11:30 a.m.
Location: Compassionate Care Hospice, 5730 N. Lilley, Suite A, Canton
Details: Compassionate Care Hospice conducts a grief support group, "Compassionate Words," providing emotional support to any adult grieving the loss of a loved one. The group focuses on the various stages of grief and incorporates basic journal writing as a way to express feelings. The program is free of charge.
Contact: To register, contact Ann Christensen, Compassionate Care Hospice Bereavement Coordinator at 888-983-9050 or email achristensen@cch.net.



Increase your home's efficiency and beauty with a new upgraded fireplace. Whether you want to heat with gas, wood, or electric, we have a fireplace insert for you!



8545 N Lilley Rd, Canton, MI 48187 (734) 455-2820

Hours: M-F 10:00 to 6:00, Sat to 5:00 www.heatnsweepofplymouth.com

'The Park' named top school station

The Michigan Association of Broadcasters Foundation named WSDP-FM (88.1) "The Park" the High School Station of the Year. The MABF presented the award Wednesday, March 12, during the Great Lakes Broadcasting Conference and Expo in Lansing.

Fifteen students at Canton, Plymouth and Salem high schools received 14 of the 24 awards presented in the high school radio category. The students received six first-place awards in the eight categories. The students also swept all three awards in the Sports Play-by-Play competition.

"Our students made a commitment to submit their very best work," station manager Bill Keith said. "They wanted to have our best showing ever and win back the Station of the Year Award. I'm so proud of them."

The MABF received more than 300 high school entries from 19 schools in the radio and television competition. This is the sixth year in the past 14 that WSDP has been honored with the Station of the Year Award.

Other awards won by P-CEP students:

» **Aircheck** – First place, Dallas Haselhuhn, Canton senior, and Kailey deWeever, Plymouth senior; second place, Canton seniors Elena Bongiovanni and Jack Spencer.

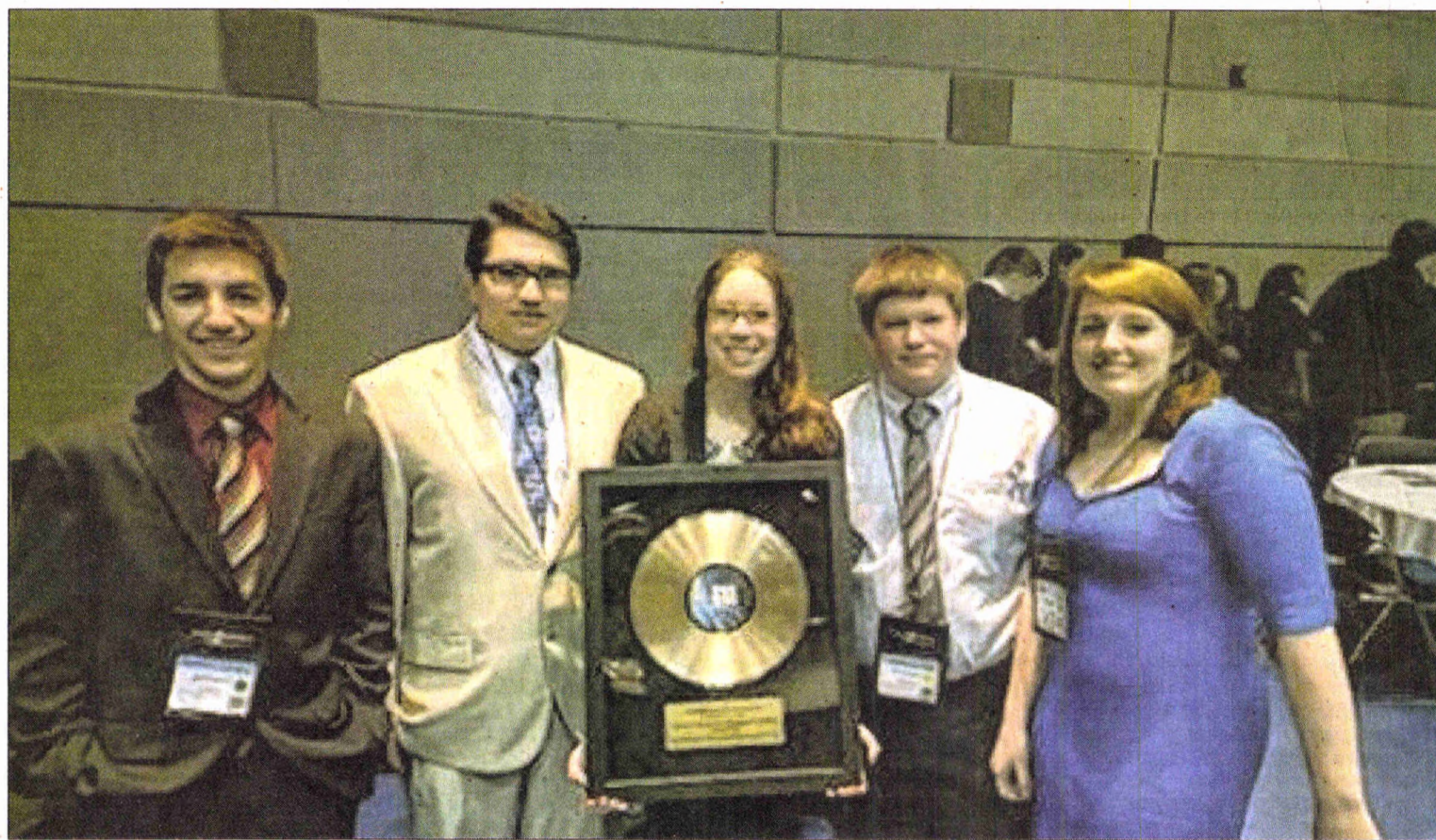
» **Newscast** – Second place, Kathryn Flucht, Canton senior, Lauren Jones, Plymouth senior, and Clay Martin, Plymouth freshman.

» **Talk Show** – First place, Canton junior Eddie Eadeh; honorable mention, Canton junior Alyce Krumm.

» **Public Service Announcement** – First place, Bongiovanni and Plymouth junior Annie Wellman; second place, Plymouth senior Lauren Jones.

» **MHSAA Sports PSA** – First place, Krumm, Plymouth sophomore Michael Adzima and Canton senior Adam Duxter.

» **Sports play-by-play** – First place, Plymouth senior Joe Zylka and Salem senior



WSDP-FM staffers (from left) Eddie Eadeh, Christian Alvarado, Elena Bongiovanni, Michael Adzima and Annie Wellman at the Michigan Association of Broadcasters Foundation ceremony, where "The Park" was named the top high school station.

Logan Lazorka; second place, Zylka and Salem sophomore Christian Alvarado; honorable mention, Duxter and Lazorka.

» **Promo announcement** – Second place, Bongiovanni; honorable mention, Haselhuhn and deWeever.

» **Current events program** – First place, Krumm.

The MAB Foundation is dedicated to promote, support and enhance the broadcast industry for the good of all Michigan citizens, through education, research, public service, historical preservation, information dissemination and a commitment to diversity in all aspects of the broadcast industry.

WSDP is owned and operated by the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools. Students at Canton, Plymouth and Salem high schools serve as staff members. "The Park" is celebrating 42 years of serving the Plymouth and Canton Communities.



WSDP staffer Archana Sondor with Dr. Michael Meissen, superintendent of Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.

Available March 20th - 24th
FREE PANDORA BRACELET
 WITH A MINIMUM PANDORA PURCHASE.*



Experience at the Pandora Shop inside:

Golden Gifts
 Jewelers

Complimentary Bracelet Cleaning
 33300 W. 6 Mile Road • Livonia, MI 48152
 734.525.4555

Some jewelry displayed (patented U.S. Pat. No. 7,007,507) © Pandora • PANDORA.N.Y.T.

PANDORA
 UNFORGETTABLE MOMENTS

March 20-24
 Free PANDORA sterling silver Bracelet or Bangle
 with your PANDORA purchase of \$100 or more.*
 Free PANDORA two-tone clasp Bracelet
 with your PANDORA purchase of \$500 or more.*

*While supplies last, limit one per customer. See store for details.



Amy Finger (left) with Lady and Kalin Turri with Oakley talk to students at Kennedy about the function and training of service dogs.

Kennedy students go to the dogs

Students at Kennedy Elementary School in Livonia were given the opportunity Thursday to see a demonstration on how service dogs assist diabetics in monitoring their blood sugar levels.

Kalin Turri and Amy Finger from Michigan Dog Training in Plymouth brought poodles Oakley and Lady to Kennedy for the interactive presentation. Six volunteers from the audience were selected to sit up front and hold jars containing cotton balls. One of the jars held cotton balls with a sample of saliva from a person with low blood sugar. Turri led Oakley down the line of students and

Oakley pawed the leg of the student holding the sample from the person with diabetes.

Turri then explained that Lady was a puppy in training. The dogs are trained for one year and live full time with trainers like Turri. After their training, the dogs are placed in their new homes by Michigan Dog Training.

"It's really rewarding work," Turri said of training the dogs. "You develop such a close bond with the dogs, so it's hard when their training is completed. But it's a great feeling knowing that they will be helping people who need them."

Business owner scammed in DTE Energy case

By David Veselenak
Staff Writer

Livonia police and DTE Energy officials are warning residents and business owners to be careful after a local merchant was scammed out of more than \$1,600.

The business owner, a 46-year-old man from Westland, came into the police station Thursday afternoon to report he had been targeted in a fraud at his business in the 37600 block of Five Mile. He told police he received a phone call earlier in the week from someone posing as a DTE Energy employee.

The suspect told the business owner he would have his power shut off if he did not pay some bills that totaled more than \$840.

The suspect told the man to go to the Rite Aid at Eight Mile and Newburgh and purchase two MoneyPak prepaid cards. He was then instructed to call a phone number and leave the cards' numbers to pay the supposed outstanding bill.

The next day, the man received another phone call from the suspect, saying there was a problem processing the payment and instructed him

to go back to the same Rite Aid and purchase two more money cards and call back with the pertinent information to make the payment. The man purchased the cards and called back, giving the cards' data to the suspect.

The total amount the business owner was out was more than \$1,670.

He later called DTE Energy, who told him it does not make payments over the phone and was forwarded to the company's fraud department.

Scott Simons, spokesman for DTE Energy, said the company will not call customers and

threaten to turn off their power with only hours notice.

"We don't ask for payment through Green Dot cards," he said. "We also don't call customers and tell them we're going to shut off power in an hour if they don't provide payment."

Those who believe they have been the victim of a similar scam are encouraged to contact their local police department, as well as call DTE Energy at 800-477-4747 and inform the company.

dveselenak@hometownlife.com

W-W counts down to Kindergarten Roundup

The countdown is on to Wayne-Westland's annual Kindergarten Roundup. Blast-off will be at 9 a.m. Tuesday, March 25, at the district's 11 elementary schools.

With a theme of "Learning that Is Out of This World," the program will provide parents with the opportunity to tour their child's school, meet the principal and teachers, receive registration information

and explore the various programs available to kindergartners.

Every incoming kindergartner will receive a free T-shirt for the class of 2027 and a backpack filled with items to help them prepare for their first day of school.

Parents who can't make the morning roundup can stop by their school office 6-7 p.m. Tuesday, March 25, to register. Parents also can make an appoint-

ment to register their child.

To register a youngster, parents will need the child's original birth certificate and an up-to-date immunization record, as well as proof of residency, including a driver's license, a signed lease and/or mortgage document and two pieces of business mail that are not more than 30 days old.

The district offers all-day kindergarten at

every school, a Talented and Gifted program, foreign language and before- and after-school care.

W-W elementary schools include Roosevelt-McGrath, Hoover and Taft-Galloway in Wayne; Wildwood, Elliott, Edison, Hamilton, P.D. Graham and Schweitzer in Westland; Walker-Winter in Canton; and Hicks in Inkster.

For more information, call 734-419-2083.

Non-local bankers think Plaka is a game on The Price is Right.

At Bank of Ann Arbor, we know the Plymouth/Canton area inside and out. We use that knowledge to provide the products and services you need. Bank of Ann Arbor helps. Visit us at 1333 W. Ann Arbor Rd., just east of Sheldon in Plymouth. 734-455-1511 or boaa.com. How can we help you?



Member FDIC

Schoolcraft
to



WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY'S OPEN HOUSE at Schoolcraft College

TUESDAY, MARCH 18
4:30-7:30 p.m.

VisTaTech Center
18600 Haggerty Road • Livonia, MI 48152

Learn about WSU's degree programs that will be offered at the new Schoolcraft Center this fall:

- Business accounting
- Business management
- Computer science
- Computer technology
- Electric transportation technology
- Electromechanical engineering technology
- Electrical/electronic engineering technology
- Mechanical engineering technology

You'll be able to:

- Apply on-site
- Speak with admission counselors, academic advisors and financial aid representatives

Reserve your spot today and qualify for a preliminary transfer credit evaluation at go.wayne.edu/schoolcraft-openhouse.



'Classrooms and Kids' proposal called 'simple and doable'

Livonia Public Schools Superintendent Randy Liepa, who is vice president of the Tri-County Alliance for Public Education and on the legislative council of the Michigan Association of School Administrators representing metro Detroit districts, answered the following questions about the "Classrooms and Kids" school funding proposal:

How can taxpayers be assured the additional money translates into more learning?

One key point, we are not asking for additional funding from taxpayers or new revenue streams. The proposal is based on the governor's budget and available state funds. Second, as most school districts have experienced declining revenues in recent years, they have implemented tough budget reductions. This proposed increase in the foundation allowance will allow them to maintain and return staff positions and provide other direct resources that will go directly to students, which impacts student learning.

What kind of things can the additional money be spent on?

One of the benefits of the proposal is that it provides flexibility for local districts to utilize the funds as they see their highest priorities, leaving these important decisions to local school decision makers. In one district, they may need to upgrade their science curriculum, while another district may want to reduce class size. Every district has different needs and this proposal keeps the decisions

where they need to be, at the local level so these specific needs can be met.

Does the \$250 to \$291 per-pupil increase bring districts back up to where they were before the state instituted cuts with the new administration?

No, but it is a move in the right direction. School leaders appreciate the governor's budget proposal, which begins to move in the direction of restoring this funding, and our proposal takes it one step further.

Is this a band-aid solution to help get districts through the next year or the basis for a more comprehensive school funding plan for the future?

It is an improvement on the current funding system for next year, based on the governor's proposed budget. There is not time for a comprehensive overhaul of the school funding system prior to this year's budget being finalized. It is based on the governor's budget as the starting point, utilizing existing available funding to provide the first significant improvement in school funding in some time.

Does the MEA support this plan? If not, why not?

The MEA would rather see a comprehensive school reform plan. While we respect their thoughts, this will not occur by May when the state budgets are typically finalized. Our plan can be accomplished by then as it is based on the governor's budget proposal and it provides the first real increase in discretionary funding in some

time, which we believe teachers across the state will welcome.

What are the chances this proposal will be approved?

We believe it makes great sense, so we feel there is a very good chance it will be successful. It provides lawmakers with an opportunity to increase funding for local schools for the first time in a significant way in several years. It does so without increasing taxes or finding an alternative revenue stream. It provides local school districts with more flexibility in utilizing their funds and more stability by reallocating funds from categorical funding areas, which aren't always stable. It meets the request of Michigan citizens, who have said K-12 funding is a priority (EPIC-MRA poll within last month says Michigan citizens want to see state budget surplus utilized for schools No. 1, well ahead of tax cuts). It is simple and doable. It is a win-win on many fronts.

What kind of response have you gotten from local legislators?

It is just being laid out for them, but there are so many positive aspects to the plan, we expect that it will be well-received. We also believe that legislators will appreciate a proactive proposal from the school community and it will have even more credibility based on the wide range of school organizations that support the proposal from across the entire state, a coalition not seen for a school funding proposal directly related to an upcoming budget.

Book talk



Zach Holmes of Plymouth Township peruses copies of "Before You Know Kindness" by author Chris Bohjalian at the Plymouth District Library. That book will be discussed at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 8, at Contemporary Books, held at the library, 223 S. Main, in downtown Plymouth. The group meets at 7:30 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month and is open to all. For details, call librarian Sue Patterson at 734-453-0750.

JULIE BROWN

PLAN

Continued from Page A1

This is the first time in years a large segment of the educational community has come together to proactively offer an alternative to the governor's proposal.

It is supported by the Michigan Association of School Boards, the Michigan Association of School Administrators, the Michigan Association of Intermediate School Administrators, the Michigan Association of Secondary School Principals and the Tri-County Alliance for Public Education.

"The 'Classrooms and Kids' budget recognizes that districts have various needs they need to address to support their students," Livonia Public Schools Superintendent Randy Liepa said. "This is a budget for our schools that is supported by virtually everyone in education because it was created by those of us on the front lines of education who see the needs of our children."

Brodie Killian, the deputy superintendent for finance and operations for Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, said the district favors the Classrooms for Kids proposal over what the governor has proposed because, very simply, it means more money for Plymouth-Canton.

P-CCS would see an additional \$200,000 under the Classrooms for Kids proposal. Under the governor's current proposal, Plymouth-Canton's foundation allowance would be \$7,422; under the Classrooms for Kids proposal, it nudges up to \$7,433.

"Any attempt to give more money to schools is worthwhile, no matter the amount," Killian said. "This would allow us to get more money into our classrooms and that's always a good thing."

The plan was announced Feb. 27 during

a press conference at the state capitol. State Rep. John Walsh, R-Livonia, speaker pro tem, said he plans to meet with Liepa the first week in April to learn the details of the plan. He said while he likes the governor's budget proposal, he also likes the concept of using categoricals. "I think we can definitely do something there," he said.

Flexibility, stability

Liepa said the "Classrooms and Kids" budget proposal would provide an infusion of additional dollars into local schools, while also giving districts the flexibility to use the money to best meet their needs and providing stability to maintain programs from year to year.

Here's how it would work: Snyder proposed a per-pupil increase of \$111 for minimum foundation districts and an \$83 increase for districts above the minimum foundation. The "Classrooms and Kids" budget would add an additional \$167 per pupil for all districts, plus an additional \$13 per pupil equity payment for minimum foundation districts.

That would bring the total per-pupil increase up to between \$250 and \$291.

That increase would be off-set in some districts by a loss of revenue in categoricals. For example, Killian said, Plymouth-Canton would lose some \$2.1 million in the categoricals for student performance and best practices.

But the "Classrooms and Kids" proposal would put an additional \$200,000 into the district's coffers next school year over and above the money Snyder's budget would provide.

