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Chamber president discusses challenges, opportunities for change

Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

Even as he spoke of challenges, Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce president Wes Graff was upbeat Thursday in outlining a course

for the new year.

During a talk at the chamber's annual kickoff breakfast, Graff listed goals for the community as well as "elephants in the room" — like this year's Plymouth Township election — that could impact the area's

business climate.

He was effusive in praising the community in general and chamber volunteers specifically, saying volunteers are always willing to give back. "This is the greatest community I've ever worked in,"

Graff told about 160 people during breakfast at The Inn at St. John's. "The people here are fantastic. ... You show up."

Graff called for greater cooperation between Plymouth and Plymouth Township. The communities cooperate on

some levels, but "are not working together as well as they could be," he said.

He also stressed cooperation among multiple organizations, listing several initia-

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Record collectors browse the bins at the WSDP-FM (88.1) record show.

WSDP

Annual record show supports student radio station The Park

Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Self-described record nerd Nick Brandon was flipping through the vinyl album bin when he saw a still-sealed copy of metal band Slipknot's 2001 release *Iowa*.

It was priced at \$30, but he talked the owner down to \$20.

"I remember feeling very good for the rest of the day," he said.

"The coolest part of this show, far and away, is seeing high school students browse around, discover vinyl and buy albums."

NICK BRANDON
P-CCS director of communications

Brandon found his prize among thousands of vinyl albums, CDs, import-only releases, rock 'n' roll posters, T-shirts and other collectibles — all for sale during a record show hosted by student radio station WSDP-FM (88.1), known as The Park.

The annual record show returns to the Salem High School cafeteria, 46181 Joy Road, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sat-

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Students pitch in to fight hunger

Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Canton High School senior Patrick Ruhala was shocked to learn the scope of hunger in western Wayne County.

"I had no clue. It was a mind-opener for me," he said.

Ruhala, 18, was among a team of National Honor Society students from the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park who pitched in to fight hunger Thursday evening by volunteering at Open Door Ministry, a food pantry on Lilley, south of Michigan Avenue.

A long line of cars formed outside Open Door's warehouse as the students oversaw about 80 volunteers who packed bags of frozen meat, vegetables, fruit, canned goods and desserts for an estimated 460 families who need help putting food on the table.

As snowflakes fell outside the warehouse, students performed a National Honor Society service project by taking food to every car, every family.

Sara Hawks, a Salem High School senior, gave instructions to volunteers who placed bags of food on carts and wheeled it outside.

"I think it's good to help people who aren't as privileged as we are," she said. "I think we're really benefiting the community."

For one evening, students assumed the roles of Open Door leaders such as Steve and Jackie Darr, food pantry directors. They carried out their task meticulously after making several previous visits in December and January to learn how the job is done.

Wayne resident Polly Spangler lauded the students as she drove up to receive food for her family.

"I think it's great that these students are doing this," she said. "It's good they are learning to help other people."

Seven National Honor Society students served as team leaders and made sure other

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Welcome Gretchen Ward: New ed foundation chief

Joanne Maliszewski
Staff Writer

Gretchen Ward has found the best of all worlds as new executive director of the Plymouth-Canton Educational Excellence Foundation.

"It is a perfect fit for what I was looking for," said Ward, a Plymouth resident.

Ward officially began her new position this month. After

a 15-year tenure with the EEF, former director Carol Cody left for a position in the corporate world. Meanwhile, Mary Ann Foss, EEF board vice president, served as interim director.

The job is perfect for Ward



Ward

because it fulfills exactly what she wanted to do: work in the local community, work at something that improves the community and that she believes in and, in practical terms, was a better daily commute for the mother of two children.

"I had asked my husband what I should do," said Ward, who came from the American Heart Association as director

of the youth market.

"I had lost my father to heart disease," she added. "Plus, I was able to work with kids for heart health."

But responsibility for eight counties in mid- and southeast Michigan, the commute and time she was away put a damper on her job. Nonetheless, Ward was

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Program boosts police contact in neighborhoods

Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

They won't be walking a beat, but about two dozen police officers in Plymouth Township are now assigned to specific areas of the community to help residents with quality-of-life issues.

The Plymouth Township Police Department's new officer-assigned program divides the officers among about 60 subdivisions, making each the liaison for one or more homeowners associations.

The aim, Police Chief Tom Tiderington said, is for residents to have a point person at the department to call on to handle routine matters that may not be criminal: neighbor disputes, skaters in the road or the habitual speeder who lives down the street.

"There are a lot of different things that these officers will resolve," Tiderington said. "The officer is expected to take ownership."

The department's staffing level means liaisons can't dedicate all their patrol time to their respective subdivisions, the chief said, but it is hoped they will spend time in those neighborhoods as they are able.

The department is spreading word about the liaisons through the various homeowners associations. Some officers, Tiderington said, are assigned to just one neighborhood if it is larger, while others have two or three smaller areas. Sergeants as well as officers are also assigned as liaisons.

"The homeowners associations are probably the best vehicle through

which to communicate," he said.

The chief said the program provides him with clear lines of responsibility should a problem in a specific area not be resolved in a timely way.

"If it's an ongoing problem that's not being resolved, then I know who's responsible and I know who I'm going to be talking to," he said.

Tiderington said the program accompanies other efforts to improve two-way communications with township residents that will allow police to better disperse information to help make neighborhoods safer and also allow residents to give the police alerts and tips that could help prevent or solve crimes.

For example, he is looking into the possibility of a more neighborhood-specific alert sys-

tem similar to the Nixle public safety alerts the township and many other communities use.

Township Supervisor Shannon Price is a fan of the new officer-assigned program.

"It's a great program and we're getting a great response on it," Price said.

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Plymouth Township Chief Tom Tiderington says modern methods of communication, like smart phones and social media, represent an evolution of older technology, like this call box used by his grandfather, Harry Tiderington, when he was an officer in Detroit.

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tives, such as a proposed business corridor along Five Mile in Northville and Plymouth townships — the Michigan International Technology Center — and the I-275 Industrial Council, in which cooperation is key.

"We cannot go it alone as a community. Isolation isn't an option for us," Graff said.

He mentioned the legacy costs owed by the city that stem from the Plymouth Community Fire Department, which served both communities for nearly 17 years until the city left the arrangement at the end of 2011, as one of the issues that divide officials in the communities. (Graff said the communities are making progress in resolving the legacy costs issue and officials in each community have spoken similarly in re-

"This is the greatest community I've ever worked in. The people here are fantastic. ... You show up."

WES GRAFF
president, Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce

cent weeks.)

"This is an issue that they need to resolve," Graff said.

A scarcity of public parking in downtown Plymouth, Graff said, continues to be an issue that is "choking us" and that will likely come to a head this year.

The Downtown Development Authority last year purchased the so-called Saxton's property, at Ann Arbor Trail and Deer, for parking, but the city's Historic District Commission has a say in the future of buildings on the site. Plans to increase parking there — roughly 45 spaces now exist — have not been finalized.

"Something's going to happen with our parking this year," Graff said.

Graff also mentioned the turnover in the superintendent's office at the

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools district, where Mike Meissen was replaced last month after less than three years on the job.

Monica Merritt, who had been an assistant superintendent, is the interim superintendent; she is the district's fourth superintendent in seven years. The turnover is "not a good system for leadership going forward," Graff said.

He said the district has "the opportunity to get it right this time" when the school board picks a permanent replacement for Meissen and that the community should stand behind the person chosen.

Graff also made a plug for partnerships between business and educational institutions in developing local talent for the work

force.

The area, he said, needs to be "internationally welcoming," as local companies sometimes need employees with highly specialized skills from abroad. Graff said the chamber is looking at offering foreign-language versions of some of the material on its website as a way of reaching out.

Graff also announced the pending retirement, this spring, of chamber events manager Teri Fry; the crowd gave Fry a standing ovation.

Earlier, Jeff Bell, the chamber's new board chairman, introduced the rest of the board of directors.

Bell, a funeral director at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, said he sees growth ahead for the chamber, both in its membership and its impact on the community, but also said the chamber needs to reach out to young people.

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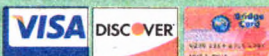


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Quote from nominator:
 "Derek's salmon cam is so neat! I learned about panda cam a few years ago from friends. We would send each other happy links on bleary winter days. I was amazed to hear that one of our own P-CCS teachers was implementing a classroom version of this. What a powerful teaching tool and what a great way to encourage the tie between the classroom and the community. Salmon cam plays here at the Curriculum Center and lets us feel like we have our own

aquarium, and every person who walks in wants to know all about it and the creative teacher who is behind it." <http://www.mrkendallsite.com/>
I am currently reading:
Devotion. A story of two Korean War fighter pilots and their friendship.
Last movie I saw in the theater: *Star Wars: The Force Awakens*, of course.
The funniest memory of a student or event in the classroom was: There is usually something noteworthy that happens at my expense every day, but most recently I accidentally disclosed a major spoiler alert to the new *Star Wars* movie. "I didn't know, I just made it up!"

In my spare time I like to:
 Run and/or train for some running event.
The hardest part of my job is: Being the teacher my students should expect me to be. I think most teachers would agree that we are our toughest critics.
What motivates you? I just try to help my students perform better than what my students did last time or year. Teachers' greatest reward is when we see our students perform well.
The best part of my job is: Being in the classroom. Everything else we do builds up to that experience and the connections we make in the classroom.



Derek Kendall with his salmon cam at Canton High School.

Public invited to share thoughts at school forum

The Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education will host a Community Forum on Budget Issues at 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 8, in Discovery Middle School, 45083 Hanford Road, Canton.
 The entire P-CCS community is welcome to attend to share feedback and ideas regarding current issues in the district, as well as upcoming budget decisions facing the Board of Education and district administration.
 As the board begins its work to prepare a balanced budget for the 2016-17 school year, members would like to hear from P-CCS community members about what they value. This is an opportunity to be heard with respect to all areas of school budget and programming, including school of choice, athletics and other extracurricular activities, transportation, maintenance and class size. As this is an open forum driven by community participation, all ideas are welcome.
 "We welcome all members of the P-CCS community and look forward to hearing from

them," said Kim Crouch, president of the P-CCS Board of Education. "This forum is intended to provide a stronger connection between our district and the community that makes us what we are and the board is looking forward to the opportunity to hear from you."
 "This is an important evening for our school district and we strongly encourage all ideas and feedback from the community," P-CCS Interim Superintendent Monica Merritt said. "The Board of Education, along with district administration, value the opportunity to listen and learn from our amazing community about what issues are most important to address in today's challenging times for public education."
 For those who cannot attend the forum, an online feedback form will be available through the official P-CCS website at www.pccsk12.com and will be posted online for two weeks following the forum.
 For more information or media requests, contact Nick Brandon at Nicholas.Brandon@pccsk12.com or 734-416-2755.

ACADEMIC ACHIEVERS

Georgia Tech
 Nicole Kiriazis of Canton has earned a master of science in earth and atmospheric sciences from the Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta.
 Kiriazis was among approximately 2,400 undergraduate students who received degrees

during Georgia Tech's 250th commencement exercises in December.
Miami University
 Emma Hoy of Canton was named to the Miami University dean's list for the fall 2015 semester. She is majoring in mechanical engineering.

Glenn teens excel at Rotary training at S'craft

Julie Brown
 Staff Writer

Alexis Brewster and Cory Ruten, Westland John Glenn High School students, enjoyed being at Rotary Youth Leadership Awards last November at Schoolcraft College.
 "I feel like it's helped me grow," said Brewster, a junior. "I still talk to some of the people who went there."
 Some 95 high school students were at Schoolcraft for a Thursday evening, a Friday and most of Saturday last November. Ruten, a sophomore, described an exercise on eye contact in which each student spoke to another for five minutes without a reply. The focus was on listening.
 "It was kind of nerve-wracking," he told members and guests Jan. 28 at a West-



From left are Kristi Nimgern, Westland Rotary secretary; Glenn guidance counselor Jim Thomas; Glenn junior Alexis Brewster; Glenn sophomore Cory Ruten; and Westland Rotary President Paul Motz. The teens shared their RYLA training experiences at a Thursday, Jan. 28, luncheon.

land Rotary lunch at Joy Manor. The students were accompanied at lunch by Glenn guidance counselor Jim Thomas, who described them as "top-notch. In many ways, these two are more mature than I am. I'm really proud of

them."
 Thomas described the teens' demanding course loads as well as extracurriculars, including the Sea Cadets for Ruten. He thanked the Rotarians for their support with RYLA.

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Plymouth sweet shop collects water for Flint

Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

The large windows at Kilwin's of Plymouth typically offer passersby an up-close view of goodies as they're being made.

But one window there is temporarily being put to another use at the sweet shop on the corner of Main and Penniman in the city's downtown.

The store is accepting donations of bottled water for people in Flint, where changes to the water system that were intended to save money have led to drinking water being contaminated with harmful lead that leaches from old pipes.

Store owner Krista Diamond said her plan is to fill the window with cases of water and ship them to a church in Flint via an uncle, Todd Luhtanen, who works with Team World Vision, which organizes running



You can see it from the street: Kilwin's employees Madeline Stowe, Andrew Stephens and Halle Mancuso show off some of the bottled water the store is collecting for residents of Flint.

BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

events to raise money for World Vision projects that bring clean water to people in developing countries.

"The whole crisis in Flint weighs really heavily on my heart," Diamond said Tuesday. "I thought I lived in a coun-

try where something like this could never happen."

She added: "Flint just seems like they've been

dumped on over and over again."

Diamond was spreading the word about the effort, which began Mon-

day, through the store's Facebook page and its customer email list. Luhtanen was to make a delivery Saturday to Flint, but the water drive will continue, she said.

Any clean, unopened bottled water, whether in individual-sized bottles or one-gallon or five-gallon jugs, will be accepted at Kilwin's, Diamond said.

The store's drive is one of several in the area, including one at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, where students collected more than 120 cases of water plus about \$500 in cash donations. That effort is being led by the Canton Congress, with help from other student organizations, including the Plymouth Congress and the Muslim Student Association.

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New museum exhibit looks at 'Downton Abbey' period

Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

The newest show at the Plymouth Historical Museum takes a look at some of the real-life history woven into the popular fictional television series *Downton Abbey*.

"It's a Downton Abbey Thing," which opened at the museum Friday, includes about a dozen scenes displaying the clothing and household furnishings of the period covered by the series, which is currently in its sixth and final season on Public Broadcasting Service channels in the U.S.

Downton Abbey is a historical drama about a fictional aristocratic English family and its associates, but also about the people who serve the upper crust. The first episode was set in 1912

and the show has since moved into the 1920s.

"*Downton Abbey* is wildly popular and we decided to explore some of the fashions and historic artifacts you see on the show," said Elizabeth Kelley Kerstens, the museum's executive director.

Some exhibit items are from the museum's collection, while others have been lent for the show by local private collectors, Kerstens said.

But beyond the trappings of its time, *Downton Abbey* often revolves around historical events of the period, such as the sinking of the RMS Titanic, World War II and the movement for women's suffrage.

So too with the exhibit, Kerstens said, as it includes information about what was happening in this country, such as the U.S. entry into the war

and women winning the right to vote in 1919, during the same period.

"It took a lot of research to make sure we were doing it right," Kerstens said.

The museum hosted an invitation-only reception Thursday for "It's a Downton Abbey Thing" and the crowds were good Friday, Kerstens said.

"It's a fun exhibit. People were very impressed and enjoyed it," she said.

The museum exhibit runs through Sunday, June 12.

The Plymouth Historical Museum, 155 S. Main, is open 1-4 p.m. Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Adult admission is \$5; children 6-17 are \$2 each. For a reservation for a group tour, call 734-455-8940.

The museum is a hosting a Downton Abbey Tea



ELIZABETH KELLEY KERSTENS

This scene at the Plymouth Historical Museum represents the kitchen at "Downton Abbey," the estate named after the British television series of the same name. The museum's current exhibit, "It's a Downton Abbey Thing," runs through Sunday, June 12.

2-4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 28. The tea is nearly sold out, but tickets were available as of Friday. They can be purchased

through the museum's website (www.plymouth-history.org) or at the museum during its business hours.

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Ask Dr. Stewart

Dr. James Stewart offers treatment for sleep apnea and chronic snoring from his practice in Livonia, MI. Today he answers a question about the link between sleep apnea and high blood pressure.

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Haute cuisine highlights P-CCS culinary fundraiser

Joanne Maliszewski
Staff Writer

Just ask yourself: When was the last time you had a four-course meal prepared by award-winning experts — and for only \$35 per person?

The chance to dive in to be served, waited on and to enjoy a meal designed to ignite your taste buds can be yours Thursday, Feb. 11, at the fourth annual P-CEP Culinary Program dinner fundraiser in time for Valentine's Day in the Rock Cafe at Salem High School.

The 36 students in the program have prepared a menu that will begin with a mezza station — placed next to your table — that will offer relishes, vegetables, dips and grilled breads to tantalize your taste buds and prepare them for the next courses.

The first entree will be shellfish with a beurre blanc sauce, with vegetables, including Brussels sprouts petals. The second entree is braised beef cheek with winter vegetables and potatoes.

But don't get up from the table just yet. The



Ever so gently, a P-CEP culinary student practices slicing.

meal will be crowned with a surprise dessert. Diana Woodward, hospitality and culinary program coordinator at the Plymouth-Canton Educational park, gives a hint: Dessert will feature white chocolate, coconut,

passion fruit and strawberries.

"This will be high-end, fine dining," Woodward said. "This entire production is put on by students."

But there's no need to get dolled up for the



Fine food begins with learning. Here P-CEP students get a lesson from teacher Diana Woodward.

culinary experience. "We keep the food fancy, but we want a casual atmosphere," Woodward said.

The culinary program has partnered with the Old World Olive Co. in Plymouth for the fundraiser and other programs. "They handle the tickets and the decorations and the oils," Woodward said.

The \$35 tickets are available at Old World Olive, 457 Forest Avenue, Plymouth.

The goal is to serve at least 50 diners at each of the two scheduled meals, 4:45 p.m. and 7 p.m. The culinary program receives 100 percent of the proceeds to help pay for the hotel in Lansing when students arrive for an annual competition.

"It is a tremendously expensive competition," Woodward said, adding that on average it costs about \$38,000.

Competition is an important event for the

P-CCS culinary students. In the nutrition contest, the team developed a menu of healthy foods for children. Members had to include a nutrition and cost analysis, as well as cook the meal within 30 minutes and present it to judges. Altogether, the Plymouth-Canton teams brought home about \$35,000 in scholarships.

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'Guys and Dolls' auditions at Spotlight Players open Feb. 1-2

Spotlight Players, along with the director Justine Maldonado and producer Laura Kitzman, welcomes anyone 14 years of age and older to audition for *Guys and Dolls*, 6:45-10 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, Feb. 1-2, at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill.

First performed on Broadway in 1950 and later turned into a film in 1955, *Guys and Dolls* is a popular musical based on the Damon Runyon books of the New York underworld. It tells the story of a gambler Nathan Detroit, who runs a "floating" crap game, much to the disgust of his long-suffering fiancée of 14 years, the Hot Box nightclub singer, Adelaide Adams.

To raise the money to

pay for a venue for his crap game, Detroit bets \$1,000 on what he believes is a sure thing. Sky Masterson, a high-rolling, suave gambler boasts that he could have any girl he wants. So Nathan bets him that he can't get the local "Save a Soul" missionary, Sarah Brown, to come to dinner with him in Havana. Since she's reluctant, Masterson in turn guarantees that he will provide 12 genuine sinners for her midnight prayer meeting in return for dinner. In order to win his bet, Masterson needs sinners, Sarah needs to save her mission, Adelaide wants to turn her 14-year engagement into a wedding and Nathan is just trying to keep his crap game afloat and Adelaide hap-

py, while not getting arrested by the local cop or shot by a visiting gangster.

