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They're not old enough to vote, but teens Ryan Hames and Kamrey Dingeldej hope a ballot measure passes to raise money to fix roads. They're sitting in Plato's Coney Island.

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## Local voters split on sales tax increase as roads fix

By Darrell Clem  
Staff Writer

Mirroring polls that show a statewide rift, Canton and Plymouth voters appear sharply divided over a proposal to increase Michigan's sales tax to fix crumbling roads and bridges.

Some residents narrowly support the May 5 ballot measure, calling it a last-ditch effort to improve roads even though they don't exactly

trust state officials to wisely spend new revenues.

Others strongly oppose the plan, citing the same distrust and criticizing the ballot proposal as convoluted and confusing. Some say officials botched the plan by widening its scope beyond roads to include issues such as public education.

Voters will decide whether to amend the state constitution to increase the sales tax from 6 percent to 7 percent

and remove the sales tax from fuel sales while increasing the actual fuel tax. Studies have indicated the plan would raise \$1.2 billion a year for roads and lesser amounts for education and other entities.

State officials have work to do to convince Plymouth retiree Terry Terlesky, who shared his opinion while sitting in Plato's Coney Island in Canton.

"I'm not really for it," he

said. "How many times before have they said they would put money toward roads and they didn't?"

Terlesky said he would be more likely to support the measure if he could be certain Michigan's roads would improve, but he is skeptical.

Walking into the Five Guys Burgers and Fries eatery near Ford and Lilley, voter Bruce Ulrich has firmly de-

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## Lawmakers differ on mandatory paid sick leave

By Darrell Clem  
Staff Writer

State Rep. Kristy Pagan appears hopeful Michigan legislators will strengthen laws pertaining to women's economic issues by closing the gender pay gap, mandating paid sick leave and ensuring affordable child care.

"This time around, I do think there is bipartisan support in both the House and Senate," said Pagan, D-Canton. "I'm confident we will be able to pass a package of bills."

Her remarks came after she and other members of the Michigan Legislature's Progressive Women's Caucus brought their top issues to the forefront Monday during a press conference in Lansing attended by visiting U.S. Rep. Debbie Dingell, D-Michigan.

State Democratic lawmakers have introduced legislation to allow workers to accrue one hour of sick leave for every 30 hours they work, giving them time to recover from an illness or care for a sick family member. It would apply to full- and part-time employees.



Pagan

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## Chamber's Kentucky Derby party offers camaraderie, prizes

By Darrell Clem  
Staff Writer

Making a run for the roses, the Canton Chamber of Commerce has entered the home stretch as it ratchets up efforts for its own version of a Kentucky Derby fundraising party.

"We've had a lot of great feedback," chamber President Thomas Paden said. "We're riding on that momentum."

This year's annual dinner and auction, "Kentucky Derby: A Night at the Races," promises fancy Derby hats, a festive atmosphere and numerous items for the auction block.

The fundraiser happens 6:30 p.m. to midnight Saturday, April 18, at Burton Manor in Livonia. Tickets are \$75 per person and available to the public by calling 734-453-4040

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## Thrift shop's a boon to needy, also a place to socialize

By Julie Brown  
Staff Writer

Erik Cuolahan of Northville is glad his mom's estate items are finding good homes.

"I'm spring cleaning," he said Thursday morning while hauling boxes of his mom's goods into the Presbyterian Thrift Shop on Main Street in Plymouth. "All that accumulation of her 87 years."

He's also given the late Rigmor Cuolahan's goods to the Girl Scouts, Salvation Army and others. "She fought the Nazis," he said with pride of his mother, among many in Norway who fought Nazi tyranny during World War II, including clergy and school teachers.

"My mom was a collector," he said. "She would go to all these places (thrift shops) and

get stuff. She volunteered around Detroit for years, International Institute, through the church. Just an amazing woman."

She also gave talks on Norwegian culture to students, added Cuolahan, as volunteer Carolyn Setty of Livonia helped him bring his goods into the shop at 331 N. Main in Plymouth.

The Presbyterian Thrift Shop has been run by the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth since 1950. Ted and Lynne Porter of Plymouth Township are helped as co-managers by Linda Luke and John Roose, also of Plymouth Township.

The shop got its start way back when women at the church chose to mend their

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JULIE BROWN

Kiki Farrow of Plymouth is a longtime First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth member who shops for clothing for young women helped by Dearborn Heights-based Vista Maria.



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# VOTERS

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decided to oppose the sales tax hike.

"I think it's dumb," he said. "They wasted the money for the roads and now they want more money. Once we get a new tax, it never goes away."

Road conditions have long been a sore spot for Michigan voters. In Canton, residents have long complained not only about deteriorating roads, but they routinely face traffic bottlenecks, especially on beleaguered Ford Road.

Canton voter Kathy Pekala, leaving a Canton shopping center, hasn't decided whether to support the ballot proposal, saying she doesn't trust state officials to spend the money as they should.

"I do not want to support it, but I'm still



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Paul Kenzie of Plymouth is undecided on the sales tax increase proposal.

thinking," Pekala said. "I want the roads to improve. They're horrible. It's hard on everybody and their cars. But I haven't seen enough so far of what they've done with our tax money. It

makes me very, very leery about voting for it. "I've got to give it some more thought," she added.

Plymouth voter Paul Kenzie may support the measure, though he hasn't firmly made his choice.

"I haven't really decided, but I'm leaning toward supporting it," Kenzie said.

Like others, he said the ballot proposal became unnecessarily convoluted by not simply sticking to roads and, instead, piling on other issues such as education.

"I think that was a bad decision," Kenzie said.

Even those who aren't old enough to vote seem to have an opinion. Canton residents Ryan Hames and Kamrey Dingledey, both 16, said they believe the proposal should pass, even if they can't do their part.

"I think it's a good thing, as long as the money actually goes for roads," Hames said.

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# DERBY

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or going to [www.cantonchamber.com](http://www.cantonchamber.com).

Rob Bovitz, a chamber member and certified public accountant, has donated a vacation stay at a time-share condo he has in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico.

"Hopefully, there will be a bidding war for it," Bovitz said.

Bovitz, who commits more than \$6,000 a year in chamber sponsorships, said it's important to support an organization that works to boost the Canton business community and local economy.

"The chamber needs resources so it can give back to its members," Bovitz said, calling its efforts a key component to Canton's quality of life.

Canton's party comes two weeks before the actual Kentucky Derby, but throughout the evening it will feature video footage of past horse races displayed on a big



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Chamber President Thomas Paden and businesswoman Jeanie Derani call out a winner during a previous chamber auction.

screen as attendees cheer for their picks to cross the finish line first.

Cash prizes will be awarded for win, place and show as the races unfold.

Admission also includes an open bar, strolling dinner, entertainment and an opportunity to participate in live and raffle auctions. The live portion features prizes such as the condo rental in Cabo San Lucas, a "No More Mowing" package by Bill's Outdoor Care, an emerald and diamond ring donated by Showroom of

Elegance, a golf package for 12 at Pheasant Run Golf Club and a Lake Charlevoix condo rental from Sally's Cruises & Travel.

Attendees also will have a chance to win two round-trip airline tickets donated by Yazaki North America, Inc., with those raffle tickets already for sale through chamber offices.

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State Rep. Kurt Heise, R-Plymouth Township, opposes the bill.

"I just don't see that as a state function. I think there are already enough state and federal guidelines on the books to regulate employment hours and sick leave," Heise said, adding the proposed bill could harm businesses inching out of a recession.

"I think the timing is bad from an economic recovery standpoint," Heise added, "and I think this is a matter that should be handled be-



Heise

tween employers and employees."

State Rep. Stephanie Chang, D-Detroit, helped introduce the bill, saying it would protect families and women who, more often than not, are hurt economically when paid sick leave isn't an option. Pagan strongly supports the bill.

"Not only is this a public health issue, but we want workers to have the peace of mind knowing they can take care of a sick child without enduring a smaller paycheck," she said. "This economic security is good for workers and good for businesses that thrive with healthy, productive workers."

According to a 2011 study by the Institute for Women's Policy Research, more than one million Michigan workers - about 46 percent of private sector workers -

cannot take sick leave when they are ill.

As proposed, the latest sick leave bill also would include groups such as grandparents, single parents and domestic partners raising children.

Meanwhile, Pagan said bills related to women's economic issues are expected to draw some support among Republicans, especially women. She had addressed the issues during her campaign.

"I believe that Michigan families are better off when women have economic stability," she said.

Last legislative session, Democratic bills calling for pay equity for women were introduced, but never received a hearing and died in committee. Democrats are expected to renew that push and also seek legis-

lation to make child care more affordable.

Heise declined to comment on potential bills he hasn't seen, but he said he already supported increasing the state's minimum wage.

According to the Progressive Women's Caucus, Michigan women earn 74 cents for every dollar their male counterparts make - lower than the national average of 77 cents.

Pagan said she is hopeful paid sick leave, gender-based pay equity and affordable child care legislation can be addressed this legislative session. Some legislators have suggested tax credits to help cover the costs of child care for women and families who can't afford it.

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# Plymouth Township man is named state treasurer

By Matt Jachman  
Staff Writer



Khouri

A Plymouth Township man with experience in both government and the private sector has been tapped to be Michigan's next treasurer.

Nick Khouri, currently the senior vice president of corporate affairs at DTE energy, was nominated last week by Gov. Rick Snyder. The appointment is subject to the advice and consent of the Michigan Senate, but Khouri said there typically is no formal Senate vote and that he expects to take office Monday, April 20.