Not a 'windfall' for districts

The proposal is not a complete redo of the state's school funding model, which would take a lot more time than the

approximate two months left before the state adopts its budget for fiscal year 2015, which begins Oct. 1. "But it's a great start to get back into reinvesting dollars into the educational system," Liepa said.

The proposal would bump Plymouth-Canton's foundation allowance up a little.

Back in 2011, the district's per-pupil spending was at \$7,604; after cuts the following year, it had dropped below \$7,134. Under the "Classrooms and Kids" proposal, it's back up to \$7,433.

Categoricals that would be reduced or eliminated include grants for best practices in management, \$80 million; grants for high academic achievement, \$46.4 million; and the Michigan Virtual University, \$9.38 million. Plymouth-Canton would lose about \$100 per student in student-performance money and another \$52 for best practices.

Killian said he doesn't necessarily see a downside to the "Classrooms for Kids" proposal.

"I suppose if you believe the funding should be tied to categoricals like student performance and best practices, you could see a downside," Killian said. "(But) this would get more money into our schools and I don't see the downside to that."

The reception to the plan has been good so far, Liepa said. A recent EPIC-MRA poll showed 38 percent of 600 Michigan residents supports having the state budget surplus go to K-12 schools, compared with 36 percent for roads and 11 percent for an income tax cut.

"People want to see money invested back into education," he said. "It really addresses what citizens are asking for."

ksmith@hometownlife.com
313-222-2098
Twitter: KarenS87

Subscribing has Rewards!

We appreciate
YOU
as a subscriber and we
want you to know it!



Win concert tickets, Emagine Theatre passes, Buddy's Pizza coupons, or giftcards from Meijer, Speedway or Joe's Produce!

WANT YOUR CHANCE TO WIN?

Simply enter the Reader Rewards drawing when you receive your monthly e-mail.

If you're not a subscriber yet, call or click today and save 25% off the regular rate plus receive a \$10 giftcard!



CALL
866-887-2737

or CLICK

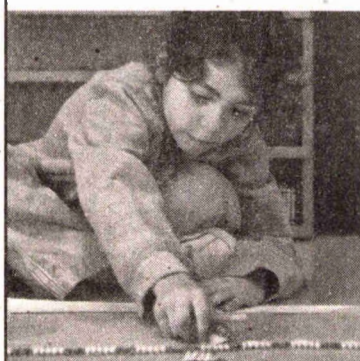
hometownlife.com/bestoffer

Offer is valid to new subscribers only. Must not have had a subscription within the past 30 days



MONTESSORI OPEN HOUSES

Educational Excellence for Children 18 Months to 14 Years



- Montessori-certified teachers
- Outstanding academics
- Caring, dedicated, experienced staff
- Low student/teacher ratios
- Character development
- Multi-cultural emphasis
- Full-day and latchkey programs
- Summer Programs



DEARBORN HEIGHTS
MONTESSORI CENTER
(Toddler through Grade 8)

Tuesday, March 25: 9-11 a.m.
Wednesday, March 26: 1-3 p.m.

466 N. John Daly, Dearborn Heights
313-359-3000
www.dhmontessori.org

PLYMOUTH-CANTON
MONTESSORI SCHOOL
(Preschool & Kindergarten)

Sunday, April 6: 1-3 p.m.

45245 Joy Road, Canton
734-459-1550
www.pcmontessori.org

LO-000189629

GUEST COLUMN

Sunshine Week

Access to information should be a common goal for better government, better lives



Charles Hill
GUEST COLUMNIST

Non-partisan

Let them know this should not be a partisan issue and that you want information regardless of which party or group is in power. If you're in New Jersey, you don't have to be a Democrat to want to know more about a big bridge closure in that state.

In Michigan and Louisiana, you don't have to be a Republican to want information surrounding the corruption charges that resulted in convictions of mayors in New Orleans and Detroit.

Michigan has plenty of tough transparency and accountability challenges ahead, including how courts handle public access and fees for electronic records, whether juvenile criminal records should be public or secret and how much secrecy should be allowed in new mental health courts, including convict records and data revealing rates of recidivism for the program.

Remember that you have a stake in Michigan's freedom of information laws. How much you are permitted to know about your government directly affects the quality of your government, your schools, your courts, your job, your freedom and your life.

Charles Hill is a member of the board of directors of the Michigan Coalition for Open Government and a former Michigan bureau chief for the Associated Press. To join or find out more about MiCOG, go to <http://www.miopengov.org> or follow MiCOG on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/MIOpenGov> or Twitter: @miopengov.

MiCOG, a nonprofit, tax-exempt organization open to citizens, journalists and associations concerned with open government and freedom of information, urges passage of that pending legislation.

Make a difference

You also can make a difference by letting your local officials — from the mayor to school board members — know that it's important to you to know how your tax dollars are being spent and how they are making decisions about classrooms or parks or roads or snow removal or trash collection.

It's important for you to know this so you can independently judge the soundness of those decisions; so you can suggest your ideas for improvements in programs or government actions; so you can evaluate government officials' performance; and so you can guard against corruption and conflicts of interest.

You can help by asking questions of your government officials and by encouraging openness.

Politicians and government officials are more likely to take the trouble to create open systems and practices if they know it is important to their constituents.

Tell them that your assessment of their performance includes their record on open government.

If you've been watching what goes on in Washington and some statehouses across the country, you might wonder if there's any issue that everyone should be able to agree on whether they are conservative or liberal or libertarian, Democrat or Republican, pro-this or anti-that.

There is: It's the need for transparency in all levels of government.

As we observe Sunshine Week in Michigan and around the country to encourage openness in government, the Michigan Coalition for Open Government is urging citizens and public officials to seek transparency in the operations of their local and state governments, their schools and universities, their federal government and their courts.

You can do this by supporting Michigan legislation that would amend the Michigan Freedom of Information Act to make government information more accessible by limiting fees and discouraging delays.

Or by supporting a bill that a Republican lawmaker proposed to create an Open Government Commission to hear FOIA appeals. Or by supporting a bill that two Democratic lawmakers proposed to expand FOIA coverage for the legislative branch so it is more in line with the broader coverage that applies to the executive branch.

STUDENTS

Continued from Page A4

ing with children," Bedro said. "It is important for these students to be strong in academics and study skills. It is rewarding for the high school mentors to

share their knowledge and help these students. It is always rewarding when you help someone."

Zuzo points to the National Honor Society students — Weeda, McArdle, Sondor, Bedro and Cucuz — as "outstanding leaders" who are helping Bentley students learn valuable

lessons.

"It's a win-win ... the kids are learning and they're helping others," Zuzo said. "These kids have done a fabulous job. These kids have made a difference."

*bkadrich@hometownlife.com
Twitter: @bkadrich*

Rick's rules for converting traditional IRA to Roth IRA



Rick Bloom
MONEY MATTERS

Q: Dear Rick: I'm over 72 years old, retired and have a traditional IRA, from which I have been taking required minimum distributions. I read an article in the "Wall Street Journal" about converting to a Roth IRA by taking a distribution from my traditional IRA, paying tax on it and immediately putting the remainder into a Roth IRA. Is this correct? Can you tell me what form I need to convert into an IRA?

A: I read the same article and I think it is a little misleading. The question is whether someone who is over 70½ and taking required minimum distributions is eligible to do a Roth conversion. The answer is yes. However, it comes with a caveat.

If you are over age 70½ and required to take required minimum distributions, you are still eligible to do a Roth conversion. However, you cannot convert the money that you take as your required minimum distribution. You can convert anything above and beyond that number, but your required minimum distribution is not eligible for a Roth IRA.

For example, if your IRA was \$100,000 and your required minimum distribution was \$5,000, then you are eligible to convert your remaining \$95,000 into a Roth IRA. The \$5,000 that was your required minimum distribution is not eligible to be put into a Roth.

If you do decide to convert, you need Form 8606 to report the transaction.

Since Roth IRAs came into existence, I have been a strong supporter. The benefits of having money grow tax-free and not subject to the age 70½ minimum required distribution rule is a substantial benefit.

I don't care how old or how young someone is, they should look at taking advantage of Roth IRAs.

To contribute to a Roth IRA, you typically need to have earned income (which is income from your labor). If you are retired, you typically cannot contribute to a Roth IRA. However, you may be eligible to convert existing IRA money into a Roth IRA.

Here are my rules to help people make the right decision regarding converting.

» Without touching the money that you are converting, you must have the cash available to pay the taxes owed.

» By converting the money and recognizing that as additional money income, you are not putting yourself into a higher tax bracket.

» You won't need the money for at least five to seven years.

If you met these criteria, then converting to a Roth IRA makes sense.

A Roth IRA is a great tool that every investor, no matter their age, needs to consider. The money grows tax-free and is not subject to the age 70½ minimum required distribution rule, benefits that more people ought to take advantage of.

Good luck.

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

OBSERVER & ECCENTRIC MEDIA
hometownlife.com
A GANNETT COMPANY

2014 FREE Children's Spring FILM FESTIVAL

Shown at this Great MJR® Digital Cinema
Westland Grand Digital Cinema 16
6800 N. Wayne Rd. 734.298.2657

Showing
MARCH 22 & 23

Showing
MARCH 29 & 30

Showing
APRIL 5 & 6

Free to children 12 and under until theatre capacity!
Every Saturday & Sunday
March 15th thru April 6th 2014
Adults: \$1.00
Tickets available day of show only
No Advance Ticket Sales

Showtimes posted on www.mjrtheatres.com
on the Tuesday before the show date.

2014 LIVONIA HOME IMPROVEMENT SHOW

www.cscu.org • 800-321-8570
Banking, the Credit Union Way!

Saturday, March 22
9 am – 4 pm
Churchill High School
(8900 Newburgh Road)
FREE Admission & Parking

Come get ideas to improve your home from 50+ local experts!

NEW! Grab-n-Go Lunch Row
Stop by the home show and grab a bite to eat from local Livonia restaurants from 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Featuring the Appliance Doctor
Joe Gagnon will be broadcasting his morning show on WAAM Talk 1600 from until 11 a.m. and will be on location all day answering your home repair and questions.

Presented By:

Media Sponsor:

For details, call the Livonia Chamber at 734.427.2122 or visit www.Livonia.org

Square dancers stay in shape

By Beth Jachman
Staff Writer

Fun, friends and fitness are some of the appeal of a club that meets each Wednesday evening in Redford.

The Star Twirlers Square Dance Club of Redford has been stepping out for 11 years and recently got a new caller, the person who calls the steps in a square dance session.

George Ferguson of Westland, who is a caller for the Shindiggers of Canton, in January became the club caller for Redford. The Star Twirlers meet 6:30-8:30 p.m. each Wednesday at the Redford Community Center.

"Square dancing is the most fun you can have with seven other people that's not illegal and not immoral," Ferguson said.

A bank president, real estate broker, a garbage man and a landscaper can meet for a square dance and "once they square up, everyone is equal. That makes it very comfortable and very enjoyable for everyone," Ferguson said.

About 20 members strong, Redford's club is made up of experienced dancers.

Pat Ulivi of Garden City has been square dancing for more than 30 years.

"The people are great," she said. "Square dancers are friends

forever."

A resident of Garden City for 46 years, Ulivi and her husband were longtime members of Garden City's Li'l Devils square dance club that lasted for 30 years before it folded.

Clubs all over

A lack of interest by young people has caused square dancing's popularity to wane, but Ulivi describes the days of square dancing clubs all over metro Detroit.

"It used to be you could dance seven nights a week if you wanted," she said. Each club had its own color and members went to visit other clubs, she said.

She and her husband used to dance four nights a week and even have 45 matching outfits they used to dance in, she said.

Her husband is no longer physically able to dance, but Ulivi tries to stay active.

"I just truly enjoy it. It's a lot of good exercise," she said.

Joe Spano of Canton has been a member of the Redford club for many years.

"I feel it's entertainment and doing exercise at the same time," he said.

He used to dance two or three times a week, but dances once a week now, he said.

"I like the whole thing," he said.

"It's good exercise mentally and physically," Dave Hermann of Livonia said. He started square dancing in 1968 with his wife, but then took a break starting in 1980. He took it up again in 2003 after his wife died, he said.

It's not like it was years ago, when you filled halls with dancers, but it's still fun, he said.

"It's good exercise and I really enjoy it and meet a lot of friends," he said.

Living social

Ferguson, who started calling as an amateur in 1995, also enjoys the social part of square dancing. A retired master electrician, he first joined a square dancing club in 1989 in Van Buren Township. He has now danced in 18 states and Canada.

"Square dancing is an extremely healthy exercise," he said. "And the emotional and social activity that we have is very enriching."

Square dancing not only exercises the body, but the mind, as well.

Square dance is a lot more organized than is apparent on the surface, Ferguson said. There are about 20 clubs in the South East Michigan Association of Square and Round Dance clubs, which is also associated with United Square Dancers of America, a national organization.

There are two types



Mary Belcher of Westland and Dave Herman of Livonia dance to hoedown music doing the left star last week at the Redford Community Center. PHOTOS BY THOMAS BEAUDOIN

of square dancing. An earlier style was made popular in this area by Henry Ford when he introduced it to his employees, but another style called modern western square dancing started in the 1950s.

"That's what's popular today," Ferguson said.

In the older style, a person didn't need to know how to dance, because callers guided you through it a step at a time, but modern western dancing has 65 calls for dancers to master to learn the routine.

"Dancers need to know the call before the dance starts. It reminds me of a band at a half-time show. You have to learn the formations to put together a show," Ferguson said.

"It's not just for old people," Ulivi said. "I think out west your younger people probably do it more."

"It's the best-kept secret," Ferguson said. "It is still around and it is still fun."



Mary Ann Swango of Garden City promenades with dance partner Ernest Phillip of Canton at the Star Twirlers Square Dance Club held at the Redford Community Center.



Caller George Ferguson of Westland keeps the square dancers moving last week at the Redford Community Center.



Harriet Fowler of Westland and Sandy McIntire of Westland end the dance with a "thank you" as they enjoy square dancing last week in Redford.

PLYMOUTH CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
PLYMOUTH, MI 48170
SECTION 00 11 13
ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed bids for the Plymouth Canton Community Schools, consisting of construction of:

New Cherry Hill Middle School-BD 108 Carpentry and General Trades Rebid

will be received at the office of Mr. Brodie Killian, Deputy Superintendent of Business & Operations, Plymouth Canton Community Schools, 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth, MI 48170 until **1:30 P.M., local time on Tuesday, March 25, 2014** at which time they will be opened and read publicly at Plymouth Canton Community School, E.J. McClendon Educational Center, 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth, Michigan, 48170.

Bids received after this time and date will be returned unopened.

Faxed or e-mailed proposals will not be accepted.

This Project will consist of separate sealed bids for the following Bid Divisions of work:
108: Carpentry / General Trades

Bidding documents prepared by TMP Architecture, Inc. will be available for public inspection at the office of the Construction Manager, **McCarthy & Smith, Inc.**, 24317 Indoplex Circle, Farmington Hills, MI 48335; the Dodge Plan Room, Construction Association of Michigan (CAM), Reed Construction Data, and Builders Exchange, Lansing.

Bid Documents will be available beginning at 12:00 P.M. on Tuesday, March 11, 2014 via the following:

- Bidders may obtain one (1) set of 1/2 size bidding documents for a refundable \$75.00 deposit, beginning at 12:00 P.M. on Tuesday, March 11, 2014, by contacting the Construction Manager, **McCarthy & Smith, Inc.**, at (248) 427-8400. Deposit checks should be payable to Plymouth Canton Community Schools. Deposit will be refunded upon return of complete documents in good condition to **McCarthy & Smith, Inc.** no later than fifteen (15) calendar days after the bid opening.
- Bidders may download bid documents from Gradebeam.com free of charge by contacting the Construction Manager, **McCarthy & Smith, Inc.**, at (248) 427-8400 to obtain log in information for access to the project documents.

Bids are to be submitted in a sealed envelope. The bid division(s) being bid is/are to be identified on the outside of the envelope.

All bids should include 2 copies (1 original, 1 copy) of the Proposal Pricing Form (Section 00 41 26), Proposal Execution Form (Section 00 42 00), and the Iran Economic Sanctions Act Affidavit. **The Proposal Execution Form provides a space for the bidder to disclose any familial relationship as required by Section 1267 of the Revised School Code, as amended, MCL 380.1267, and this form must be signed and notarized in order for the bid to be accepted. The Iran Economic Sanctions Act Affidavit form may be found in section 00 42 10 of the Bidding Requirements & General Conditions Manual.**

All bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security, in either the form of a bid bond or certified bank check, in the amount of five (5) percent of the amount of the bid, payable to Plymouth Canton Community Schools, as a guarantee that if the proposal is accepted, the school district is secured from loss or damage by reason of the withdrawal of the bid or failure of the bidder to enter a contract for performance. Further, the bidder will execute the contract and file the required bonds within ten (10) days after notice of award of contract.

If awarded a contract, the successful bidder will be required to furnish a Performance Bond and Labor and Material Payment Bond. Plymouth Canton Community Schools reserves the right to reject any or all bids received and to waive any informalities and irregularities in the bidding.

This project is authorized by Plymouth Canton Community School's Board of Education Secretary **Kimberley Crouch**.

END OF SECTION

Publish: March 13 and 16, 2014

We appreciate YOU as a subscriber and we want you to know it!

Win concert tickets, Emagine Theatre passes, Buddy's Pizza coupons, or giftcards from Meijer, Speedway or Joe's Produce!

WANT YOUR CHANCE TO WIN?
Simply enter the Reader Rewards drawing when you receive your monthly e-mail.

If you're not a subscriber yet, call or click today and save 25% off the regular rate plus receive a \$10 giftcard!

CALL **866-887-2737** or CLICK hometownlife.com/bestoffer

OFFER IS VALID TO NEW SUBSCRIBERS ONLY. MUST NOT HAVE HAD A SUBSCRIPTION WITHIN THE PAST 30 DAYS.

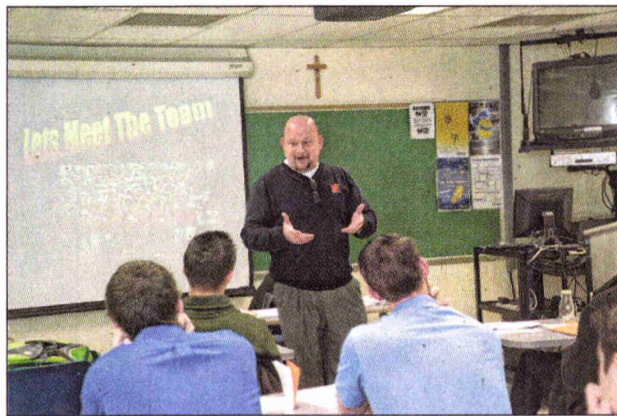
A.D. shares experience with Madonna students

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

Overzealous parents can make life difficult for their children, especially if they play sports.