Guys and Dolls will run April 15-17 and April 22-24 on the main stage of The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, with Friday and Saturday performances at 8 p.m. and Sunday performances at 2 p.m.

Tickets range from \$16 to \$18 and can be purchased by calling the box office at 734-394-5300 at www.cantonvillage-theater.org. Tickets are also available for purchase at the box office one hour prior to show time. Advertising space in the *Guys and Dolls* program is available for purchase through March 1. For details, go to <http://spotlightplayersmi.org/>.



"Guys and Dolls" director Justine Maldonado of Canton, producer Laura Kitzman of Canton and Village Theater technical director Philip Garcia of Ann Arbor.

CITY OF PLYMOUTH
CLOSE OF VOTER REGISTRATION FOR
PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION
TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2016

Notice is hereby given that registration of Qualified Voters for the Presidential Primary Election to be held on Tuesday, March 8, 2016, will be accepted at the office of the City Clerk during regular business hours as enumerated below. The office is located at City Hall, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI 48170 on the first floor.

MONDAY – FRIDAY 8:00 a.m. - until 4:30 p.m.

Registration will close on Monday, February 8, 2016 and no further voter registrations will be accepted for said election. Any interested person may also register at any Secretary of State Branch Office during their regular business hours. Qualifications for individuals to be registered voters of the City of Plymouth are as follows:

1. Citizen of the United States
2. At least 18 years of age
3. A resident of the State of Michigan and City of Plymouth for not less than 30 days prior to the election (MCL 168.492). In addition, qualified voters must be registered to vote not less than 30 days prior to the election (MCL 168.497)

Registrations will be accepted at the City of Plymouth Clerk's office, located at 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI 48170, Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

Linda Langmesser, CMC
City Clerk

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KRISTAN RODWELL

P-CEP Marching Band clarinetists practice ready for a performance at the Tournament of Roses Parade.

Annual talent show will help support P-C Marching Band

The Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Marching band will host its annual "Variety Is" talent show fundraiser at 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 5, in the Gloria Logan Auditorium at Salem High School.

The show will feature the talented student performers at the Plymouth-Canton Educa-

tional Park. This is a completely student led and organized show that will include vocal performers, dancers, creative visual acts and variety skits, as well as several of the band ensembles P-CEP. Also performing will be the P-CEP Winter Guard, Winter Drumline, the P-CCS eighth-grade hon-

or band and the P-CEP Marching Band. Tickets are available at the door for \$8 general admission and \$6 for seniors 65 years and older. Children 5 and younger are free. All proceeds will go to help support the band programs at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

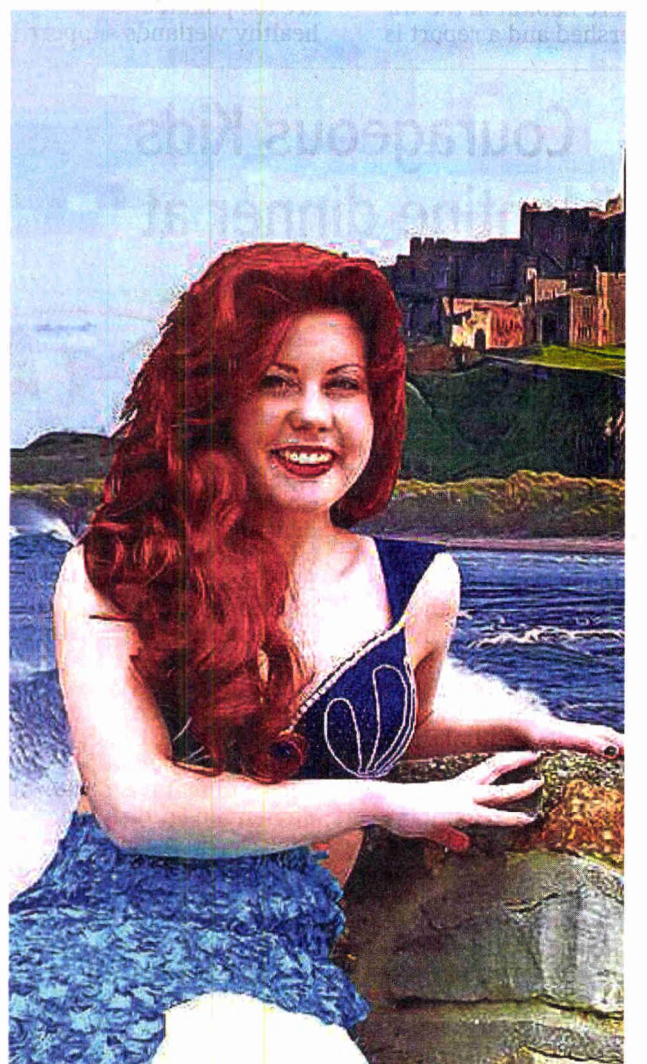
'LITTLE MERMAID'

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Friday, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday, until Feb. 7
Location: PARC, 650 Church Street, Plymouth
Details: Forever After Productions will stage Disney's *The Little Mermaid*. Based on one of Hans Christian Andersen's most beloved stories and the classic animated film, *The Little Mermaid* is a love story for the ages. With music by eight-time Academy Award winner Alan Menken, lyrics by Howard Ashman and Glenn Slater and a compelling book by Doug Wright, this fishy fable will capture your heart with its irresistible songs, including *Under the Sea*, *Kiss the Girl* and *Part of Your World*.
Cost: General admission tickets are \$10. Tickets can be purchased at www.heartforeverafter.com or by calling Forever After Productions at 734-547-5156
FIGHT THE FLU
Time/Date: Donations 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, through February
Location: Salvation Army Plymouth Corps, 9451 S. Main, Plymouth
Details: The Salvation Army Plymouth Corps, in conjunction with the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, is asking the community to "Share the Love - Not the Flu" and donate items that will keep students

and teachers well during the flu season
Contact: Laurie Aren at laurie_aren@usc.salvationarmy.org or call 734-453-5464
DADDY-DAUGHTER DANCE
Time/Date: 6:30-8:30 p.m. Feb. 5-6
Location: Summit On The Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton
Details: Dads and daughters are invited to the Butterfly Ball where they put on their dancing shoes and step out together to enjoy a few hours of bonding time. Guests will make plenty of sweet memories that are sure to last a lifetime as they enjoy dancing to age-appropriate music, refreshments, a special butterfly souvenir, and the always dazzling balloon drop that caps off the festivities. Keepsake photos and face painting are available for an additional cost.
Tickets: Due to limited space, advance ticket purchase is required for all ages and walk-ins will not be accepted. Tickets are \$10.25 per Canton resident and \$13.25 per non-resident. All dads and daughters will require a ticket, regardless of age. No tickets will be sold after the sale deadline of Feb. 1, without exceptions.
Contact: Summit on the Park front desk at 734-394-5460 or go to www.cantonfun.org
WINE, BEER TASTING
Time/Date: 7-9 p.m., Feb. 14

Location: Waltonwood at Cherry Hill, 42600
Details: The event will feature wine and beer tasting and hors d'oeuvres, compliments of Holiday Market.
Cost: \$35 admission; sponsorships range \$250-\$500
MASQUERADE CHARITY BALL
Time/Date: 7 p.m. to midnight Saturday, Feb. 6.
Details: Kyyba Kidz Foundation, dedicated to improving the lives and education of orphans and underprivileged individuals, will host its 2016 Charity Fundraiser Gala Dinner at the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi (46100 Grand River). Evening features a silent auction and raffle, dinner and dancing. All are welcome to bring their own masks or purchase them on-site by making a donation. Open to those 18 years and older, individual tickets are \$150 each and a table of 10 is \$1,000. The deadline for pre-registration, which is mandatory in order to attend, is Friday, Jan. 22, and can be completed at www.kyybakidz-foundation.org.
 "From gowns and gararas to suits and sherwanis, we encourage all to put on their most festive formal wear for a night of fun, mystery and giving back," said Tel Ganesan, president of the Kyyba Kidz Foundation's Board of Trustees. Farmington Hills-based Kyyba Inc. is a technology and staffing

services company.
ESSAY CONTEST
Time/Date: Applications due April 1
Details: The Beloved Community, partnering with the Michigan Roundtable for Diversity and Inclusion, has announced the second annual Dr. Martin Luther King Essay Contest. The contest is open to all sixth-through 12th-grade students in Plymouth and Canton, including those children who attend traditional public, charter and private schools or who are home-schooled. Participation in the essay contest is intended to foster a deeper understanding of the importance of diversity and inclusion and further the goals of education, deep reflection and reconciliation on topics critical to racial justice in the Plymouth-Canton community.
Contact: Inquiries about the application process may be directed to Loren Khogali at lorenkhogali@gmail.com or Sommer Foster at sommer.foster@gmail.com.
RELAY KICKOFF
Time/Date: 7-8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 11. Registration begins at 6:30 p.m.
Location: Super Bowl, 45100 Ford Road, Canton
Details: Relay for Life of Canton organizers hope to raise \$170,000 this year to fight cancer, while also increasing the number of teams participating this year. The kickoff party helps volunteers understand how the community has benefited from money raised. It also honors cancer survivors and caregivers, while serving as a pep rally of sorts for volunteers and team leaders who will become crucial to this year's success. Volunteers and teams will be able to register for this year's event during the kickoff party
Contact: Go to www.relayforlife.org/CantonMI to learn more or contact Schaper at 248-663-3417 or by email at Megan.Schaper@cancer.org
ANNUAL AUCTION
Time/Date: 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 14
Details: Concordia Lutheran School hosts its annual auction, "With One Heart," at the Hellenic Cultural Center, 36375 Joy Road, in Westland. Tickets are \$30 (\$270 for a table of 10) and must be ordered by Feb. 8. Ticket includes appetizers, dinner, dessert and drinks. For more information and to order tickets, call 248-474-2488 or 313-937-2233.
CANCER SUPPORT
Time/Date: 6-7:30 p.m. third Monday of each month
Details: Connecting with others who know what it is to have lung cancer can help during this difficult time. To start, join the Lung Cancer Support Group at the Beaumont Cancer Center-Farmington Hills, 27900 Grand River Ave., Suite 230. Thoracic surgeon Dr. David Sternberg leads the group. The group is open to anyone living with lung cancer and their loved ones. Meetings are free the third Monday each month. For more information, call 248-473-4828.
WIDOWED FRIENDS
Time/Date: 9 a.m. the second and fourth Thursday of each month.
Details: Join Widowed Friends, a peer support group, hosting a Men's Only Breakfast and Fellowship at Steve's Family Restaurant, 15800 Middlebelt Road, Livonia. Contact Dick at 313-534-0399.
Time/Date: 9 a.m. the first and



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third Monday of each month.
Details: Join Widowed Friends, a peer support group, hosting a Ladies Only Breakfast and Fellowship at Connor's Restaurant, Haggerty/Five Mile Road, Northville. To save a seat, contact Carol at 313-562-3080.
Time/Date: 9 a.m. the first Thursday of each month.
Details: Join Widowed Friends, a peer support group, hosting Co-Ed Breakfast at Richard's Restaurant, on Plymouth Road at Eckles Road. Contact Jerry at 734-455-2651.
SENIOR PROGRAMMING
Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday
Location: Friendship Station Senior Center, 42375 Schoolcraft, Plymouth Township
Details: The Plymouth Community Council on Aging announces new programs for senior community from the city of Plymouth and Plymouth Township Upcoming programs and events will include Chair Exercise, Free Wii Bowling, Knitting & Crocheting Class, Craft Classes, Free Drop in Game Day, Senior Cardio Fitness and Senior Yoga. In addition to the new programs, the center will offer free monthly bingo beginning Feb. 16. Presently, the Community Senior Transportation is at the Friendship Station. The center will offer Focus Hope distribution and a newly created food pantry.
Contact: For more information and a calendar of dates and times and information on membership, call 734-354-3222. For transportation information, call 734-459-8888.
AAUW PLAY
Time/Date: Thursday, Feb. 4, is a 7 p.m. showtime, with a Scout presentation at 6:15 p.m. Other show times are 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 5; 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 6

(a family show time with a 10:15 a.m. presentation before the show); and 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 6.
Location: Garden City High School O'Leary Auditorium on Middlebelt, north of Ford Road, Garden City
Details: This year, *Alice in Wonderland* will be staged by the Plymouth-Canton branch of the AAUW.
Tickets: Purchase at www.PlymouthCanton-mi.aauw.net. The price is \$6 online and \$7 at the door.
Contact: 734-716-1833.
CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP
 The Dorothy & Peter Brown Adult Day Care Program holds free monthly family caregiver support group meetings at two locations. Respite care may be available during the daytime meetings; if interested, inquire when you RSVP.
 JVS (29699 Southfield Road, Southfield):
 » 1:30-3:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 9, for family caregivers of older adults with memory loss
 » 5:30-7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 15, for family caregivers of all older adults
 For information or to RSVP for either meeting, contact Dorothy Moon at 248-233-4392 or dmoon@jvsdet.org.
 Jewish Senior Life, Fleischman Residence/Blumberg Plaza (6710 W. Maple Road, West Bloomfield):
 » 1:30-3:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 11, for family caregivers of older adults with memory loss
 » Call for information re the evening support group meeting for family caregivers of all older adults
 For information or to RSVP for meeting, contact Fran Cook at 248-592-5032 or frcook@jslmi.org.

Women's Health Presentations

Dr. Paul Makela, urogynecologist, provides insight and education about a variety of female conditions including bladder dysfunction, overactive bladder and pelvic prolapse. Grab a friend, your sister or mom and learn about the latest therapies and procedures available that may help eliminate or reduce your symptoms or pain, and improve your quality of life. Attend any date!

February 24

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PUBLIC NOTICE OF OPEN ENROLLMENT

New School High, a tuition-free Public School Academy with an academic program for grades 9-11, announces its Open Enrollment period for the 2016-17 school year. The Enrollment Period that began October 1, 2015 will end at 6 pm on Friday, February 26, 2016. Application forms may be obtained and submitted online at www.newschoohigh.org or obtained and delivered by mail or in person to New School High, 46250 Ann Arbor Rd., Plymouth MI 48170, Monday through Friday between 8 am and 4:30 pm. For more information contact the school leader at cburnstein@newschoohigh.org or call the school at (734) 386-6601.

If applications exceed available spaces, a random selection drawing will be administered at 6:30 pm on Wednesday, March 2, 2016 at New School High, 46250 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth MI 48170. If the number of applications submitted during open enrollment does not meet or exceed the number of available spaces, students will be enrolled in the order their completed applications are received until all seats are filled. If needed, waiting lists will be created.

New School High is authorized by Central Michigan University according to the Michigan Revised School Code. It does not discriminate on the basis of intellectual or physical abilities, achievement or aptitude, religion, race, or gender.

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Rouge River group seeks help with frog, toad survey

In a sure sign that spring is coming, Friends of the Rouge is recruiting volunteers for the 19th annual Rouge Frog & Toad Survey. Interested volunteers are invited to sign up for the training workshop scheduled for 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Feb. 27, at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile Road.

This will be the first and only training offered for new volunteers since 2014. Only veteran volunteers surveyed last year due to issues with funding and to allow time for data analysis. The data was examined to identify projects needed to restore habitat in the watershed and a report is

available online.

To participate in the survey, volunteers must attend the Feb. 27 workshop. Surveyors are provided with a CD of the calls and are assigned their own survey area, which must be within the Rouge River watershed. Surveys are conducted independently on warm spring evenings after dark, several times a month from March through June. Interested volunteers need to pre-register for the workshop.

The presence of frogs and toads is used as an indicator of wetland health as the animals disappear when wetlands are too polluted. Diverse, healthy wetlands support

diverse assemblages of amphibians. To learn more about the findings from the survey, go to the FOTR website at www.therouge.org.

Friends of the Rouge is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting restoration and stewardship of the Rouge River ecosystem through education, citizen involvement and other collaborative efforts, for the purpose of improving the quality of life for the people, plants and animals of the watershed. The Rouge River covers 466 square miles in three counties and 42 communities in the Detroit area. Additional information at www.therouge.org.

Plymouth United Way to host skating fundraiser

Like to roller skate? Want to help make an impact in the community?

Plymouth Community United Way is holding its third annual Community Family Skate Fundraiser 6-8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 25, at Skatin' Station II, 8611 Ronda Drive, Canton.

Admission is \$6 and includes skate rental. Blade/speed skate rental is \$2 extra. Proceeds benefit Plymouth Community United Way. For questions, call 734-453-6879, ext. 7.

"It's a good way to get kids and their families involved with helping



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others while having fun," said Marie Morrow, Plymouth Community United Way

president.

Serving Plymouth, Canton and western Wayne County residents since 1944, Plymouth Community United Way is an umbrella organization that addresses human needs by funding nonprofit agencies and organizations.

Programs range from senior bus transporta-

tion to housing for the developmentally disabled, counseling and shelter for domestic violence victims and their children, youth life-skills training, help for students to succeed in school and homeless families and individuals attain financial stability, emergency food, rent and utility assistance and many other services. In addition, PCUW organizes drives for local food pantries, hats for the homeless, hygiene kits and back to school supplies for low-income students. Learn more at www.plymouth-unitedway.org.

Courageous Kids hosts benefit Valentine dinner at Inn at St. John's

A Valentine's Day dinner and dance will help a local organization continue to provide a positive distraction and emotional support for southeast Michigan kids coping with life-threatening medical conditions. Courageous Kids will host its second annual Dinner Dance on Saturday, Feb. 13, at the Inn at St. John's in Plymouth.

Courageous Kids provides free events for kids with life-threatening medical conditions and their families.

"The Dinner Dance is one of our two major fundraisers to help support our goal to provide continuous fun events for kids and their families who are coping with the daily strain of battling a life-threatening condi-



tion," said Rick Nork, Courageous Kids president and CEO. "For over five years, Courageous Kids has helped many kids cope by providing free events nearly every month as a distraction from the health challenges they face."

The Dinner Dance benefiting Courageous Kids will feature a plated dinner, music, dancing, silent auction, cash bar, champagne toast and a short program featuring Courageous Kid Desi Smith, 15, who has sickle cell disease, and her parents, Pam and Eric. Desi,

a 10th-grader at Farmington High School, has been a member of Courageous Kids for six years.

"Courageous Kids has given Desi really good memories from her childhood," Pam Smith said. "We've been able to go out and do lots of fun things with people that have become really good friends of hers. It has helped cheer her up during the hard times."

Tickets for the Dinner Dance are \$100 a person or \$1,000 for a table of 10. Go to www.courageouskidsmi.org for more information.

P-C foundation awards classroom grants

The Plymouth-Canton Educational Excellence Foundation has awarded the following grants. The EEF has three grant cycles annually.

The schools, awards, projects and number of students affected include:

» Bentley: Lawrence Rocheleau; Ukeleles in the Classroom; 800 students; \$1,647.83.

» Bird: Pamela Morgan; Awesome Applications for the iPad; 25 students; \$153.

» Dodson: Linda Dickieson; Move to Learn; 25-plus students; \$399.95.

» Farrand: Susan Porter; Stability Balls; 21 students; \$163.17.

» Gallimore: Kristi Berry; Self-Selected, Self-Paced Book Club, 121 students; \$573.

» Gallimore: Bethany Gatto; TAG Library Enhancement; 360 students; \$1,000.

» Hulsing: Shelly

Lloyd and Susan Sourbeck; Fund E.C. Classroom Rugs; 42 students; \$1,302.92.