Khouri, a township resident for about 16 years, said the job will bring him full-circle: He started his career in the U.S. Congressional Budget Office, worked as the chief economist for the state Senate and spent about eight years as the state's chief deputy treasurer in the 1990s during former Gov. John Engler's time in office. He's worked at DTE for 16 years, starting there as the company's treasurer.

"It is a pleasure to be back and an honor to be working with both this governor and this Legislature," Khouri said Friday from his office at DTE. "I'm looking forward to the challenges and I'm looking forward to making a difference."

Khouri is to replace outgoing Treasurer Kevin Clinton, who is returning to the private sector.

"Nick's expertise in tax policies and financial issues will be a great asset as we continue working to reinvent state government," Snyder said in a press release. "His strong track

record of proven service in both the private and public sectors will be essential in this critical state role that directly works with and impacts Michiganders, communities and businesses."

Khouri's job as treasurer, he said, will involve providing elected state officials with sound economic advice, overseeing the department that collects state revenue and carrying out the fiscal policies adopted by Snyder and the Michigan Legislature. The state treasury also oversees a \$60 billion pension fund for state employees and public school teachers and monitors the finances of and provides financial advice to local governments.

"I'm going to run it effectively, efficiently, with the taxpayers in mind," Khouri said.

Khouri has a bachelor's degree in economics from the University of Michigan and a master's degree, also in economics, from Michigan State University. He is currently chairman of the state's Investment Advisory Council.

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older clothes for use by the needy, Ted Porter said. Today, the shop has more than 60 volunteers, including some like Setty who don't worship at First Presbyterian of Plymouth.

In February, the shop relocated from Mill Street in Old Village to its current Main Street site. "It's a better location for us," Porter said. "It offers increased visibility."

The shop sells clothes, shoes, purses, art, books, housewares and knick-knacks. Its hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, 6-8 p.m. Wednesday and 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday.

"We're very selective about what we put out," Porter said. About one-third of what's donated by church and community members is put out for sale, with the Salvation Army truck visiting regularly for pickup of the rest.

"Nothing goes to waste," Porter said.

Proceeds support local charities and international ministries, he said. The shop is on Facebook at "Presbyterian Thrift Shop Plymouth, Michigan."

"Over the years, many of the customers have become friends of ours," Porter said, noting volunteers often socialize as they work. "We enjoy it so much."

A recent visit to the shop showed it as airy and tidy, with clothing neatly hung and well-displayed. Shelves hold housewares, while art adorns walls.

"Our intent was to make it more of a retail experience," Porter said. "They feel like they're really supporting the community with their purchases. And we get people from all walks of life."

Some are bargain-hunters, others in need and seeking the basics.



JULIE BROWN  
Erik Cuolahan of Northville was glad to donate his late mother's goods to the Presbyterian Thrift Shop, getting help from volunteer Carolyn Setty of Livonia.

Volunteer Margaret Rhoades of Plymouth Township has been giving her time some seven or eight years. Her husband's a First Presbyterian member and she joins him for worship.

"I really enjoy volunteering," Rhoades said. "It's fun every time I

come up here." She was volunteering with Setty, a Thursday regular.

The Porters have volunteered more than 30 years, about eight as the co-managers. He's a Ford Motor Co. retiree who was in purchasing, while Lynne worked for TRW Automotive in program management.

Ted Porter said some 20 organizations benefit from the thrift shop, including Vista Maria in Dearborn Heights.

Kiki Farrow of Plymouth, a longtime member of the Plymouth church, was collecting clothes for Vista Maria. Farrow said girls and young women from 11 on up to the early 20s often arrive with very little to wear.

"The thrift shop gets a lot of clothes," Farrow said. "It's like a marriage made in heaven. They tell us just keep coming. And they get a lot of cute stuff here."

Some young women are wards of the court, she explained, adding

Vista Maria is helping those who age out of foster care with apartments for living. Foster children are a big focus at the Plymouth church, Farrow said.

"This way they know it's going directly to people who really need it," Farrow said. "They're (Vista Maria) trying to bridge that gap where they used to get kicked out of foster care."

The phone at the Presbyterian Thrift Shop is 734-459-1250, while the Porters can be reached at 248-719-3378. They and other volunteers note spring cleaning's a great time to donate. Ted Porter added local consignment shops also work with the shop.

Additional information on Norwegian resistance to the Nazis in World War II Europe can be found in *Our Escape from Nazi-Occupied Norway: Norwegian Resistance to Nazism* by Leif Terdal.

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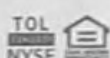


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## Discovery band top-notch at state band festival

The Discovery Middle School band has been recognized for outstanding musical achievement by the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association, a state organization dedicated to the support and advancement of music education.

After outstanding performances at the Solo and Ensemble Festival in February (where students are featured individually), the Discovery eighth-grade band had 20 class days to prepare.

The adjudicated performance included three prepared pieces, followed by a sight-reading performance in which students are given a piece of music by MSBOA and have five minutes to study without playing and perform the piece while being evaluated by a judge.

Bands and orchestras are rated on a scale from 1 (highest) to 5. The overall score is computed using a formula, which combines the ratings of



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four judges.

Discovery received 1's from all the judges and the commentary from the judges was positive.

"All pieces were played very musically with intelligent decision-making ... really a fine performance in all aspects of music-making," said Jim Barry, an MSBOA adjudicator in recorded commentary.

"You should be very proud of your performance today," he added.

Marc Whitlock, band director at Discovery Middle School, was beaming with pride after the performance.

"The eighth-graders made such impressive progress in such a short amount of time. We had a month to prepare this new music with a mid-winter

break in the middle of this time frame," Whitlock said. "The students really stepped up for this performance and I am very proud of them. They now know what they can achieve when the pressure is on and time is not your friend."

The Plymouth-Canton Community Schools district was among 155 school ensembles participating in the MSBOA Band Festival representing southeast Michigan in District 12 (the largest district in the state). Only seven middle school bands out of 49 participating received straight superior ratings from all four judges.

"The Discovery eighth-grade band is honored and humbled to be in this select company and we are happy that the students' detailed work was recognized with distinction," Whitlock said.

There are more achievement opportunities ahead for the students of the Discovery bands. All grades from the Discovery bands will travel to

Washington, D.C., in May to perform.

The Discovery bands are commissioning a piece of music specifically composed for the band students. The composer, Robert W. Smith, will visit Discovery Middle School to conduct the premiere of this new work in late May.

The Discovery Middle School band program, under the direction of Whitlock, consists of approximately 200 students in grades 6-8. Class offerings include two brass classes, two woodwind classes, two percussion classes and three concert bands.

Students also have opportunities to perform in chamber ensembles and other small instrumental groups throughout the year. Discovery Middle School regularly has a strong percentage of students participate in regional music events and other opportunities.

For more information about the Discovery band program, go to [www.discoverybands.org](http://www.discoverybands.org).

## Plymouth Christian students win district robotics tourney

By Jessica Wash  
 Correspondent

The FIRST High School Robotics Team 4405, "The Atoms Family" of Plymouth Christian Academy, is celebrating a win in district competition.

The PCA Robotics Team was among 40 high school teams from around the state competing March 14 in the FIRST Robotics District Competition at Woodhaven High School. Other schools at the competition included Team Rush from Clarkston, Team TNT from Taylor, as well as teams from Bloomfield Hills, Detroit and Ann Arbor.

"This is the fourth year our team has competed in the FIRST challenge," said Joe Lemieux, who coaches Plymouth Christian Academy's team alongside Jessica Wash,



Plymouth Christian Academy Robotics Team members and mentors celebrate a win at last week's district tournament.

teacher and sponsor.

This year's theme game is Recycling Rush. Teams design robots to complete the relatively simple task of stacking gray storage totes on top of

each other on raised scoring platforms, then placing a 50-gallon rubber garbage bin with a circular hole in the lid on top of that.

"Players also have foam

pool noodles, referred to as litter in the game, which can be used to score points by placing them through the hole in the lid of the recycling bins or by tossing them onto certain areas of the playing surface," Lemieux said. "The playing field is 54 feet long by 27 feet wide and split in half by a low wall."

On each side, three teams form an alliance, trying to collectively outscore the other side. Points are scored by placing stacked totes topped with bins, if possible, on the scoring zones. Teams have two minutes, 30 seconds to score as many points as they can.

The first 15 seconds are an "autonomous" segment, when drivers stand away from the controls and the machines use pre-programmed routines to score a couple of quick points.

PCA team members include:

Brendan Hess, Josh Mason, Gareth Matson, Chiren Moore, Nathan Oweis, Julia Shaffer, Natalie Shaffer, Aaron Wolak, Carl Zahn and Kate Zahn. Other team members include: Sarah Hughes, David Jann, Kyle Lemieux, Vince McClintock and Gabe Yamine.

Mentors on the PCA team include alumni Reuben Galang, (Class of 2014) and Keith Boruta, (Class of 2006). Other mentors include Lemieux, Rhey Galang, Sam Oweis and Wash.

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# Reading Month great time to boost reading fun for kids

By Julie Brown  
Staff Writer

Reading a good book is a good example parents can set for their children.

"Absolutely," said Carol Champagne, department head for youth services at the Plymouth District Library. "Children learn how to be grown-ups by watching grown-ups. It translates that notion that reading is important. Let them see you with print materials in your hand."

"Print is everywhere," she added. "Just let your children know you're reading it." A good time is while cooking a meal and reading a recipe: "That's connecting it to something that's real," Champagne said.