Northville High School Athletic Director Bryan Masi has seen it time and again and he shared some of those experiences with some college students at Madonna University. Masi visited assistant professor Kevin King's class at the Livonia university to give his students - some of whom want to become athletic directors themselves - a better idea of real-life situations when it comes to dealing with parents.

"You need to get your arms around this and be proactive," Masi said of athletic departments confronting overzealous



Northville Athletic Director Bryan Masi gave a talk at Madonna University on how his department deals with overzealous parents of student-athletes.

parent issues. "Setting expectations is important."

King, who is also the program director of Sport Management at Madonna, said the class is studying how overzealous parenting can affect a child's experi-

ence in a given sport. The course is called Sport as Popular Culture and it addresses issues in sports and society, such as overzealous parents, homosexuality in sports, religion in sports and diversity within sport.

"After having several discussions with Bryan, I felt my students would benefit from Bryan's experience in high school athletics and lend a real-life perspective to this topic," King said.

They did. "It was helpful in a lot of different ways," Madonna junior James Robinson said. "He knows how it really works and gives a different perspective."

Masi said he's had a few issues in the past with parents, including a time he had a parent restricted from coming to games. But he said overall the district's policies have helped give everyone an understanding of what's expected. In Northville, there is a lot of parent involvement, so it's important to maintain boundaries

while also giving parents access to a lot of positive moments.

"It's a shared responsibility," Masi said of Northville's mission statement.

King said the students really enjoyed the presentation.

"Sport Management is a result-driven business, so it was nice to hear students discuss with Bryan how they would handle these issues in the future," King said.

One topic discussed was the ride home after a big game. Some of the students said some overzealous parents can make the ride home after a loss a difficult one. Masi said this was an interesting thought, considering Northville allows student-athletes to go home with parents rather than take the bus.

It is something he had not thought about before, he said.

Masi emphasized that Northville has a good situation for sports and the relationship between coaches, students and parents has been very productive, as testament to the recent state-wide success Northville has had in athletics.

Madonna University's Sport Management program has been offered for 11 years.

Students majoring in sport management want to pursue careers in parks and recreation (i.e. Boys and Girls Club, YMCA), high school athletics, college athletics, professional and Olympic sports.

lhuhman@hometownlife.com
248-437-2011, ext. 255
Twitter: @lhuhman

Band of doctors to perform for injured CC player

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Mazzin Najor of Southfield is looking forward to a benefit concert for his cousin, Matthew Sorisho, a local high school hockey player partially paralyzed on the ice.

"We'd like to get as many people out as possible," Najor said of the 8 p.m. Thursday, March 20, performance at the Uptown Grille, 3100 E. West Maple Road in Commerce Township.

A group of doctors is performing music to raise money for the cause.

"One, because we know the family. Two, because this is what we do," Najor said of Doctor Detroit's performance.

Sorisho was involved in an on-ice accident while playing for a developmental hockey league this past October. He is paralyzed from the waist down. After surgery and extensive physical therapy, Sorisho has returned to Catholic Central High School to finish his senior year.

The band did a benefit concert last year for a girl getting a heart transplant, Najor said, and performs each year to help send physicians to Nicaragua.

"This one kind of hit close to home," he said. Najor grew up with the Sorisho family.

"He's back at school," Najor said of Sorisho, who last weekend accepted the state championship trophy on the ice for CC's hockey team.

"He has his ups and downs. He's improving," Najor said. Sorisho plans to attend Michigan State University, where he's been accepted, and may work with MSU's hockey team if his health allows.

"We just want to thank everyone who has helped Matt and his family through this difficult time," Dr. Amit Bhan, a physician at Henry Ford Health Sys-

tem and founding member of Doctor Detroit, said in a statement.

One member, Dr. Greg Olds, is flying in from Tennessee to play in the show.

"We really wanted to do something to show our support for Matt, who we have known for years," Dr. Ron Kattoo, critical care physician at Henry Ford Hospital, said in a statement.

Doctor Detroit members include Najor (vocals), Kattoo (guitar), Olds (guitar, vocals),

Bhan (drums), Guido Milligan (bass, guitar) and Glendon Gardner (keyboards and harmonica).

The band will cover old rock and some new, Najor said, including the Beatles and The Who. "It's all about everyone having a good time."

Sorisho and his family plan to attend, if his health allows. Admission is free, Najor said, with fundraising through an auction and donations, as well as T-shirt sales.

It's also a thank you

for all who've rallied around the teen and his family, including the Catholic Central community. "We're extremely appreciative," Najor said.

The Rev. John Huber, principal of Catholic Central, said of Sorisho, "He goes to all of his classes. He's doing quite well. He's just like one of the other students."

Sorisho will graduate in May, Huber said, adding the teen has learned to drive again.

Huber agreed the

school community has rallied around the family: "Absolutely. We've had several tragedies over the last several years. I think it has strengthened the brotherhood among the students," as well as greater family ties.

The principal noted many contributions to the fund for the Cipriano family, following that crime that impacted CC. "This is part of our family and we have the responsibility of taking care of our family. We

are our brother's keeper."

The priest added CC uses fidelity and prayerfulness. He's appreciative of the support from other Catholic schools nearby, Mercy, Ladywood and St. Catherine of Siena, as well as public schools such as Novi.

"The kids have friends at all these schools, so they have connections," Huber said.

jbrown@hometownlife.com



MARCH MAYHEM SERVICE EVENT

Use our **FREE Wi-Fi** to check out the competitor's price right here at **Quick Lane**

The road ahead will bring you back.

THE **LOW PRICE** TIRE GUARANTEE

Get up to a **\$130**

MAIL-IN REBATE ** on four select tires when you use the Quick Lane Credit Card.

Redeem your rebates at quicklane.com.

GOODYEAR DUNLOP GENERAL TIRE MICHELIN BRIDGESTONE FIRESTONE YOKOHAMA

Valid on Quick Lane®-installed, retail purchases only. Requires presentation of competitor's current price ad/offer on exact tire sold by Quick Lane within 30 days after purchase. See participating Quick Lane for details through 12/31/14. **\$40 rebate on Firestone tires, \$50 rebate on General Tires, \$60 rebate on Goodyear, Dunlop, Bridgestone and Yokohama tires, \$70 rebate on Michelin tires, \$80 rebate on Pirelli tires. Quick Lane-Installed, retail purchases only. Limit one redemption per customer. Rebate by prepaid debit card or apply to an active Owner Advantage Rewards® account. \$50 credit card rebate by prepaid debit card. Subject to credit approval. Complete purchase must be made on the Quick Lane Credit Card. Offer valid between 2/1/14 and 2/28/14. Submit rebates by 4/30/14. Cannot be combined with any other tire manufacturer-sponsored or Quick Lane Credit Card rebate/offer. See participating Quick Lane for vehicle applications, rebate and account details. Quick Lane® is a registered trademark of Ford Motor Company.

Earn Owner Advantage Rewards with every service visit.

WHAT GOES AROUND, COMES AROUND.

Quick Lane TIRE & AUTO CENTER

CANTON CINEMA
Quality Ticket Kiosk & Tickets Online
734-844-3456
Ford Rd. 1 Mile West of IKEA
1.1 mi. from and on Facebook

SHOWTIMES 3/14 - 3/19 No passes
TITLES AND TIMES SUBJECT TO CHANGE

FREE SPRING MOVIES
Saturday & Sunday 9 & 10 AM
HOW TO TRAIN YOUR DRAGON (PG)

METROPOLITAN OPERA: WERTHER
LIVE SAT. 3/15 - 12:55 PM
ENCORE WED. 3/19 - 6:30 PM

ELTON JOHN: THE MILLION DOLLAR
PIANO CONCERT - TUES. 3/18 - 7:00 PM

NEED FOR SPEED (PG-13)
D-BOX LIMITED SEATING AVAILABLE
12:15, 1:00, 3:15, 6:30, 7:00, 9:20
FRI/SAT LS 11:20

3D NEED FOR SPEED (PG-13)
D-BOX LIMITED SEATING AVAILABLE
\$2.50 PREMIUM PER 3D TICKET 4:00, 9:55
TYLER PERRY'S THE SINGLE
MOMS CLUB (PG-13) 11:10, 1:40,
4:10, 6:55, 9:30 FRI/SAT LS 11:55

MR. PEABODY AND SHERMAN
(PG) 11:20, 1:50, 4:20, 6:45, 9:00
300: RISE OF AN EMPIRE (R)
11:50, 2:20, 7:25 FRI/SAT LS 12:00
3D 300: RISE OF AN EMPIRE (R)
\$2.50 PREMIUM PER 3D TICKET 5:00, 9:45

NON-STOP (PG-13) 11:40, 2:10, 4:45,
7:15, 9:50 FRI/SAT LS 11:35

THE LEGO MOVIE (PG)
FRI/SUN/MON 11:30, 2:00, 4:30, 6:50,
9:10 SAT 4:30, 6:50, 9:10
TUE 11:30, 2:00, 4:30
WED 11:30, 2:00

LG-006182193

GET A **\$25** IN MAIL-IN REBATES*
By Motorcraft® Treated Tough® MAX AND PLUS Batteries

Motorcraft® Treated Tough® MAX AND PLUS Batteries

*Quick Lane®-installed retail purchases only. With exchange. Taxes and installation extra. Submit rebate by 3/31/14. Rebate by prepaid debit card or apply to an active Owner Advantage Rewards® account. See Service Advisor for vehicle applications, rebate and account details.

THE **LOW PRICE** TIRE GUARANTEE

WE'LL BEAT ANY PRICE ON THE 11 MAJOR BRANDS WE SELL

Requires presentation of competitor's current price ad/offer or exact tire sold by Quick Lane within 30 days of purchase. See Quick Lane Tire Manager for details through 3/31/14.

THE WORKS
FUEL SAVER PACKAGE

- Synthetic Blend Oil Change
- Tire Rotation and Pressure Check
- Belts and Hoses Check
- Fluid Top-Off
- Brake Inspection
- Battery Test
- Vehicle Check-Up
- Filter Check

\$29.95 OR LESS*

Pricing may vary. Retailer determines pricing. Up to five quarts of Motorcraft® oil and oil filter. Taxes, diesel vehicles and disposal fees extra. Hybrid battery test excluded. See participating Quick Lane® for exclusions and details through 3/31/14.

Not sure what tires are right for you? Search by vehicle or tire size at quicklanelivonia.com.

<http://www.quicklanelivonia.com/>

Dealership Quality at After Market Prices!

Quick Lane and Motorcraft® are registered trademarks of Ford Motor Company.

Quick Lane at Bill Brown Ford
TIRE & AUTO CENTER

Quick Lane Hours:
Mon-Fri 7am-7pm
Sat 8am-5pm

32230 Plymouth Road, Livonia, Michigan 48150
734.744.0400

AAA Approved Auto Repair



Hubbard
Plymouth Road
Next to Bill Brown Ford across from Saint Michael's Church

Happy St. Patrick's Day



Everyone's Irish on March 17th

Amana
Stainless Steel
Kitchen
Bundle Starting at
\$2,000*

DRESS UP YOUR KITCHEN DAYS

KitchenAid



OFFER VALID MARCH 3-23, 2014

Receive up to a \$75 Installation Allowance via a MasterCard® prepaid card by mail when you purchase select KitchenAid® kitchen appliances.

GREAT SELECTION GREAT VALUE

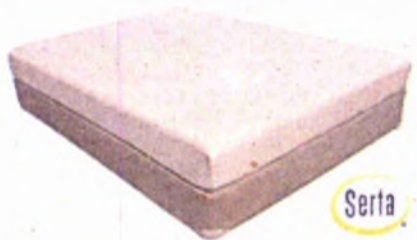


The iComfort® Sleep System by Serta® with revolutionary Cool Action™ Gel Memory Foam - infused with Serta's MicroSupport® gel. Serta Motion Perfect® Adjustable Foundation is available.



Majestic Crown Crowing Glory Super Pillow Top Mattress

Serta® SmartSurface™ with MicroSupport® Gel, FireBlocker® Fiber, Body Loft® Anti Microbial Fiber, MicroSupport® Gel in Latex



Serta Queen Memory Foam Mattress starting at \$499

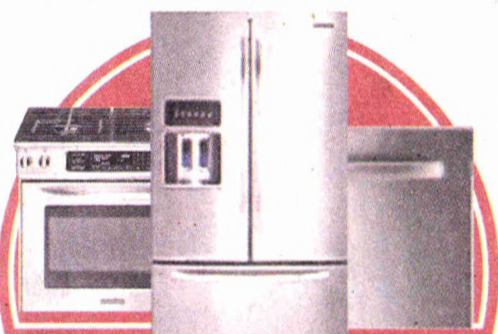


Twin Inner Spring mattress starting at \$199

Free Mattress Cover with every purchase over \$999

KitchenAid

Save on appliances that complete your kitchen with this exclusive invitation



INVITATION TO SAVINGS

\$1000

MasterCard Prepaid Card by mail with purchase of select KitchenAid® Brand appliances. Offer valid 1/1/14 through 3/31/14. See store for details.

What's Cooking with Chef Pam

...in the Bill & Rod's Kitchen

March 28th

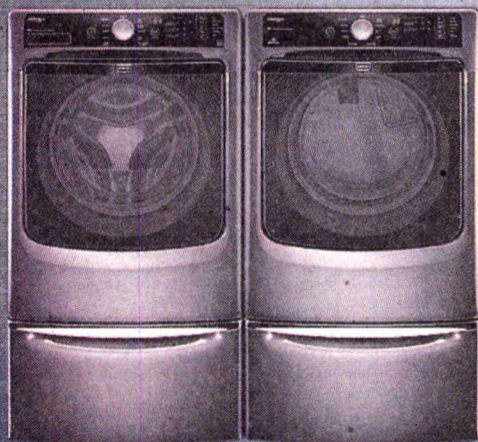
30 Minute Meals

Delicious easy recipes you can have on the table in 30 minutes or less. Meal planning for a busy schedule.

Everyone Welcome.



POWER. PERFORMANCE. SAVINGS.



Receive a \$150 - \$250 MasterCard® Prepaid Card by mail when you purchase select Maytag® laundry pairs
Offer valid 01/01/2014 thru 04/30/2014



Cook Up a Storm Event



Receive a \$50 - \$500 MasterCard® Prepaid Card by mail when you purchase select Maytag® kitchen appliances.
Offer valid 02/20/2014 thru 04/22/2014



WHAT'S INSIDE MATTERS™



Bill & Rod's
APPLIANCES & MATTRESSES
Honest and Dependable
Since 1963

SALES • SERVICE • PARTS
734-425-5040

Visit us on Facebook

Sign up to receive notification of upcoming events!
Quality Factory Trained Technicians
www.billandrodsappliance.com

15870 Middlebelt Road
North of Five Mile • Livonia



Whirlpool



CLASS A GIRLS BASKETBALL SEMIFINALS

ON THE BRINK

Chiefs grind out low-scoring win over Grand Ledge in Class A semi at Breslin Center



Canton players celebrate their 35-28 win over Grand Ledge in the MHSAA Class A semifinals at the Breslin Center. JARRAD HENDERSON | GANNETT MICHIGAN

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

During the run of success that began for the Canton Chiefs late in the regular season, the team has adopted a "refuse to lose" mentality. And now, the Chiefs refuse to leave the Breslin Center. Canton frustrated Grand Ledge at every turn Friday afternoon at the arena on the campus of Michigan State University in East Lansing. And once the Chiefs' offense started to click in the fourth quarter, the Comets had no answer as Canton earned a 35-28 victory and first-ever

trip to the Class A girls basketball finals (Saturday against Bloomfield Hills Marian). Canton snapped a 19-19 tie early in the fourth following a steal by senior forward Shannon Perry in the defensive zone. The ball was threaded to senior center Taylor Hunley (12 points, seven rebounds), who nailed a jumper from the top of the key. That jump-started an 8-0 run that made it 27-19 and put the Chiefs in the driver's seat. "We've sort of just tried to grind games out all year," Canton coach Brian Samulski

See CHIEFS, Page B2



The Canton cheering section goes crazy, celebrating the Chiefs' 35-28 victory over Grand Ledge. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO



Rushing out to congratulate Taylor Hunley (No. 5) on the Breslin Center basketball court after the Chiefs defeated Grand Ledge is freshman Erin Hult (No. 4). JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO



Plymouth center Zach Lorentz (No. 9) scores in the first period against Erie's Daniel Dekoning. RENA LAVERTY | PLYMOUTH WHALERS

Whalers pelted by Erie, 10-1

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Friday was Fan Appreciation Night at Compuware Arena and the Plymouth Whalers' generosity apparently extended to their opponent, the Erie Otters. Plymouth gave up nine unanswered goals to the hungry Otters — who are driven to keep the No. 3 playoff seed in the Ontario Hockey League Western Conference — and dropped a 10-1 laugher before 2,898 fans.

"They're a good team and when we're not ready to play and they're that good ... granted, it shouldn't have been that bad, but they're a good team," Whalers assistant coach Don Elland said. "There's no doubt about it."

Plymouth (27-33-0-7) did have to travel from Thursday night's makeup game at Owen Sound, a game the Whalers needed to win in order to entertain thoughts of moving up from eighth seed to seventh as the regular season wraps up this weekend.

The Whalers lost 2-1 to the Attack and Elland said it was decided to rest some players and play rookie goalie Zack Bowman against Erie.

No excuse

Elland stressed that the schedule and travel had nothing to do with how Plymouth got waxed by Erie.

"If you want to use excuses you can use that, but there's no reason for our performance tonight," he said. "We just weren't ready to play, for whatever reason."

"We can say we don't have anything to play for, but we're getting ready for the playoffs, so we got to be better."

Bowman ended up making 44 saves, but there was little he could do against a potent offense featuring players such as Connor Brown (125 points) and Dane Fox (62 goals entering Friday's game).

"He (Bowman) made a lot of good stops, he battled hard; it's

See WHALERS, Page B4

Marian gets past Marlins to reach Class A final

By Dan O'Meara
Staff Writer

Kara Holinski and her Bloomfield Hills Marian teammates didn't let this one get away in their fourth and final meeting with rival Farmington Hills Mercy.

The Mustangs avenged a Feb. 16 loss to their arch rivals Friday with a 67-55 victory in a Class A state semifinal basket-

ball game Friday at the Breslin Center in East Lansing.