» Isbister: Michele Rice, Kathleen West and Sara Freels; Standing for Learning; 120 students; \$545.34.

» Tonda: Cathryn Pumper; 21st Century Listening Center; 26 students; \$499.85.

» Tonda: Stephanie Knight; Literacy for Kindergarten Math; \$312.12.

» East: Matt Kazmierski; New Sheet Music for EMS Band; 190 students; \$907.

» East: Ursula A. Mason; Choral Risers for East; 214 students; \$3,842.16.

» Liberty: Pamela Purcell; Scholastic Foreign Language Magazines; 280 students; \$942.21.

» Pioneer: Jason Kaye, Claire Walton-Swisher and Sally Yentz; The Crossover Book

Purchase; 70 students; \$760.20.

» Canton: Michael Frantsen; Portable Dent Removal Station; 60 students; 1,431.73

» Canton: Valerie Leveille, Marcia Lizzio and Cathy Mast; Forensic Anthropology/Crime Scene Reconstruction; 400 students; \$550.

» Plymouth: Scott Milam; Chemistry Remodeling; 100 students; \$827.35.

» Plymouth: Amanda Davies; Kindles of Choice; 1,000 students; \$1,190.

» Curriculum Center: Carrie Fromme; Literacy Intervention, Word Story; Middle School students; \$1,259.11.

» Pre-K Special Ed: Susan Simms; Science Center Grant; 24-plus students; Up to \$500.

» District Grant: Middle School After School Math Tutoring; \$18,000.

Party at Arden Courts in Livonia marks 100th birthday for local woman

Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

Caroline Kaegi had to give up driving five years ago, at the tender age of 95, and to this day she yells at her daughters for that decision.

Five years later, as Kaegi celebrated her 100th birthday, her daughters could chuckle about it, though not within earshot of their mother.

Kaegi was joined last weekend by dozens of her friends and family at Arden Courts in Livonia, where she has lived since August, for a centennial birthday party with cake, presents and memories.

So how does it feel to be 100?

"The same as it did yesterday," she said, to a chorus of chuckles from the crowd. "I don't think there's any difference."

Kaegi was born in 1916 and grew up in Hartford, Conn. Her family came to Michigan looking for work in the auto industry. She graduated from Central High School in Detroit in 1933 and married Armin Kaegi in 1941.

Armin had come to the United States from Switzerland at the age of 14.

The couple was married for 45 years, until Armin died in 1986. Kaegi filled her time with pretty much everything a mother could do. According to her daughters, she was a Brownie troop leader, a Girl Scout leader and got involved with her children's activities.

Once the kids were grown, Kaegi took a job working for JC Penney. She also took advantage of her hobbies, quilting and knitting, and joined the quilters club, Tuesday Quilters, at Christ Our Savior church. Last weekend, her quilting buddies at Christ Our Savior presented her with a quilt made especially for the occasion.

She was active enough to live on her own until



BRAD KADRICH

Caroline Kaegi celebrated her 100th birthday last weekend with her daughters, Norma Duran (left) and Marlene Clough.

just two years ago.

"She was always very active," said Marlene Clough, one of Kaegi's two daughters, who lives in Commerce Township. "She's stubborn, she's very accommodating. She took care of everything."

Her other daughter, Norma Duran of Chesterfield, told the story of telling her mother she had to quit driving.

"We took her car away at 95," Duran said with a smile. "She still complains about it."

Kaegi is the second resident to celebrate a 100th birthday at Arden Courts. Linda Henderson, the program coordinator, said Kaegi stays active in the residence, helping coordinate much of the interior decorating.

"We're very excited," Henderson said. "What a milestone it is to have had such a wonderful life, to have family and friends who love you and cherish you."

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FIVE NATIONS TOURNAMENT

Let the international games begin

Tim Smith
Staff Writer

A red, white and blue spotlight is about to shine on Plymouth's USA Hockey Arena.

Hockey fans are still warming to the idea of the U.S. National Team Development Program's two teams skating all winter at the former Compuware Arena on Beck Road, where the Plymouth Whalers competed in the Ontario Hockey League for two decades. But international hockey is the call-

ing card for USA Hockey and the worldwide heat is about to get cranked up.

The 2016 Under-17 Five Nations Tournament will unfold Feb. 9-13 and local hockey aficionados have a chance to take it all in for anywhere from \$15 (the price for one daily pass, good for that day's doubleheader) to \$65 (for the full tourney slate).

"It's a good kind of first event for us to get international hockey in front of

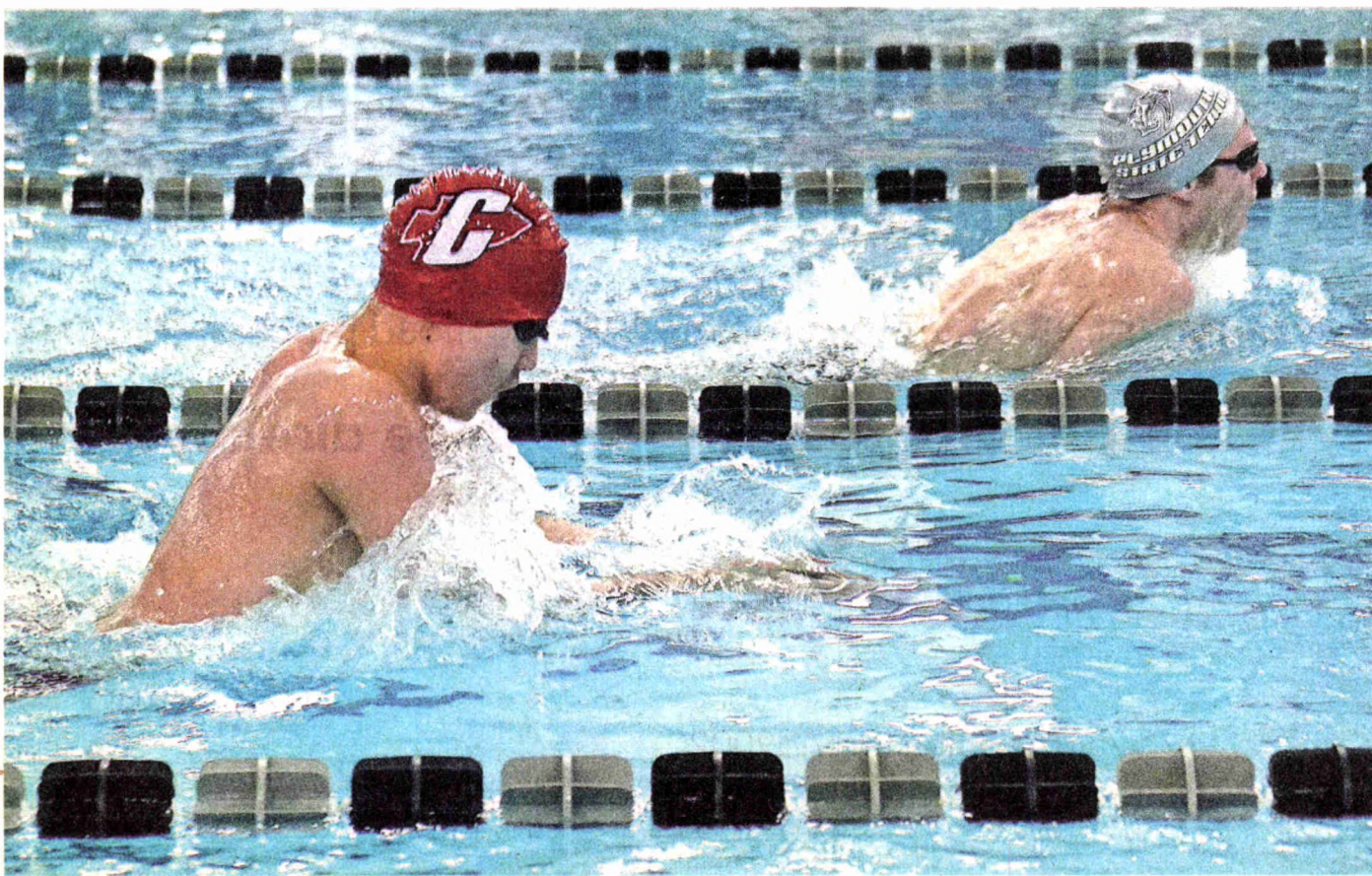
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USA HOCKEY NTDP Here is the promotional logo for the 2016 Under-17 Five Nations Tournament, set for Feb. 9-13 at USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth.

PREP BOYS SWIMMING & DIVING

VICTORY LAPS



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Racing against each other in the 200 IM Thursday are Canton's Tristen Shao (left) and Plymouth's Garrett Beauprez.

Deep and talented Chiefs outswim pesky Wildcats

Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Coach Kenn Forbes would have liked nothing better than for his stand-out group of Plymouth seniors to help his team dunk rival Canton in Thursday's meeting of KLAA South Division contenders.

After all, it was Senior Night for Plymouth — even though the varsity boys swimming and diving dual meet took place in the Canton High School natatorium.

But although there were plenty of positives for the Wildcats, including a school record in 1-meter diving by junior Jordan Groves, the deep and versatile Chiefs just had too much to contend with. Canton cruised to a 109-77 victory.

"I think (the Wildcats) were OK, there's a lot of stuff we need to work on, stuff we've been addressing all year," Forbes said. "Canton swam awesome, they had a great meet. They really showed their depth today."

"We have to prepare a little more but it was a good meet."

Depth is key

Canton head coach Dave Le, whose squad (3-0 in the KLAA South) broke a first-place deadlock with the Wildcats (2-1) by virtue of the win, praised both teams.

"Plymouth's been the defending champ for the last three years and we knew it was going to be a tough meet," Le said. "They swam well. But we were excited to swim and did pretty decently today."

"I think a big key is our depth and our versatility. We can switch people



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Plymouth's Jordan Groves completes a front double pike Thursday night. Groves set a new school record in 1-meter diving with 213.90 points.

into different events and it really doesn't affect the outcome of the meet. So that helps, but the majority of it (success) is just based on numbers and depth."

Multiple winners filled the scoresheet for the Chiefs.

Senior Gerard Niermann led the way, prevailing in the 50 free (22.99) and 100 free (49.99).

Also a double winner was sophomore Daniel Mullen, the top performer in the 200 free (1:49.20) and 500 free (4:56.14).

Other individual winners for the Chiefs were freshman Isaac Fong (100 butterfly, 1:00.01) and junior Caleb Moraw (100 backstroke, 1:01.26).

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LOFTY HONORS

Salem to unveil first Wall of Fame inductees

Tim Smith
Staff Writer

If Fred Thomann were still alive, he'd probably shrug at the notion of having a plaque up on Salem High School's Wall of Champions.

But the Rocks' legendary boys and girls basketball coach — who passed away in December 2013 — would be leading the cheering section for Dena Head, one of his former players who also is part of Salem's inaugural induction class.

Head was named Miss Basketball in January 1988 (girls basketball was played during the fall season then) and later went on to become the first player ever drafted by the then-fledgling Women's National Basketball Association.

They are among 10 distinguished coaches and athletes who comprise the inaugural Salem induction class. Also being inducted is the Rocks' 1974 football team, the only state championship grid squad in district history, and its coach (Tom Moshimer).

The official induction ceremony (and dinner) is 5:30 p.m. Saturday at Salem, with honorees also being toasted during the varsity boys basketball game Friday night. Honorees will have plaques, featuring photos and details about their Salem careers, installed along the corridor near the gym and pool.

'Dense' history

According to Brian Samulski, Salem's assistant principal of athletics and activities, the idea for a Wall of Champions took hold over a year ago following installment of a mural featuring Thomann and many other outstanding coaches and athletes from the school.

"As soon as I was hired (during 2014-15) Anna (Britnell, of the Salem athletics department) and I started the photo mural project in the hallway, which took about five months," noted Samulski in an email. "In those five months we did tons of research to find

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Salem coaching legend Fred Thomann will be posthumously inducted Feb. 6 into the school's new Wall of Champions.



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KLAA WRESTLING



Salem's varsity boys wrestling team soaks it all in after clinching the KLAA Central.

COURTESY SALEM WRESTLING

Salem captures second division title in two years

Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Strength in numbers — and on the mat — proved more than enough Wednesday for Salem's varsity boys wrestling team as the Rocks pummeled two KLAA Central foes to clinch the division title.

At a KLAA Central quad meet at South Lyon East, Salem prevailed 59-18 over the host Cougars and 45-25 over South Lyon.

The victories upped Salem's record to 15-2 overall and 5-0 in the division.

"We came with a goal and we achieved it," said Jeremy Henderson, who shares Salem coaching duties with Pete Israel. "We have been talking about winning the division since the beginning of the year so it was nice for the team to step up and do it tonight."

Icing on the championship cake was senior Roy Foster's 100th career win at 189; he was one of seven Rocks to post 2-0 records Wednesday.

"Roy has put in so much effort and wrestled his butt off tonight," Henderson said. "Congratulations to him."

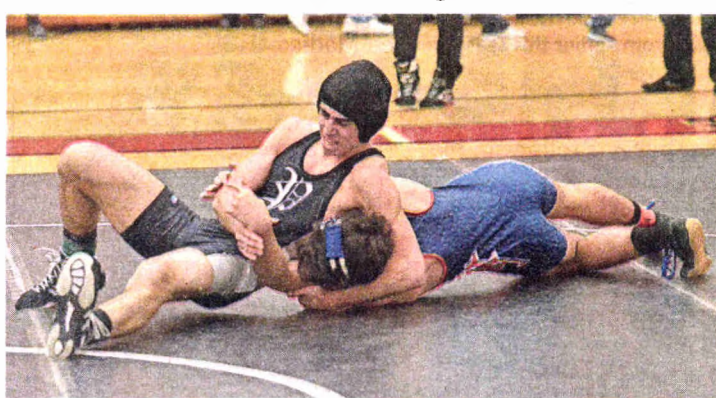
The others to win both bouts were Nate Gaubatz (103), Akash Rai (125), Cam Shaughnessy (125), Andrew Lindsay (130), Seth Dunn (152) and Tyler Moore (215).

Chipping in with single wins were DaQuan Baker (112), Ben Bennett (119), Russell Gaubatz (135), Bruce Haslitt (140) and Brodie Saincome (152).

Also battling in their weight classes were Ahmad Mehsen and Jake Giorgi, at 189 and heavyweight, respectively.

"South Lyon always has a pretty good team so we knew it was going to be a fight but the boys knew that going in and stepped up," Henderson continued. "... Everyone did their part. A lot of the boys came out attacking and kept their opponents on their toes and when you attack good things happen."

"We need to keep pushing forward as our next big goal is conference champs and dis-



Plymouth 145-pounder Nourdeen Hussini gets an edge against Kristo Cule of Livonia Franklin.

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trict champs."

The Rocks, who compete at Saturday's Observerland Tournament, will look for the Kensington Conference crown Wednesday in a crossover matchup against Westland John Glenn (KLAA South champ).

That contest is set for Waterford Kettering.

Plymouth splits

In the KLAA South quad meet Wednesday at Livonia Churchill, any chances of Plymouth earning the top spot were stymied when Livonia Franklin earned a 37-26 victory over the Wildcats.

Plymouth did defeat Churchill, 40-35, but with the 1-1 showing dropped to 11-5 overall and 3-2 (third place) in the division.

"We wrestled well against both of our opponents," Plymouth coach Quinn Guernsey said. "Franklin was able to win three swing matches at 145, 189, and 103, and that was really the difference in our dual with them."

"We also lost out the bonus point battle, giving up majors instead of decisions, only earning decisions and tech falls when we had opportunities to pin our opponents, we haven't been in many competitive duals where bonus points matter and our inexperience with how we should wrestle in those matches showed."

A number of backups and underclassmen competed against the Chargers and performed well, Guernsey said.

"Andrew Atallah and Sean Jensen really went out and understood their jobs and executed them well," Guernsey continued. "It's good to see young wrestlers understand the importance of bonus points (Atallah got a major decision) and staying off your back (Jensen only gave up a major to Churchill's Englehart)."

"It was something we struggled with against Franklin."

Going 2-0 for the day were Collin Reed and Spencer Schiftar, who Guernsey said were outstanding, combining for three pins and a technical fall.

The Patriots also chalked up a 51-21 win over Canton and upped their record to 13-9, 4-1 (second place).

Canton (3-4, 1-4) could not taste victory at the quad, losing 48-18 to the Chargers (4-3, 2-3).

First-place Westland John Glenn routed Wayne Memorial 57-12 in a division dual meet. The Rockets (23-3, 5-0) clinched the top spot in the KLAA South with the victory.

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PREP GYMNASTICS

Canton gets past Salem

Tim Smith
Staff Writer

The Canton Chiefs keep churning along, defeating Salem 139.525-132.15 on Thursday night in the second annual "Flip for Autism" fundraiser girls gymnastics meet.

Outstanding first-place performances were turned in by Canton's Jana Hilditch on uneven parallel bars (9.45) and Salem's Jordyn Williams (9.55 on floor exercise).

Hilditch also took the top spot on vault (9.05) while Williams prevailed on balance beam (8.65).

Helping the Chiefs was a season's high total on bars, a 35.55 tally. In addition to first-place Hilditch were Katie Dickson (9.0), Kelsea Kernosek (8.7), Hailey Hodgson (8.4) and Katherine Najduk (8.0.)

Canton also finished 1-3 on vault, with Najduk (second, 8.95) and Rachel Socha (third, 8.65) following Hilditch. The top performers on

beam were Salem's Williams and Canton's Kernosek (second, 8.6).

On floor, the Chiefs collected nines from Dickson (second, 9.025) and Hodgson (third, 9.0).

"Both teams saw final exams finish on Thursday morning, so the study and tension ... weighed on their performances," noted Canton coach John Cunningham in an e-mail. "I hope Canton can regain focus and make practices count leading into a tough three-meet week."

The Chiefs, 9-1 in dual meets, will face Livonia Red Tuesday, Huron Valley Thursday and the Canton Invitational on Saturday.

At the invite, there will be defending state champion Rockford/Sparta and other contenders, Cunningham added.

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PREP GIRLS BASKETBALL

Marlins sting Divine Child; Harrison rolls to big win

Dan O'Meara
Staff Writer

Mercy maintained a share of first place in the Catholic League Central Division by defeating Dearborn Divine Child in girls basketball Friday, 44-34.

The Marlins are tied with rival Bloomfield Hills Marian, which plays Tuesday at Mercy. Both teams are 5-1.

Mercy expanded an 8-4 lead after one quarter Friday to 23-12 at halftime. The second half was virtually even.

"I thought we were just very flat for most of the game," Mercy coach Gary Morris said. "I thought we played a good second quarter in terms of our energy level."

"I thought we were flat the entire second half. Maybe it was because the game started late or we were coming off the big win at Regina on Tuesday."

"For whatever reason, we were just flat. Anyway, we're happy with the win."

Katie Coe scored a game-high 12 points to lead the host Marlins (8-4). Jackie Bauer had nine, Zora Pullen eight and Chloe Godbold six. Pullen also had eight rebounds and Coe six.

Shannon Rice, Courtney Smithon and Emilie Reinhardt scored six points apiece for the Falcons, who are 0-6 in the division and 1-11 overall.

Hawks beat Lakers

Harrison established a 29-4 lead after one quarter and cruised to a 59-31 victory over host West Bloomfield in an OAA crossover game Friday.

Kristen Nelson scored 15 points, Nyla Warren 11, Olivia Perkins 10 and Amber Stephens nine for Harrison (11-3). The starters played an average of 1½ quarters.

Nelson also had seven assists and five rebounds, Stephens four rebounds and three assists. Each had two steals

and one block, too. Perkins grabbed five boards. Taylor Pierce scored eight points for the Lakers.