March is Reading Month and local librarians and educators are getting the word out on

reading. Jack Visnaw, children's librarian at the Canton Public Library, agreed with Champagne: "Seeing mom and dad model that behavior" is key.

You don't need to tackle *Gone With the Wind*, Visnaw said, but picking up and reading a magazine or newspaper is fine.

He and other children's librarians find some parents push their children to read classics. Visnaw said books like *Captain Underpants* can encourage newer readers.

"It's the kind of books parents roll their eyes a little bit," he said. The *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* books or graphic novels often appeal to younger readers.

Visnaw will ask kids what school subjects and hobbies they like most. Some children like fact-

filled books, such as titles on animals, what they eat and more. Visnaw also asks kids what they've read before and liked.

"It gives us some directions," he said.

Champagne noted the PDL's non-fiction section for youth is quite extensive. "There's a lot of stuff out there," she said of reading material.

"Really, it's tapping into their interests. It doesn't need to be good literature. It needs to be something they enjoy."

She noted adults often read fun stuff, not just classics.


"Reading is hard work for them," she said of kids. These days in K-12 education, there's an emphasis on teaching to the test.

Champagne said there's not a way to test for literacy, but eager



JULIE BROWN

Trevor Busch, 8, of Plymouth Township visited the Plymouth District Library the afternoon of March 18. He's a second-grader at Bird Elementary and among many Plymouth-Canton children who visit local libraries to learn and explore new ideas.



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readers do boost their school performance. "Everything requires reading," she said. "Even sports require reading."

She's not offended when children dislike a book from the library and stop reading it. "We'll find something. Don't worry about hurting our feelings," Champagne said. "I do guarantee there's a book out there for every single person. It's just a matter of finding it. There's no rule that says you have to finish a book. Life is too short to read something you don't like."

Public libraries are great resources for parents and others, she added. Champagne advocates for printed reading materials, not just use of Kindles or related e-readers. The Plymouth

library's website is plymouthlibrary.org.

Canton's Visnaw has worked at other libraries and noted children in Canton often ask for book recommendations. "This is a reading community," he said. "They're into it in a different, slightly deeper way."

The Canton library's website cantonpl.org has reading lists by grade level and genre, he said. Visnaw agreed there's no reason to keep reading a book you don't like.

"Go with something else," he said. "At some point, make that decision, 'I want to try something different.'"

Visnaw grew up an avid reader: "A good Saturday afternoon was cracking open a book. That was a good time for me."

The Canton library's Target Family Reading nights extend book themes, such as February's theme of "Love Is in the Air."

"When you build that excitement, it starts a snowball effect," Visnaw said. "It's meant to be a fun experience. Make sure that it's always a fun activity. It's not something that should be a chore."

"It's not so much about the sophistication of the text (to boost literacy)," he added.

He noted the library can also help with adult book recommendations for parents to read. "Maybe that's how they can become more active readers themselves," Visnaw said.

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## 'Choose Life' license plate passes Senate

The Michigan Senate passed Senate Bill 84 Wednesday to create a "Choose Life" specialty license plate for Michigan motorists, bill sponsor Sen. Patrick Colbeck said.

Under the measure, funds raised from the sale of the plates would go to support organizations and projects that promote abortion alternatives.

"With this legislation, our citizens will have the ability to choose to support services on behalf of some of the most vulnerable members of our society — women facing unplanned pregnancies and their unborn babies," said Colbeck, R-Canton.



"The passage of SB 84 would provide the mother, the baby and those who look after them with the resources they need to meet their material needs, as well as give them the priceless resource of hope."

Proceeds from the Choose Life plate will go, in part, to support pregnancy resource centers that provide maternity clothing, baby clothes, diapers, cribs, car seats, toys and other items and also teach parenting skills.

Funding will also provide opportunities to promote adoption and educate the public and at-risk groups about abortion alternatives.

Twenty-nine states and the District of Columbia have authorized Choose Life license plates, generating more than \$21 million for life-promoting activities.

SB 84 will now go to the House for consideration.

# Students think like artists in DIA's traveling classroom

By Karen Smith  
Staff Writer

Fourth-grader Eric Hobson visits the Detroit Institute of Arts every Friday, but many of his classmates at Grant Elementary in Livonia have never been there.

That may change now that all the students in his class got a taste of what the DIA has to offer.

DIA Away: Think Like an Artist, the DIA's traveling art classroom, made a stop at Madonna University in Livonia this week.

Eric and his classmates spent about 40 minutes in the classroom Thursday morning, learning about some of the ways artists are creative and then putting their own creativity into practice.

"I love it," Bella Nuoffer said of the traveling interactive art classroom, where she was able to make a short story using magnets and a whiteboard and then videotape it. She said she wants to go to the DIA now.

Eric goes to the DIA weekly to play chess with the Detroit City Chess Club, but he likes to check out the "sword gallery," as he calls it. "They have armor and stuff," he said.

Chris Seguin, chair of teacher education at Madonna and a former art teacher, was instrumental in bringing the traveling art classroom to Madonna's campus. "It's the most amazing, potent, engaging half-hour educational program that I've ever seen," she said.

One side of the classroom features digital and graphic reproductions of five works of art from the DIA's collection. Visitors can use



Lydia Frost and Avery McDannel tell a story with shapes.

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Jack Babikian and Micheal Frey examine details in a work by Heinrich Campendonk.

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Eric Hobson is a regular at the DIA. He plays chess with a group that meets there each Friday.

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touchscreens, sliding panels, lift labels and other interactive elements to learn how the artists imagined new worlds, combined everyday objects in unexpected ways, collaborated with each other, fused cultural traditions

and kept their minds open to new possibilities.

The other side of the classroom has three creativity stations where visitors can practice some of the ways artists

think.

Grant fourth-grade teacher Kim Marvel said she thought the traveling classroom was awesome. "It's a great opportunity to see different aspects of art," she said.

Grant fourth-graders were among several groups of Livonia Public Schools students who visited the classroom. The exhibit was also open to the public.

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# Doroshewitz: 'Trustees (should) choose one of their own'

The elected trustees of Plymouth Township must move fast to appoint a replacement for retiring Supervisor Richard Reaume. It is probably the most important decision most of us will make in our political careers. Time cannot be wasted and the seat cannot be left unoccupied for long.

State law says that the trustees may appoint a replacement and that the resigning official cannot vote on it, but that is all it says. It doesn't tell us how to do that or what the ground rules are or tell us whether to choose from the inside or from outside. That is com-



**Bob Doroshewitz**  
GUEST COLUMNIST

pletely up to us.

Phones and networks have been buzzing with rumors and innuendo, talk of appointing this person or that one, fixed outcomes and, amazingly, mud thrown at people who have not yet announced themselves as candidates. And it's only going to get worse.

At times, it has been a difficult and divisive 2½ years in the township as we struggled through internal board conflicts

and with vocal groups of residents. I own my share of that. It's gone on for too long and it's time to make peace and to find common ground from which we can all move forward. This is our opportunity to do that, for a fresh start and a new beginning.

There is one and only one right path for us and that is for the trustees to choose one of their own. We don't need to go outside and we shouldn't unless no one is willing to step up to fill the vacancy. There are six smart, competent men and women on the board, all of whom are duly elected and capable of

servicing. That's where the search begins and that is where it should end.

Each and every trustee has a legitimate and earned right to claim the seat; no one else does.

Voters elected us six with the understanding that any one of us might be called to fill a vacancy in one of the other posts. Many voters will be surprised to learn, as I was, that the supervisor's seat might be filled by someone not chosen by voters. Such an appointee would be there legally, but not legitimately.

Some argue that the pathway to common ground is to bring in an outsider, a white knight

who will ride into town and rescue us from ourselves. We all know there are no white knights in life and halos quickly fade once the day-to-day challenges begin. Everybody is a wild card; you can't say with certainty whether someone will vote his or her promises, reverse an earlier decision or turn disagreements into grudges. Better to go with someone whose strengths and weaknesses you know than with someone you don't.

And an unelected outsider would bring the baggage of a new and perpetual controversy — public scorn for taking a

seat not rightly earned. How could a process that brings in an outsider appear just to anyone but the winner?

I will not vote for, nor will I support, anyone from the outside. But I will support, in full, any inside choice, even if that is not my choice.

Appointing from within is the only legitimate and rightful pathway and that is what we need to do.

Bob Doroshewitz is serving his third term on the Plymouth Township Board of Trustees.

## Annual author fair at Plymouth library features local talent

The Plymouth District Library invites the public to come to the library 1-3 p.m. Saturday, March 28, for the seventh annual author fair. Attendees will meet 22 authors to enjoy and review the varied works.