Holinski scored a game-high 20 points as Marian (24-2) advanced to its first championship game since 1998 and was scheduled to play Canton in the final Saturday afternoon.

"We've been looking forward to this game for a long time," Holinski said. "It wasn't in my wildest dreams that we would be able to play Mercy

again after the Catholic League loss.

"I can say for myself and my teammates we were just so determined and focused to beat them, because we love each other so much and wanted to do it for each other."

When the Marlins climbed within two of the Mustangs midway in the fourth quarter, 50-48, Holinski took charge of the game.

She scored the next four points on a putback and a layup and quickly restored the momentum for Marian.

Just do it

Following a trey by Mercy's Candice Leatherwood, Holinski scored again on a drive to the basket to make it a 56-51 game with three minutes remaining.

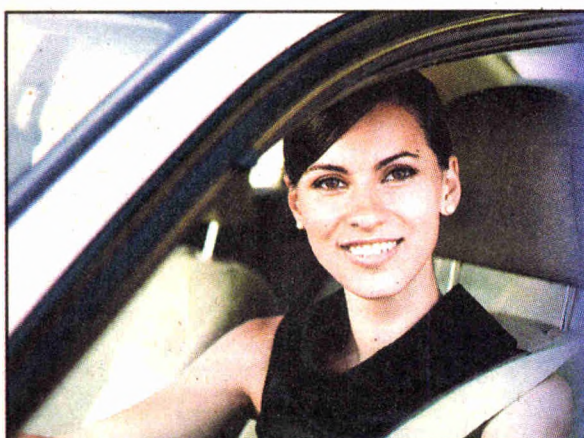
"I was just focused on how bad our whole team wanted it

and how hard we had worked," Holinski said. "At a certain point, you just stop thinking and start doing."

"If you see the openings, you go. If you have the fast breaks, you just go. It was more of a feeling thing than thinking consciously through it."


Marian was in a good posi-

See MARIAN/MERCY, Page B3



New & Used Auto Loans

Rates as low as **1.74%** APR*



COMMUNITY FINANCIAL

right here right for you

www.cfcu.org
(877) 937-2328

*The 1.74% APR assumes 20% down, an excellent credit score and includes a .25% rate discount when payments are automatically deducted from a Community Financial checking account. Rates vary and depend on individual credit history and other factors including: loan amount and term. Rates as of 3/3/2014 and subject to change. Federally insured by NCUA. Equal Housing Lender. ©2014 Community Financial

Registration Monday for annual 'Super Jess' 5K run

The Plymouth-Canton Educational Park's National Honor Society will host its fourth annual "Super Jess" 5K run at 8 a.m. Sunday, May 4 on the high school campus.

This event was created in 2011 in honor of 16-year-old P-CEP student Jesse Lindlbauer, whose sinus infection turned into an abscess which ruptured, causing a traumatic brain injury. The SJ5K run was created in order to bring the community support to the family and raise mon-

ey.

After a successful event in 2011, the National Honor Society decided to make the SJ5K an annual event to honor local families in need.

This year, the race will support one present P-CCS student and one P-CCS alumni: Salem senior Jerrica Fitzgerald and Salem alumni Amy Ladenberger.

Jerrica Fitzgerald was diagnosed with hydrocephalus, a rare medical condition in which

fluid builds up in the brain. Jerrica has undergone more than 30 surgeries and countless nights in the hospital since she was diagnosed in 2009. She attended Smith Elementary and West Middle School. Jerrica is now a senior at the Park and is excited to graduate this spring with the rest of her class.

Amy Ladenberger is a 25-year-old Park graduate who attended Hoban Elementary and Discovery Middle School.

She was diagnosed with cystic fibrosis, a disease which causes thick, sticky mucus to build up in the lungs, digestive tract and other areas of the body, when she was three months old. Within the last year, Amy underwent a double lung transplant and many other surgeries prior to that.

Please join the NHS to raise money and support for the Fitzgerald and Ladenberger families by participating in the SJ5K,

donating funds, or sponsoring the May 4 race.

It will begin 8 a.m. at the Canton varsity football field.

Registration will begin Monday and continue until race day; registrations received prior to April 16th will include a race shirt.

Registration forms can be found on the SJ5K Facebook page, on the P-CEP website or in Canton, Plymouth and Salem main offices. Event fees are \$25 for adults over 18

and \$20 for all others.

For questions about the race or volunteering, please contact the student coordinator of this event, Shannon Perry at SJ5Kcommunity@gmail.com. For questions about becoming a sponsor, contact Chris Kozler at ckozler7@gmail.com. All donations and sponsorships can be made out to "NHS SJ5K 2014" and can be mailed to Pam Davis, 46370 Spinning Wheel, Canton, MI 48187.



Salem's Matt Pairitz, shown from a meet earlier this season, had a very respectable showing at the Division 1 boys state meet at Saginaw Valley State University. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Salem's Pairitz leads Rocks at state meet

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

There are varying degrees of success in high school sports and Salem boys swimming and diving coach Chuck Olson is tickled about how some of his athletes performed March 7-8 at the Division 1 state meet.

Birmingham Brother Rice topped the field at Saginaw Valley State University over the two-day event with 345 points, well ahead of runner-up Livonia Stevenson (202), Holland West Ottawa (191), Ann Arbor Pioneer (185) and Bloomfield Hills (136).

Salem (nine points) finished 27th, with senior Matt Pairitz instrumental to all of the Rocks' scoring.

Olson cited time improvements "in all three relays and (in) the five individual events four of the five swam faster."

Pairitz had the best day, finishing 16th in the 50-yard freestyle with a time of 22.38, good for a point on the team scoreboard. He narrowly missed qualifying in the 100 free.

The Rocks collected four points each for the 15th-place 200-yard freestyle relay and 400-yard freestyle relay.

Pairitz, sophomore Charles Liu, freshman Phillip Collingwood and senior Jason Basanese finished the 200 free relay in 1:30.59.

That quartet finished

the 400 free relay with a mark of 3:20.81.

In the 200-yard medley relay preliminaries (the top 16 per event made the Saturday finals), Salem wasn't far off the mark, either.

Juniors Patrick Casey, Brendan Wellman, Liu and Basanese placed 23rd with a time of 1:41.20; the 16th-place team from Grand Blanc clocked in at 1:40.07.

Plymouth also had a team in the 200 medley relay. Finishing 27th (1:42.46) for the Wildcats were juniors Ben Yang, Ryan Heinze, sophomore Garrett Beauprez and freshman Michael Wischer.

In individual prelims, Pairitz's bid to make the finals in the 100 free came up just short. He finished 17th with a time of 48.41, behind 16th-place Matthew Erickson of Ann Arbor Pioneer (48.28).

Meanwhile, three other Salem swimmers competed during prelims in individual events.

Liu's mark of 1:50.40 in the 200 free earned him 32nd overall.

Wellman and Casey both took part in 100-yard backstroke preliminaries. Wellman finished 25th (55.76), with Casey coming in 28th (56.00).

Both were about a second slower than 16th-place Ryan Johnston of Grand Blanc (54.55).

tsmith@hometownlife.com



Canton's Paige Aresco takes the ball to the hoop during Friday's Class A girls basketball semifinal at the Breslin Center.

JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

CHIEFS

Continued from Page B1

said. "We always haven't done a great job of scoring, so we said, 'Hey, if we can hold someone under 30 and we can get to 30, then we'll give ourselves a shot.'"

It wasn't a picnic much of the game for Canton's offense, either.

The first quarter ended with the Comets up 6-5 and it was just a 13-10 game at halftime with Canton (22-4) coming to life when senior forward Paige Aresco (11 points, six rebounds) scored a layup with six seconds to play before the intermission.

Under control

Canton's swarming 'D' had a lot to do with Grand Ledge's abysmal shooting in the first half (3-of-19, 15.8 percent) although the Chiefs did not fare much better (6-of-24, 25 percent).

As a byproduct of how quick the Chiefs were on defense, Grand Ledge senior twins Lind-



One of the ongoing match-ups Friday in the Class A girls basketball semifinal pitted Canton's Taylor Hunley (No. 5) against Grand Ledge's Cori Crocker. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

say and Hannah Orwat managed just nine and four points, respectively, for the day.

"I thought that was the key, Rach (Winters), Nat (Winters), Alanna (Brown), those three did an outstanding job on those kids," Samulski said. "We switched a lot of stuff. But I thought the key to the game was controlling those guys and not letting them get off."

During the post-game interview session, both Grand Ledge head coach David Jones (whose team finished 24-3) and Lindsay Orwat credited the way the Chiefs plugged lanes and forced the Comets to take low-percentage shots.

"Everything I heard about them (Chiefs) on their defensive end really showed up today," Jones said. "They played great team defense and we were just never able to settle into a shot that we wanted to get."

"They're very good on their help defense and they recover quickly."

Lindsay Orwat, meanwhile, said it was difficult to deal with Canton's relentless help-side defense: "Me and my sister love to shoot off a ball screen and they were there in our face."

Making it tough

Another key for Canton was keeping Comets 6-3 center Cori Crocker

able to make it to the final day of the season."

And the style of basketball that might frustrate opponents is exactly how the Chiefs like to play it.

"I think a lot of the great teams are really focused on 'offense, offense, offense,'" Aresco said, smiling. "And when they come up against us, we've done a really good job of shutting them down and it's been kind of shocking for them, I think."

Samulski added that this has been a different kind of postseason run than 2010 and 2012, when the Chiefs lost in the semifinals at Breslin.

"It's outstanding, we always talk about playing the last day," he said. "The first two teams, they were ranked in the top three all year around and (there was) a lot of pressure to even get here."

"These guys, they've been really able to enjoy this run that they've put us on because there was no real pressure. No one really talked about them, there wasn't a high ranking."

"So we refuse to lose, we keep plugging away and try to do what we do. We're playing tomorrow."

tsmith@hometownlife.com

from having too many freebies around the rim.

"I think it was more just physically not allowing her to get too deep into the post, so that she couldn't get any easy shots," Hunley said. "Just trying to push her out as best I could, be physical."

Canton's four senior co-captains (Aresco, Hunley, Rachel Winters, Perry) all talked about how the team's kind of relished being an under-the-radar group all season.

"Sometimes we haven't been thought of as a leading team or whatever," Perry said. "I think it's great that we can work so hard and be

tsmith@hometownlife.com



Canton junior Alanna Brown made some key contributions Friday, scoring five points and grabbing seven rebounds. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

"I used to get a lecture. Now I get a smile."

Bad report cards? Poor grades? Can't do homework?

Parents find the answer to school problems like these at Huntington Learning Center where we identify each child's academic problem and fix it.

• We track what each child needs; Reading • Writing • Math • Spelling Phonics • Study Skills • State Testing Prep • SAT & ACT

Call now and save \$50!



"Huntington really works!"

Call 734-207-7930 today to find how we build skills that last a lifetime.

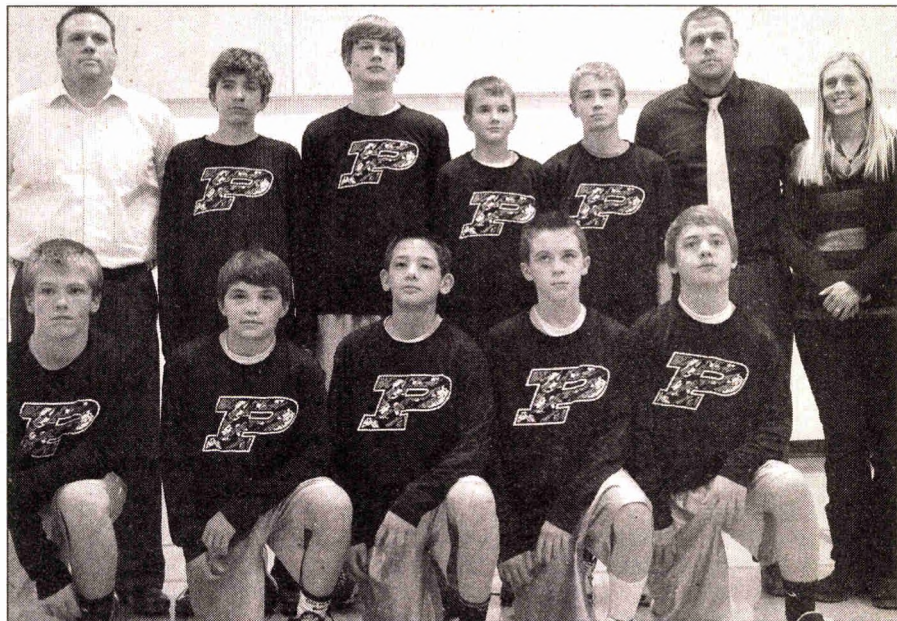
44630 Ford Road, Canton, MI 48187



Huntington LEARNING CENTER



Members of the 8-0 Pioneer Middle School 'A' basketball team are (bottom, from left) Grant Harrison and Eian Barker and (back, from left) coach Joe Wallen, Jeremy Armstead, Ryan Boyd, Trevor Genaw, Connor Engel, Cameron Kight, coach John Palmer and coach Andrea Palmer.



Members of the 8-0 Pioneer Middle School 'B' team are (front, from left) Ben Wright, Bennett Austin, Lucas Binguitt, Alex Bowser and Sam Zorn and (top, from left) coach Joe Wallen, Brandon Boyd, Jordan Forney, Evan Petersen, John Olson, coach John Palmer and coach Andrea Palmer. Also on the team was Travell Hale.

Pioneer completes stellar hoops season

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

The three H's – hustle, heart and height – proved to be key elements for the Pioneer Middle School basketball teams' championship-caliber chemistry this winter.

Both the Panthers' 'A' and 'B' teams each hammered out an 8-0 record during their month-long schedule that included a home and away game against each of the four other Plymouth-Canton middle schools – East, West, Discovery and Central.

The bulk of this season's Pioneer 'A' team also chalked up an unbeaten season for their school's 'B' team last winter.

Central was the unofficial defending 'A' champion from 2013.

"It was a great honor to coach Pioneer this season,"

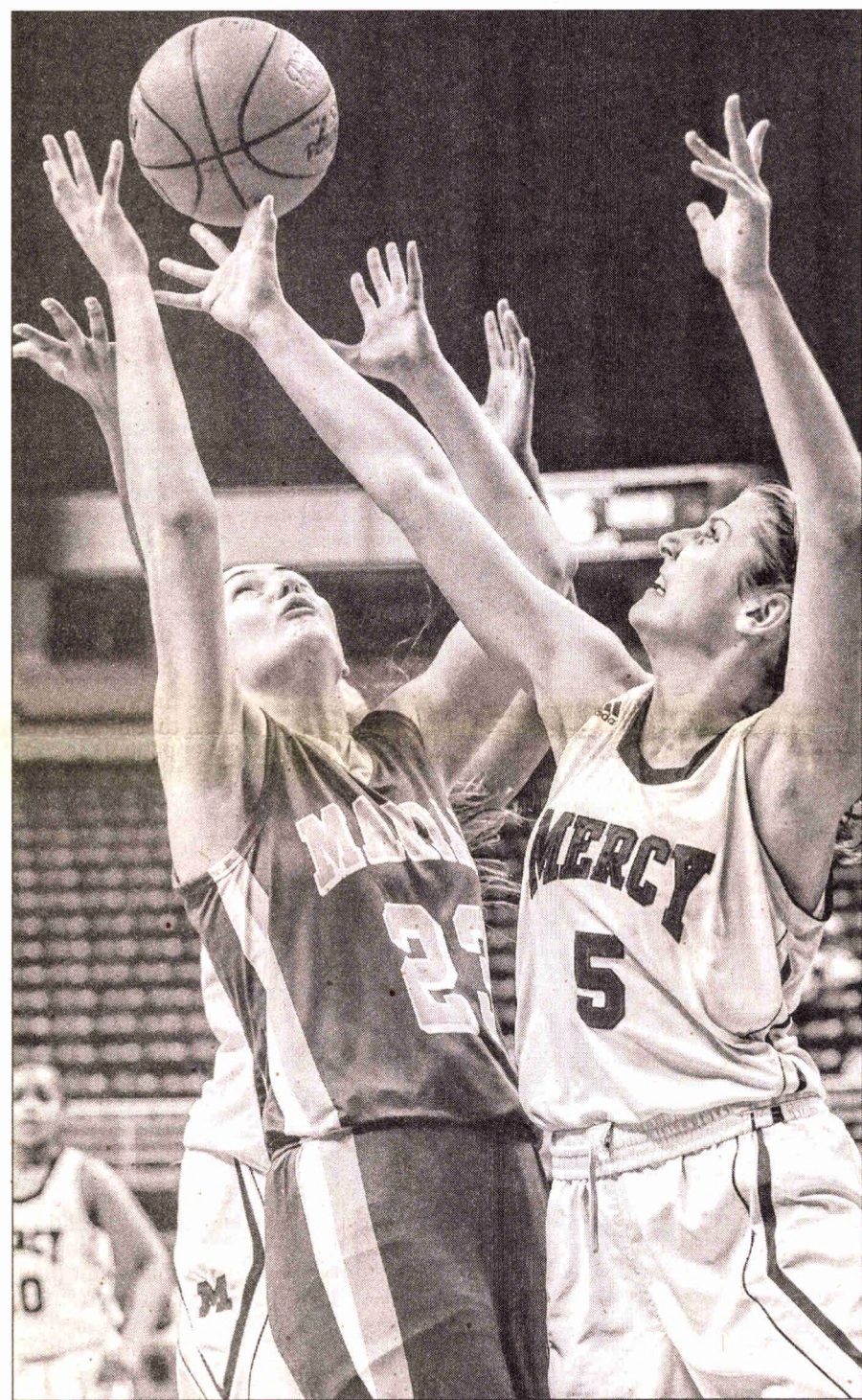
Panthers head coach John Palmer said. "Through hard work and dedication, the players were able to be competitive in every game."

Palmer praised the efforts of all five middle school programs.

"The competition of the

middle school league has been increasing every year," he said. "I see growth in the players from every team. Not only are they developing character, but they are getting fundamentally ready for high school basketball."

ewright@hometownlife.com



Bloomfield Hills Marian forward Brittany Gray (No. 23) and Farmington Hills Mercy guard Sierra Wangler (No. 5) both go for a loose ball during the second half Friday.

MARIAN/MERCY

Continued from Page B1

tion with a lead late in the game, and it scored its last 11 points at the foul line to win going away.

The Mustangs, who evened the season series with Mercy at 2-2, led by 11 points in the second half when the teams played in the Catholic League final a month ago and lost by one at the buzzer.

The key to her team's success was very simple, according to Marian coach Mary Cicerone.