"It was a good team win; everyone contributed," Harrison coach Allen Walker said. "They did some nice things, especially players from the bench that we haven't seen in game situations a lot. It was very encouraging for the future."

Churchill downs Glenn

When asked what senior guard Alivia Kondrath did right Friday night, Livonia Churchill girls basketball coach K'Len Morris delivered a succinct answer.

"Everything," Morris said, after watching Kondrath pour in 23 points in the Chargers' 62-57 victory over Westland John Glenn. "She hit a couple threes, she made seven free throws and she played really good defense. She did everything we could have asked from her tonight."

The victory improved Churchill's record to 5-7 overall and 4-2 in the KLAA South Division standings.

Led by Kimae Stribling and Sierra Moseley, both of whom finished with 16 points, the Rockets burst to a two-point halftime advantage.

However, Churchill clawed back and built a 10-point lead at one point in the fourth quarter before John Glenn crept a little closer.

Rocks stymied

The Salem Rocks lost a see-saw KLAA Central Division girls basketball game Friday against Novi, 50-43.

Leading Salem with 10 points each were sophomores Lasha Petree and Jala Petree.

Salem led 14-13 after one frame but trailed 26-19 at the break before bouncing back with a 17-9 third, taking a 36-35 lead. But the Rocks could not close out the victory.

SWIMMING

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An indication of Canton's strong depth was a 1-2-3 finish in the 100 free, with Niermann followed by junior Kyle Amick (51.88) and sophomore Derek Goderis (52.24).

The Chiefs won all three relays. In the meet-opening 200-medley relay, the quartet of sophomore Tristen Shao, Niermann, Mullen and Amick won in 1:42.83.

Also victorious for Canton were the 200-free relay team of Niermann, junior Jemal Vaunado, Amick and Mullen (1:33.83) and the 400-free relay team of Amick, Goderis, sophomore Caleb Styles and Shao (3:30.54).

Time to improve

Meanwhile, Forbes said plenty of time remains for Plymouth swimmers to shave seconds off times and sharpen up for a string of important meets (Wayne County, MISCA, division, conference) over the next month.

"We do keep getting a little faster, mixing up the relays and seeing who we can move around for relay depth," Forbes noted. "And once we're

in those pools, Grosse Pointe South or Eastern, that's a fast pool.

"This kind of was the litmus test to say who's got the division. We're still going to give it everything we've got."

Plymouth seniors honored on their night were Garrett Beauprez, Lucas Kapala, Calvin Rogers, Aniketh Visai, Christopher Vos, Bronson Knowles, Keegan Kendall and Alan Cheng.

"They did a great job, it's going to be sad to see them go," Forbes said. "It's my first four-year class with this team. They were freshmen my first year here."

"So we've had a strong connection the whole time. If I could have them another four years I would."

Beauprez and Visai toasted Senior Night with respective firsts in the 200 individual medley (2:03.37) and 100 breaststroke (1:08.12).

Unquestionably the high point of the meet for the Wildcats was the diving performance turned in by Groves. He registered a score of 213.90, to eclipse Connor McManus' former mark.

"Jordan's a great kid," Forbes said. "It's his second year with us, he qualified for states last year. And he broke



One of Canton's stellar performers Thursday was Gerard Niermann, shown here in the 200-yard medley relay.

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the record tonight by about 10 points.

"He's a great leader for the divers. He's really helping Calvin (Rogers) and Ben (Kirchoff) come along, too. It's really nice to see quality diving."

Thursday night's dual meet

is just a taste of what is to come. Both coaches said they are looking forward to the KLAA South Division meet slated for Feb. 19-20 at Westland John Glenn.

"The division meet should be very exciting," Le said. "It will be a tough meet because

Plymouth has quite a bit of depth, also."

**DUAL MEET RESULTS
CANTON 109, PLYMOUTH 77
Jan. 28 at Canton**

- 200-yard medley relay:** 1. Canton (Tristen Shao, Gerard Niermann, Daniel Mullen, Kyle Amick), 1:42.83; 2. Plymouth (Garrett Beauprez, Bronson Knowles, Aniketh Visai, Mike Wischer), 1:45.32; 3. Canton (Caleb Moraw, Richard Ling, Isaac Fong, Jemal Vaunado), 1:49.77.
- 200 freestyle:** 1. Mullen (C), 1:49.20; 2. Derek Goderis (C), 1:55.92; 3. Logan Kendall (P), 1:58.17; 4. Caleb Styles (C), 1:58.38; 5. Tyler Gala (P), 2:07.64.
- 200 individual medley:** 1. Beauprez (P), 2:03.37; 2. Shao (C), 2:06.82; 3. Ling (C), 2:13.17; 4. Knowles (P), 2:16.34; 5. Moraw (C), 2:20.13.
- 50 freestyle:** 1. Niermann (C), 22.99; 2. Wischer (P), 23.35; 3. Visai (P), 23.93; 4. Ethan Byrnes (P), 24.75; 5. Vaunado (C), 24.98.
- 1-meter diving:** 1. Jordan Groves (P), 213.90, school record; 2. Ben Kirchoff (P), 176.30; 3. Calvin Rogers (P), 135.05; 4. Charles Carey (C), 128.40; 5. Jacob Little (C), 94.25.
- 100 butterfly:** 1. Fong (C), 1:00.01; 2. Matt Weiner (P), 1:00.23; 3. Ling (C), 1:00.68; 4. Cole Malhoit (C), 1:01.32; 5. Keegan Kendall (P), 1:01.90.
- 100 freestyle:** 1. Niermann (C), 49.99; 2. Amick (C), 51.88; 3. Goderis (C), 52.24; 4. Byrnes (P), 54.18; 5. Cameron Zinn (P), 55.50.
- 500 freestyle:** 1. Mullen (C), 4:56.14; 2. Shao (C), 5:12.31; 3. Beauprez (P), 5:17.38; 4. Kendall (P), 5:32.18; 5. Simon Vandergriff (C), 5:35.50.
- 200 free relay:** 1. Canton (Niermann, Vaunado, Amick, Mullen), 1:33.83; 2. Plymouth (Visai, Byrnes, Beauprez, Wischer), 1:35.24; 3. Canton (Ling, Vandergriff, Moraw, Malhoit), 1:39.07.
- 100 backstroke:** 1. Moraw (C), 1:01.26; 2. Kendall (P), 1:01.50; 3. Ethan Shimonos (C), 1:02.66; 4. Malhoit (C), 1:05.70; 5. Tyler Gala (P), 1:08.99.
- 100 breaststroke:** 1. Visai (P), 1:08.12; 2. Knowles (P), 1:08.78; 3. Laurence Yang (P), 1:10.37; 4. Fong (C), 1:10.84; 5. Spencer Hughes (C), 1:14.06.
- 400 free relay:** 1. Canton (Amick, Goderis, Styles, Shao), 3:30.54; 2. Plymouth (Weiner, Byrnes, Kendall, Wischer), 3:33.71; 3. Canton (Ling, Vandergriff, Moraw, Malhoit), 3:47.19.
- Team records:** Canton (3-1 overall, 3-0 in KLAA South Division), Plymouth (2-1 overall, 2-1 in KLAA South).

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PREP GIRLS BASKETBALL

Eagles soar early, but can't close out decision

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Plymouth Christian Academy's varsity girls basketball team came out strong Friday night, building a 8-1 lead late in the first quarter against visiting Allen Park Inter-City Baptist.

The Eagles still looked strong in the MIAC-Blue Division match-up at halftime, up 22-17, sparked by eight points from junior Lydia Chapel and six each from sophomore Robin Albert and junior Kennedy Home (two treys).

Unfortunately, the Chargers' Karalynn Goering came out shooting and scoring in the third quarter — scoring her team's first 10 points of the quarter — and the Eagles' grasp on the game slipped away.

In the fourth, which started 29-29, Inter-City Baptist seized control with a 19-5 edge to post a 48-34 victory. Adding injury to insult, Chapel was lost midway through the fourth to what PCA head coach Rod Windle said was a concussion.

Chapel appeared to hit her head on a Inter-City Baptist player's knee and was down on the court for several minutes before being helped off.

"We just couldn't get baskets to go, we couldn't get a good balance out there," Windle said. "They were pushing us out a little bit; we were catching it in places we weren't comfortable in."



JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO
Plymouth Christian's Paige Perkey (front), shown from earlier this season, and the rest of the Eagles could not rally against Inter-City Baptist.

Losing Chapel was a tough pill to swallow (she led the Eagles with 12 points), but she was able to leave the school

with her parents following the game.

"She's one of our team leaders and captains," Windle said.

"She's tough, though. If she's able, she'll be back at it."

Senior guard Paige Perkey said the Chargers "were definitely all over us" on defense, particularly in the second half. "But they're a good team."

Also in double figures for PCA (4-9 overall, 0-6 in the MIAC) was Albert with 10.

Chiefs win big

It was a great night all-around Friday for the Canton varsity girls basketball team, routing Livonia Franklin, 68-22, on the Chiefs' senior and parent night.

Seniors Natalie Winters and Madison Archibald were honored by receiving posters and "the best thing is the team honored the parents by playing great and intense basketball," Canton head coach Rob Heitmeyer said.

Winter scored only five points, but played her trademark great defense. Archibald drained a triple among six points.

Leading the Chiefs to the KLAAs South Division win was junior Erin Hult with 16 points, while Brianna Finn chipped in 11 points (including nine scored on treys).

Other contributors included Madison Wolfbauer (six points, five rebounds), Ashley Criscenti (six points), Shanya Butler and Marissa Templeton (four rebounds each).

The Chiefs shot 44 percent from the field and only turned the ball over 10 times.

PREP BASKETBALL

PCA hoop squads get back on track

Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Sometimes a laughter is what a struggling team needs, and that's what Plymouth Christian Academy got Tuesday night.

The Eagles steamrolled West Bloomfield Rudolf Steiner 70-20, to get the varsity boys basketball train back on the tracks after a couple rough weeks. PCA improved to 4-6 overall with the win.

Head coach Matt Windle said a key to the victory was hot shooting early, which undoubtedly helped players relax just a bit. The Eagles connected on eight of 15 field-goal tries in the first half, building a 40-13 edge at the break.

Spearheading the offensive blitz was sophomore Matt Malcolm, who tallied 25 points while chipping in with eight rebounds.

But Windle noted that all 12 PCA players scored.

Contributing eight points each were Luke Yakuber and Andrew Fernandes; Levi Yakuber chipped in with six points.

Other Eagles to help the cause included Max Okolo (five points, four rebounds), Ian Hay (five points), Layne Pries (three points), Brenden Wright (two points, six boards), Brian Schlientz (two points), Josh DeVries (two points), Adam Albert (two points) and Jayme Fadden (two points, six rebounds).

PCA will host Allen Park Inter-City Baptist at 8:30 p.m. Friday in a MIAC matchup. Preceding the game will be the PCA-Inter-City Baptist girls basketball game at 7 p.m.

PCA girls prevail

Also victorious Tuesday against Rudolph Steiner was the Plymouth Christian girls team, winning 36-28.

Lydia Chapel propelled PCA (4-8) with 15 points and 12 rebounds.

Also coming up big for the Eagles were Kennedy Horne and Robin Albert, each making treys in the fourth to help PCA hang on to the lead.

Alyah Pries registered six points and five boards for the Eagles, while Albert tallied five points.

Paige Perkey and Taylor Misteles were solid on the boards, each pulling down seven rebounds for PCA.

The Eagles led 9-8 after one frame and took control in the second, with a 11-3 edge to take a 20-11 halftime advantage. That cushion more or less held up the rest of the way, although the Storm (10-2) did cut the PCA lead to four with under a minute left.

Chapel knocked down four consecutive free throws to close out the victory.

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PREP BOYS BASKETBALL

Furious fourth quarter propels Eagles to 73-71 triumph

Tim Smith
Staff Writer

The way Levi Yakuber felt coming to Plymouth Christian Academy for Friday night's varsity boys basketball game, there was no chance he'd be able to make much of an impact, right?

Not quite, as the sophomore guard — suffering from a bout of the flu — heated up in a different way, sinking back-to-back treys with under two minutes to go in the fourth quarter to spark the Eagles to a thrilling 73-71 victory over Allen Park Inter-City Baptist.

The win spoiled a 38-point game by Chargers senior Garrett Kraatz, who started the game by connecting on three consecutive triples to put PCA in a quick 9-0 hole.

"He had the flu today and I'm going to tell him in the locker room in a little while that he needs it more often," PCA head coach Matt Windle said about Yakuber, laughing out loud. "Because he hit five threes, he was strong with the ball, he attacked when he needed to and really played a strong game."

Yakuber finished with 20 points, including 13 in the fourth quarter. His trey with 1:45 to play knotted the MIAC Blue Division contest at 65-65.

And after sophomore guard Max Okolo (strong with 15 points, many in the paint) forced a turnover, Yakuber did it again with a triple from the left wing.

That bucket put the Eagles up 68-65 with 1:05 left and sent a jolt of electricity throughout Butler Gymnasium.

Feeling it

"I think the first couple shots early in the first half gave me some more confidence," Yakuber said. "And from there it was, like, in my mind I wasn't thinking I was going to miss at all, it was no doubt the ball was going in."

"And my teammates did a good job of getting it to me." Also enjoying an outstanding game for PCA (5-6, 1-5) was 6-4 sophomore forward Matthew Malcolm. He scored 24 points, including 20 in the first half.

But the Chargers put the defensive clamps on Malcolm in the second half, which provided extra incentive for oth-

er players like Yakuber, Okolo and senior guard Luke Yakuber (10 points, eight after the intermission and a team-high nine rebounds) to come through.

"(Malcolm is) a great player and they're always on him tight," Levi Yakuber said. "So that gives me some room sometimes to get open and make some shots."

The Eagles showed moxie in bouncing back after the tough start to the contest and finished strong in all facets of the game.

Of course, PCA needed to keep Kraatz from going off on another torrid run in the closing minutes.

With the Eagles up 68-65 with just over a minute to play, Kraatz had a chance to tie the game with what would have been his seventh trey.

That didn't happen and PCA still enjoyed a slim edge.

Kraatz did take it to the rack for a layup to cut the deficit to two points (69-67) with 18 seconds remaining, but Okoli and Luke Yakuber each knocked down two free throws.

That helped offset four meaningless points by Kraatz

in the final few ticks.

Windle said the victory will do a world of good for the confidence of his young team and players such as 6-2 Okolo.

"One thing I told Max was confidence is a big issue for him and I don't think he quite understands where his potential can be," Windle said. "I told him right before the game to kill it on the boards and he did."

Okolo chipped in three rebounds, but was in on the action under both rims all night.

CANTON 74, FRANKLIN 38: Undefeated and state-ranked Canton put the hammer down Friday night on host Livonia Franklin with a 28-point third quarter and cruised to a KLAAs South Division victory.

The Chiefs improved to 12-0 overall and 6-0 in the division, while the Patriots slipped to 2-10 and 1-5, respectively.

Senior guard Chris English had a breakout game for the Chiefs, scoring a season-high 20 points. Senior forward Logan Ryan scored 17 points, while freshman guard B. Arts White added 10.

NOVI 67, SALEM 53: The Novi Wildcats led wire-to-wire Friday night in posting this KLAAs Central Division victory.

Scoring 16 points for Salem was Cameron Grace. "They were the better team tonight," Salem head coach Bob Brodie said. "We will try to regroup and get ready for Northville on Tuesday."

WAYNE 60, PLYMOUTH 42: Returning to action Friday night, Plymouth could not get in sync against Wayne Memorial, dropping this KLAAs South Division contest.

Scoring 20 points for Plymouth (5-7, 3-3) was Pete Carravali, while Brent Davis added eight. Tallying 17 points for the Zebras (2-8, 1-5) was Trevon Brown.

when they were 15, 16, 17. "What you end up seeing, is you see a kid and go, 'Wow, he's really good' and you don't really know who he is. But then in two years, all of a sudden, he's coming on the scene in the National Hockey League. You go, 'Oh, I remember seeing him, that was pretty cool.'"

Check it out

Monaghan said attendance for the NTDP Under-17 and Under-18 teams continues to "trend up," averaging around 1,000 per game.

He is optimistic that after people come out for any or all of the 10-game Five Nations schedule they will be more pumped up to return to the arena and watch the NTDP teams — which play in the United States Hockey League (the top junior circuit in the U.S.) and also against NCAA Division I schools.

"I hope that what we get at this tournament," Monaghan said, "is a lot of folks that come out, even if it's just for a night, and really see the changes in the facility, they see great hockey and they see something that's completely different from what they've seen here before."

"(It's) national teams playing against each other. So yeah, I would hope it would be a catalyst for folks, both to come out for that first time and check it out and then leaving here saying, 'That was really fun, I want to come back and see something else there.' Kind of raise the awareness of it."

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TOURNEY

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the Plymouth, Northville, Canton communities and let them see what it's all about, with an eye toward there's going to be a lot more of them here in the future," said Scott Monaghan, senior director of operations for USA Hockey's NTDP. "We'll probably have two or three next year and our objective is two to three international events a year around all the rest of the stuff that we do."

USA Hockey continues its total makeover of the facility after purchasing it in 2015 from Whalers owner Peter Karmanos. Building renovations are ongoing, with Five Nations being the arena's debut international event.

Sponsored by Farmers Insurance, joining Team USA for the round-robin tourney will be Russia, Finland, Sweden and the Czech Republic.

"We're hoping that we have full houses for it," Monaghan said. "We have tournament packages that are at a great discount and then individual day tickets, which you can come to two games (or) you can come to one. But you have the pass for both."

"We're hoping for the Friday and Saturday night to be really big crowds, as weekends you usually have better crowds anyway."

On Friday, Feb. 12, the U.S. will face Sweden at 7 p.m. But perhaps the biggest draw of the tournament will be the U.S.-Russia game at 7 p.m.

FIVE NATIONS TOURNEY

When: Tuesday, Feb. 9, through Saturday, Feb. 13, sponsored by Farmers Insurance.

Where: USA Hockey Arena, 14900 Beck Road, Plymouth (west of Five Mile Road).

Teams: The U.S. National Team Development Program Under-17 team is squaring off in an international tournament that includes Russia, Sweden, the Czech Republic and Finland.

Format: A team winning in regulation will receive three points, overtime winners get two points and OT losers earn one point. The team with the most points will be awarded the Farmers Insurance Cup and have its national anthem played following the last game.

Schedule: Tuesday, Feb. 9 — 3:30 p.m., Finland vs. Russia, 7 p.m., U.S. vs. Czech Republic; Wednesday, Feb. 10 — 3:30 p.m., Russia vs. Sweden, 7 p.m., Finland vs. U.S.; Thursday, Feb. 11 — 3:30 p.m., Sweden vs. Finland, 7 p.m., Russia vs. Czech Republic; Friday, Feb. 12 — 3:30 p.m., Czech Republic vs. Finland, 7 p.m., Sweden vs. U.S.; Saturday, Feb. 13 — 3:30 p.m., Czech Republic vs. Sweden, 7 p.m., U.S. vs. Russia.

Tickets: Two-game day passes are available for \$15 and \$18; 10-game tournament passes are \$55 and \$65. Call 734-453-8400 or go to www.usahockeyarena.com.

Saturday to close out the week. All games will be played on the arena's smaller, pro-style ice sheet rather than the Olympic-sized surface.

National pride

After that game is concluded, the team with the most



TIM SMITH
Scott Monaghan of USA Hockey's NTDP promises a week of exciting hockey during the Five Nations Tournament.

points will be presented the Farmers Insurance Cup and have its nation's anthem played to provide an emotional cap for the proceedings.