The authors are: **Barbara Aimone (Grami B)**, *Help! I have Rats in My Hair!*

**Veronica** loved to run and play but didn't like combing her hair. She finds out what can happen in a fun and not too scary way, and how to make better choices. Picture Book. Children. **Lisa (Mangigian) Bartley**, *How Hard Are You Knocking: Landing a Job in a Rebounding Economy*

A guide through the job search process in a comprehensive, yet concise and straight forward manner. Jobs. Adult. **David Booker**, *Second Chance*

Sixth-grader Jack Bucher awakens in a hospital bed to the voice of a spirit promising to guide him through life's hardships and lead him to greatness. Fiction. Teen. **Alan B. Boyd**, *The Factory*

This novel tackles the reversal of the present trend, when American manufacturing turns around and finds its way back to America's heartland. Fiction. Adult. **Leticia (Tisha) Cole**, *Wings for Leah Sparrow*

Leah was born into a family not of her own choosing. From there it's a long trail of tears for this common sparrow until she meets an uncommon stranger who takes her under his wings. Fantasy. Children & Teens. **Barbara Dickirson**, *Her and Me: The Evolution of a Relationship*

A heartbreaking and heartwarming account of a mother/daughter relationship from the innocence of youth through the later years of emotionally crushing occurrences. Memoir. Adult. **Stacy Renee Keywell**, *Escape Dead Sky*

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About the revelations and consequences of questioning life. Two characters are from Plymouth, the novel is set in late 20th century metro Detroit. Literary Fiction. Adult. **Fred Lauck**, *Children of the Greatest Generation ... An Emotional History*

The early, mid and late life experiences of those children born to greatest generation parents ... those children who heard the direct, unfiltered message of their parents. History. Adult. **Kathleen Ripley**, *Leo The Seamless Universe*

An imaginative adventure novel about our world's tiny microcosms, which have astronomical impact on the planet. Fantasy. Young Adults. **Ken MacGregor**, *An Abrarant Mind*

A retired school teacher takes on an elder god and his minion; a werewolf picks fights with sea creatures, a neighbor's lawn may be eating people. Scary, funny, weird,

different. Short Stories. Adult. **Donovan M. Neal**, *The Third Heaven: The Rise of Fallen Stars*

Book one of four exploring the fall of Lucifer. See the drama unfold as allegiances are broken, choices made, and why all of creation waits for the manifestation of the sons of God. Christian Fiction. Adult. **Stephanie Neilan**, *Leo Leroy and the Case of the Lunchroom Mystery*

He'd gotten cases during lunch before, but not because nobody wanted to eat there. Now he has to use skill, cunning and a masterful disguise to find the answer, all while keeping up with his homework. Mystery. Children. **Sandra Novacek**, *Border Crossings: Coming of Age in the Czech Resistance*

Charles Novacek's account of his training and experiences in the Czech Resistance during WWII, the Cold War against Nazis and communists, fleeing to Germany, then Venezuela, immigrating to the U.S., working in Detroit. Mem-

oir. Adult, Young Adult. **Anita Pinson**, *Voices Across the Lakes: Great Lakes Stories and Songs*

Ten historical fiction stories. Great Lakes orientation, beautiful illustrations, authentic song for each story. Picture Book. Youth. **Tim Sabados**, *Chain of Salt and Water*

When Anthony and Lianna happen to meet at their professor's lab to learn about his cure for AIDS, they are unknowingly thrust into their own mission filled with unforeseen pitfalls, crises and death. Fiction. Adult. **Lucy Simkins**, *Rosie Rides the Rainbows*

Six-year-old Rosie is snowbound inside a country farmhouse with Grandpa, who struggles to make Grandma's special fudge recipe. Picture Book. Youth. **Wayne Stolt**, *Crossing the Line* Christian Fiction. Adult. **Cheryl Vatcher-Martin**, *Cemetery Explorers: An Adventure Through Time*

A time travel adventure that brings a husband and wife together as

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# Livonia man to donate kidney to his neighbor

By Karen Smith  
Staff Writer

You might expect someone to give a neighbor a cup of sugar. But Jeff Sieber of Livonia is giving his neighbor a kidney.

Sieber, 53, is donating a kidney later this month to Linda Zukowski, 51, who lives a block and a half away in Castle Gardens subdivision.

"This is more than any typical neighbor would do," said Zukowski, who has a hereditary kidney disease that is fatal unless she has a transplant or goes on dialysis. "He's willing to put his life on hold for me and to alter his lifestyle for a short period of time."

Sieber, a salesman for A123 in Livonia, will have to take it easy until his remaining kidney adjusts to doing the work of two kidneys, refraining from lifting and giving up his beloved bike riding for about eight weeks.

Still, "it was a no-brainer," Sieber said of his decision. Then, joking, he said, "I told her

my liver's off the table. I have plans for the liver."

The neighbors have been friends since Zukowski started a playgroup about 20 years ago after moving to Castle Gardens. The Siebers had moved there from Dallas and didn't know anyone. Their mailbox was one of the ones in the sub Zukowski had slipped a note into, asking if they wanted to get their children together to play.

Several families in the playgroup have remained friends through the years, sharing each other's struggles and celebrating each other's successes. Some of the couples travel together now that their kids are grown.

Initially, Zukowski had a few other people offer to donate her a kidney, including her husband. Doctors thought one of them would be a good match and scheduled an operation for December. But in November, they found out Zukowski's body would likely reject the donor's kidney be-

cause of differing antibodies.

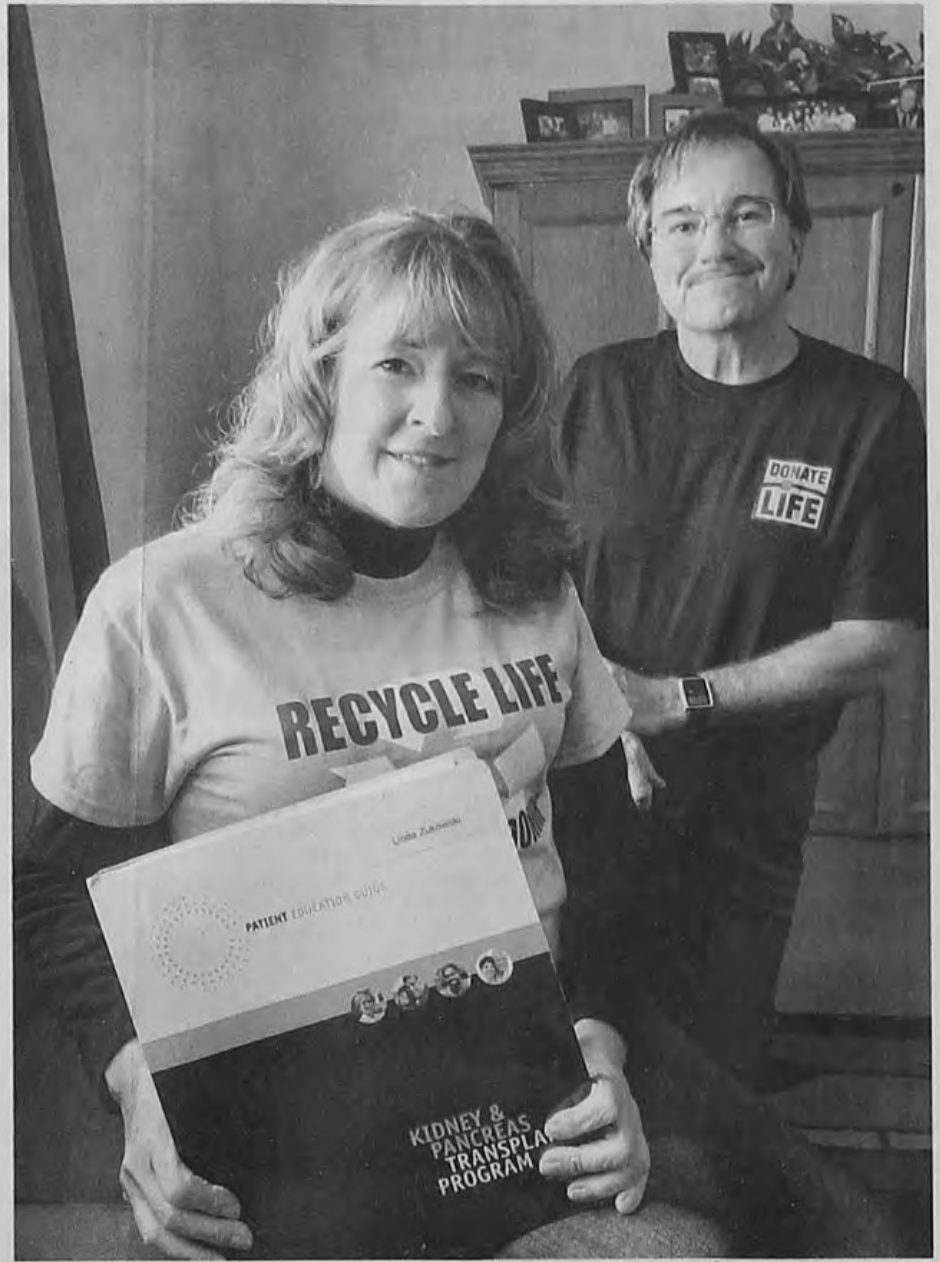
Zukowski, who is on medical leave from her job at Valassis in Livonia, started a Facebook page to create awareness of her need for a kidney and let people know about live organ donations.

When Sieber's wife told him the news that Zukowski's intended donor wasn't a good match, he couldn't sleep that night. "I knew the next morning I wanted to do this," he said. "From there, it's just been moving forward."

Sieber said a sermon he heard at his church, Holy Trinity Lutheran, confirmed his decision. And he thought of his mother Ellen Sieber, 71, of Turtle Creek, Pa., who lost a kidney 42 years ago. "My mom is still alive and lives a very full life (with one kidney)," he said, adding she has been a positive role model.

After Zukowski started the Facebook page, more relatives, friends, co-workers and other members of the playgroup came forward, willing to donate a kidney to her, including Sieber and his wife Tammy. A total of 15 offered and 13 were tested before doctors concluded Sieber was the best match of the bunch. "That's quite a testament to the person she is," Sieber said of the number of people willing to undergo an organ transplant for Zukowski.