"The game plan was we just break their press and we win – and we did," she said. "I thought we did for most part."

"We spread them out and attacked it fairly well and finished most of our layups. I thought that was going to be the difference if we didn't panic and lose our composure against the two presses they use."

The Mustangs, who had 30-plus turnovers in the first two games with Mercy and were affected by the press in the 55-54 loss on Feb. 16, reduced their turnovers to just 13.

The Mustangs also played excellent defense, limiting the number of transition points by the Marlins and making it difficult to penetrate their half-court defense.

After opening the game with six missed shots, the Mustangs played well and shot the ball well after that, both from the field and the foul line.



Mercy junior Sierra Wangler and Marian junior Brittany Gray compete for a loose ball in the state semifinal game in East Lansing. JARRAD HENDERSON | GANNETT MICHIGAN

Marian shot 46 percent overall (19-of-41) and cashed in big time on free throws, going 25-of-35. Mercy made 40 percent of its field goals (20-of-50) but was just 9-of-10 at the line.

The Mustangs overcame the slow start and an early deficit to lead 14-12 after one quarter and 32-26 at halftime.

The six-point difference was a game-long obstacle for the Marlins, also got within two late in the third period, 38-36.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Livonia pom clinic

The Livonia Middle School pom team will stage a clinic for girls in grades 5-8 who are Livonia Public Schools district residents from 8:30 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 22, at Faith Lutheran Church, 30000 Five Mile, Livonia.

Included in the \$25 cost is a T-shirt. Participants will learn basics and a pom routine taught by currently Livonia Pom team members.

For more information or to obtain a registration form, email Andrea at livoniapom@gmail.com.

CHS Hall of Fame

The 12th annual Livonia Churchill Athletic Patrons Hall of Fame induction dinner will be at 6 p.m. Thursday, March 20, at the Italian-American Hall, 39200 Five Mile, Livonia.

Dinner starts at 6:45 p.m., followed by the program at 7:30 p.m.

Among the inductees will be the 2006 Churchill Division 1 state runner-up cross country team (coached by Sue Tatro), football and baseball player John Stoitsiadis (1986) and former Churchill Principal Rod Hosman.

Tickets are \$40 per person.

For more information, contact Rob Suida at 313-617-5448 or email rsuida@cmsenergy.com.

Livonia pom tryouts

The Livonia Middle School Pom team will stage open tryouts for girls in grades 4-7, who attend Livonia Public Schools, 6-8:30 p.m. Thursday and Friday, March 27-28, at Faith Lutheran Church, 30000 Five Mile, Livonia, and from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, March 29, at Churchill High School, 8900 Newburgh, Livonia.

The tryout fee is \$10 (payable the first day).

For more information, or to obtain a registration form, email Andrea at livoniapom@gmail.com.

Bucks host games

The Michigan Bucks of the Premier Development League will host four top collegiate men's soccer teams, including NCAA Division I champion Notre Dame, in a series of exhibition matches Saturday, March 22, at Pontiac's Ultimate Soccer Arenas, 867 South Boulevard.

One \$8 pass will get ticket holders into any of all four games which features Notre Dame, Michigan, Oakland University and Xavier.

And on Saturday, April 5, at Ultimate Soccer Arenas, women's soccer teams representing Michigan State, Michigan, OU and Northwestern will square off in the Best of the Midwest games. Tickets are also \$8 for an all-day pass if purchased online. (Group rates are also offered for 20 or more for \$7 apiece if purchased by a parent, coach or manager.)

For more information, visit www.buckssoccer.com. You can also call Wayne Pirmann at 248-701-0526 or email wpirmann@buckssoccer.com.

Coach-Pitch, T-Ball

The city of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation will stage late registration for 2014 co-ed instructional T-ball (ages 5-6) and coach-pitch (ages 7-8) for those living in the Livonia or Clarenceville school attendance area from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 29, at the LCRC, 15000 Hubbard (at Five Mile).

Nonresident registration will begin at 9 a.m. Monday, March 31, at the LCRC's Parks and Recreation office. Late registration fees are \$50 (resident) and \$60 (nonresident).

Openings will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis through April 30 or until teams are filled.

The season runs from May through

July with T-ball scrimmages Monday evenings and coach-pitch scrimmages Thursday evenings.

For more information, call 734-466-2410 (use option No. 2).

Varsity pom clinic

The Livonia Stevenson varsity pom clinic (grades 3-11) will be from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Saturday, April 12, at the high school fieldhouse (courts Nos. 1 and 3).

The cost is \$25 (includes light snack, T-shirt and CD). You must register by Wednesday, April 2, to be guaranteed a T-shirt. Students must wear gym shoes and workout clothes.

For more information, email Stevenson athletic director Lori Hyman at lyman@livoniapublicschools.org.

Women's golfers

The Livonia Whispering Willows Golf League will be expanded to 18 holes for \$28 per week (includes greens fees and cart) beginning at 8 a.m. Thursday, May 1.

Non-residents are encouraged to join the 20-week league.

For more information, call Beth at 248-473-9068 or email tbw4boys@aol.com.

MU cross country

Madonna University will stage its summer cross country base camps for serious high school runners 8:45-9:45 a.m. July 28 through Aug. 1.

The cost is \$75.

MU will also hold long runs 7:30-9 a.m. Saturday, July 12, 19, 26 and Aug. 2, at Cass Benton Park. The cost is a \$2 donation each long run.

For more information, email Madonna cross country coach Pat Daugherty at pdaugherty@madonna.edu. He can also be reached evenings at 734-658-0226 (cell) or 734-432-5634 (office).

Sponsor needed

The 11-and-under Livonia Rockets, a travel baseball team which will play six to seven tournaments this summer, is seeking a team sponsor which includes a banner and company name and phone number to advertise.

Any donation is appreciated. For more information, call Steve at 734-716-5194 or coach Ed at 734-670-6768.

Motor City Hoops

The MetroPCS Motor City Hoops Classic, a new 3-on-3 basketball tournament, will be Saturday and Sunday, June 7-8, on the Detroit Riverfront.

The event is a collaboration of some of the area's top organizations, including presenting sponsor Opportunity Detroit, with proceeds benefiting the Detroit Goodfellows and the Detroit RiverFront Conservancy.

The MetroPCS Motor City Hoops Classic will have divisions for all ages and skill levels with both men's and women's teams invited to compete.

Approximately 400 teams from throughout the area are expected to participate. In addition to team competitions, there will also be a 3-point shootout and free throw shooting contest for prizes as well as free youth clinics for participants in the 4-8 grade divisions.

Registration is under way with the deadline for team registration Friday, May 23. Early bird registration ends Tuesday, April 15.

To register, or for more information, visit www.motorcityhoopsclassic.com.

Need tennis coach

Dearborn Heights Annapolis High School is seeking a varsity girls tennis coach for the spring season.

Interested candidates should call Annapolis A.D. Scott Wiemer at 313-278-2610.

Food choices change boosts health

Henry Ford Health System has cut 7 tons of fat from food and increased fruit and vegetable purchases by 10 percent annually in an effort to offer patients more healthy food choices.

The hospital system also removed all fryers, committed to removing all deep fried fat products, and advertises only healthy food choice options on cafeteria advertising and menus.

Dr. Kimberlydawn Wisdom, M.D., Henry Ford's chief wellness officer was scheduled to talk about the hospital's nutritional efforts during a Partnership for a Healthier America's Building a Healthier Future Summit, Friday, in Washington, D.C.

"We have a responsibility to provide our communities with a wide variety of affordable,

delicious, healthy food options — making the healthy choice the easy choice," Wisdom says. "Our patients, employees and other customers like what we're doing."

Offering healthy options can be a money-maker, too. After the system implemented healthy food choices, revenue

increased 7 percent last year at Henry Ford Wyandotte Hospital.

Dietitians and chefs worked together to make healthy foods beautiful and enticing to both patients and café customers, according to John Miller, director of Culinary Wellness at Henry Ford Health System.

"Healthy food doesn't need to be expensive or boring," Miller said. "We're excited to see the response as we introduce even more healthy food



Kimberlydawn Wisdom, M.D.

options throughout the hospital system." Last year, Henry Ford committed to PHA's Hospital Healthy Food Initiative guidelines to improve nutrition of patient meals as well as what is offered at on-site cafés. The three-year, three-month commitment lasts through 2016, with Henry Ford the only hospital system in Michigan joining the initiative.

"A hospital is a center for health, but we know that comfort food is important, too," Wisdom said. "The goal of this initiative is to increase healthy options or make less-healthy choices a little more healthy —

not deprive people of choices."

Henry Ford had already met the PHA initiative of increasing fruit and vegetable purchases to 10 percent of total food dollars purchased by 2015. All four Henry Ford Health System hospitals meet the guideline, with two spending more than 20 percent. The hospital system also has committed to:

» Meeting PHA requirements that call for at least 60 percent of a la carte entrees and side dishes meet healthy guidelines in 2015. Fifty percent must meet the guidelines this year.

» Remove all fryers and deep fried fat products. The fryers have been removed from all hospitals and at least one hospital has also removed all deep fat fried products with plans to phase them out of the

remaining three facilities.

» Promote only healthy food options within five feet of cash registers. All Henry Ford Health System have met that goal. Henry Ford Health System also worked with Pepsi to re-wrap all of the café refrigerators with non-branded, healthy images.

» Offer wellness meals for both adult and children in cafés and to adult and pediatric patients. All Henry Ford hospitals currently offer at least one adult and one children's wellness meal.

"We firmly believe that this commitment will allow us to better fulfill our main goal of providing our patients with the best care possible, while also promoting health throughout the community," Wisdom said.

For more, visit www.henryfordliveswell.com.

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

UPCOMING

Bleeding disorders

The Hemophilia Foundation of Michigan offers a free, informational program and dinner for those with bleeding disorders and their immediate families, 6-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 26, at Hotel Baromette Renaissance, 27790 Novi Road, Novi. Guest speakers will include Trevor Martin, a high school sophomore who will talk about how he manages his hemophilia, along with Tammueella Singleton, MD. RSVP by Monday, March 24 to Tanya Roberson at 734-961-3501 or tanya@himich.org.

Breakfast class

A registered dietitian from Botsford Hospital will show how eating a healthy breakfast can help you stay healthy, 6-7 p.m. Tuesday, March 18, at Busch's Fresh Food Market, 24445 Drake, Farmington Hills. Cost is \$5 and includes recipes, food samples, nutritional advice and a \$5 Busch's coupon. Tickets available from Busch's Guest Services

Counter or by phoning 248-427-7400.

Childbirth education

Learn about the stages of labor, managing methods, the partner's role in labor and delivery, medications and anesthesia, C-section and more in classes that meet 7-9:30 p.m. Thursdays, April 3, 10, 17 and 24 at Botsford Hospital, 28050 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills. Register by calling 248-888-2500 or visit www.botsford.org.

Diabetes yoga fundraiser

A yoga fundraiser will be held to benefit the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, March 30, at the Birmingham Temple, 28611 12 Mile, Farmington Hills. Adult classes are \$10 and children's class is \$8. A children's class will be held 12:30-1:15 p.m.; all levels flow class is 1:30-2:30 p.m.; healthy backs class is 2:45-3:45 p.m.; and intro to yoga is 4-5 p.m. Bring a yoga mat to class. To register or for more information, email karen@yogahearts.com or [\[sant@gmail.com\]\(mailto:sant@gmail.com\)](mailto:audreylea-</p></div><div data-bbox=)

Drug series

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

» "Eating Disorders and Chemical Dependency," 7:30-9 p.m. Tuesday, March 18, will examine the evidence that eating disorders are true biopsychosocial diseases, similar to chemical dependency.

» "Grief and Loss in Addiction and Recovery," 7:30-9 p.m. Tuesday, March 25, will describe theories of grief and grief recovery, losses that the chemically dependent individual and his/her family experience throughout the addiction and recovery processes, and how recovery program tools can help. Call 734-485-8725, or email info@dawnfarm.org.

First responder

Huron Valley Ambulance is forming a volunteer medical first responder team and will hold eight-week training classes for participants interested

in volunteering at community events or assisting with community awareness programs and administrative tasks. An informational meeting is set for 6 p.m. Thursday, March 20, at Emergent Health Partners, 1200 State Circle, Ann Arbor. The free classes run from 6-10:30 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, beginning May 6. After completing the course, participants take a state exam for certification. Call 734-477-6331 for more information.

Pelvic health webinars

Paul Makela, M.D., Mary Mercy Hospital medical director of gynecological robotic surgery, will discuss such topics as pelvic pain, bladder leakage, hysterectomies and other pelvic health problems, noon and 6 p.m. Wednesday, March 19 online. The webinar is free but registration is required. Call 734-655-2987. A member of Makela's staff will explain how to access the webinar. Participants' identities will remain protected and not be revealed to others attending the webinar.

Sweet Dreamzzz benefit

The Michigan Construction Leadership Council and the AGC of Michigan will sponsor a benefit for Sweet Dreamzzz, 5-8 p.m. Thursday, March 27 at John Cowley & Sons Irish Pub, 33338 Grand River Ave., in downtown Farmington. Registration fee is \$35 and will include food and beverages. RSVP by Thursday, March 20. Email to nancymaxwell@sweetdreamzzz.org or call 248-478-3242. Sweet Dreamzzz provides sleep education to children and their parents, along with bedtime essentials for economically disadvantaged families.

Walk with a Doc

Marshall Solomon, a board-certified podiatric surgeon, will discuss "Better Shoes for Better Feet," noon Thursday, March 20, at Heritage Park, located on Farmington Road between 10 Mile and 11 Mile in Farmington Hills. Walks are held rain or shine. Register by calling 877-477-Doc1, option #1.

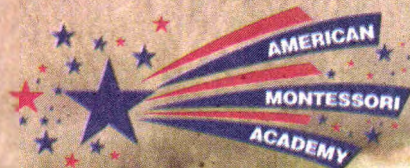
A FREE K-6 Hands-on Education Near You!

Come See What Our Students Are Doing

At American Montessori Academy, we offer a tuition-free Montessori education, blended with the Common Core.

By focusing on a variety of developmentally appropriate hands on materials, practical life skills, independent learning, nutrition, peace/character education, and the child's physical, social, emotional and academic needs, our students develop into lifelong learners.

- **Totally Tuition FREE**
- **Recognized by the State of Michigan as a Reward School**
- **Before and After School Kidz Time**
- **Highly qualified teachers and assistants**
- **Two campuses – Redford and Livonia**

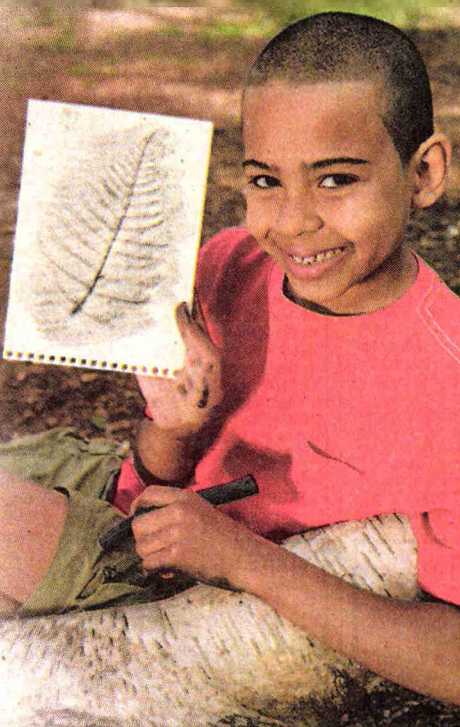


Limited Openings!

Open Enrollment
March 10-24

Many ways to see our school:

- Call to schedule a visit anytime
- Saturday, March 15 10 a.m. - Noon
- Monday, March 17 Open until 6:30 p.m.



For more information visit www.americanmontessori.net

Lower Elementary
14800 Middlebelt Rd., Livonia, MI 48154
(734) 525-7100

Upper Elementary
17175 Olympia, Redford, MI 48240
(313) 533-0000

There's A Special New Arrival At Garden City Hospital!



Announcing the opening of our new FAMILY BIRTHING CENTER

We're making every delivery special ...and more comfortable! You've worked hard, now it's time to relax in the soothing and peaceful setting of our modern birthing suites. Our rooms are designed to provide a home-like experience, and include a plush sleeper for Dad. Rest easy, we've thought of everything and will handle the details while you bond with your new baby.

Having a child is a cherished and life-changing event filled with excitement, and often a number of questions. From conception to delivery and well beyond, the experts at Garden City Hospital are here to care for you and your family with an array of programs and support, including our new Saturday Birthing Classes.

For more information visit us online at GCH.org or call us at 877.717.WELL

To schedule a tour of the GCH Family Birthing Center call 734.458.3307

GARDEN CITY HOSPITAL

Great Health. Generation to Generation.

6245 Inkster Road
Garden City, MI 48135
GCH.org



ONCE UPON A TIME

Tell me a story!

Storytellers will spin yarns at Livonia Library

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

When Doreen Lawton joined the Detroit Storytelling League nearly 20 years ago, she promised to bake cookies for the group every month in lieu of facing an audience.

"They told me I had to tell a story if I wanted to belong to the League," said Lawton, who has long since gotten over her performance jitters. "I told one story a year. Now I tell a couple times a year if they need me. The group is wonderful."

The Plymouth woman will serve as "maestro" at the League's fourth annual Once Upon a Time Children's Story Concert, 2 p.m. Saturday, March 29, at the Livonia Civic Center Public Library, 32777 Five Mile, Livonia.

The event, designed to celebrate stories and promote reading, is for children 4-10. Admission is \$3 per person. Every child will take home a small prize and refreshments will be served after the event.

Lawton will tell a short story about her teaching experience, before introducing the featured tellers, Jeff Doyle of Ann Arbor, Gwen Lewis of Redford and Loretta Vitek of St. Clair Shores.

Funny, traditional tellers

Judy Sima, League president, describes Doyle as a humorous storyteller who often includes audience participation. Youngsters may be invited on stage to help act out roles or pro-



Gwen Lewis of Redford is a featured teller at "Once Upon a Time" in Livonia.



Jeff Doyle of Ann Arbor will tell some stories that include audience participation at the annual Detroit Story League children's concert.

vide sound effects.

"Jeff has a story about his blankie. It's a piece of fiction but he puts himself into the story, which is what a lot of us do," Sima said.

Doyle is a guest teller at the annual event. Lewis and Vitek are League members. Lewis will tell traditional African folktales and Vitek will focus on dragons.

Sima said the children's storytelling concert aims to make youngsters aware that the oral tradition exists.

"Because of social media, it's important to have events where people can engage face to face and have a common experience together," Sima said. "With storytelling, it's you and the audience. With a play or movie, they can go on whether there is an audience or not."