"The first-place team always gets a trophy," Monaghan said. "One of the other neat, kind of unique things about international games is, you really play for one thing. You play to hear your anthem at the end of the game."

"There's no national anthems before the games. The teams are just introduced and then they play and the winner, they play the anthem of the winning team. So it's kind of a cool thing that we always put into our kids heads, 'Hey, you're playing the game to

hear your country's anthem.'"

Monaghan promised that what people witness will be extremely entertaining and highly competitive.

The other nations are part of what he called Europe's Big Four, teams that regularly make the rounds for such international competition.

"I think another thing people notice with international hockey is, the pace is quicker," he said. "These are the best kids in each of these countries, just like our group here."

"And some of the types of players who have played in these events, Alex Ovechkin, (Evgeni) Malkin, Henrik Lundqvist, (Niklas) Kronwall, they all played these events

BOYS HOCKEY

MIHL Showcase set to face off in Trenton



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Salem hockey coach Ryan Ossenmacher is taking his team to the MIHL Showcase in Trenton for the first time in several years.

Marty Budner
Staff Writer

It's billed as the premier high school hockey event of the season and it's just a week away.

The 16th annual MIHL Prep Hockey Showcase will be Feb. 4-6 at the Kennedy Recreation Center in Trenton. The three-day Showcase, which attracts scouts from all over, features 42 teams from Michigan, Indiana, Wisconsin and Ohio.

The O&E and Hometown area teams scheduled to compete include Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood, Detroit Catholic Central, Detroit Country Day, Livonia Stevenson, Plymouth, Salem and Northville.

"We are continually striving to make our schedule as competitive as possible and the Showcase provides us with an opportunity to make that happen," Salem head coach Ryan Ossenmacher said. "The Showcase also promotes and displays the type of quality high school hockey that is taking place all across the state. Our players are very excited to be back in the Showcase."

The Showcase supports the mission of the sponsoring Michigan Interscholastic Hockey League, which is to support and promote high school hockey.

"The main goal of the MIHL is to promote high-quality high school hockey,

strong competition and sportsmanship," MIHL president and the longtime Cranbrook Kingswood head coach Andy Weidenbach said. "The Showcase was a natural off-shoot of that mission."

"The first 15 Showcases were great successes and we are very optimistic about this year's event," he added. "High school hockey in Michigan has experienced tremendous growth. Accordingly, the Showcase has expanded from 12 teams to 42 teams so that we can continue our mission of providing exposure for the best of high school hockey."

The Showcase features competitive and entertaining games in what tournament officials call the "largest accumulation of high school hockey talent" in the state. Those players are exposed to Junior A and college scouts. To demonstrate the Showcase's growth over the years, there were just a handful of scouts on hand from junior hockey teams at the 2001 event. There were some 88 scouts at the 2015 Showcase.

Every USHL and NAHL team was represented at last year's event, as were several NCAA Division III hockey teams. Many of the leading NCAA Division I hockey programs had one or two representatives in attendance and six NHL teams were represented.

"Fifteen years ago, it was a very modest event and, when

we observe what it has become, we are very proud of what has been accomplished," Weidenbach said. "The MIHL met its goals as a league and as a co-sponsor of the event. All teams, players and coaches of high school hockey in Michigan have benefited."

A majority of the Michigan High School Hockey Coaches Association's top 10-ranked teams will be Showcase participants.

The Showcase, which is divided into three divisions, has two first-time participants in Berkley and Midland Dow. Two other schools, Muskegon Mona Shores and Salem, are returning after an absence of a few years.

"We have worked very hard to create a competitive culture in our hockey program at Berkley," Berkley head coach Jeff Fleming said. "Our team expectation is to compete hard in every practice and every game. We look forward to competing in our first MIHL Showcase. It should be a good test of how far we have developed."

Tickets are \$6 per day or \$10 for a three-day pass. Seniors and students are \$5 per day or \$8 for a three-day pass.

Active duty military personnel and their families receive free admission with uniform and military ID.

For game schedules and more information, go to <http://mihl.pointstreaksites.com/view/mihl/prep-showcase>.

PREP HOCKEY

Novi icers double up Canton, 6-3

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Novi snapped a six-game losing streak Tuesday night in its Michigan Public High School Hockey Showcase at Chelsea's Arctic Coliseum with a 6-3 triumph over Canton.

The Wildcats, who earned the first victory in 2016, improved to 5-11-1 overall as Brandon Kour scored a pair of goals, while Jake Cyr added a goal and two assists.

Novi led 1-0 after one period on Brennan Martin's goal from Cyr at 5:26.

Canton's Erik Wafer knotted the count at 1-1 at 6:12 of the second period with a goal from Marcus Cook.

Novi then scored four straight goals including two in the second period as Dave DeNova made good on a penalty shot at 6:51 followed by Kour's goal from Cyr and Tyler Camposano at 8:43.

Novi then went up 5-1 as Kour scored his second from Ryan Rabinowitz at 3:29 followed by Cry's goal from Camposano at 6:20, both coming in the final period.

But Canton (2-12-1) made things interesting with two goals to cut the deficit to 5-3 as Daniel Bourgeois scored at 9:26 (from Emerson Tyler and Wafer) followed by Michael Tucker at 13:26 (from Wafer and Michael Gasska).

But Novi's Andy Mizerowski put it away with an empty netter from Ryan Wexler with 2:42 left to secure the win.

Canton goalie Isaac Salinas made 29 saves, while Novi's Josh Richardson made 11 stops.

SALEM 5, MARQUETTE 4: Special teams were key for the visiting Rocks Thursday night at the Chelsea-hosted MPHS hockey showcase, with two goals each on the power play and penalty kill. Salem built a 5-2 advantage and held off a late push by Marquette for the win.

Starting it off for the Rocks (9-6-2) was Colin Golemiak with a shorthanded goal in the first period (from Austin Marthaler). After the Redmen evened the score 1-1 under a

minute later, Salem took a one-goal lead into the first intermission thanks to a power play goal by Shawn Weldon at 7:57. Marty Mills assisted.

Salem then padded its lead to 4-1 after two frames. Matt Schaumburger (from Evan Newel) and Bailey Thompson (from Schaumburger) found the back of the Marquette net.

The final goal for the Rocks was registered by Chase Kee at even strength, from Jake Saunders, with 10:38 to go in the third period. That made it a 5-2 Salem lead.

Making 17 stops for the win was Salem goalie Austin Golemiak.

ROME 7, PLYMOUTH 3: Also Thursday in Chelsea, the Wildcats fell behind 7-1 after two periods and could not rally.

(GIRLS HOCKEY) LIGGETT 3, PCS PENGUINS 0: On Monday at Grosse Pointe South University Liggett, the Plymouth-Canton-Salem Penguins could not find the scoresheet.

The loss dropped PCS' record to 6-4 in the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League.

DETROIT CC 2, TRENTON 0: Second-period goals by J.P. Lafferty and Lynn Robitaille enabled Novi Detroit Catholic Central (10-6, 7-2 MIHL North) to snap a three-game losing streak with a Michigan Interscholastic Hockey League crossover victory Wednesday over the host Trojans (9-5-2, 4-2-1 MIHL South) at Kennedy Arena.

Lafferty's goal came at 8:41 of the second from Zachary Sprys-Tellner and Kam Ottenbreit followed by Robitaille's goal at 16:41 of the same period from Nick Macari and Austin Roell.

CC goaltender Alec Calvaruso made 14 saves to post the shutout.

Joe Sant'Angelo made 35 saves for Trenton.

Staff writer Tim Smith contributed to this report.



MICHAEL VASILNEK

Salem forward Matt Schaumburger (right), shown from a Jan. 23 game, tallied a goal and an assist Thursday against Marquette.

SALEM

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the photos — and we started to understand just how dense the athletic history is here.

"We were immediately determined to find a way to honor those athletes, teams, coaches and administrators."

They found the history is so rich that plans are to have two induction ceremonies every year; the next probably will take place in September or October.

"The window for the second class nominates will open sometime in March," Samulski said. "That class will be inducted in the fall at a football game."

"Our hope is that the excitement that has been generated around the first class will encourage alumni to nominate more great candidates."

Samulski said the inductees were selected by a committee including Bob Blohm, Allie Suffety, Rich Hewlett and Bob Cummings. He and Britnell also were on the committee.

Others being honored include former athletes John Beaudoin, Jim Ellinghausen, Jordan Falcusan, Ron Orris, Tiffany Grubaugh, Hewlett (a football quarterback from the 1970s whose jersey is retired at the school) and longtime varsity swim coach Chuck Olson.

To qualify

Qualifications for various categories were outlined by Samulski as follows:

» **Student-athletes:** Eligible for nomination 10 years after graduating (in good standing), with at least two varsity letters and other recognition (all-state, all-confer-

INAUGURAL CLASS

Following are the first class of inductees into Salem High School's Wall of Champions.

JOHN BEAUDOIN: A state champion wrestler at 138 pounds in 1982 and 1983.

DENA HEAD: A standout girls basketball player for the Rocks, Head was named Miss Basketball in 1988 and was the first player drafted by the WNBA.

JORDAN FALCUSAN: She lettered in soccer, volleyball, basketball, track and tennis — the only Salem athlete to do so.

RICH HEWLETT: A standout quarterback who had his No. 2 retired at Salem and later played at Michigan.

JIM ELLINGHAUSEN: The 6-7 forward was stellar during the mid-1970s for the Rocks' boys basketball teams.

TIFFANY GRUBAUGH: She was a track and field state champion in discus and shot put in 1999 and 2000, respectively.

RON ORRIS: In 1990, the talented swimmer won state championships in the 100-meter butterfly and 200-meter individual medley.

CHUCK OLSON: The longtime Salem swim coach, who stepped down this year from the boys squad, is set to be lauded.

FRED THOMANN: The towering figure of a man and coach is a legend at Salem. He is being honored posthumously.

TOM MOSHIMER: He coached the 1974 Plymouth Salem football team, the only state championship squad in P-CEP history.

1974 FOOTBALL TEAM: Moshimer's title team will be inducted. The only state championship football team in the history of Plymouth-Canton Educational Park will be honored.

ABOUT THE CEREMONY

Friday: Salem High School's first class of inductees into the new Wall of Champions will be honored in the gym Friday, Feb. 5 at the Salem-South Lyon East varsity boys basketball game.

Saturday: The official induction ceremony and dinner is slated for 5:30 p.m. Feb. 6, at Salem. Tickets are \$35 per guest (including ceremony and dinner).

Info: Call the Salem athletics department at 734-416-7774 or go to www.salemathletics.net.

ence, etc.).
» **Coaches and administrators:** Must have served at least 10 seasons at Salem, having shown "evidence of outstanding coaching or administration career" and having a "direct significant impact on high school athletics or activities."
» **Teams:** A minimum of one MHSAA championship is the qualification to be considered — but that also includes districts, regionals, Final Four appearances and state runner-up honors.

Samulski tipped his cap to the many sponsors who took care of the cost for the first induction ceremony.

"Moving forward, we hope to generate funds for big projects to upgrade our building," he noted. "Our athletic facilities have not changed much since 1970 and we are trying to service far more student-athletes and teams than we had in the '70s."

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COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Crusaders fall to No. 1 Davenport University

Top-ranked Davenport upended Madonna University, 93-76, Wednesday night in a Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference battle.

The Panthers shot a blistering 54-percent from the field and outscored the Crusaders 40-20 in the paint to improve their record to 20-3 overall and 14-1 in the WHAC.

Kevin Rich torched the nets with seven successful three-point shots on the way to a 27-point night. Dominez Burnett scored 30 for the winners.

Madonna (10-13, 7-8) was led by senior Chris Dierker, who netted 14 points, nine rebounds and five assists in 28 minutes. Zak Lewis and Nick Owens combined to shoot 6-of-13 from three-point territory to record 12 points each in the conference setback.

The Crusaders battled back after trailing by 11 with 8:08 remaining in the first half, rallying behind a 10-0 run over a three-minute span to get to within one, 33-32, at the 5:07

mark of the opening stanza. After closing the gap, the Crusaders could not grab the lead as Burnett tallied the final five Panthers points of the half to give the visitors a six-point edge heading into the locker room, 42-36.

Burnett and the Panthers proved to be too much in the latter half, opening up a 23-point lead midway through the second — a product of a hot shooting night.

Burnett and Rich combined for 57 of the team's 93 points and were followed by Wayne Bradford who rounded out the double-digit scorers for the Panthers with 14.

Both teams enjoyed a stellar night from behind the long line with the Crusaders edging the Panthers in three-pointers made, 11-10. The teams also recorded nearly identical numbers from the charity stripe but the Panthers took the advantage down low, attacking the paint to the tune of a 40-20 edge over the Crusaders.



MADONNA UNIVERSITY ATHLETICS
Madonna's Zak Lewis drives to the basket during the Crusaders' loss to Davenport.

Go Red events highlight women's heart health

Diana Wing
Correspondent

During February, the month of red roses, red Valentines and heart-shaped treats, the Southeast Michigan American Heart Association (AHA) reminds women and men to "Go Red" to help prevent heart disease and stroke, which kills 1 in 3 women each year. According to the AHA, 80 percent of heart disease and stroke events may be prevented by lifestyle changes and education.

In recognition of Women's Heart Health Month, the Southfield Area Chamber of Commerce is co-sponsoring "Heart of a Leader," an interactive event that will include a panel of health experts, 5:30-8 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 3, at the Franklin Athletic Club.

"There will be exhibitors from health, wellness and women's retail. At 6:15, the panel will start," said Tanya Markos-Vanno, Southfield Chamber executive director. "Then we'll have two interactive sessions, one Zumba, one kick-boxing, to get people on their feet... Dress casual and tennis shoes are acceptable."

The panel features

cardiologists Dr. Joel Kahn, M.D., and Joan Crawford, D.O. Fitness instructor Jennifer Hoinka, who teaches indoor cycling at Franklin Athletic Club, has tips on how to make time for exercise in your busy life.

"A good starting point is finding a partner or a buddy, whether it's your closest colleague, your sister or your spouse. You say, 'we're in this together. You have my word and I have your word that tomorrow we're going to go for a walk ... or we're going to meet at the gym and have a workout,'" Hoinka said. "It really does motivate people. We don't like to let someone else down ... Once you start making it a habit you're more likely to follow that habit even on your own."

She said individuals who are new to exercise often will shy away from fitness classes because they think the class is only for those who are already fit.

"We've all been intimidated when we walk by the Zumba studio and



Coles



Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan displays a 12-story-tall heart on its downtown Detroit headquarters in support of American Heart Month. The heart, created with LED lights, will glow through Feb. 29.

look in. They know the moves, they're skakin' it, they're coordinated and synchronized and we think, 'Oh my goodness,

I'd never get there, so I'm not even going to start.' But all those people were beginners once," said Hoinka who

noted that classes can be a source of inspiration and team spirit, with no one left behind.

Holistic approach

Nadia Elmagrabi, a holistic health coach and psychotherapist, will talk about why it's essential for women to take care of themselves, and how she helps women and men make changes in their lives.

"We set goals together and step by step work to meet those goals. I may have one or two recommendations for that person to work on until we meet again. Then we add something else for the next two weeks ... slowly adding more because that's how habits change," she said.

Cutting out every bad food in your diet at once likely will lead to failure. Elmagrabi's approach is to "crowd out" some of the unhealthy foods with good stuff.

"Add in more vegetables, add in more water, so there's not enough room for pop, there's not enough room for the junk food. Slowly, people start improving their diet without feeling that they're depriving themselves," she said. "Take one step at a time."

Tickets for Heart of a

Leader are \$10 in advance at www.southfieldchamber.com or \$15 at the door. A portion of proceeds will benefit the American Heart Association. The Franklin Athletic Club is located at 29350 Northwestern Highway, Southfield. Call 248-352-8000.

Go red

Looking to join the Go Red campaign? Don your favorite red outfit or accessory, or decorate your business or home in red to help spread awareness on National Wear Red Day, Friday, Feb. 5.

Meet local celebrities at the Go Red Fashion Show, 7 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 11 at the North Grand Court of Somerset Mall, located at 2800 W. Big Beaver, Troy.

The Go for Red Women Luncheon is Friday, Feb. 12 at the Detroit Marriott at the Renaissance Center, in Detroit. The event starts at 9 a.m. and features health seminars, screenings and a silent auction. Kim Coles, actress, author and comedian is the keynote speaker. Buy tickets at www.detroitgoredforwomen.org. Visit www.heart.org/semi for the latest Go Red events and to learn more.

RELIGION CALENDAR

FILM

Time/Date: 3:30 p.m. doors open, film starts at 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 31

Location: Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: View *War Room*

Contact: 734-522-6830

LUNAR NEW YEAR

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 31

Location: Zhong Shu Temple, 23845 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills

Details: Celebration includes a program at 10 a.m., followed by a noon incense ceremony at noon and traditional Chinese New Year food tasting

Contact: RSVP to michigan-temple@yahoo.com

SCHOOL OF N HOUSE

Time/Date: Noon-2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 31

Location: Divine Mercy Roman Catholic Regional School, 31500 Beechwood, Garden City

Details: Tour the school, meet the principal, pick up a registration packet

Contact: 734-425-4420

FEBRUARY AUCTION

Time/Date: 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 14

Location: Hellenic Cultural Center, 36375 Joy Road, Westland

Details: Auction supports Concordia Lutheran School. Tickets are \$30 per person or \$270 for a table of 10 and includes appetizer, dinner, desserts, drinks and auction. Deadline is Feb. 8. Order by calling 248-474-2488 or 313-937-2233.

Contact: Laura Goodman at 313-937-2233

CLOTHING COLLECTION

Time/Date: 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Sunday, through Feb. 14

Location: Crossroads Church, which meets at Trinity Church, 34500 W. Six Mile, Livonia

Details: The church is collecting winter survival gear, including men's used work boots, men's new and gently-used white socks, ladies new and gently-used turtleneck tops. Contact the church to arrange additional drop-off times

Contact: crossroadsnow.org; Pstor Steve at 248-890-5718

CONCERT

Date/Time: 1:30-3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 7

Location: Sacred Heart Banquet and Conference Center, 29125 W. Six Mile, Livonia

Details: "The Donut Man" Rob Evans and his puppet sidekick Duncan will perform original Bible story-songs. The concert will have a Lenten theme. Admission is \$5 per person at the door, children ages 3 and under admitted free

Contact: Rev. Joseph Marquis, 734-522-3166

FILM

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 11

Location: Congregational Church of Birmingham, UCC, 1000 Cranbrook Road, Bloomfield Hills

Details: The film, *Seeds of Time*, focusing on the global food system, is part of the Life on Earth @ Risk documentary series

Contact: 248-514-8746

MARDI GRAS PARTY

Time/Date: 6-9 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 9

Location: Plymouth Knights of Columbus, 150 Fair Street, Plymouth

Details: Dixieland music by The Tabasco Cats, a light buffet-style dinner, cash bar, beads, trinkets, drawings and a shrimp and oyster bar staffed by senior Boy Scouts from Troop 743. Tickets are \$10, available in advance at the hall

Contact: 734-516-0648

VALENTINE'S DAY DINNER-DANCE

Time/Date: 7-11 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 13

Location: Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 28000 New Market Road, Farmington Hills

Details: 1950s theme dinner-dance will include hamburgers, hotdogs, fries and desserts and music for dancing. The event benefits Camp Hope, a bereavement camp for kids, ages 6-17. Tickets are \$20 per person and available at the church office

Contact: 248-553-3380

ONGOING HEALING SERVICE

Time/Date: Arabic service, 3-4 p.m. first Tuesday of the month; English service, 3-4 p.m. third Tuesday of the month

Location: The Antiochian Orthodox Basilica of Saint Mary, 18100 Merriman, Livonia

Details: The service includes prayers of petition and intercession, hymns, Scripture readings and the anointing of the sick.