Zukowski has polycystic kidney disease, which has reduced her kidney function to 10 percent. Her mother, Patricia Zondlak, 78, of Wixom has the same disease and received a cadaver kidney 25 years ago this May from a young man who had died. The transplanted kidney continues to work well. Zukowski said many



Linda Zukowski holds the file from the University of Michigan Hospital that contains all she needs to know about her transplant. Neighbor Jeff Sieber will donate a kidney to Zukowski.

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people don't know about live organ donations, which in addition to kidneys can include parts of the liver, lung, pancreas, intestine and skin "without detriment to the donor."

Every day, 13 people die waiting for a kidney, according to the National Kidney Foundation. Of the 118,000 Americans currently on the waiting

list for an organ transplant, more than 96,000 need a kidney, but fewer than 17,000 people receive one each year.

Zukowski said Sieber truly is giving her the gift of life. On dialysis, she would have little quality of life.

Zukowski said she never expected members of the subdivision playgroup she started two

decades ago would be willing to donate a kidney to her. "It's incredible," she said. "We've all been there for each other through parents passing away - one of the parents had lost a child. This just continues that incredible support in our sub."

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# Conservation Club schedules annual NRA Foundation banquet for May 1

By Sue Mason  
Staff Writer

With a change of venue and a late spring date, Bob Haviland is looking to increase the crowd for the Western Wayne County Conservation Association's annual Friends of the NRA banquet at Hellenic Cultural Center in Westland.

This is the seventh year the organization has put on the banquet to benefit the NRA Foundation. It started at the clubhouse on Napier Road in Plymouth Township and, after three sellout years, moved to Fox Hills in Plymouth Township. The move to Westland will allow the club to continue to expand the event and raise more money, 50 percent of which is returned to the state through grants.

"We just plain outgrew Fox Hills," said Haviland, a member of the WWCCA Friends of the NRA Committee that is putting on the event. "They did a nice job for us. They're sad to see us leave and we're sad to go, but we had to change to a location that was larger."

The banquet will be Friday, May 1, at the Hellenic Center, 36375 Joy, Westland. Doors open at 5 p.m. to view prizes and silent auction items. Games start at 6 p.m., with a sit-down dinner served at 7 p.m. In addition to a live auction, there will be special drawings and door prizes. Banquet tickets are \$40 each and include entry in a drawing to win a .22 caliber rifle.

Last year's event was held in April and, had the club stuck with it, this year's banquet would have been on Easter



KAREN ABROMOWICZ

Among the activities the Western Wayne Conservation Club sponsors are Air Gun Fun Shoots.

weekend. That prompted a move to May. Another change is the sit-down dinner, as opposed to a buffet-style meal.

"It'll save people standing in line and everybody will eat pretty much at the same time," Haviland said.

### Early bird special

There club is offering an early bird special. Purchase tickets by Friday, April 10, and automatically be entered in a special early bird drawing. There also are two sponsor packages - the Megashooter Dry Box and the Super Megashooter Dry Box - as well as Big Shooter and Super Shooter packages.

Both Megashooter and Super Megashooter packages include dinner tickets and a guarantee

of a winner of one gun per package. The Megashooter package costs \$1,250 and includes four dinner tickets, \$400 worth of bucket raffle tickets four NRA hats and the only four tickets in a Strum/Ruger gun drawing. The Super Megashooter package costs \$2,500 and includes eight dinner tickets, \$800 worth of raffle bucket tickets, eight NRA hats and the only eight tickets in a Kimber gun drawing.

The Big Shooter package allows the purchase of \$160 worth of raffle tickets for \$100 and includes one ticket for the special Big Bang Handgun drawing. The Super Shooter includes \$400 of raffle tickets for \$200 and three tickets for the Big Bang Handgun

Drawing. Purchase the packages by April 10 and get a second package of the same value.

Tickets must be purchased in advance. No tickets will be available at the door.

Haviland, a Livonia resident, knows that firearms are popular at the banquet and is looking to add up to 20 as prizes in the raffles and drawings.

"People spend good money for those buckets and we want a good item," he said. "We've found that wherever we put out a gun, we need to put out a big bucket."

### High Caliber Club

The banquet is the club's main fundraising event for the partnership the WWCCA formed with the NRA Foundation in

2009. The club has earned the foundation's High Caliber Club designation that past three years by raising more than \$25,000 each year. Last year, it raised almost \$34,000. Fifty percent of the money raised at Friends banquet around Michigan is returned to the state to support public shooting programs for youth and women and range development. The WWCCA has received more than \$30,000 in grants.

The 50 percent that stays at the national level goes for programs like the NRA Foundation's Shield Our Schools program, in which matching funds are provided to help fund security improvements like locks and camera at schools.

"That's a marvelous benefit that's come out of this partnership," Haviland said. "It's those shootings in schools we want to stop. We know it's not some crazy with a crazy gun doing it. It's some crazy that's just crazy."

The WWCCA was organized in 1937 in Westland and moved to its current location - 80 acres of land at Napier Road in Plymouth Township - in 1965. Its members hail from Wayne County communities such as Plymouth, Canton, Livonia, Westland and Redford and as far away as St. Clair Shores and the Grosse Pointes. The club also attracts shooting enthusiasts from Farmington, South Lyon, Northville, Novi and Milford.

For more information about tickets, contact Nancy Garneau at 734-259-3341 or Haviland at 734-516-7921.

## Pagan announces coffee hours with constituents

State Rep. Kristy Pagan, D-Canton, has announced her next coffee hours to allow her 21st District constituents to bring concerns or questions to her and to say how they believe she can best represent them in Lansing.



Pagan

Coffee hours are at 7 p.m. Monday, March 23, at Panera Bread, 41950 Ford Road, Canton, and at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 28, at Leo's Coney Island, 9624 Belleville Road, Belleville.

Pagan also has encouraged residents to sign up for her email updates. To do so, go to pagan.house-dems.com.

Residents also may contact her at her Lansing office at 517-373-2575.

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# Police investigate teacher misconduct allegations at Wayne school

By Sue Mason  
Staff Writer

The Wayne-Westland school board assured two women that their concerns will be heard; however, there will be no public comment about an investigation into allegations that an art teacher had inappropriate contact with young students at Roosevelt-McGrath Elementary School.

"This is not something we're not aware of; this is not something that will be swept under the rug," school board President Thomas Buckalew said. "This is being investigated." The women — a parent and a grandparent — addressed the board at its meeting Monday about their concerns regarding the investigation. The grandparent, who identified herself as a former Romulus school board member, said she was expressing the concerns of her daughter who has a student at Walker-Winter Elementary School in Canton.

"She is concerned about the procedures; she's concerned about who was notified and when," she said.

Parents were notified Friday of a police investigation into allegations leveled by several parents that a teacher had inappropriate contact with their children. The parents, in television interviews, claimed they raised the issue with school officials several weeks ago, but nothing had been done.

District Superintendent Michele Harmala sent a letter to parents and posted it on the district's website March 13. In it, she acknowledged that the district is aware of a police investigation into alleged inappropriate behavior by a staff member.

She said school officials are conducting an internal investigation and cooperating with the Wayne Police Department.

"Thus far, our investigation has revealed no evidence which would support the allegations," Harmala said. "Nevertheless, while those investigations are pending, the individual involved has chosen to take a leave of absence until such time as these matters are brought to a conclusion."

Wayne police began actively investigating the allegations last week and declined to "release any information at this time."

"No charges have been issued in this case; it is a continuing investigation," Wayne Police Sgt. Matthew Spunar said.

Harmala said she shared all of the information that the district is currently able to and assured parents in the letter that "we will continue to update the community as soon as we are able and are asking your patience as we proceed," she wrote.

Staff Writer LeAnne Rogers contributed to this story.

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James Delgado is a marine archeologist with NOAA. The broken glass vessels on the screen were recovered from the site of an ancient old world shipwreck. Speculation is that the glass was headed for recycling. Melting down old glass was easier than creating new from raw materials.

# Marine archaeologist shares stories of shipwrecks across globe

By David Veselenak  
Staff Writer

James Delgado has taken two dives to the Titanic, the most famous shipwreck of the 20th century. It's the most studied, well-known sunken ship in modern history, but even with all the knowledge society has on the vessel, seeing the ship's rusty decks had an impact he'll never forget.

"You move along those silent decks," he said. "It's as if time stands still."

"It takes your breath away."

Delgado was the season's final speaker at the Livonia Town Hall series, speaking Wednesday morning to a full room at St. Mary's Cultural Center. He works with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration as the director of maritime heritage. He spoke of the studies of



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Jeff Gray, a native of Livonia, is superintendent of the Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary. He helped bring Delgado to the Livonia Town Hall.

many shipwrecks during his presentation, including some along the coast of Turkey that had traces of ancient Egyptians and Canaanites found by divers.

He talked about seeing where lifeboat No. 8 deployed, which is infamous for the exchange that took place between a



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Marine archeologist James Delgado speaks at the Livonia Town Hall gathering.

crew member and Ida Straus, the wife of Isidor Straus, a co-owner of Macy's department store. There, Ida Straus refused to get into a lifeboat without her husband, Delgado said, opting to remain on the ship as it sank. The two perished that night.

He said upon seeing the station, emotions began to take over.

"That place makes you cry," he said.

The Great Lakes also have a rich history under the waves as well, Delgado said. He talked about several ships that had gone down in the Midwest, including the Rouse Simmons, which sunk in Lake Michigan off the coast of Wisconsin in 1912 en route to Chicago, carrying a cargo of Christmas trees.

That ship contains the remains of all 17 crew members who lost their lives in a gale, as well as the Christmas trees still in the hull to this day.