Joining the League

The Detroit Storytelling League meets at 1 p.m. the third Saturday of the month, from August through June, at



Doreen Lawton



Laura Vitek

libraries throughout southeastern Michigan. Each session includes a workshop, sometimes with a guest speaker, and member storytelling. The next session, April 19, will be held at the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main in downtown Plymouth. Lawton is among the members scheduled to tell a story.

"For me, the secret is to tell stories about my past. I'm 82, so I've got a past," she said. "I can always tell stories about when my husband, George, and I had a farm in Canton. We had a sheep farm on Joy between Beck and Ridge. We ended up with close to 90 sheep one year."

Her husband kept his "day job," meaning that Lawton was "chief farm-

er who got up in the night to tend to sheep" when they were ready to give birth or had some other need. When the last of her three children went off to college — and they were unable to help with the animals — the couple quit farming.

Lawton sought out the Detroit Storytelling League in search of activities after her husband died. Although she didn't plan to tell stories professionally, she enjoyed both hearing and occasionally telling stories with other members.

"Every month we have workshops, so we get tips and pointers on how to be better storytellers. We're all learning. We just enjoy the group so much," she said. "The club members are so supportive and helpful. There are all kinds of opportunities to tell stories. But no pressure."

For more about the League, visit detroit-storytelling.org.



Guests at Happily Ever After, a program about the history of weddings, will see vintage gowns and eat cake, March 26, at Greenmead in Livonia.

Wedding 'reception' offers cake, gowns, music at Greenmead

Learn about wedding customs and see bridal gowns of the past at Greenmead Historical Park's "Happily Ever After," program, 7-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 26, 20501 Newburgh, Livonia.

"Our guest speaker is Carol Brichford. She will be speaking on wedding traditions and customs," said Maureen Casey, recreation specialist, in an email to the *Observer*. "Food is provided by area caterers and our wedding cake is being prepared by Sue Poster, head pastry chef for the Suburban Collection Showplace."

The evening will

start with Brichford's presentation, along with wedding music, at the historic Newburg Church, in Greenmead's village. A wedding reception will follow at the Alexander Blue House where guests will enjoy hors d'oeuvres and sparkling beverages, wedding cake and coffee. Vintage wedding gowns and photos also will be on display at the reception. The evening will end with door prizes from local businesses.

Tickets are \$12. Call 248-477-7375 for reservations. All proceeds benefit the restoration and preservation of Greenmead.

Continuing Education AND Professional Development

Schoolcraft College

Personal Enrichment & Professional Development close to home!








Registration Starts March 20th!

- ➔ Professional Development Opportunities
- ➔ Small business entrepreneur exploration
- ➔ Gourmet culinary classes taught by Master Chefs

- ➔ Personal enrichment classes in the arts, music, photography, ceramics, and more
- ➔ Physical fitness programs for all ages, interests, and abilities
- ➔ Personalized fitness training
And so much more...

Continuing Education and Professional Development | www.schoolcraft.edu/cepd | 734.462.4448

JOIN US ON FACEBOOK @ www.facebook.com/schoolcraftcepd

Additional \$20.00 Off on Any Dental Cleaning with Ad
Exp. 4/13/14



Wayne Mercy Animal Hospital
Full Service Veterinary Hospital

OPEN 7 DAYS • 734.728.6000

Dr. Avtar Madahar D.V.M. *Treating All Exotic and Pocket Animals*
35345 Cherry Hill Road
(Just E. of Wayne Road)
Westland, MI 48186
"Quality Service at an Affordable Price"
M-F 8-9 & SAT-SUN 9-5

FREE!

COMPLETE PHYSICAL EXAMS

Not valid with any other offers. With coupon. Expires 4/13/14

FREE!

HEARTWORM TEST
with purchase of 12 Month Heartworm Preventative

Not valid with any other offers. With coupon. Expires 4/13/14

\$67

VACCINE PACKAGE - Dogs
Wellness Exam • Distemper/Parvo Combo
Corona • Lepto • Bordetella • Fecal Test
Heartworm Test • Rabies (1 Year)

Not valid with any other offers. With coupon. Expires 4/13/14

\$35

VACCINE PACKAGE - Dogs & Cats
Wellness Exam • Fecal Test
Distemper Combo • Deworming

Not valid with any other offers. With coupon. Expires 4/13/14

**SPAY • NEUTER • DENTAL • SPECIAL OFFERS
BOARDING & GROOMING • REASONABLE RATES**

ATTENTION BOYS, GIRLS, TEACHERS AND PARENTS!

Scoop's Hound Dog Highlights

Look for Scoop's Hound Dog Highlights page monthly right here in this newspaper!



Kids are invited to participate in monthly contests!

- **Win Prizes!**
- **See your photo in the paper!**
- **Get published in the newspaper!**



Follow Scoop on Facebook

facebook.com/ScoopTheNewshound

OBSERVER & ECCENTRIC MEDIA

hometownlife.com

MEDIA

A GANNETT COMPANY

Artist talks about icons at Livonia church soup supper

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Artist Kathleen Bordo Crombie prays before picking up her paint brush.

She creates religious icons, but won't take on a commission unless she believes it's God's will.

And when she finishes painting of a sacred image, she gives all of the credit away.

"I truly know that God writes the icons. I am the vessel. I mix the paint and hold the brush."

Crombie will talk about the artistic and spiritual process involved in creating icons in a presentation called "Created in His Image," Tuesday, March 25, at St. Michael the Archangel Parish, 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road in Livonia. The Dearborn artist will start her presentation at 7 p.m., following a Lenten soup supper at 6 p.m. The supper costs \$5 per person, payable at the door.

Her talk is one of many Lenten activities at St. Michael's, where the season will culminate in an exhibit of a replica of the Shroud of Turin, April 13-20. The Rev. Todd Lajiness, rector of Sacred Heart Major Seminary, will give a brief history of the shroud, an examination of the wounds, along with some contemporary debate points about its authenticity as the burial cloth of Jesus Christ, at 1:15 p.m. April 13.

Crombie, who has been a guest speaker at St. Michael's monthly "Why Be Catholic?" program, will explain the painting process, including symbolism that is written into the image.

"Icons are meant to teach. Everything in an icon means something — the way the head is turned, the position of the hands, the color of the vestments — everything has mean-

ing. It can be read, which is why they call an icon 'written,'" she said. "In the Eastern church, they believe that when you come before an icon to pray, it's a window to the divine. When you're standing there, there's no barrier between you and the holy person on the other side. Praying in front of an icon is like going to a meeting. You go to have a conversation with someone."

Painting process

Crombie sketches the image on a prepared surface and adds layers of acrylic paint. Traditionally, icons were painted in egg tempera.

"When you look at an icon you see a painted image, but that's not all it is. There are layers upon layers upon layers of paint. Everything blends and there are no hard lines," Crombie said. "The paint is thin. The first person I studied with said it's like painting with smoke. The color builds. You get these phenomenal colors."

Crombie, who was raised Catholic, got involved in basket making when her children were young. She took classes, developed her own style, and began creating contemporary art baskets with natural materials, such as tree bark and rattan.

"There was a time in my life God called me out of the art world. I was working at the Detroit Institute of Arts in membership development, but it was clear a job change was coming and he led me to the pro-life movement," she said.

Activism, artistry

Crombie, now a grandmother, took a job with Michigan Right to Life, where she currently is minority outreach director. She felt a "tug" nearly 10 years ago to take up art again.

"God said I didn't give you this talent for nothing. Use it



Kathy Crombie at work in the home studio where she "writes" icons

for my glory."

She took a weeklong icon workshop at St. Michael Sacred Art Institute of Enders Island, Conn., and has never looked back. The first icon, *Corpus of Christ*, that Crombie created outside of the workshop is installed in a chapel at Our Lady of Good Counsel School in Plymouth.

"It's 6-foot-5 (inches) with a 6-foot arm span," Crombie said. "One teacher told me a kid looked at it and said 'It's so big!' The little kid was mesmerized. It's in a great place and helping the children understand what Jesus did for us on the cross."

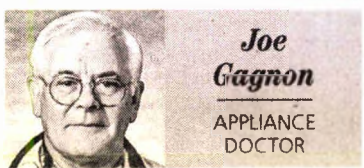
Her icon, *Lady of Philermos* is on display at Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament in Detroit and a life-sized icon, *Divine Mercy* is installed at the Divine Mercy Center in Clinton Township. Representatives from the Divine Mercy Center will be on hand at her presentation to sell replicas of her icons, with proceeds benefiting the center.

For more about Created in His Image, visit www.livoniastmichael.org or call the parish office at 734-261-1455, Ext. 207.



Kathy Crombie created this icon, which is displayed at the Divine Mercy Center in Clinton Township.

Helping women with appliance repairs



Joe Gagnon
APPLIANCE DOCTOR

With a man writing this column about women, he has to be very careful to not use the wrong phrase or make sure his meanings cannot be taken two ways. I am just going to let the words flow from the heart and see how I can connect women to my world of appliances. I have said it a million times "man can put it together, woman can

take it apart." And so it was repeated several times at the recent Canton Home Improvement show when ladies out shopping came up to me and thanked me for helping them fix their own appliances.

One lady told me she changed the pump on her washing machine all by herself with a phone conversation with the Appliance Doctor. Another told me she changed the stirrer motor on her microwave oven because of me and another told me how I showed her how to change a torn rubber door seal on her refrigerator. I could go on here, but I have to shut off my ego and get to another

thank you. Thanks to all of you who tell me you read this column. That makes me feel really good.

I used to own an appliance parts store where I talked to many people who wanted to do their own repairs and I helped every one of them get the job done. I never made much money, but I sure made a lot of friends and that was all I needed. The majority of customers were men from all walks of life and once in a while a female would come into my store, describe her problem and ask for directions on how to do it herself. There are many stories and one sticks in my mem-

ory like it was yesterday.

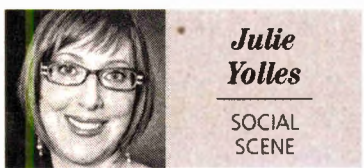
A very senior citizen came in and told me her gas dryer was not drying clothes anymore. From her description, I knew it was a gas valve problem and so I showed her an old gas valve assembly just like the one in her dryer. And then she told me she was a widow and her husband had died just two years ago and he always fixed anything around the house. His workshop was just like it was the day he died with all the tools hanging so meticulously on the peg board.

I then showed her what tools to use and what direction to turn the coupling nut and

the electrical wires to disconnect. She went home and two hours later came into my workshop with the gas valve in her hand. I changed the defective part for her and sent her on her way. The next day, she came into my shop with a plate of cookies and with tears rolling down her cheeks, couldn't thank me enough. She said that she had never fixed anything in life like this and although she missed her husband terribly she felt a new confidence in herself. I had already spent a lifetime teaching service schools in the appliance indus-

See GAGNON, Page B8

Women 'go red' at annual luncheon for heart health



Julie Yolles
SOCIAL SCENE

February was the month of the little red dress. The American Heart Association, along with national sponsorship from Macy's, celebrated its 10th year of the Go Red for Women Campaign.

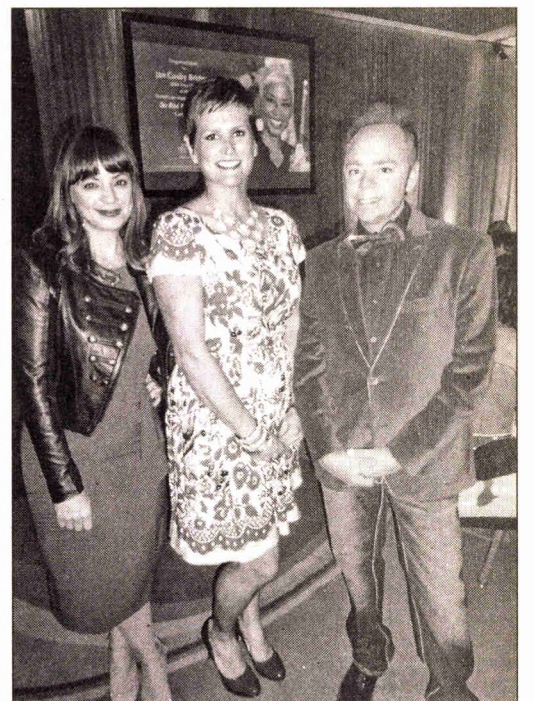
And Go Red they did, when 600-plus women, and a few good men, attended the Detroit Go Red For Women Luncheon at the MGM Grand Detroit. It raised more than \$600,000 for women's heart health. Comedian Rosie O'Donnell, the keynote speaker, talked firsthand about heart disease — the leading cause of death among women. O'Donnell survived a massive heart attack on Aug. 14, 2012, so she's on a prevention education mission. The mother of four teens and a baby plans to be around for a very long time, and we're behind her 100 percent.

Girl Scouts Gala

Even if you gave up sweets for Lent, the Girl Scouts Cookie Gala will give you a special one-day dispensation in honor of charity. At 6 p.m. March 26, guests are invited to the annual Girl Scouts Cookie Gala at DTE Energy headquarters in Detroit, where the area's top culinary bakers and chefs will compete for various awards, using the beloved Girl Scouts cookies as a key ingredient in



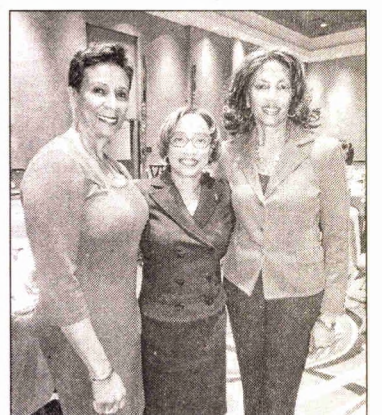
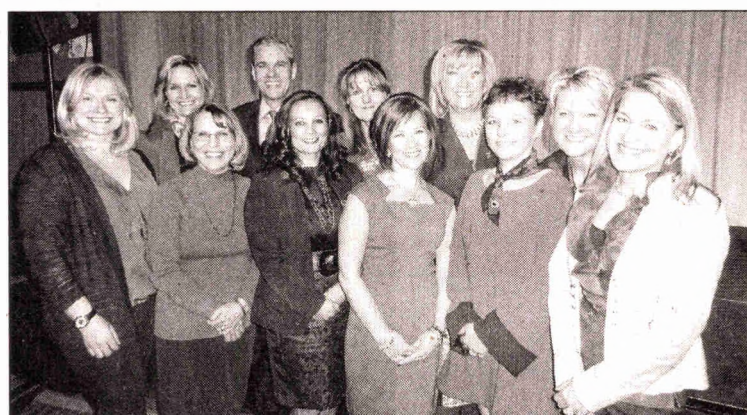
Westland Macy's team members Bridgett Bryant, (left) sales manager; Karin Tanti-McLearn, merchandise lead; Sheila Fisher, sales manager; and Lonette Blackburn, vice president, Westland Macy's store manager wear red at the Go Red for Women Luncheon. Macy's is a National Sponsor of the Go Red for Women campaign. Since 2004, Macy's has raised over \$46 million through its Magic of Giving program.



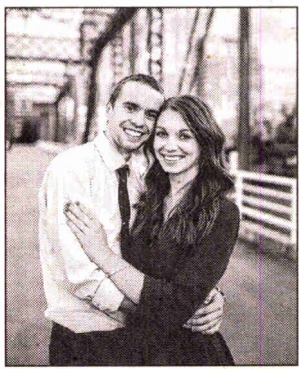
their recipes.

The best part of the event, which benefits Girl Scouts of Southeastern Michigan, is the audience gets to taste and vote. Tickets are \$100 each or \$170/pair before March 21 or \$120/individual and \$190/pair after that date; 800-482-6734, Ext. 2281, or visit www.gssem.org/cookiegala.

Contact Julie Yolles, Social Scene columnist, at socialscenejulie@gmail.com or leave a message at 248-642-9465.



ENGAGEMENT MILESTONES



Bryan Huntley and Katherine Hopman

HOPMAN-HUNTLEY

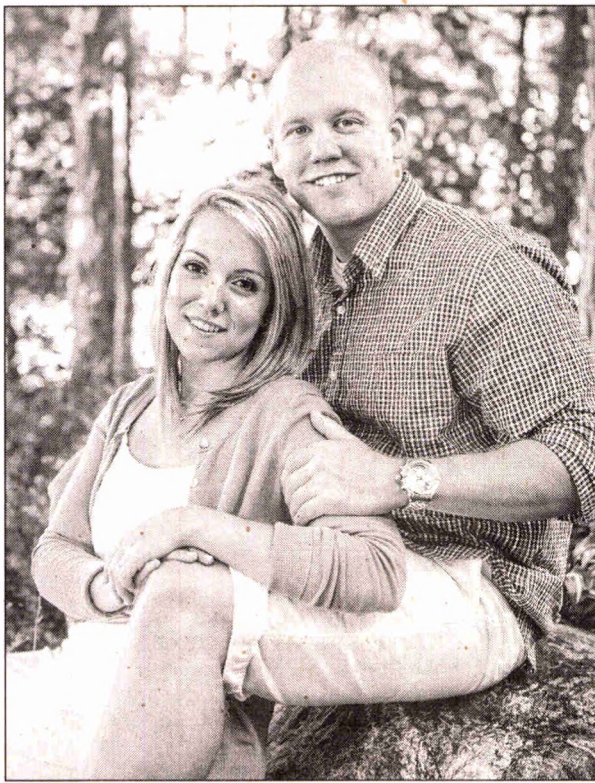
Katherine Hopman and Bryan Huntley announce their engagement. The bride-to-be, daughter of Cindy and Terry Hopman of Canton, is a 2008 Plymouth High School graduate. She also graduated from Grand Valley State University with a major in mathematics and minor in elementary education. She teaches in Grand Rapids. Her fiancé, son of Cathy and Steve Huntley of Grand Rapids, graduated from Grand Valley State University with a major in group social studies and a double minor in mathematics and secondary education. He teaches eighth-grade math at Excel Charter Academy in Grand Rapids. A July 2014 wedding is planned in Grand Rapids.

ENGAGEMENT

MILESTONES

MCLAUGHLIN-BALKUS

Kevin and Laura McLaughlin of Northville, and Beth and Ray Segler of Brighton announce the engagement of their daughter, Meryl McLaughlin, to Timothy Balkus, son of Gary Balkus of Wyandotte. Kevin and Beth both are former Livonia residents. Meryl is a 2012 graduate of Michigan State University with a master's degree in special education, with an endorsement in autism spectrum disorders. Tim is a 2009 graduate of the University of Michigan with a degree in criminal justice and sociology. The couple plans a summer wedding at Kirk of the Hills Church in Bloomfield Hills.