Contact: Rev. George Shaihou at 734-422-0010

TOUR

Time/Date: 10:30 a.m. to noon first Sunday of the month

Location: The Solanus Casey Center, a Capuchin ministry, at 1780 Mount Elliott, Detroit

Details: Led by Capuchin friar Larry Webber, the director of the Solanus Casey Center, the tour focuses on the spirituality and holiness of Father Solanus, a humble Capuchin friar credited with miraculous cures and valued for his wise and compassionate counsel. No reservations are needed, although the center requests an advance phone call for groups of five or more. No cost for the tour, although donations are accepted.

Contact: 313-579-2100, Ext. 149; www.solanuscenter.org

WORSHIP

» **Adat Shalom Synagogue**

Time/Date: 6 p.m. Friday; 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. Saturday; 7:30 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. Sunday; and 6 p.m. weekdays

Location: 29901 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills

Contact: 248-851-5100

» **Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church**

Time/Date: 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. services; 9:45 a.m. Sunday school and youth and adult Bible classes

Location: 14175 Farmington Road, just north of I-96, Livonia

Contact: 734-522-6830

» **Congregation Bet Chaverim**

Time/Date: Services are held 7 p.m. the third Friday of the month

Location: At the shared facilities of Cherry Hill United Methodist Church, 321 S. Ridge, Canton

Details: Reformed Jewish Congregation with Rabbi Peter Gluck and Cantorial soloist Robin Liberatore

Contact: www.Facebook.com/betchaverim or email to betchaverim@yahoo.com

» **Due Season Christian Church**

Time/Date: 10 a.m. Sunday, with 7:15 p.m. Tuesday Bible study

Location: Stevenson High School on Six Mile, west of Farmington Road, in Livonia

Details: Nondenominational, multicultural, full gospel church services.

Contact: 248-960-8063 or visit www.DueSeason.org

» **Faith Community Presbyterian Church**

Time/Date: 10 a.m. Sunday worship; 9 a.m. Bible study

Location: 44400 W. 10 Mile, Novi

Details: Women's group meets 12:30 p.m. third Thursday of the month. Vacation Bible School runs Aug. 10-14

Contact: 248-349-2345; faith-community-novi.org

» **Faith Community Wesleyan Church**

Time/Date: Prayer service, 9 a.m., worship service, 11 a.m., Sunday school, 12:30 p.m., contemporary service, 1:30 p.m., Bible study, 6 p.m., Sundays

Location: 14560 Merriman, Livonia

Contact: pastor Roger Wright at 313-682-7491

» **Garden City Presbyterian Church**

Time/Date: Adult Bible study at 8:15 a.m.; traditional worship service, youth Sunday school and child care at 10 a.m. Large print order of service is available. Refreshments in the church fellowship hall immediately after service. Elevator and handicapped parking

Location: Middlebelt, one block south of Ford Road

Contact: 734-421-7620

» **Good Hope Lutheran Church**

Time/Date: 9:30 a.m. Sunday school followed by 10:30 a.m. worship service with Communion each Sunday; Bible study 10 a.m. Wednesday

Location: 28680 Cherry Hill, Garden City

Contact: 734-427-3660

» **Good Shepherd Evangelical Lutheran Church (WELS)**

Time/Date: 8:45 a.m. Sunday school/adult Bible study; 10 a.m. Sunday service

Location: 4145 W. Nine Mile, Novi

Contact: Rev. Thomas E. Schroeder at 248-349-0565; GoodShepherdNovi.org

» **Grace Lutheran Church**

Time/Date: 8 a.m. traditional Sunday service and 10:30 a.m. contemporary; Sunday school and adult Bible study at 9:15 a.m.

Location: 46001 Warren Road, between Canton Center and Beck, Canton Township

Contact: 734-637-8160

» **His Church Anglican**

Time/Date: 7:45 a.m. at Trinity and 10 a.m. at Madonna University

Location: Trinity Church, 34500 Six Mile, Livonia, and Kresge Hall on the Madonna University campus, 36600 Schoolcraft, Livonia

Contact: www.HisChurchAnglican.org; 248-442-0HCA

WEDDING

Lauren Brodie and Taylor Traub were married Sept. 5, 2015 at St. John Fischer Chapel in Auburn Hills.

The bride, daughter of Mark and Theresa Brodie of Livonia, is a 2005 graduate of Stevenson High School. She also graduated from Oakland University and holds a masters degree from the University of Michigan. Lauren is a nurse practitioner.

The groom, son of



Taylor Traub and Lauren Brodie

Submitted

Jacque Traub of Rochester Hills and John Traub of Florida, is a 2004 graduate of Rochester High

School. He also graduated from Oakland University and holds a masters degree from the University of Michigan. Taylor works in finance and urban development.

The wedding party included six bridesmaids, seven groomsmen, two ring bearers, and three flower girls.

A reception was held at Meadow Brook Hall, in Rochester Hills.

The newlyweds took a honeymoon trip to Italy. They now reside in Maryland.

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FIX, MARK

Age 64, of Garden City, Michigan, died on January 23, 2016. A memorial service was held for him in the Hospice Center. He is survived by his daughters, Christine Farinha and Lisa Fix, granddaughters, Megan and Macey Farinha, his mate Judy Rose, sisters, Linda Burchett, Mary Layman, Judy Fux and Celia Davis. He was preceded in death by his parents, August and Evelyn Fix and his brothers, Greg and Ron Fix. The hospice facility will take donations in his memory. The name of the facility is LifePath Hospice, Sun City Center Hospice House, Ruskin, FL 33573.



MCKENZIE, ROBERT LAWRENCE, JR.

Best known as Bob McKenzie, passed away on Tuesday, January 26, 2016. He was 78 years old. Bob was a small business owner in southeast Michigan for nearly 60 years and a resident of Dearborn Heights for more than 40 years. A deeply spiritual man, Bob woke every morning to read the bible and ended each day doing the same. Having been born shortly after the Great Depression, coupled with nearly losing his life to polio as a child, Bob had a deep appreciation for life, he was a champion of the underdog, and he was passionately committed to random acts of kindness. He valued hard work over play, and he worked right up to the day he died. He was a loving father to his three children and his three grandchildren. He is survived by his daughter Kim Donaldson and her two children Sydney and Bryan; his daughter Jeanne Reed and her husband Richard Reed, and their son Jackson; and his son Bobby McKenzie.



NAGY, JOHN L.

Age 82, of Northville, longtime Plymouth attorney and 58 year member of the Michigan State Bar, died January 22, 2016, following a lengthy struggle with Parkinson's Disease and Lewy Body Dementia. John practiced law in Highland Park, Berkley, and for the last 20 years, in Plymouth. John is survived by his beloved wife, Sue; a daughter, Nicole (Ron) Spenseller, and a son, Cole Nagy; sisters, Helen (Earl) Paschke and Kay (Bobby) Bass; a granddaughter, Jennifer (Geoffrey Brown) Spenseller; and a great granddaughter, Olivia Brown. Sadly, John was preceded in death by a sister, Joan (Mel) Gogolin. A Memorial Ceremony is planned for Monday, May 2, (time pending) at Great Lakes National Cemetery, 4200 Belford Rd., Holly (248-328-0836). Those who wish to further honor John's memory may consider a gift to the Carl Rinne Lewy Body Dementia Support, Education and Awareness Fund, (checks payable to "University of Michigan"), Medical Development, 1000 Oakbrook Dr., Suite 1000, Ann Arbor, MI 48104, victors.us@johnnagy.com. Arrangements entrusted to the Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home, downtown Farmington (248-474-5200). heeney-sundquist.com

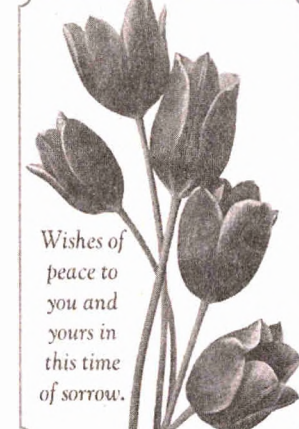


STUKY, ESTHER MARIE
Of Plymouth, Michigan

Her Legacy...Esther M. Stuky, age 91, passed away January 27, 2016 in Howell, MI. Esther was born on January 15, 1925 in New Hudson, MI to Eno and Mable (Travis) Powelson. Esther enjoyed bowling and golf and as a young woman won an award for being the youngest female pilot at the age of 24. Esther will be remembered as being a hard worker and strong willed.

Her Family...Esther is survived by her daughter Susan Marie (Thomas) Poulos; grandchildren Michael (Jamie), Joseph (Sarah), William (Amanda), Douglas (Holly) and Darrell; four great grandchildren, Cerina, Lexi, Haiden, and Brian; and sister Ethel Wall and sister-in-law Sherry Stuky. She is preceded in death by her son Jeffery Joseph Stuky.

Her Farewell...Esther's family and friends will gather on Monday, February 1, 2016 from 3:00PM - 8:00PM at Borek Jennings Funeral Home, Lamb Chapel. Esther's Community Farewell will be held on Tuesday, February 2 at 1PM at the funeral home, with gathering beginning at 12 Noon. Memorial contributions may be given to the Livingston County Humane Society or the Howell Nature Center. Please leave a message of comfort to the Stuky family by calling 1.877.231.7900 or sign the guestbook at BorekJenningsFuneralHome.com





Dave Morrison of Brownstown Township is a regular patron at Stella's Black Dog Tavern.

SHARON DARGAY

Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Stella Ostendorf is part greeter, part mascot, part therapist and all dog.

The affable Bernese mountain dog is fast becoming a canine celebrity in downtown Plymouth. She's the pup behind Stella's Black Dog Tavern, where her image adorns signs and young diners take home stuffed animal toys in her likeness.

"It just kind of happened," said Robert (Bob) Ostendorf, who owns both Stella and the restaurant. "We wanted to be a family pub. Everybody loves dogs. It just kind of worked."

He and his wife Helena and business partners, Jim and Kathy Sullivan, took over the tavern, located at 860 Fralick, in 2013.

"I didn't like what this place was, even though I used to come here regularly. It was too much of an Irish pub with a lot of drinkers," Bob said. "So we really raised the bar on the food. We put in Stella's name ... we had the logo created. I had some old-timers come in and say 'I can't believe you named the place after a damn dog.' I say, you don't have to come here."

But plenty of patrons love Stella and they stop by for dinner or lunch, hoping to get a little face time with her. She's certified as a service dog for Bob, a Vietnam veteran, who takes her on visits to VA hospitals, where she lends emotional support to fellow veterans. In the restaurant she stays close to Bob, is not allowed in the kitchen, near food, or to accept any food from patrons. A sign on the restaurant door reminds patrons that only service dogs are permitted inside.

"I think she knows she is beautiful," Helena said. "but she just rides with it, and it works. People love it. I love dogs, but I can't believe the amount of people that are like, 'oh, can we pet her? Can we take a picture of her?' And it's not just kids. It's amazing."

On a recent Monday, tavern regulars Kim and Andy Emmert of Canton and Kim's parents, Pat and Dave Morrison of Brownstown Township, encouraged Stella to stop by their table in the restaurant's enclosed patio. Photographs of patrons' dogs, including pictures of Kim's beagle mixes, line the walls. Bob posts two-three new photos in frames that he

MEET THE POOCH BEHIND STELLA'S BLACK DOG TAVERN



Bob and Helena Ostendorf, with Stella

BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

supplies, every couple of weeks. "Oh, we love Stella. We wish she would come out here more," said Pat, while her husband petted Stella's soft, double coat. "We always look forward to seeing her," Kim added.

Stella spent a month away from the tavern recovering from surgery after

injuring her knee during a hike in early December.

"For that first month, you really have to be careful," Bob said. "They put a cone on her and we didn't want her to have the cone, so we actually moved our bed to the floor next to hers in the bedroom. I'm a light sleeper. Every time she'd move I'd wake

up. So the sutures healed without the cone."

"We're still on the floor," Helena added.

Another X-ray will follow. Next month Stella, who weighs in at 130 pounds, will start a rehabilitation program that will include a treadmill and water therapy. Until then, her daily walks and appearances at the tavern are limited. Normally she'd spend an hour or two at the restaurant, run errands with Bob, go home and then return to the restaurant for about an hour at dinner. Generally, she's in bed by 8:30 p.m.

"Last Saturday I had 20 different families ask me about Stella," Bob said.

Bonding

Stella initially was a surprise Christmas present for Helena five years ago, but she quickly bonded with Bob.

"Bob fell in love with her," Helena said. "She loves me, too. She'll snuggle with me."

Helena said her husband's bond with Stella was cemented when the couple divorced a few years ago for a brief period. At about the same time, Bob's parents died within three weeks of each other.

"She saved his life," Helena said. "He said she actually kept him alive." "She was there for that," he said, recalling his parents' funerals.

The couple can't imagine getting a second dog at their Plymouth Township home. Bob said Stella is "socialized to people" and "tolerates" other dogs but doesn't need to be with them.

"She likes to hang with us. So whenever we are, she's fine to be there," he said. "Stella pretty much knows everything I'm saying."

She also enjoys barking at coyotes from her home's back deck, drinking ice water, taking walks, and riding in the couple's old Escalade next to Bob while looking out the window.

"She is family," Bob said. "Unless you want to make them a part of your family, you probably shouldn't get a dog, because they give more than they take."

Check out Stella's Black Dog Tavern website at stellasblackdogtavern.com.

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Soup suppers at St. Colette in Livonia benefit charity

Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

The Lenten soup suppers at St. Colette Church in Livonia are all about giving.

Donations to the supper, which is free and open to the public, and to the Mass that follows, go to a different charity each week.

"We have a different group in the parish take care of hosting the supper each week. The Mass is said by a different priest each week," said Nancy Ohman, Christian service outreach coordinator. Each priest chooses or represents a different charity.

"We support six different charities. Out of the six, four are within the Detroit area," said Ohman, adding that two others aid charitable efforts in Ecuador and Haiti.

The suppers start at 5 p.m. and are followed by a Mass at 7 p.m., Wednesday, from Feb. 10-March 16, at the church, 17600 Newburgh, Livonia; 734-464-4433.

The Rev. Gary Michalik, St. Colette pastor, will kick off the

series series on Ash Wednesday, collecting donations for Food for the Poor, an organization that provides food, housing, and emergency relief to poor families and individuals in Latin America and the Caribbean.

St. Christine Outreach Center and Loaves & Fishes are among the Detroit-based charities.

"It's nice because they (the priests) can preach on the reading that goes with the day and they can incorporate their charity. When the priest for Loaves & Fishes is here, he tells what goes on there and how many people they reach."

Food, fellowship

Ohman said the church will serve three different soups, salad and bread at the six weekly suppers.

"It's nicely attended and a lot of fun. A lot of the same people come week after week. They enjoy the food and the fellowship. Some people come just for the Mass or the soup supper. Some come for both."

George Dimopoulos, owner



St. Colette parishioners serve food at a Lenten soup supper a few years ago.

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of Senate Restaurant & Coney Island, will donate the soup.

"I do breakfast for them, I give onions, sauce for spaghetti, chili — any time they want something. They wanted more

soup this year," he said, adding that he's not a member of the parish, but enjoys giving back to the community.

"They come here all the time and support me and I

support them," he said. "I do it because I want to do it."

St. Colette will serve an orzo soup, cabbage soup and clam chowder on Ash Wednesday. For more information about the soup suppers call the church at 734-464-4433.

A sampling of other area Lenten soup suppers:

» Redford: Suppers start at 6 p.m. and include a speaker. Feb. 17, Our Lady of Loretto, 17116 Olympia, 313-534-9000; Feb. 24, St. Valentine, 25881 Dow, 313-532-4394; March 2, St. Robert Bellarmine, 27101 W. Chicago Road, 313-937-1500; March 16, St. John Bosco, 12100 Beech Daly, 313-937-9690.

» Farmington Hills: Noon-1 p.m. Friday, Feb. 12, 19, 26, and March 4, 11 and 18, at St. Fabian, 32200 W. 12 Mile. Includes a weekly reflection on the theme of forgiveness, followed by lunch in the social hall. 248-553-4610.

» Canton: 6 p.m. Friday, Feb. 12, 19, 26, and March 4, 11, and 18, at St. John Neumann Parish, 44800 Warren Road. Supper followed by Stations of the Cross. 734-455-5910.

Some smoke detectors won't react to a smoldering fire

A few months ago I stated that I was running out of things in the appliance world to write about so I would mention things of my private life. Well, I must have lied because there are always things that pop up to keep you informed.

Now I'm going to tell you a story just the way it happened and ask you to respond. A few weeks ago a plumber friend in Garden City named Tim Burton woke up in the middle of the night coughing profusely and found the interior of his home filled with smoke. He called the fire department, which arrived in minutes. Firefighters removed the artificial log smoldering in the fireplace. This log is designed to remove the creosol in the chimney and I have always been at odds as to how well it works. This one didn't flame-up and does tell a story in itself.

Tim almost lost his whole family and his home suffered



Joe Gagnon
THE APPLIANCE DOCTOR

Tim almost lost his whole family ... Tim's smoke detectors did not activate even though they had new batteries and were recently tested by him.

many thousands of dollars in smoke damage. Tim's smoke detectors did not activate even though they had new batteries and were recently tested by him.

Tim did some research and found a man in Cincinnati who lost a 20-year-old daughter to a house fire where, again, the smoke detector didn't work.

His daughter along with four other college girls all died and his neighbor also lost a college student to a fire in a dorm room because the smoke detector did the same thing. It didn't work!

I interviewed Dean Dennis on my radio show a few weeks ago and he sure woke up this sleeping bear. Through the information he sent me I discovered several television broadcasts all pointing to the smoke detectors as not doing their job. I also found out that Massachusetts, Vermont and Ohio have banned the installation of smoke detectors using ionization. They only permit the kinds using photo electronics. It appears that Michigan is far behind on this hot topic.

Hard to detect

I can say that 90 percent of homes in this county have the wrong smoke detectors installed. I know I do and they are being replaced with the

photo electronic type. By the way, the ionization is less costly, but what good are they if they don't work when there is a fire in your home? Let me tell you why they don't work.

There are two plates where the smoke travels through and if the smoke particles are small enough, it will activate but a smoldering fire, such as a cushion or bedding, has large particles and they are too large to be detected. As a result, the smoke may kill you.

What really angers me about this subject is that for years and millions of dollars spent by the American consumer, we have another piece of junk being sold with no less than a UL approval on the product. The man I interviewed on my radio show has made his purpose in life to help others prevent a tragedy like losing a child. I will ask you to contact him on your computer and have him forward the websites where you can learn

more on this subject. I know he would be thrilled to hear from you and is most cooperative. His name again is Dean Dennis and his email is dden-nis1111@gmail.com.

As a footnote I must tell you that I am off to Lansing next month to meet with State Rep. Gary Glenn to talk about laws pertaining to consumer education on appliance recalls. I have already sent him information on these no-good smoke detectors that cause needless deaths across America and the world. If this state representative can help write laws on these subjects I have offered to be his campaign manager when he runs for governor. Stay tuned.

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

Employing a nanny lessens stress on single mom

Just a few weeks before the holidays began, I got myself the best present ever... a nanny! I hired a family friend to watch my daughter two days a week. This new change has been amazing and I could not be more grateful. Now I have my daughter's grandparents watch her only one day a week each, which frees up their time and also allows me to feel a little better about asking them to babysit if Mama wants to attend a church event or dinner with friends.