"All 17 of them went down, with one man's

wallet washing up on shore," he said.

He also spoke of the Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary, the lone such sanctuary on the Great Lakes. Off the coast of Alpena, the sanctuary has several shipwrecks based in its waters that are protected. Tours are available to view the shipwrecks via a glass-bottom boat.

### Local ties

Jeff Gray, superintendent of Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary since 2002, is a former Livonia resident and *Observer* carrier. He said he helped bring Delgado to his hometown to deliver the speech and inform residents of his background.

Gray, who attended school at St. Michael the Archangel and graduated from Dearborn Divine Child High School, said it's important for Michigan residents to learn more about the history of the Great Lakes, even if they don't live near one.

"The Great Lakes are one of the most important resources, not just for the state of Michigan but for our country," he said. "It's amazing how much we've lost a connection to the Great Lakes."

Gray said he originally wanted to become an engineer working for Ford in Dearborn, but took an archeology class in college and became hooked.

He's worked elsewhere, including Wisconsin, before coming back to his home state and said he's happy to be back.

"It's great to be home in Michigan," he said.

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However, the fact is that osteoporosis is silent, giving no clue of its presence until striking with a sudden and intense pain that announces the back is experiencing an insufficiency fracture. It is because osteoporosis hides itself so well, that the medical community sets the standard of a Bone Mineral Density Test for individuals at age 65.

Nor is a weak back the result of poorly conditioned back muscles. The musculature of the back consists of groups of muscles that in part lay over each other and in part cross hatch in bundles like the weave of a wicker basket. Weakness of all these muscles is unlikely and strengthening any muscle set is difficult.

What causes a weak back rarely is due to impairment of the bones and discs of the spine or deficits in the vertebral musculature. The most common cause is spinal cord impingement, either of the cord itself as in spinal stenosis or of the nerve roots coming off the spine as in sciatica. Impingement to the cord or nerve root causes pain; the stooped posture is an effort by the body to find a position that lessens that impingement.

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This panoramic view shows a sellout at Compuware Arena for a Plymouth Whalers game, something that did not happen nearly enough in recent seasons.

# WHALER-SIZED TEARS

Faithful fans find it hard to fathom that this is it for their beloved OHL team

By Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

Since before the 2014-15 season began, the elephant inside Compuware Arena was whether or not Peter Karmanos would pull the plug on the Plymouth Whalers.

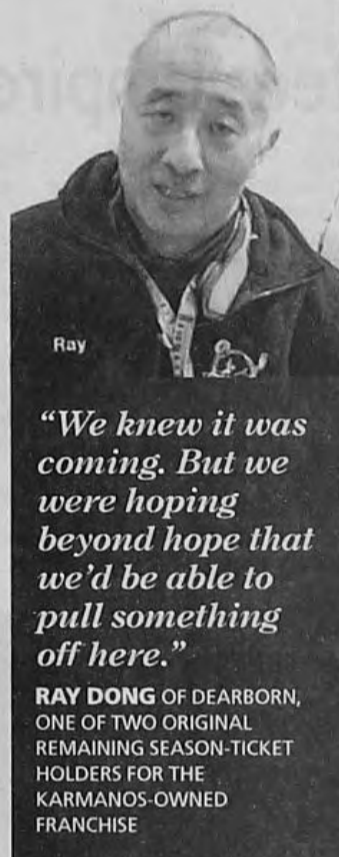
Players and coaches wondered. So did team employees. That feeling of uncertainty also carried over to members of the Whalers Booster Club such as Linda Catalano and Ray Dong.

In January, Karmanos finally announced what just about everybody at the arena speculated about for months — Plymouth's Ontario Hockey League franchise was being sold to a Flint ownership group.

"It was no secret that Mr. Karmanos was looking to sell the team, it's just kind of like just waiting for it to happen," said Catalano, a Garden City resident who plans on following the younger Whalers as they become Flint Firebirds. "Everybody knew it was coming and everybody knew that once it happened, they weren't going to be here anymore.

"So it was just waiting. The whole year's been kind of an Irish wake, really."

That description was apt last Sunday, two days before St. Patrick's Day, when Plymouth was eliminated from playoff contention with a 6-3 loss to Saginaw.



Ray

*"We knew it was coming. But we were hoping beyond hope that we'd be able to pull something off here."*

RAY DONG OF DEARBORN, ONE OF TWO ORIGINAL REMAINING SEASON-TICKET HOLDERS FOR THE KARMANOS-OWNED FRANCHISE

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GIRLS TENNIS PREVIEW - PART 1

## Chiefs won't miss a beat

Canton netters feature mix of solid vets, newbies

By Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

The Canton Chiefs are reloading on the fly. After capturing the KLA South Division varsity girls tennis championship last season with a 5-0 record (6-3 overall), the Chiefs lost eight seniors to graduation.

No worries, according to veteran head coach Barb Lehmann, who begin matches Monday against Walled Lake Northern.

"The start of the spring season has been one of the best," wrote Lehmann, in an email to the *Observer*. "... The foundation is being built around our two returning varsity players and captains, Alexis Madau and Jasmine Najm-Henry."

Madau and Najm-Henry are both fourth-year varsity players.

Lehmann, meanwhile, is confident they will be augmented by other returnees in Amy Dalton, Kaylee Rivera and Lily Pita.

"We have also maintained great depth in our talent and have a number of strong players shooting for open varsity positions," Lehmann said.

Those candidates, moving up from the junior varsity, include Heather Thibault, Caroline Scheuing, Yasamin Saed, Natalia Trevisian, and Merna Afnan.

Joining them are newcomers Cindy Stuch and Megan Griffin.

"The future looks great," Lehmann added.

### Rocks look good

Although the 2015 season officially begins Wednesday against Plymouth, the Salem Rocks demonstrated at Thursday's scrimmage match against Walled Lake Central they will be a team to be reckoned with.

The Rocks rolled to a 8-1 victory over the Vikings, sweeping all but the first doubles flight.

New coach Ty Moss, taking over a team that went 5-4 and 2-3 in the KLA Central Division last season, will preside over a squad with a strong

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BOYS LACROSSE PREVIEW - PART 1



COURTESY SALEM ATHLETICS

During the recent Lax War scrimmages, Salem senior midfielder Joey Krause carries the ball.

## Rocks lacrosse squad set to launch

New coach Mattingly envisions big season for Salem

By Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

The talent is there, said new Salem boys lacrosse head coach Corey Mattingly.

If the compete level is there, too, according to Mattingly, the Rocks have a chance to "run the table" against KLA Kensington Conference opponents.

Salem, just 5-9 overall last year, already is off to a strong start with Thursday's 9-4 non-league victory over West Bloomfield.

"Teams that have had the edge over us the past couple years will come up empty-handed if they do not come ready for a battle," said Mattingly, the former coach at Ann Arbor Skyline who is beginning his first season at the Rocks' helm. "We certainly look at conference games with importance, but there are 18 games scheduled overall — all with one similar significance.

"All are winnable if we win the hustle stats and just play Salem lacrosse. One thing you can count on is that Salem will certainly compete for the Park championship this year."

Salem features strong returnees across all areas, some who already will play college lacrosse. There also are newcomers with plenty of talent to push the veterans.

"I am blessed to have four strong classes of players, each containing promising talent from seniors all the way to

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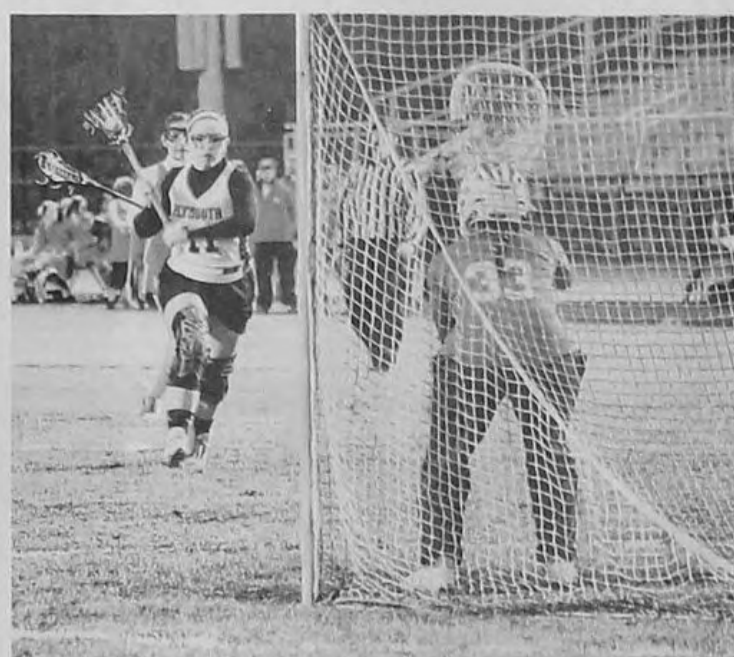
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GIRLS LACROSSE PREVIEW - PART 1

# New season brings plenty of questions



One of several key Salem players needing to be replaced this season is 2014 grad Jenna Carter (No. 11).



Plymouth's Michelle Burke (No. 11) launches a shot during a 2014 girls lacrosse match.

## Salem looks to offset key graduation losses; Plymouth could make some noise

By **Tim Smith**  
Staff Writer

Last year was a breakout party for Salem's varsity girls lacrosse team and head coach Dave Medley would like nothing better for the train to keep moving forward in 2015.

The Rocks were a juggernaut in 2014, finishing 13-2 and winning the KLAA Kensington Conference championship — the first Park team to do so.