Meryl McLaughlin and Timothy Balkus

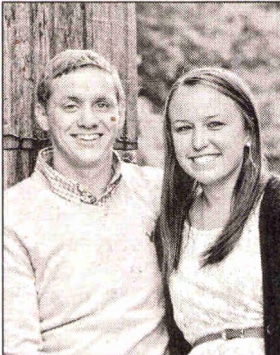
ENGAGEMENT

MILESTONES

SNITCHLER-WRIGHT

Kelly Snitchler and Eric Wright announce their engagement. The bride-to-be, daughter of Mark and Cherie Snitchler of Livonia, graduated from the University of Michigan with a degree in communication studies and Spanish. She currently works at ForeSee in Ann Arbor.

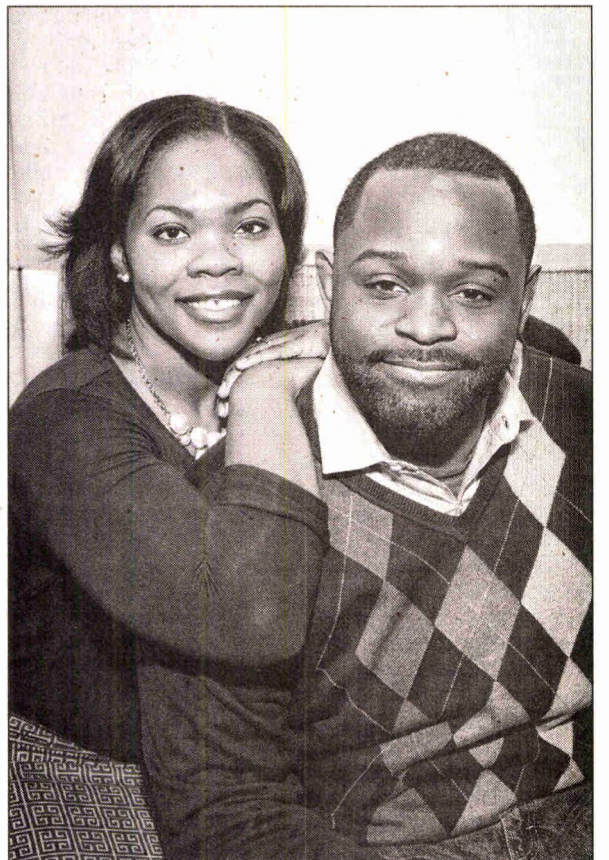
Her fiancé, son of Terry and Jane Wright of Lowell, graduated from the University of Michigan with a degree in biology and Spanish and currently is a student in the School of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Wisconsin in Madison. A June 2014 wedding is planned at St. Genevieve Catholic Church in Livonia.



Eric Wright and Kelly Snitchler

ENGAGEMENT

MILESTONES



Rashanna Baker and Shaunton Davis

BAKER-DAVIS

Sheila Baker-Harris of Farmington Hills is pleased to announce the engagement of her daughter, Rashanna Baker, to Shaunton Davis, son of LaDon Davis of Detroit and the late Richard Evans. The bride-to-be is a graduate of Michigan State University, and a children's advocate for the State of Michigan. The groom studied architecture at Lawrence Tech University and currently works in the automotive industry. A July 2014 wedding is planned.

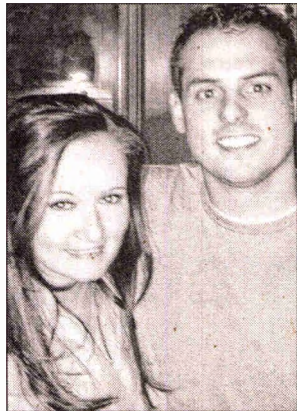
ENGAGEMENT

MILESTONES

CONRAD-GENSINGER

Laurel Marie Conrad and Dan Gensinger announce their engagement. The bride-to-be, daughter of Adrian and Mary Conrad of Denver, Pa., attended Canton High School. She earned a B.A. degree in audiology and speech pathology from Michigan State University and a master's degree in speech

language pathology from Eastern Michigan University. She works as a clinical manager for Select Rehabilitation in Chicago, Ill. Her fiancé, son of Chris and Janet Gensinger of Winona Lake, Ind., earned a B.A. degree in biology from Indiana University. He works as a general manager for Aramark in Chicago. An August 2014 wedding is planned in Hinsdale, Ill.



Laurel Conrad and Dan Gensinger

RELIGION CALENDAR

MARCH BETHANY
Time/Date: 8 p.m.-midnight, Saturday, March 29
Location: Don Hubert VFW Hall, 27345 Schoolcraft, Redford
Details: Bethany Together Dance admission is \$13 and includes beer, wine, soft drinks and snacks. Dance lesson from 7:30-8 p.m. Attire is business casual. Bethany is an organization, under the auspices of the Archdiocese of the Detroit. It provides peer support to the divorced and separated of all Christian faiths
Contact: 248-988-0454

BREAKFAST
Time/Date: 8:30-11:30 a.m. Sunday, March 16
Location: St. Theodore Social Hall, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland
Details: French toast, pancakes, ham, sausage, scrambled eggs, applesauce, coffee, tea, juice, milk; \$3 adults, \$1.50 children, 2-10
Contact: 734-425-4421

CONCERT
Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Monday, March 17
Location: Congregation B'nai Moshe, 6600 Drake, West Bloomfield
Details: Violinist Kara Fenyo

Bahcall and Pianist Noemi Maczelka will perform works by Hungarian Jewish composer Karoly Goldmark. A kosher dessert reception follows. Tickets are \$12 in advance, \$15 at the door and \$10 for B'nai Moshe members and their guests
Contact: 248-788-0600; www.bnaimoshe.org12:45 p.m.

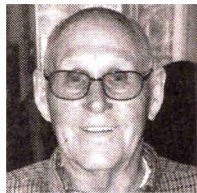
LENTEN SERVICE
Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesday, through April 9
Location: Lola Park Lutheran Church, 14750 Kinloch, Redford
Details: Theme is "From Garden to Glory"
Contact: 313-532-8655

Passages
Obituaries, Memories & Remembrances

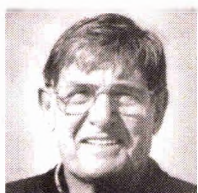
How to reach us:
1-800-579-7355 • fax 313-496-4968 • eoebits@hometownlife.com

View Online
www.hometownlife.com

Deadlines: Friday, 4:15 p.m. for Sunday paper • Wednesday, 9:45 a.m. for Thursday paper



DUPREE, GEORGE CLOYD
Age 95, of Goshen passed away Thursday, March 13, 2014 surrounded by family and friend. He was born February 25, 1919 in Trafalgar, Indiana to John and Jennie Dupree. He is survived by daughter Deanna (William Collins) Dupree of Petoskey, Michigan; son Terry (Grace) Carling-Kelly of Dubuque, Iowa; sister Ruby Jones of North Vernon, Indiana; four grandchildren; four great-grandchildren and companion Virginia Miller of Goshen, Indiana. He is preceded in death by parents, daughter Linda, 13 siblings and Deanna and Terry's mother, Gertrude (Todd) Dupree. Visitation will be on Friday, March 21, 2014 from 1-3 p.m. at Rieth-Rohrer-Ehret Funeral Home, 311 S. Main St. Goshen, Indiana 46526 with a service following at 3 p.m. Pastor Harold Knight of Brenneman Memorial Missionary Church will officiate. Burial will be at Clinton Union Cemetery. Memorial contributions to VFW National Home for Children, 3573 South Waverly Rd., Eaton Rapids, MI 48827. Online condolences may be left at www.rreth.com



FISCHER BERNARD D.
Died suddenly January 30, 2014, age 81, Sebastian, Florida. Formerly of Rochester and Bay City, MI. Born in Detroit July 4, 1932, to the late Ronald E. and Helen Fischer. Survived by wife, Shirley, of Sebastian, daughter Julie (Neil) Preston and granddaughter Jennie Preston of Rochester. Preceded in death by son Bill and brother Ronald. Grad. Bay City Central 1950, MSU Class of 1954, member Delta Tau Delta. First marriage to the late Nan Thomas, Bay City, 1954. After serving as MP at 5th U.S. Army HQ, he was employed at Chevrolet Bay City, transferred 1968 and settled in Rochester. Purchasing agent for Chevrolet/GMC at the Tech Center and later for Higbie Mfg. Founded Rochester Tube Products 1973. Sailing was his lifelong passion. His adventures, interests, projects and hobbies were limitless. His infectious enthusiasm, "joie de vivre" and huge presence will be deeply missed. A Celebration of Life will be held at a future date.

O'FLYNN, THOMAS
Loving husband, father, brother, grandfather, son, and friend who died suddenly. Preceded in death by his mother Roseann O'Flynn; sisters Renee and Taran. Beloved husband of Cynthia O'Flynn, loving father of Meghan (Paul) Lepkowski, Tommy (Regina) O'Flynn, Brian (Kelly) O'Flynn. Loving grandfather of Brayden and Liam Lepkowski, and Emily O'Flynn. Cherished son of Terence O'Flynn. Details of family service will be forthcoming.



OTTO, KATHRYN A. "KATE"
March 13, 2014, age 87, of Plymouth. Beloved wife of James for 63 years. Loving mother of Jim (Kari), William "Bill" (Robin), and Karen (LeRoy) Brooks. Proud grandmother of Luke, Natalie, Jack and Hank. Dear sister of Beverly (Bill) Van Frank and Virginia (David) Karsten. She was a reading teacher at Isbister Elementary, the Principal of East and Hulsing Elementary Schools in Plymouth, and an Adjunct Professor at Madonna University in Livonia. Visitation Monday 2-8 p.m. at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Road, (btwn Sheldon and Beck) Plymouth. In state Tuesday 10 a.m. until 11 a.m. Funeral Service at Faith Lutheran Church, 30000 Five Mile Road (1 block W of Middlebelt) Livonia, MI 48154. Memorials may be made to Michigan Parkinson Foundation, or to the Church. To share a memory, please visit vermeulenfuneralhome.com



SALTSMAN, VIRGINIA JACKSON
92, died peacefully in her sleep on March 12, 2014 in Holland Michigan. She was a long time resident of Birmingham, MI. Virginia was born in 1921 in Boston, Massachusetts. She graduated from Katharine Gibbs secretarial school in New York City, and earned her BA from Oakland University in Rochester, MI. She married the late Robert Saltsman in 1948. Virginia loved working with kids and enjoyed many years as administrative assistant at Pierce Elementary School. She also liked to travel, play bridge, garden, and had a great love for animals. Virginia is predeceased by her daughter, Carol and her son, Michael. Virginia is survived by her two sons, Charles of Santa Cruz, California and Thomas (Teresa) of Grand Haven, MI; two grandchildren, Adam (Rebekah) and David, and two great-grandchildren. She is sadly missed by her companion Robert Sell. A private memorial service is planned. The family wishes to extend their gratitude to the The Inn at Freedom Village in Holland, MI for their kindness and excellent care. Arrangements are by the Dykstra Funeral Homes Inc, 29 East 9th St. Holland, MI 49423. For more information please visit www.dykstrafuneralhome.com.

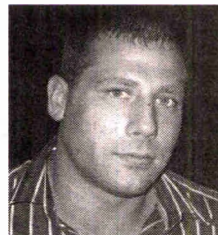


SNYDER, DONNA MARGARET
Age 83. Born July 29, 1930 in Detroit, Michigan to Christopher and Myrtle Gulbransen. Died March 10, 2014. Donna attended Dominican High School and graduated from Michigan State Normal College in 1952. She obtained her teaching degree from Wayne State University in 1956. She married Charles ("Chuck") Snyder in 1956. They were married for 22 years before he passed away in 1978. She is survived by children Chris, Steve, Greg (Tracey), Mary Beth (Harrison), and grandchildren, Tess, Grace, Thomas, Andrew and Anne. Donna was an active, longtime member of the Birmingham Village Players. She truly enjoyed performing and being part of the Village Players community. She spent many years volunteering with various organizations, including the Birmingham Community House, Memorial Hospital of Tampa, and the Henry B. Plant Museum in Tampa. Donna's family and many friends enjoyed her spirited character and sense of humor. She will be missed! Private services for the family are being held. Memorials may be made to St. Jude's Children Hospital: <http://www.stjude.org/donate> or Stray Rescue of St. Louis: <http://www.strayrescue.org>



IIPPENLATZ, YVONNE
March 12, 2014. Loving wife of John. Dear mother of Mark and Steve (Lynda). Grandmother of Bode and Kate. Family will receive friends Sunday 1-3 p.m. at A.J. Desmond & Sons (Vasu, Rodgers & Connell Chapel), 32515 Woodward (btwn 13-14 Mile), 248-549-0500. Memorial Tributes to The Beaumont Foundation, PO Box 5802, Troy, MI 48007-9620 View obituary and share memories at DesmondFuneralHome.com

In Memoriam



BRIAN HINZMAN
Thinking of you on your 33rd Birthday, March 16, 1981 Never forgotten and forever in our hearts. Love, Your Family

May the memory of your loved one... bring you peace.

Let others know...
When you have lost a loved one, place your notice on our website and in "Passages", a directory located in every edition of your Observer or Eccentric newspaper.

Call: 800-579-7355
Fax: 313-496-4968
Email: eoebits@hometownlife.com

OBSERVER & ECCENTRIC MEDIA

GAGNON

Continued from Page B7

try and they were mostly men that I was educating, but this happening with a female senior citizen just reinforced my resolve to teach any woman willing to listen, how to repair an appliance and I am proud to say they number in the thousands. "Man can put it together, woman can take it apart."

And now a reward which is much unexpected. Let me quote. The Northville-Novi branch of the American Association of University Women has sent me this letter: "It is a fact that you have repeatedly supported our organization and its mission by participating in its activities and encouraging your colleagues to assist. Through your work you have sought to educate the public in shopping wisely for appliances and being able to make their own repairs. These actions have supported women, often the primary decision makers for home appliances, to be well informed consumers." Yes, folks, I am receiving the Impact Community Enrichment Award from the AAUW and I will be proudly accepting this honor because in plain English, I JUST LOVE HELPING WOMEN!

And to all the guys out there who thought I was a mean hockey player — eat your heart out. Stay tuned.

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

WANTED BUSINESSES SEEKING CUSTOMERS

Spring Life in GO

New Hours

**April 29, 2014
2 p.m. - 7 p.m.**

**An annual tradition
11 years strong!**
Connecting businesses
with active adults seeking
information for all stages of
life including wellness,
finances, family and
senior lifestyles.


**Schoolcraft College
VisTaTech Center**

**When you are
prepared you can live
Life in Go!**

Business Receive:

- Exhibitor Space
- Advertising
- Workshops & Demonstration Opportunities
- Various Sponsorship Options

313.222.2414
cbjordan@hometownlife.com



Now at your Southeast Michigan Ford Dealers!

Lease a 2014 Ford Focus SE FWD for
\$156 PER MONTH For 24 months for current A/Z plan lessees²
\$906 Cash Due at Signing
EPA-estimated rating of
26 city / 36 highway MPG³



PLUS
RECEIVE A SYNC
AND SOUND PACKAGE
WITH LEATHER
WORTH \$1,190 AT
NO CHARGE!⁸

Buy a 2014 Ford Focus for
0% APR + \$1,000⁵
for 60 months⁴
or Receive \$3,000 in Customer Cash!⁷

Lease a 2014 Ford Fusion SE FWD for
\$194 PER MONTH For 24 months for current A/Z plan lessees²
\$944 Cash Due at Signing
EPA-estimated rating of
22 city / 34 highway MPG³



Buy a 2014 Ford Fusion for
0% APR + \$1,000⁵
for 60 months⁴
or Receive \$2,500 in Customer Cash!⁷

Lease a 2014 Ford Escape SE FWD for
\$213 PER MONTH For 24 months for current A/Z plan lessees²
\$963 Cash Due at Signing
EPA-estimated rating of
23 city / 33 highway MPG³



Buy a 2014 Ford Escape for
0% APR
for 60 months⁴
or Receive \$2,000 in Customer Cash!⁷

Lease a 2014 Ford Taurus SEL FWD for
\$243 PER MONTH For 24 months for current A/Z plan lessees²
\$993 Cash Due at Signing
EPA-estimated rating of
19 city / 29 highway MPG³



Buy a 2014 Ford Taurus for
0% APR + \$1,750⁵
for 60 months⁴
or Receive \$5,500 in Customer Cash!⁷

Lease a 2014 Ford Flex SEL FWD for
\$254 PER MONTH For 24 months for current A/Z plan lessees²
\$1,004 Cash Due at Signing
EPA-estimated rating of
18 city / 25 highway MPG³



Buy a 2014 Ford Flex for
0% APR + \$500⁵
for 60 months⁴
or Receive \$1,500 in Customer Cash!⁷

Lease a 2014 Ford F-150 XLT 4x4
\$282 PER MONTH For 24 months for current A/Z plan lessees²
\$1,032 Cash Due at Signing
EPA-estimated rating of
14 city / 19 highway MPG³



Buy a 2014 Ford F-150 for
2.9% APR + \$1,250⁵
for 60 months⁶
or Receive \$6,750 in total savings!⁷

JUST ANNOUNCED...