My nanny, Miss Rachel, is fabulous. God has given me quite the blessing by allowing her into our lives. She comes with her two sons, both near in age to my daughter, to my house, making both the mornings and the afternoons much easier for me. My daughter absolutely loves Miss Rachel and her sons, and she gets so excited when she sees them arrive in the morning. Miss



Sarah Davies

THEN THERE WERE TWO

Rachel has a history of teaching and working with adolescents with "different abilities" which has given her a patience that not everyone has. She is kind and generous, and very good at keeping children on a schedule. Since Miss Rachel has come into our home, my daughter naps EVERY DAY for sometimes three straight hours, and before her presence I was lucky if I got my daughter to nap a half hour in a day.

Miss Rachel picks up after the kids, and has taught both her sons and my daughter how to clean up after they make a mess. She makes sure my daughter has eaten healthy for each meal and also keeps her drinking water and staying hydrated. Throughout the day,

when Miss Rachel is over, I get texts and pictures of my sweetie, and constant updates that tell me what she is doing and learning. I feel very much at ease knowing that my daughter is being watched by such a caring, empathetic person.

Less stress

Now that I have a nanny, when I come home from work, I don't have to worry about beating traffic and picking up my daughter from her grandparents' house. I get home at least a half hour earlier than I would if I had to pick her up someplace, and my house is always well put together when I get there. To walk into a nicely vacuumed home after a long day of work, with my sweet little girl laughing and playing with her friends is absolutely wonderful. I am truly so grateful to have Miss Rachel watching my daughter, and feel like a lot of stress has been lifted off of my shoulders.

It is so nice when I come home and read the daily note that Miss Rachel has left, so detailed that it mentions how many puffs my daughter ate, and what kind of diapers were changed at what times. It's like getting all the goodies you would expect from a day care, without the 1:20 ratio and the germs that come along with it. If I can't be home with my daughter to know exactly how her day was, then I would say the next best thing would be to have a nanny as efficient as mine is.

I love having my daughter's grandparents watch her too. But we all know that grandparents are GRAND parents for a reason. They are meant to spoil the kids and allow them things that maybe Mama won't allow, like ice cream before dinner. But I love to give the grandparents a break, so they can do less babysitting and more spoiling. I don't think they have liked it all that much

when I ask a million details about my daughter's day when I pick her up. Now I can ask fewer questions of the grandparents and feel confident that Miss Rachel will give me a detailed account of the day when I get home.

Having someone you trust completely, like I do, to watch your children in the comfort of their own home, is probably one of the best things you can have happen when you are a parent. If there were more Miss Rachels in the world, I would recommend one to every parent. But for now, since there is only one, I will gladly hang onto her for as long as I can.

Life is good, but it has gotten much better since our nanny has come into our home.

Sarah Davies of Livonia writes about the ups and downs of single motherhood. Contact her at sarahmari Davies@gmail.com.

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Surgery may be needed for weight loss if diet, exercise fail

The struggle with obesity and weight loss for many is more than just a "New Year's resolution." It can be a serious health concern that can also affect one's quality of life.

To be classified as obese by the standards of the National Institute of Health, a person must weigh 20 percent or more than the ideal body weight for his or her height. For example, a man who is 5 feet 6 inches tall is considered obese at roughly 190 pounds and a 5-foot-4-inch woman is at roughly 175 pounds. More than 30 percent of adult Michiganders are considered obese. Morbid obesity occurs when a person is 40 percent more than their ideal weight or roughly 80-100



Tallal Zeni

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pounds overweight.

Being obese can lead to health complications such as type 2 diabetes, sleep apnea and high blood pressure as well as putting extra stress on your bones and joints.

Weight loss methods

Diet and Exercise is always the first step in trying to achieve a healthy weight. Always check with your primary care physician before beginning any exercise or diet re-

gimen or nutrition program. Your primary care physician will be able to tell you if you are healthy enough to begin exercise and if the diet you'd like to try is safe and can be sustained as a lifestyle change. If diet and exercise is unsuccessful one should consider bariatric surgery.

Bariatric Surgery not only restricts one's ability to intake food, it also results in metabolic changes that aid in weight loss. To qualify for bariatric surgery you must have a Body Mass Index (BMI) between 35 and 39 with obesity-related diseases or have a BMI of greater than 40.

There are several types of bariatric surgery. The most

commonly performed are the sleeve gastrectomy and gastric bypass. Duodenal switch and lap band are less commonly done, however, all four surgeries are available at the Michigan Bariatric Institute. If you feel you are a candidate for bariatric surgery, ask your doctor to refer you to a bariatric center such as the Michigan Bariatric Institute for a consultation. The staff at the center will help you decide if you are a good candidate for surgery, help you understand your options for surgery and give you the roadmap for the bariatric journey — surgery is just one of the many steps in the process. It is not a quick fix or a weight loss miracle proce-

dures; it does require a lifelong commitment to eating right and staying active.

Tallal Zeni, MD is the medical director of minimally invasive and bariatric surgery at St. Mary Mercy Livonia. He is board certified in general surgery and fellowship trained in advanced laparoscopic and bariatric surgery at Evanston Northwestern Healthcare, Evanston IL. He has also conducted research in bariatric surgery and recently presented his research at two National and International Surgical Meetings.

To find a physician at St. Mary Mercy Livonia, call 1-888-464-WELL or visit stmarymercy.org.

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Blood pressure screenings

Henry Ford nurses will provide blood pressure screenings, heart-healthy food sampling, games, educational information, and a chance to win a prize, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Friday in February, at Henry Ford Hospital, 7777 W. Maple, West Bloomfield. No appointment necessary.

Celiac support

The Tri County Celiac Support Group will meet at 7 p.m. Feb. 8, at the First Presbyterian Church, 26165 Farmington Road, Farmington. Criscia Pemberton, a clinical psychologist, will talk about living with celiac disease. Admission is free for members; non-members pay \$10. tccsg.net

Hearing loss support

Michael Seidman, an otolaryngologist, will present a question and answer session on "common ear problems and their solutions" 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 3, at Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster Road, Garden City. For more information call Tony at 734-664-3297, afcrack@comcast.net.

Joint replacement

Learn about joint replacement procedures and implant options, 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 24, at St. Mary Mercy Livonia, 36154 Five Mile, Livonia. To register, call 734-655-2345.

Peripheral Arterial Disease

» Mohammed Abu-Mahfouz, M.D., and Mohamad Sobh, D.O., will discuss the guidelines for diagnosing, treating and managing PAD, noon-2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27, at Westland Shopping Center, 35000 W. Warren, Westland. Attendees will receive a free screening certificate. Register at 734-458-4259.

» Enjoy a light lunch while vascular experts Nicole Kennedy, M.D., and Syed T. Ahsan, M.D., discuss peripheral artery disease, noon-1 p.m. Feb. 22, in the demonstration kitchen at Henry Ford West Bloomfield Hospital, 6777 W. Maple, West Bloomfield. Peripheral artery disease (PAD), is a narrowing of the peripheral arteries to the legs, stomach, arms, and head. PAD is similar to coronary artery disease. Register by calling 248-325-3890 or email dk@hfhs.org.

Ongoing

Ab-Anon

Twelve-step program and weekly group to help those suffering with eating disorders such as anorexia, bulimia, and exercise compulsion is held 7-8 p.m. Tuesday, at the Friendship Circle, 6892 W. Maple, West Bloomfield. An Ab-Anon meeting group is available for families and loved ones, 7-8 p.m. Wednesday, also at the Friendship Circle. For more information, contact Mindy at 248-672-9776.

Amputee support

The Amputee Support Group meets 2-3 p.m. the second Tuesday of every month in Classroom #1 at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile (use south entrance off Levan), Livonia. Call 734-655-2837 for more information.

Aquatic classes

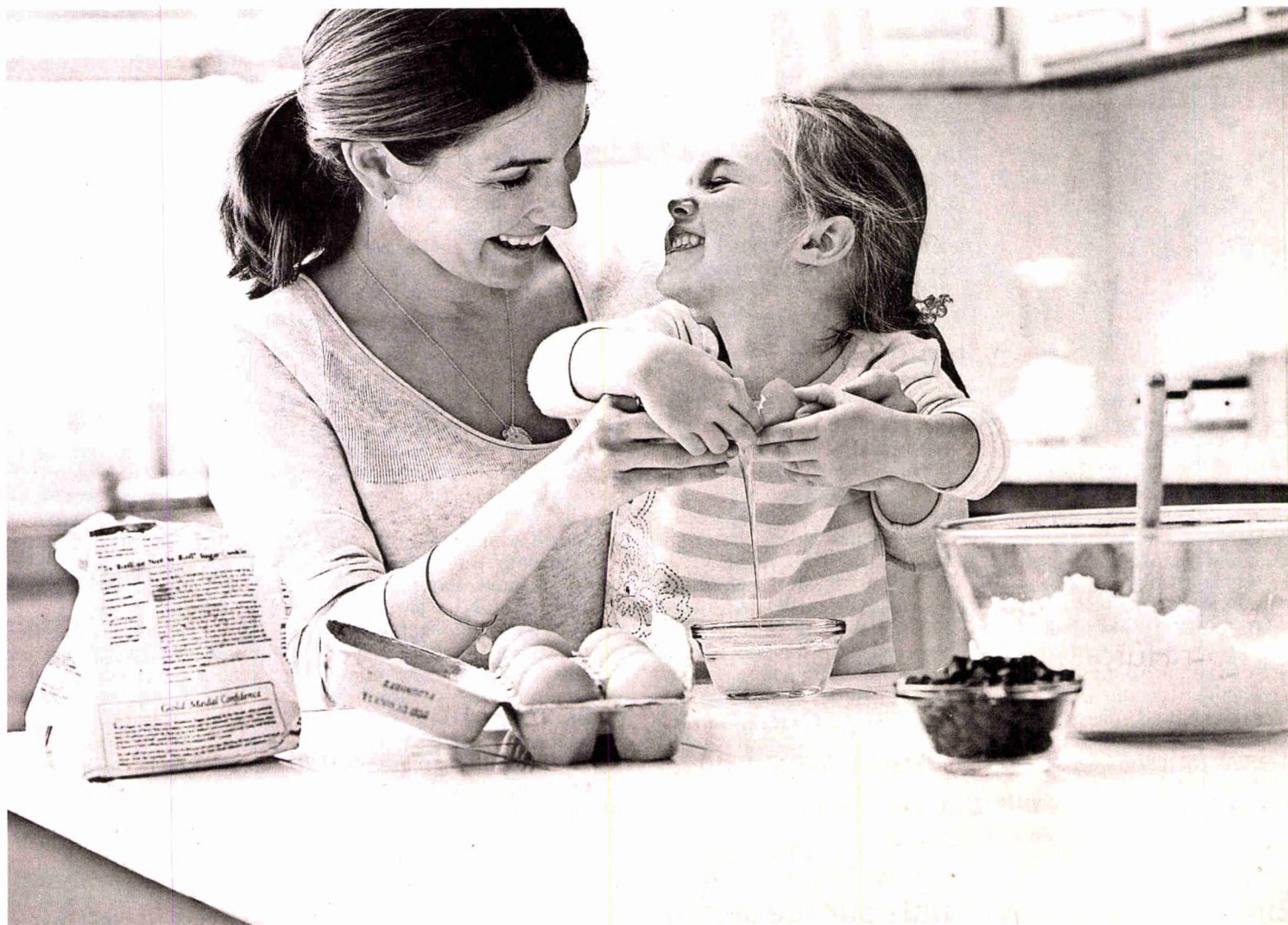
The YMCA of Metropolitan Detroit and the Arthritis Foundation have partnered to offer aquatic classes designed to ease arthritis. Classes are held 11 a.m. to noon Tuesday and Thursday at the Farmington branch and 1-1:45 p.m. Monday and Wednesday at the Livonia branch. Visit www.ymcadetroit.org.

Bipolar support

Depression Bipolar Support Alliance meets 6-7:30 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesday at Lincoln Behavioral Services Center, 14500 Sheldon, Suite 160B, Plymouth. It is accessed through the Plymouth Executive Park driveway north of M-14. Meetings open to families. Call Nancy at 734-536-3457 for directions.

Breast cancer support

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



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Wash hands and utensils after coming into contact with eggs to avoid cross-contamination and to keep your family safe.

Serve your flock safe eggs

Purchasing a dozen eggs offers nearly unlimited preparation possibilities. Enjoying any egg dish, however, starts with these four tips for purchasing safe eggs:

1. Always purchase eggs from a refrigerated case.
 2. Open the carton and make sure there are no visible cracks or leaking eggs.
 3. Check the short end of the carton for the date the eggs were packed as well as an expiration or sell by date to make sure the eggs are fresh.
 4. Look for the United States Department of Agriculture grade shield or mark.
- Once purchased, it's also important to follow these safe food handling practices to ensure egg safety and quality.

» Keep eggs in the coldest part of the refrigerator, not the door. Storing them in the refrigerator door could result in temperature fluctuations that can lead to bacteria growth.

» Eggs may be refrigerated three to five weeks at home. The sell-by date will usually expire during that time, but the eggs are safe to use for four to five weeks beyond the expiration date as long as they are kept in a refrigerator set at 40 F.

» Wash hands and utensils after coming into contact with eggs to avoid cross-contamination.

» Cook eggs thoroughly. For scrambled eggs and similar dishes, cook until no visible liquid remains. Fried

eggs should be cooked until the whites are completely set and the yolk is thickened but not hard.

» Serve eggs and dishes containing eggs promptly after cooking.

Hen housing

To better understand how different hen housing systems may affect food safety and other sustainability factors, the Coalition for Sustainable Egg Supply recently completed a three-year research study.

The study compared flocks of egg-laying hens in three different types of housing systems: conventional cage, enriched colony and cage-free systems. As consumers are becoming more interested in

the type of environment in which animals are raised, the coalition elected to conduct research in order to develop science-based information to use in supporting informed decision-making.

The research found that with proper management, eggs produced in any of the three different housing systems are safe and of comparable quality, but also accompany a variety of positive and negative aspects across other elements of sustainability.

Check out sustainableegg-coalition.org for more information about sustainable egg production, videos, interactive infographics and the CSES research results.

Courtesy of Family Features

Stay warm during cold weather with these tips

Henry Ford Hospital's Department of Emergency Medicine offers these tips for protecting yourself during cold weather:

Prevention

The key to avoiding cold weather injuries is to dress appropriately. This includes layering clothing with a first layer that pulls moisture away from the skin, an outer layer that keeps the elements out and a middle layer that insulates. Hats are a must because the head is where 30 percent of the body's heat loss takes place. Gloves and face protection also are necessary in extremely cold weather.

What is frostbite?

Frostbite is caused by exposure to dry, cold temperatures below freezing. It can result in permanent damage and tissue loss. The most susceptible body parts are fingers and toes, cheeks, ear lobes and the tip of the nose because they are located at the most distant points of the circulatory system. A precursor to frostbite is frostnip, in which the skin is numb, white and firm to the touch.

Frostbite risk

Inadequate or poorly fitted clothing, exposure to wind, dampness, contact with cold objects, dehydration, shock and trauma, hardening of the arteries, smoking, a history of frostbite, alcohol and other substance abuse, and fatigue.

Frostbite symptoms

Early symptoms of frostbite include tingling, numbness and pain in the affected area. The skin turns white or gray, and is cold and hard to the touch. There is no feeling in the affected area. The skin may blacken and form a tough layer that eventually disappears, revealing new skin that will always be more susceptible to frostbite. Deep frostbite can involve underlying tissue, muscle, tendon and bone.

Treating frostbite

Seek medical attention immediately. If transportation is delayed, rewarm the affected area in warm bath water. If a thermometer is not available, the water should feel comfortably warm to unaffected parts. Give the person

warm, non-alcoholic fluids. Rewarming at the location should be avoided if medical care is available within two hours.

During rewarming, the affected area will become extremely painful, red and blotchy, indicating return of adequate circulation. Wash the area thoroughly with soap and water. When color returns, wrap the part in sterile gauze or a clean cloth, separating the fingers and toes. Elevate the affected part after rewarming to decrease swelling and pain.

What is hypothermia?

Hypothermia occurs when the body's core temperature falls below 95 degree Fahrenheit. This happens through exposure to cool and/or damp conditions. Cardiac arrhythmia also is possible when the core body temperature falls below 95 degrees Fahrenheit. The elderly, immobile and psychiatric patients are most at risk. Often times, hypothermia affects elderly people who live in poorly heated homes.

Hypothermia symptoms

These include slurred speech, decreased coordination, uncontrollable shivering, cold and pale skin, blue lips and nails, stiffening of neck and limbs, memory lapses, stumbling, abnormally slow breathing and a slow, irregular heart beat. The condition becomes grave when the shivering stops, muscles stiffen and the skin turns bluish.

Treating hypothermia

Seek medical attention immediately. In mild hypothermia, give the person warm, non-alcoholic fluids and cover his or her head. When hypothermia is more severe, treatment varies based on age. A young person can be warmed in a hot bath (115 degrees Fahrenheit). However, this can be fatal for elderly people. Warming should be gradual with the elderly. Make sure clothing is dry and wrap the person in blankets. Hypothermia patients generally have a good prognosis unless they go into cardiac arrest or complications arise from an associated illness.