Yet Medley knows it's a new season with a much different roster, following a number of key players graduating.

"The 2015 season finds us humble and soon to answer the big question, are we rebuilding or reloading?" Medley noted. "We lost seniors that totaled 90

percent of the goals scored last season, leaving us with concerns about being able to defend the field and score."

Salem might have lost a number of strong players, but quite a few are back, too.

Senior co-captains Andrea Marthaler, Amanda Merkel, Joslyn Longe, and Megan Finkbeiner "all have a work ethic that has been unbelievable." He added senior Caroline Verklan's name to that list.

With those players setting the tone, the Rocks should be able to stay on course despite a first-game bump in the road (Wednesday's 15-5 loss to perennial state powerhouse Bloomfield United).

Medley said the seniors won't have to do it all, citing

sophomores Leah Tardiff and Maddie Johnson (both returning starters) and returning juniors Mikaela Berg, Maddie Leyden, Megan Hansen, Hope Copley, Collen Shortal, Celine Pilon and Elizabeth Schnoes.

Those juniors, primarily, "become the difference makers" in helping the Rocks overcome losing so much offense to graduation.

"This group has a couple of seasons under their belt," Medley said, "although they are well aware that they have been untested at the level of competition they now face."

The offense might be a work in progress early in the season, but Salem's defense is expected to again be strong.

Providing a jolt on D will be

sophomores Tardiff, Johnson, Kayla Goleniak and freshman Natalie Branum.

### Plymouth outlook

Plenty of veteran leadership is featured on Plymouth's 2015 varsity girls lacrosse team, looking to improve from last spring's 8-10 record.

Wildcats head coach Jake Wieloch points to experience (nine of 12 starters are back) and "the athleticism of our sophomore class," which will make Plymouth a tough opponent.

"It should be a fun year and I look forward to watching the girls grow this year," Wieloch said.

Leading the team are senior co-captains Sophia Miller (mid-

die), Gretchen Schoen (attack) and defender Sarah Curtis.

Also back are seniors Michelle Burke (middle), Jessica Cristiu (middle), Elizabeth O'Donohue (defender), Hannah-Renee Figley (defender) and Erin Oleszczak (goalie).

A group of capable juniors includes attacker Amy Olevnik, middies Marissa Cirino, Natalie Nowicki, Sabrina Schiftar and defender Abigail Bolterman.

"Joining this group are some super sophomores," noted Wieloch, listing goalie Elizabeth Elliott, defenders Emily LeBlanc and Shelby Strawn, middle Cathryn VandenBosch and attacker Cierra Steiner.

**PLYMOUTH 21, TECUMSEH 4:** Plymouth started the regular season with Friday's rout. Scoring multiple goals for the Wildcats were Marissa Cirino, Natalie Nowicki and Gretchen Schoen.

CLINIC MARCH 28

## Wanted: Umpires for GCYBSA

Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

There's always a need for young baseball and softball players to get involved in those sports.

But, according to Joe Bottorff of the Greater Canton Youth Baseball and Softball Association, the league's future very well could be jeopardized down the line unless there is an infusion of new

umpires.

An umpiring clinic is taking place from 1-3 p.m. Saturday, March 28, at the Cherry Hill School (corner of Cherry Hill and Ridge roads in Canton) to help umpires with three years or less of experience.

"This is a great job for high school and college students," said Bottorff, also baseball coach at Plymouth Christian Academy. "Last year, we were short umps so there are plenty

of games and opportunities to earn money."

According to Bottorff, it is essential to replenish the pool of available umpires, which shrinks every year because of retirements.

"We do have a shortage of umps," he said, "and the reason is that the growth of the leagues has outpaced the recruiting of new umpires."

And it doesn't matter if young men and women don't

have a ton of experience, as long as they are willing to learn through events such as the umpiring clinic.

Bottorff said game fees range from \$25 to \$50 per game depending on the age group out on the field.

Those who would like to come out to the March 28 clinic are encouraged to email Bottorff at [cantonumps@gmail.com](mailto:cantonumps@gmail.com) for more information or to register.

## LACROSSE

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freshmen," Mattingly noted. "We are led by two strong midfielders in senior Joey Krause (Aquinas College) and freshman Matthew Cameron.

"We also have two strong defenders in senior Adam Cousineau (Alma College) and senior Andy Gregor."

And the Rocks' attack will be spearheaded by senior Noah Willer, fresh off leading the Salem varsity boys hockey team to the Division 1 quarterfinal.

Krause and Willer already showed their talents in sparking the opening win over the Lakers.

In the back will be senior goalkeeper Mack Baker (Aquinas College) "who is motivated more than ever to be the leader of the defense."

Mattingly is just starting the season. But already, he is anticipating the 2015 squad to enjoy plenty of team and individual accolades by the time it is over.

"Look for these names to be next to some post-season accolades," he noted.

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BOYS LACROSSE

## Lax War helps Park teams gear up for season

Looking to get a jump on the 2015 season, all three Plymouth-Canton Educational Park boys lacrosse teams swung into action last Sunday in the so-called Lax War at High Velocity Sports Dome.

All teams had success during the scrimmage event, which featured 10 schools playing games inside the new facility.

Canton went 3-1, defeating Salem, Walled Lake Northern and Dexter, only losing to state-ranked Okemos.

Salem had a 2-2 showing, defeating Dexter and Northern while dropping matches against Canton and Saline.

Meanwhile, Plymouth had a 1-2-1 day, but that record easily could have been reversed.

Plymouth tied Okemos but nearly won it on a last-second shot that hit the crossbar.

The Wildcats also defeated Novi and lost to Forest Hills Central and state-ranked Brighton.



Salem junior defender Ryan Pospy competes against Dexter at the Lax War at High Velocity Sports Dome.

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PREP BOWLING

# Icing on the cake

Bowling banquet showcases P-CEP teams' unity, friendship

In today's sports world — even at the high school level — too many people are consumed with the bottom line, winning. That's all well and good for the professional and college levels. But in preps, it would be nice to see more examples of the virtues displayed last Sunday night by the Canton, Plymouth and Salem bowling teams at their season-ending banquet.

On hand for a refreshingly wonderful program at Fox Hills Golf & Banquet Center of Plymouth were the boys and girls bowlers who comprise all six Park teams.

Yes, perhaps high school bowling isn't on the same level as high-profile sports such as football and basketball, or even hockey.

But there is no denying that the young men and women who participate during the winter months at Super Bowl in Canton (the home venue for all six teams) gain as much if not more than athletes from those other sports.

**Chance to shine**

For many bowlers, the sport gives them the chance to earn a varsity letter, win accolades from the community and classmates and experience what being part of a team is all about. Too many students miss out on that opportunity.

Last Sunday night, coaches introduced all of the varsity letter winners and doled out special awards.



TIM SMITH  
All three high schools at the Park share honors on this congratulatory cake, evidence of how well the bowling teams work together as one.



TIM SMITH  
Salem senior Tony Przytulski and Rocks' co-coach Kathie Hahn enjoy a moment at the March 15 bowling banquet. Hahn presented Przytulski with a ring for bowling a 300 game.

They made a point to call up the JV kids, too. Parents were able to cheer them on, and there is no telling how much harder those younger bowlers will work to get ready for next season and a chance to move up to varsity.

And anybody thinking it doesn't mean all that much to be on a high school bowling team should have been there at Fox Hills watching youngsters give heartfelt and even emotion-tinged comments from the podium.

They should have watched the way bowlers from Canton and Plymouth hugged Salem senior Tyler Ridgeway after he got choked up about how many friends he made at the Park after moving to the area from Idaho, not knowing then what he knows now.

At least with the bowling program, it's all for one and one for all.

Canton senior Aaron Madsen stepped up to the podium and came straight to the point. "Everyone here should experience something like this."

Tony Przytulski, a Salem senior who received a "300

ring" from Rocks' co-coach Kathie Hahn at the banquet, talked about how his parents couldn't attend a tournament where he threw that perfect game.

He added that coaches still made that a day to remember, as if he were one of their own kids. At the banquet, upon being presented the ring from Hahn, he was almost speechless.

Meanwhile, Plymouth girls bowling coach Rich Nicholson, who also helps out with the Wildcats' boys team, made sure to give a special thanks to all the parents from three high schools and six teams — all sitting together with no cliques.

"It makes our jobs easier when you help us help them," Nicholson emphasized.

**Always together**

It should be noted that there is one booster club for all six Plymouth-Canton Educational Park bowling teams whereas in other sports (except for the Plymouth-Canton-Salem Penguins combined girls hockey team) there is a club for each

team.

Bowling is a relatively recent addition to the sports landscape at the Park, too; it started about eight years ago, green-lighted thanks to the persistence of coaches and parents.

One of the caveats for starting a bowling program at the three schools was to have one facility be home base for the Chiefs, Wildcats and Rocks.

Super Bowl, on Ford Road near Canton Center Road, is that place. Owner Mark Voight and GM Doug Sewesky, along with their wives, watched and beamed with pride throughout the three-hour event.

Anybody attending matches and tournaments at Super Bowl during the season always finds a sea of red, black and blue shirts as well as a large spectator gathering. After a Canton bowler throws a strike, he might not only accept thanks from a teammate, but from a Park "rival," too.

That is pretty special and shows that sportsmanship is

still alive and well. Even at other sporting events at P-CEP, it isn't uncommon to see Park unity. Plymouth girls basketball player Kendall Rose went to Fenton High School last week to support Salem in a regional final against Hartland, for example.