Customers who come out of a Ford, Lincoln, or Mercury lease and purchase a new Fusion, Escape or Edge can receive \$1,500 Renewal Cash!⁹



Southeast Michigan Ford Dealers
thinkfordfirst.com



Go Further

(1) When leasing, Matching Down Payment program up to \$750 is valid on all 2014 model year vehicles with the exception of C-Max, Focus Electric, Fusion Energi, Fusion Energi/Hybrid, Mustang GT/GT500, F-150 Raptor, E-Series, Transit Connect & F650/F750. When purchasing, Matching Down Payment program up to \$750 is valid on all 2014 model year vehicles with the exception of C-Max, Focus Electric, Fusion Energi, Fusion Energi/Hybrid, Mustang GT/GT500, F-150 Raptor, Transit Connect & F650/F750. The maximum down payment has been figured into advertised lease payment. Residency restrictions apply. This program is available through 3/31/14. See dealer for exact details. (2) Not all customers qualify for Ford Credit Red Carpet low-mileage lease (10,500 miles). Special lease rates are for eligible A/Z Plan lessees. Some payments higher, some lower. Residency restrictions apply. Payments include \$500 Renewal Bonus Cash for RCL/RCO customers who currently lease a Ford product and lease again through Ford Credit. Take new retail delivery from dealer stock by 3/31/14. See dealer for qualifications and complete details. (3) 2014 Ford Focus SE FWD 2.0L Ti-VCT direct-injection I-4 engine EPA estimated rating of 26 city/36 hwy/30 combined MPG; 2014 Ford Fusion SE FWD 2.5L Duratec I-4 engine EPA estimated rating of 22 city/34 highway/26 combined MPG; 2014 Ford Escape SE FWD 1.6L EcoBoost I-4 engine EPA estimated rating of 23 city/33 hwy/26 combined MPG; 2014 Ford Flex 3.5L Ti-VCT V6 engine EPA estimated rating of 18 city/25 hwy/20 combined MPG and 2014 F-150 5.0L Ti-VCT V8 FFV engine EPA estimated rating of 14 city/19 hwy/16 combined MPG. Actual mileages will vary. (4) Not all buyers will qualify for Ford Credit financing. 60 months at \$16.67 per month per \$1,000 financed regardless of down payment. Excludes Focus S, Focus ST, Fusion Energi, and Fusion Hybrid. Other exclusions may apply. Take new retail delivery from dealer stock by 3/31/14. (5) The \$1,000 Focus customer cash includes \$500 Ford Motor Credit Cash and \$500 Retail Open Bonus Cash; the Fusion \$1,000 customer cash includes \$1,000 Ford Motor Credit Cash; the Taurus \$1,750 customer cash includes \$1,250 Ford Motor Credit Cash and \$500 Retail Open Bonus Cash; the \$500 Flex customer cash includes \$500 Retail Open Bonus Cash; and the F-150 \$1,250 customer cash includes \$500 Trade Assist and \$750 Ford Motor Credit Cash. (6) Not all buyers will qualify for Ford Credit financing. 60 months at \$17.92 per month per \$1,000 financed regardless of down payment. Valid on XLT only. Take new retail delivery from dealer stock by 3/31/14. (7) The Focus \$3,000 Customer Cash includes \$750 Matching Down Customer Cash, \$1,250 Customer Cash, \$500 Ford Motor Credit Cash and \$500 Retail Only Bonus Cash; the Fusion \$2,500 Customer Cash includes \$750 Matching Down Customer Cash, \$750 Customer Cash and \$1,000 Ford Motor Credit Cash; the Escape \$2,000 Customer Cash includes \$750 Matching Down Customer Cash and \$1,250 Customer Cash; the Taurus \$5,500 Customer Cash includes \$750 Matching Down CC, \$3,000 Customer Cash, \$1,250 Ford Motor Credit Cash and \$500 Retail Only Bonus Cash; the Flex \$1,500 Customer Cash includes \$750 Matching Down Customer Cash, \$250 Customer Cash and \$500 Retail Only Bonus Cash; and the F-150 \$6,750 in total cash savings includes \$750 Matching Customer Cash, \$500 Customer Cash, \$750 Ford Motor Credit Cash, \$500 Trade Assist, \$1,500 XLT Customer Cash and \$2,750 XLT 302A + 59H Package. (8) Focus Sync & Sound package with leather seating valued at \$1,190 on Package 201A. Sync & Sound discount excludes 'S' model. (9) This RCL Renewal program is not compatible with any other loyalty program. Customers who have previously terminated their lease between October 1, 2013- January 2, 2014 are eligible for this program. A customer returning from any new FMCC RCL eligible Lincoln, Mercury or Ford Division vehicle lease may go into an eligible new Ford Division vehicle Retail or Lease Contract. Limit of one renewal incentive per termination. A customer must terminate their current lease in order to qualify for the incentive. Customers are not required to terminate their new RCL Lease at original dealership. A customer who terminates their Lincoln or Mercury Division RCL lease is eligible for the Renewal Incentive. A customer who terminates their Independent lease is NOT eligible for the Renewal Incentive. Some exclusions may apply. Program number 34646/34648. This program is good through 3/31/14.

HOMES

apartments.com.
HomeFinder.com

Homes

WESTLAND - Exceptional Value
2 bdrm, 1 bath Ranch with 900 Sq Ft. & 2 Car Detached Garage. \$16,000
3 bdrm, 1 bath Ranch with 999 Sq Ft. & 2 Car Detached Garage. \$84,000
3 bdrm, 1 bath Ranch with 1200 Sq Ft. & 40' X 120' Lot Size \$52,500
CENTURY 21 CASTELLI
734-525-7900

Open Houses

NORTHVILLE - Open 1-4 March 23
17518 Rolling Hills in Crestwood Manor (6 & Beck) 1/2 ac lot, english manor ranch, 2811 sq/ft + lower 2400 sq/ft, total 5200 sqft living space, orig owner retiring asking \$595,000 Neg. Immed. possession
AAA Realty
248-471-7368

Manufactured Homes

FREE RENT Until May 2014
no application fee!
Rentals starting at \$729
3 bed, 2 bath, all appliances plus washer and dryer.
Brand new homes starting at \$849!



4377 Old Plank Road, Milford
248-820-5835
www.childslake.com
*WAC community owned homes, no cash value, see community/sales for details. Offer expires 3-31-14

Lakefront Property

LAKE ERIE LIVING!
Kingsville, Ontario
Sandy walkable beach, lg deck, 1400 sq. ft. heat/air, lake lot. 60X200 garage lot is 100X40. 35 mi from Abbotsford Bridge. Contact Realtor John Peterson at 519-999-1607

RENTALS

apartments.com.
HomeFinder.com

Apartments For Rent

FARMINGTON HILLS MAPLE RIDGE APTS.
Spacious 1-2 bdrm, 2 bath, c/a, \$525-\$600 50% off 1st 3 mos. Rent with good credit & income.
248-473-5180

Duplexes

WESTLAND Just renovated, 3 bdrm duplex, \$750/mo plus security, 2 bdr duplex, \$575/mo plus security. See 8 ok. Call: 248-202-6869

Homes For Rent

Bloomfield Hills. 3 bdrm, 2 ba, den, liv, rm w/frpl, att 2car garage, newly renovated immediate occupancy. Birmingham schools (248)703-5870

Farmington Hills - 1113 sqft, small ranch, 3 bd, 2 ba, bsmt part fin, 2.5 car gar, c/a, frpl, near 9 1/2 Mile & Middlebelt, no cats, min 1 yr lease, \$1250+ dep. 517-304-4584

GARDEN CITY: 3 bdrm brick ranch, bsmt, fenced yard, garage. \$875/mo. + sec dep. No Sec. 8. (248) 661-9062



\$298* moves you in!
HOMES STARTING AS LOW AS \$899/MONTH! 3 BEDROOM, 2 BATH all appliances including washer/dryer & central AC. 4 BEDROOM, 2 BATH homes also available for \$1049/MONTH!
HURRY these homes are going fast!
CALL SUN HOMES TODAY! (888) 448-3061
OR APPLY ON LINE AT WWW.4NORTHVILLE.COM
South Lyon Schools!
Office hours
M-F 9a-5p Sat 9a-1p
Offer expires 3/31/14
*Some restrictions apply
EHO
LO-2412064-01

RECYCLE THIS NEWSPAPER

Mobile Home Rentals

FREE RENT Until May 2014
no application fee!
Rentals starting at \$729
3 bed, 2 bath, all appliances plus washer and dryer.
Brand new homes starting at \$849!



4377 Old Plank Road, Milford
248-820-5836
www.childslake.com
*WAC community owned homes, no cash value, see community/sales for details. Offer expires 3-31-14

Rooms For Rent

CANTON: Nice area, newly decorated, family room & fireplace. 734-259-8569
Cell: 734-386-6213

Dearborn - Wanted clean, neat roommate, to share condo, smokers welcome, quiet
313-632-9393

REDFORD Off 5 Mile, btwn Telegraph/Beech. Come share my house with me! Avail now.
Rent Negotiable.
Call: 313-310-3727

SERVICES

hometownlife.com

Drywall

COMPLETE DRYWALL SRV.
Plaster Repair. All jobs welcomed! Lic/Ins. Free Est. 30 yrs. exp. Mark: 313-363-6738

Hauling - Clean Up

Clean-up/Hauling Srv.
Cheap Rates! Garages, bsmts, attics. Free Est.
248-521-8818, 248-489-5955

Need a Hand With Your To-Do List?



**Drywall
Gutters
Roofing
Plumbing
Siding...**

Find professional home improvement service providers in O&E Media's Classified Services section every week!

**To advertise your home improvement services, contact us at:
800-579-7355**

OBSERVER & ECCENTRIC MEDIA

Housecleaning

AUNTIE ANN'S CLEANING
"We treat you like Family"
More than just a cleaning service. Call for Est. 734-277-9070

Paint Decorating Paper

FRANK'S PAINTING SERV.
Residential repainting, work myself! Free estimates. (248) 225-7106

PAINTING BY ROBERT
• Wallpaper Removal • Int
• Ext • Plaster/Drywall Repair
• Staining. 25 yrs exp. Free est. 248-349-7499, 734-464-8147

Roofing

Leaks, Repairs, Flashings, Valleys. 30 Yrs Exp. Lic/Ins Member BBB. 248-346-4321

Snow Removal

SNOW PLOWING & SALTING & Emergency Srv - Comm. & Res. Lic & Ins. Free Est.
248-521-8818, 248-489-5955

BUY & SELL

hometownlife.com

Absolutely Free

Cat, Indoor, 2 years old, female, recent shots, fixed, likes to play, healthy. Needs good home. (248)896-9241

Garage/Moving Sales

MOM2MOM SALE 3/22/14
9am-1pm @ Franklin High School \$1 Admission. Sponsored by Bell Creek MOPS. bellcreekmops@gmail.com

Firewood-Merchandise

MIXED HARDWOODS
\$50 a cord \$60 delivered
CHERRY, OAK, ASH
810-247-2560

Wanted to Buy

WANTED: Old Fishing Tackle & related items. Successful Deer Hunter Patches.
Call Bill: (734) 890-1047

CASH IN with O&E Media's CLASSIFIEDS

800-579-SELL

PETS

hometownlife.com

Dogs

MINI SCHNAUZER:
14 yrs old, needs good home. Friendly with people, but not other animals. Owner now in nursing home. 248-529-6160

Found - Pets

FOUND Lrg. Shep/Lab mix, black/tan female, no collar, near 12 1/2 Mile & Novi Rd. Contact me @ (248)348-6628

IT'S ALL ABOUT RESULTS!

EVERY WEEK, we bring buyers & sellers, employers & employees, and landlords & tenants TOGETHER.

You can rely on O&E Media Classifieds to deliver results.
800-579-7355

Need to Rent That House or Apartment?

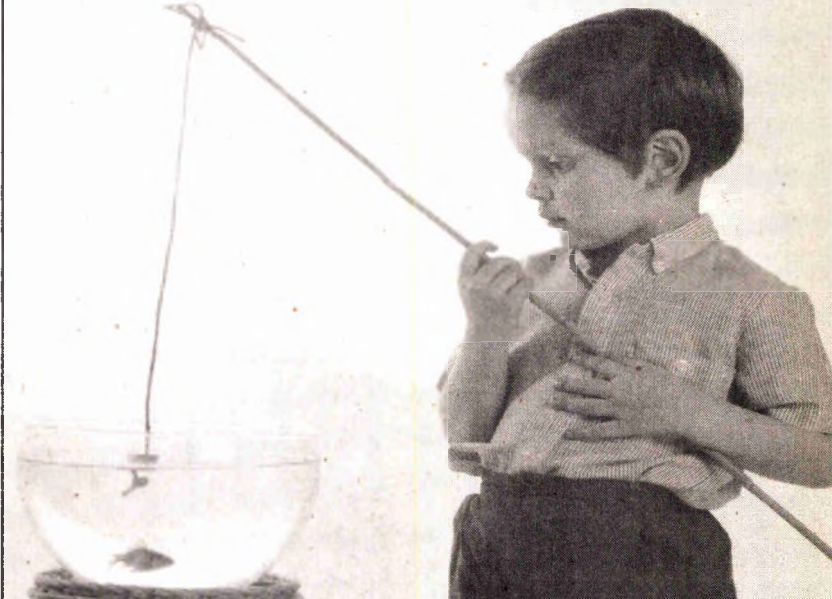


Place an ad with Observer & Eccentric Media newspapers, and have it rented in no time!
800-579-7355

It's all about results...

Get the **BEST** results here!
O&E Media Classifieds
800-579-7355

Local news.



You don't have to fish for it. It's right here, from the front to the back of your Observer & Eccentric Media newspapers.
Totally Local Coverage!
to subscribe, call: 866-887-2737

OBSERVER & ECCENTRIC MEDIA
hometownlife.com
A GANNETT COMPANY

3 Months FREE Rent and a VISA Gift Card!



Eat-in kitchen with great amenities

Brand New Models Now on Display!



Open concept living room with amazing finishes

\$1000 VISA gift card with any NEW AJR owned home purchase!*
\$500 VISA gift card with any PREOWNED AJR owned home purchase!*

Homes from \$11,900 to \$75,900

PLYMOUTH HILLS

Call Ray in Plymouth at **734.414.9760**

AJR

www.ajrhomesales.com

APARTMENTS AVAILABLE

Your Weekly Guide To Apartment Living

INKSTER THOMPSON TOWER APARTMENTS

Affordable Housing for Seniors 62+ or disabled

1 & 2 bedroom apartments - all utilities included!
Immediate Occupancy
Income Based Rent.
Our features include:
• Spacious floor plans
• Laundry Rooms • Community Room
• Resident Activities

For more details, call (313) 565-3022
(800) 567-5857 TDD
Hours: Monday-Friday 8-5; Saturday 9-1
Or visit us at: 2727 Michigan Ave, Inkster
EQUAL HOUSING OPPORTUNITY
LO-2410174-01

WAYNE WAYNE TOWER APARTMENTS

You hit the Bullseye...Wayne Tower is the Place for YOU.

35200 Sims, Wayne, MI
NOW LEASING - IMMEDIATE OCCUPANCY
1 Bedroom, Central Air

\$593

We pay Moving Cost of \$500
Leasing call:
734-721-0660

WESTLAND Thomas F. Taylor Towers

Now Accepting Applications Senior Citizen Residence 62 & Older.

1 & 2 Bedroom
36500 Marquette • Westland, MI 48185
(734) 326-0700
Equal Housing Opportunity

WESTLAND ATTENTION SENIORS!

Make **LOW RENT** your cup of tea!
Westgate Tower now has rent based on 30% of your income!



CALL US TODAY!
734-729-2900
34567 Elmwood in Westland

Not 62 yet? Ask us about our temporary age waiver!
Income Limits Apply Equal Housing Opportunity

Call Today For A Great Rate. **1-800-579-7355**

SPRING

STARTS HERE

\$750 MATCHING DOWN PAYMENT

BILL BROWN



NEW 2014 Ford Taurus SEL



Buy for **\$20,232+**
MSRP **\$29,795**

Featuring: SYNC with My Ford, Satellite Radio, Remote Start.

5 at this price, 46 available.

\$254* with \$750 due at signing

24 month lease
Security deposit waived, plus tax and license, includes acquisition fee and lease renewal.

NEW 2014 Ford Flex SEL



Buy for **\$28,618+**
MSRP **\$35,565**

Featuring: Leather, Blis, SYNC with My Ford Touch, Remote Start.

3 at this price, 61 available.

\$258* with \$750 due at signing

24 month lease
Security deposit waived, plus tax and license, includes acquisition fee and lease renewal.

NEW 2014 Ford Fusion SE Luxury



Buy for **\$20,714+**
MSRP **\$27,405**

Featuring: Leather, Luxury Package, Sync with my Ford

5 at this price, 494 available.

\$225* with \$750 due at signing

24 month lease
Security deposit waived, plus tax and license, includes acquisition fee and lease renewal.

NEW 2014 Ford Explorer XLT



Buy for **\$29,635+**
MSRP **\$37,015**

Featuring: Leather, SYNC with My Ford Touch, Premium Audio, Keyless Entry, Reverse Sensing.

5 at this price, 103 available.

\$320* with \$750 due at signing

24 month lease
Security deposit waived, plus tax and license, includes acquisition fee and lease renewal.

NEW 2014 Ford Escape SE



Buy for **\$20,953+**
MSRP **\$26,520**

Featuring: SYNC with My Ford, Power Windows, Locks, Cruise Control.

50 at this price, 416 available.

\$232* with \$750 due at signing

24 month lease
Security deposit waived, plus tax and license, includes acquisition fee and lease renewal.

NEW 2013 Ford Edge SE



Buy for **\$22,240+**
MSRP **\$29,920**

Featuring: Sync with My Ford, Reverse Sensing, Satellite Radio, Cruise Control, Power Windows Power Locks.

6 at this price, 168 available.

\$259* with \$750 due at signing

24 month lease
Security deposit waived, plus tax and license, includes acquisition fee and lease renewal.

NEW 2014 Ford Focus SE



Buy for **\$16,951+**
MSRP **\$23,540**

Featuring: Leather, Appearance Package, Sync and Sound Package.

25 at this price, 299 available.

\$177* with \$750 due at signing

24 month lease
Security deposit waived, plus tax and license, includes acquisition fee and lease renewal.

NEW 2014 Ford F150 STX SPORT



Buy for **\$28,302+**
MSRP **\$38,480**

Featuring: Power Windows, Locks, 20" Alum Wheels, Sync.

5 at this price, 168 available.

\$294* with \$750 due at signing

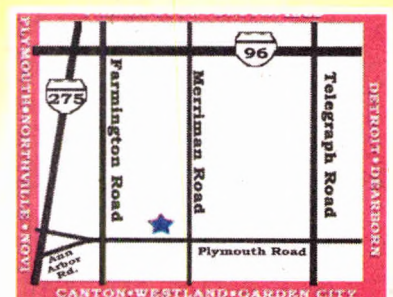
24 month lease
Security deposit waived, plus tax and license, includes acquisition fee and lease renewal.

BILL BROWN



Showroom Hours:

Mon. & Thurs.
9 am to 9 pm
Tues., Wed. & Fri.
9 am to 6 pm



32222 PLYMOUTH RD.
LIVONIA, MI 48150

billbrownford.com • (734) 421-7000

*All payments and prices are for qualifying AZ planners. For qualifying new AZ planners an additional \$800 to \$1500 would be required to keep the payments or price the same. 10,500 miles per year. To buy for price add tax, title, doc and destination fee. All Factory rebates assigned to the dealer including previous lease and may require Ford Credit financing. Not all buyers will qualify for lowest payments. Pictures may not represent actual vehicle. Subject to availability. Payments and prices per program in effect at publication and are subject to change. All other offers expire 4-1-2014.