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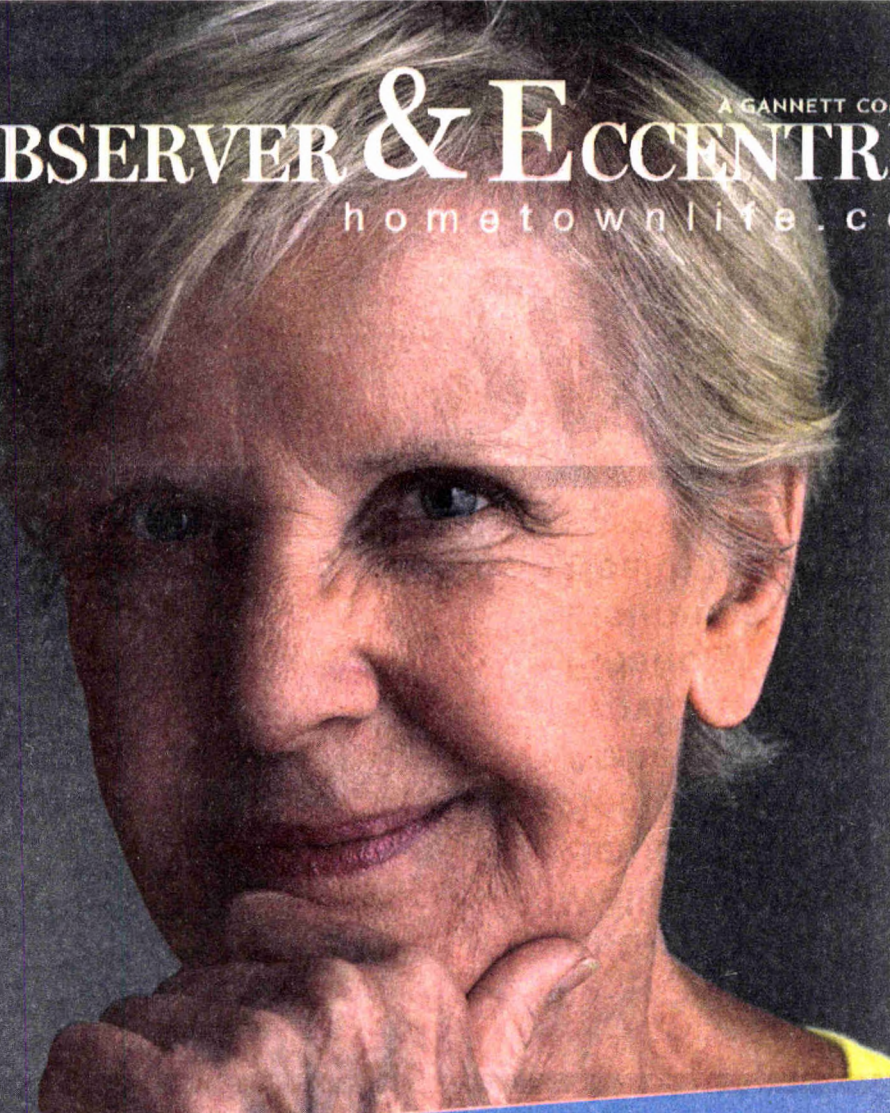
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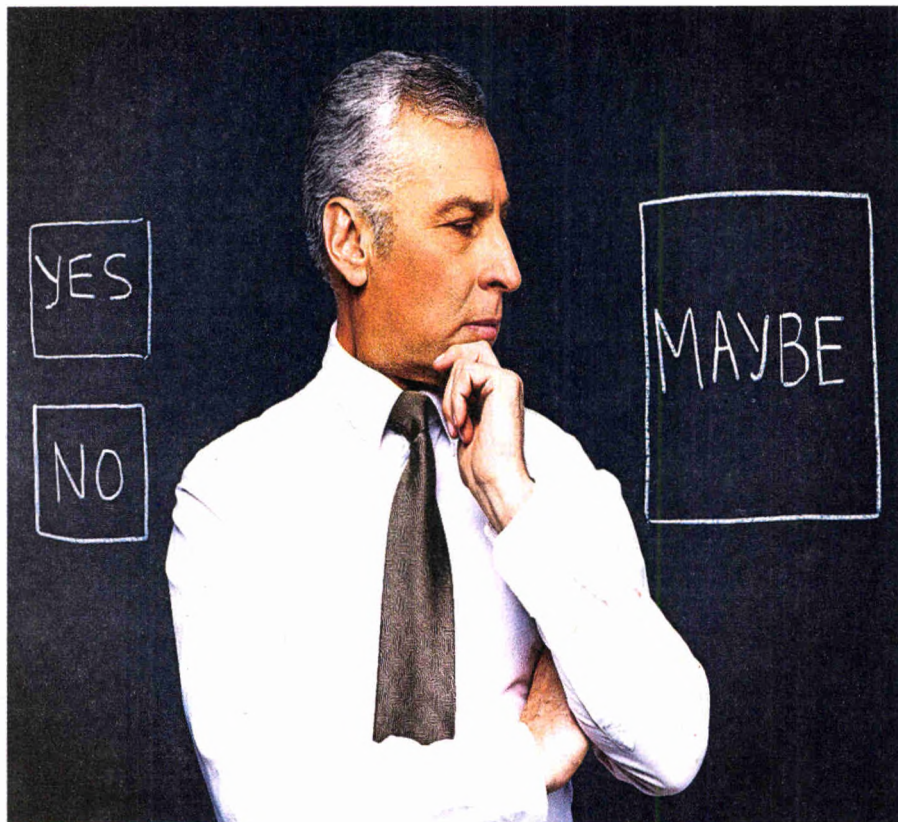
Congratulations! After weeks of updating your résumé, applying for jobs and enduring the rigorous interview process, you finally have a job offer. So why haven't you accepted it yet? Perhaps you are having reservations about leaving your current job, torn between offers or simply not sure this one is the right fit. Whatever the reason, it's important to explore it. Here are some expert-approved do's and don'ts to consider before accepting a job offer.

Don't be rash.

"Taking that proverbial step back and really evaluating the opportunity is key," says Lela Reynolds, a senior career consultant at Resume Strategists Inc. After all, changing jobs is a major life decision and warrants serious evaluation. Even if you have been out of the job market for a while, taking a position because you feel desperate could backfire. "If you take a role because you don't believe another will come along, you may find yourself back in the job market again because it wasn't the right fit," Reynolds says.

Do watch out for red flags.

Has there been high turnover at the company or in the position? Do the employees appear unenthusiastic, overworked or otherwise unhappy? Does the company seem more interested in selling itself to you than learning about you as a candidate? These could be red flags indicating deeper problems within the organization. Ask



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follow-up questions to address these concerns. If the company refuses to answer or dances around them, that could also be a red flag that something isn't quite right.

Don't ignore your gut.

"If your gut tells (you) there is something wrong, listen," says Donna M. Lubrano, an adjunct faculty member at Northeastern University College of Professional Studies. There's probably a good reason your instincts are telling you to run the other way, she says. "Seventy percent of communication is nonverbal, so you might be picking up nonverbal cues from the interviewer or others in the organization telling you that something isn't right."

Do think long-term.

"The main thing to consider is, 'Will this role bring me closer toward my career dreams and desires?'" says Darrell W. Gurney, author of "Never Apply for a Job Again! Break the Rules, Cut the Line, Beat the Rest." While the job in question may not be your dream job, it could be a stepping-stone to a better job later on. "Like in relationships, (this job) could be Mr. or Mrs. Right ... but it might be Mr. or Mrs. Right Now."

Don't sell yourself short.

"Never accept a job that is not paying the going market rate," says Katie Donovan, an equal-pay consultant and professional speaker. She recom-

mends checking out sites where you can get free salary information based on occupation, location and experience level. What happens if you find out that the employer is lowballing you? "There is always room to negotiate the first offer," Donovan says. If the final offer is still below market, it may be time to look elsewhere.

Do your research.

Career experts agree that doing background research on the company is key when considering a job offer. Start by checking its career site and social media pages to find out what the company values as an organization. See what employees say about the company on sites such as Glassdoor, and talk to people in your network who may know someone who works there to get firsthand insight into what the culture is really like.

Don't settle.

If the values of the organization are not in line with your values, the job is probably not right for you, says Kristina Butler, CEO of KB Career Solutions. "One of my favorite questions candidates can ask during the interview process is, 'Tell me what makes this a great place to work.'" The answer to that question will provide insight into the culture and help you assess if the job is the right fit for you.

Mary Lorenz is a writer for the Advice & Resources section on CareerBuilder.com. She researches and writes about job-search strategy, career management, hiring trends and workplace issues.

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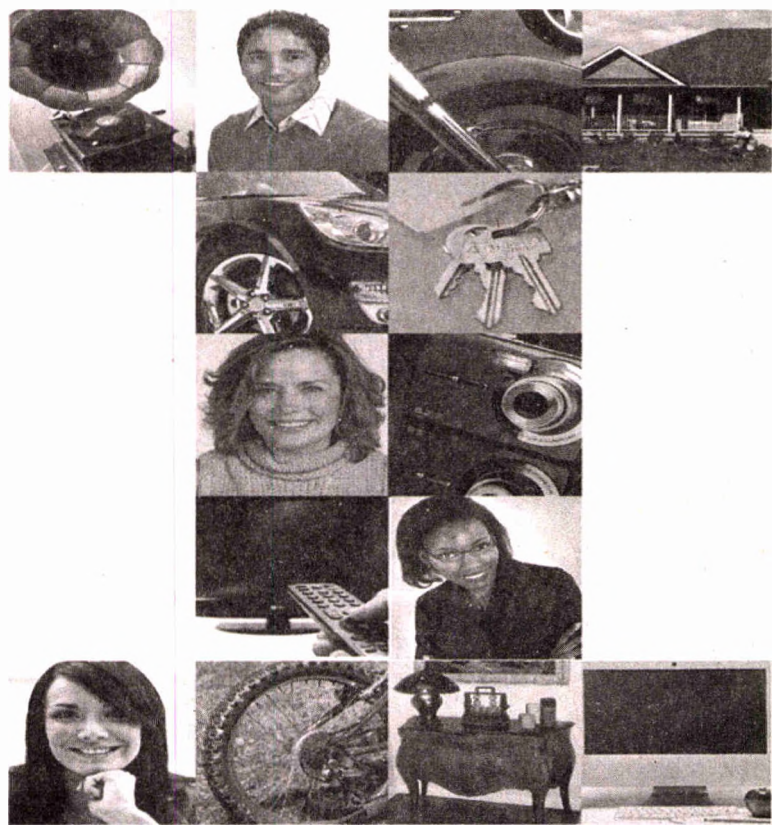
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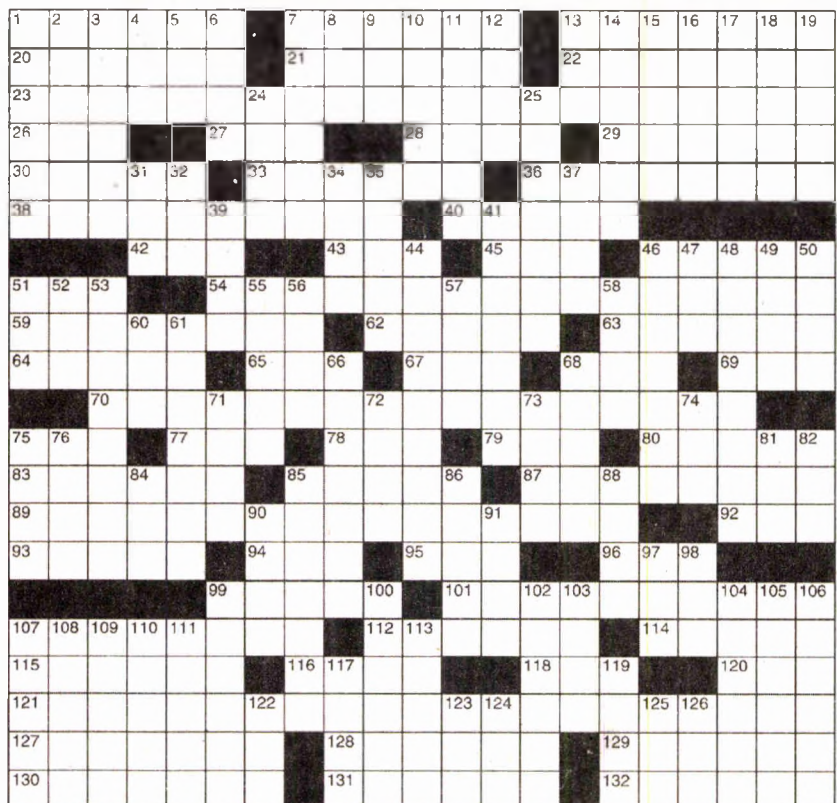
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| ACROSS | 46 Number of Stooges | 89 Stroke from the tee made while wearing a tee? | DOWN | 44 Twice or thrice | 82 Yearbook div. |
| 1 "—, peel me a grape" (Mae West line) | 51 Audio system part | 92 Strike marks, in bowling | 1 Smear | 46 Gym hiree | 84 Kin of ante- |
| 7 "— Adventures in Wonderland" | 54 Lovable male turkeys? | 93 Little squirts | 2 Plaza Hotel heroine | 47 "Let me see ..." | 85 Spiral |
| 13 Mobile locale | 59 Jews living outside Israel | 94 Trains to Wrigley Field | 3 Erroneous | 48 Having pre-blended ingredients | 86 Moses or Meese |
| 20 Pacific weather phenomenon | 62 Conveys | 95 Scand. land | 4 Set aflame | 49 Finales | 88 Of ears |
| 21 Sullen | 63 Alternative to Red Roof | 96 Mini-devil | 5 "Is there — hope?" | 50 Series finale? Abbr. | 90 — Strauss |
| 22 Neighbor of Ukraine | 64 En — (as a whole) | 99 Peron of Argentina | 6 It's honked | 51 Nav. rank | 91 Immunizing fluids |
| 23 Eccentric, corrupt rascals? | 65 Bit of formal apparel | 101 Press chinos and corduroys? | 7 Acela runner | 52 Hamm on a soccer field | 97 May VIP |
| 26 Part of A/C | 67 Zee lead-in | 102 Classical pieces | 8 Building site | 53 Deposits are recorded in it | 98 Sch. group |
| 27 "World Cafe" broadcaster | 68 AT&T rival, once | 112 Inborn | 9 Cholera | 54 English class assignments | 99 Sitcom actress |
| 28 "Mama" of pop music | 69 Hi-speed connection | 114 Bea Arthur title role | 10 Spiral shell | 12 Min. parts | 100 Alternative to judo |
| 29 Spiritualists' event | 70 Actor Depp being mushy? | 115 Believer in God | 11 English class assignments | 13 — Dhabi | 102 River critters |
| 30 Seize illegally | 75 Hit in a ring | 116 Onetime teen idol | 12 Min. parts | 14 Zooms, e.g. | 103 Current events |
| 33 Coarse | 77 "Really? — who?!" | 118 Onetime flight inits. | 13 — Dhabi | 15 Tree of the birch family | 104 Like the Kazakh language |
| 36 African mongooses | 78 King, in Toulon | 120 They cross aves. | 14 Zooms, e.g. | 16 Israel's Ehud | 105 Most weird |
| 38 One dealing in red meat for a living? | 79 Barfly, say | 121 Use glue to mend pants? | 15 Tree of the birch family | 17 Boxing venue | 106 Tolley rival |
| 40 Selling points | 80 Charles for whom a chair is named | 122 Immunity trigger | 16 Israel's Ehud | 18 Punish by fine | 107 Hitter's turn to hit |
| 42 June hrs. | 83 One of golf's majors | 128 Swoning fan, e.g. | 17 Boxing venue | 19 Burros | 108 French river |
| 43 Bit of intimate apparel | 85 Request in blackjack | 129 Laud | 18 Punish by fine | 24 Intl. oil group | 109 Fair shelters |
| 45 Suffix with prop- | 87 More tempes-tuous | 130 Mosaic piece | 19 Burros | 25 Singers Donny and Marie | 110 Calif-length skirts |
| | | 131 Throws | 24 Intl. oil group | 31 "Mayberry —" (old sitcom) | 111 Gas bill info |
| | | 132 Sacred places | 25 Singers Donny and Marie | 32 Nighty-night garb | 113 Small iPods |
| | | | 31 "Mayberry —" (old sitcom) | 34 Union foes | 117 No-clutter |
| | | | 32 Nighty-night garb | 35 Neophytes | 119 Tablet extras |
| | | | 34 Union foes | 37 Saber's kin | 122 "Leaving — Jet Plane" |
| | | | 35 Neophytes | 39 "High Noon" actor Kruger | 123 Surg. centers |
| | | | 37 Saber's kin | 41 — "Messiah" (oratorio) | 124 Born, to Fifi |
| | | | 39 "High Noon" actor Kruger | | 125 "... cup cone?" |
| | | | 41 — "Messiah" (oratorio) | | 126 Eighty-six |

SUDOKU

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1	3	5	2	7	4	9	8	6
8	6	2	5	1	9	4	2	3
4	9	2	8	3	6	5	7	1
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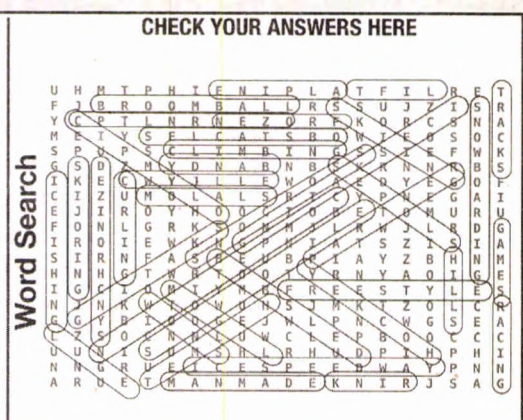
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- HILLS
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- ICE SKATING
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- LUGE
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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally & diagonally throughout the puzzle.

Crossword Answers

BEULAH	ALICES	ALABAMA
ELNINO	MOROSE	BELARUS
DOTTY	ROTTENS	COUNDRILS
AIR	NPR	CASS
USURP	EARTHLY	MEERKATS
BEEF	JOCKEY	SHOPS
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THREE	AMP	TOMS
FEARMENT	DIASPORA	SENDS
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Car Report

GM, Southeastern Michigan On the Move To Capture Business from Changes in Driving



By Dale Buss

Facing negative trends in car ownership and the sea changes being wrought by self-driving right in the face, General Motors got deeper into the ride-sharing business by launching a new personal mobility brand: Maven. And it'll get its start in Ann Arbor.

Meanwhile, southeastern Michigan business leaders and the state government are working to secure a prominent role for the area in an important aspect of the future of driverless automobiles: testing. In addition to the MCity facility that the University of Michigan already opened in Ann Arbor, economic-development interests are backing the creation of something called the American Center for mobility on 335 acres at the former B-24 manufacturing plant at Willow Run in Ypsilanti Township.

"We felt one of the ways we could really solidify the base of [the self-driving] transformation was to ensure that most of the research, testing and validation of those technologies occurred in Michigan rather than other places," said Doug Rothwell, president and CEO of the Business Leaders for Michigan.

Indeed, the American Center for Mobility will be designed to address the reality that the biggest roadblock to fulfilling the dream of a truly self-driving automobile isn't their technology but the lack of a nationwide system of smart infrastructure, traffic rules, safety regulations and legal framework that would make autonomous driving possible.

That's also why, capping off displays and unveilings at the Consumer Electronics Show and the North American International Auto Show in Detroit, the Obama Administration announced a 10-year, \$3.9-billion investment to accelerate development of autonomous cars, as part of the



GM plans to launch its Maven car-sharing services in Ann Arbor.

2017 budget proposal.

The new policies would lay a regulatory framework and remove obstacles that automakers say must be addressed before they can safely put their self-driving vehicles on the nation's highways and byways.

"We're entering a new world here and we know it," Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx said on the floor of the Detroit auto show. "We have to have one foot grounded in what we know about safety and apply our thinking to manage this transition. But we also have to have a healthy dose of learning from the industry—what they know—taking into account the possibility that the ways we thought about safety have to change."

While in Detroit, Foxx met with a handful of auto company CEOs to conclude what several described as a "historic" new agreement meant to improve automotive safety up front, cutting the number of accidents and recalls.

Various automated technologies and features have been available on cars up and down the price range for a while now, ranging from lane-change warnings to "adaptive" cruise control that essentially takes over driving the car and maintains safe distances from the vehicle in front.

Lately, even further technical advances by auto and tech companies have been pushing the envelope on existing regulations and underscoring the fact that the regulatory regime needs to catch



Maven represents one of GM's biggest digital plays.

up if the U.S. is going to lead the way in autonomous driving.

The government's initial project is only the beginning of a federal role to make self-driving a reality. And regulators will have to be prepared for the likelihood that, down the road, what car and tech companies want from them in some cases is to be left alone to finish their wondrous.

For its part, GM plans to begin Maven in Ann Arbor partially because of the University of Michigan's sprawling campus and thousands of students and faculty. Maven users will be able to request the use of Chevrolet vehicles for as little as \$6 an hour, a la Zipcar, ranging up to \$12 an hour for a large SUV. The program will begin with vehicles available at 21 parking spots around town.

Maven will launch in more major U.S. cities later this year. It

includes an app for tracking down and reserving vehicles by location or car type, remote unlocking and functions such as starting and heating. It offers "seamless smartphone and keyless integration with the vehicle" through Apple CarPlay, Android Auto, GM's OnStar telematics service and Sirius XM radio. And Maven users will have "direct access to Maven leadership and core team members" via the WhatsApp messaging application.

"GM is at the forefront of redefining the future of personal mobility," President Dan Ammann said in a press release.

The company has no choice but to move in this direction. GM expects 25 million global customers will use ride-sharing services—including Uber—by 2020, up from about 5 million today.

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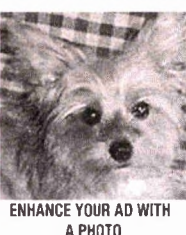
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