Watching a boys hockey game at Arctic Edge or Plymouth Cultural Center, there always are varsity jackets with three different color schemes on display.

All of that is great to see, and there should be more of that.

Park-wide camaraderie was a treat to witness. There were six teams in one place, sharing the night and a season's worth of accomplishments together.

There even was one cake, toasting the Chiefs, Wildcats and Rocks.

That was pretty sweet in more ways than one.

Tim Smith is sports editor for the Plymouth and Canton Observers.

## WHALERS

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**Hard to believe**

While the Whalers struggled with injuries and made an ultimately futile bid to go out with a bang, it was tough for loyal fans to accept.

Yet they often visited the booster club's table to vent or express shock about what was indeed transpiring before their eyes.

"We knew it was coming," said Dearborn resident Dong, one of two original season ticket holders remaining from the first year of the franchise (1989-90). "But we were hoping beyond hope that we'd be able to pull something off here."

"Either that or we were hoping someone would purchase the team and keep it here. Like Dave Legwand, who used to play here; (he) purchased the Sarnia Sting. It's like jeez, I wished it would have worked out (and) he bought this franchise."

Both Catalano and Dong agreed that it was going to be a real bummer to attend this weekend's Whalers-Erie game, the last contest in franchise history, knowing the doors would close for good following the final buzzer.

Ironically, given the attendance issues that played a role in the Whalers' demise, the contest was completely sold out.

"I think for all Whaler fans it's just so hard, it's really hard," Catalano said. "I don't know that it's hit home. (Saturday) is going to really be a rough game for everybody."

**'Gigantic loss'**

Dong followed the team from Detroit to Oak Park to Auburn Hills and finally Plymouth for the 1996-97 season. He won't be buying Firebirds season tickets to regularly watch the former Whalers in Flint.

Still, he doesn't blame Karmanos for selling the team.

"I think if people are mad at Mr. Karmanos, they're wrong," Dong said. "He provided us for 25 years, that's a



*"Everybody knew it was coming and everybody knew that once it happened, they weren't going to be here anymore. So it was just waiting. The whole year's been kind of an Irish wake, really."*

LINDA CATALANO OF GARDEN CITY, ONE OF TWO ORIGINAL REMAINING SEASON-TICKET HOLDERS FOR THE KARMANOS-OWNED FRANCHISE

quarter of a century, of super hockey, super entertainment. It's the best value in town."

He sounded disappointed that more metro Detroit sports fans didn't catch on to the major junior team. Attendance dwindled in recent seasons at the 3,800-seat arena, with most games this season drawing in the low 2,000s.

In recent seasons, Computware often sat half-empty despite the Whalers always (until this year) being a solid playoff team filled with future NHL stars (Tyler Seguin, J.T. Miller, Rickard Rakell).

That frustrated Karmanos and turned out to be one of the key reasons he sold the franchise.

"This is a gigantic loss on

many levels," Dong said. "The community really loses out. ... They have no idea, this is sort of (like) Canadians, they don't understand Americans' fascination with college sports. The problem here (with the OHL) is most Americans don't get it."

"They don't understand what a jewel having a major OHL franchise is. They have no idea; it's really a major disappointment. Hopefully, someday, they'll realize what they've lost."

Just like colleges feed the NFL and NBA, the OHL supplies one-third of the top prospects to the National Hockey League.

**Perspective**

When next fall rolls around, Catalano and Dong likely will catch at least a game or two at Perani Arena. Younger soon-to-be-ex-Whalers such as Cullen Mercer, Will Bitten, Canton's Tyler Sensky and perhaps even goalie Alex Nedeljkovic could be on the Firebirds' 2015-16 roster.

They might not openly root for the Flint team, but they'll cheer on the young men they got to know so well on and off the ice.

"They're not that far away. We're still going to get to go see some of these guys play again," Catalano said. "The name on the jersey doesn't matter. Until there's a complete turnover, until our rookies this year become (over-age players), they're still going to be ... once a Whaler, always a Whaler."

Dong noted that he'll catch the Firebirds' season opener with a friend who lives in the Flint area. He also might check out the USA Hockey developmental program that will take over Computware.

Of course, it won't be the same.

"Again, let's be real," Dong said. "This is a diversion, this is something that's important to me. But family and friends are more important. That's what it's all about."

"It hurts, but we'll get over it."

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GIRLS HOCKEY

# Mercy girls win state hockey title

Good goaltending, strong defense power Marlins to Michigan Metro Division 2 championship

By Dan O'Meara  
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Farmington Hills Mercy's hockey team proved once again defense is indeed the key to winning a championship.

The top-seeded Marlins blanked both opponents in the recent Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey tournament and won their second Division 2 state title in three years.

Mercy eliminated the defending champion P-C-S Penguins in a March 12 semifinal at Eddie Edgar Arena, 2-0, and they routed second-seeded Bloomfield Hills in the final game two days later on the same ice, 7-0.

Looking at the list of Michigan Metro scoring leaders, the Marlins should have lost decisively to the Black Hawks in the title match. From an offensive standpoint, that is.

Bloomfield Hills had the league's top four scorers and five of the top eight, led by senior Carolyn Andonian with 27 goals and 24 assists.

The five Black Hawks had a combined total of 94 goals and 187 points, but the Marlins managed to hold them scoreless in the big game.

"Our team defense has been really good all year," Mercy coach Joe Jones said. "It starts with our goaltenders. We have two excellent goaltenders. I'm not sure which one is best. They're equally capable."

"We were fortunate this year to have a lot of depth on the blue line. We have seven defensemen and a real deep corps. One is a junior and the rest are sophomores and fresh-

men. They really stepped up."

**Top-notch goalies**

Caitlin Somerville is the Mercy goalie who pitched the shutout in the final game, and Katy Kouvaris kept the Penguins off the scoreboard in the semifinal. Both are juniors.

"Katy made some big, big saves early in that game when it was 0-0," Jones said. "She was the difference maker in that game. Caitlin was just as outstanding in the final game. She had to make some big saves in that one as well."

Somerville and Kouvaris were the second- and third-best goalies in the league, statistically. Among those with substantial minutes played, they would be Nos. 1 and 2, respectively.

Somerville had a .900 goals-against average with 448 minutes of game time. Kouvaris allowed an average of one goal per game through 497 minutes.

The Mercy defensemen include juniors Riley Ruffing, sophomores Hannah Hamilton, Natalie Masopust, Amelia Bartels, Cassie Roberts and Maddie Jones and freshman Taylor Mackenzie.

Roberts was injured and didn't play in the championship game. Sophomore Sophie Van Acker dropped back from her forward position to help on defense, too.

"They have some girls on that (Bloomfield Hills) team that can really score," Joe Jones said. "We were relentless with our defensive pressure, but I didn't feel comfortable until halfway through the final period."

"Even with a 5-0 lead after two, I was still concerned, because I knew they could score a lot of goals in a hurry. I wasn't fully comfortable until the final buzzer went off."

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PLYMOUTH FAMILY YMCA

## Registration ongoing for YMCA soccer, volleyball spring programs

Plymouth Family YMCA is offering a couple spring offerings, of which registration is ongoing.

» Girls between ages 8-12 are invited to sign up for a girls volleyball league, where they will learn basics of the

sport and develop new skills.

YMCA Volleyball practices will take place one night during the week with games on Fridays.

The spring session opens the week of April 13 and registration is open now. The sig-

nup fee for Y members is \$96; it is \$120 for non-members.

» Also on tap beginning the week of April 13 are co-ed soccer leagues, now forming for those between ages 3-11.

YMCA Soccer provides an opportunity for children to

learn fundamental skills in a safe and fun environment. Practices will be held one night during the week with games on Saturdays.

The Y rate is \$75 or \$100 for community participants. For more information,

please contact the YMCA at 734-453-2904 or visit [www.ymcadetroit.org/plymouth](http://www.ymcadetroit.org/plymouth).

Also, the Plymouth Family YMCA office (248 Union Street) is open between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday-Friday.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

# Second-half woes cost Schoolcraft

By Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

Seemingly since the start of 2015 the Schoolcraft Ocelots' men's basketball team has been invincible, riding a hot streak to the MCCA championship and taking on all comers in the subsequent NJCAA District 10 tournament.

But after starting the NJCAA Division II national tournament in Danville, Ill., with a victory on Tuesday against Genesee Community College, the Ocelots met their match Thursday night against John Wood Community College.

Schoolcraft imploded in the second half, being outscored 50-30, and wound up falling 89-66 to end hopes of winning a national championship.

The Ocelots did respond Friday with a 81-74 win over Kishwaukee College and will advance to Saturday's contest for fifth place.

That win came one day too late, however, as Schoolcraft looked to reach the semifinals with a victory against John Wood. At halftime, the Ocelots only trailed 39-36.

Unfortunately for the Ocelots, now 31-4, only one of the teams on the court had it going offensively in the second half and it wasn't School-

craft. "We just didn't move the ball well offensively, and they did a very good job of making their shots," said Mashhour, summing up the telltale second half. "They got out on transition against us."

The Ocelots made just 10-31 from the floor in the second half (32 percent) while John Wood blistered the nets at a .556 clip (15-27), also draining nine of 15 tries from behind the 3-point arc.

Doing much of that damage was Paxton Harmon. He registered 24 points, but tallied 18 of those on treys (6-10). Also in double figures for John Wood were Brody Gronewold (16 points), Peter Odia and Jordan Johnson (15 points each).

### Rushing it

After John Wood expanded its lead early in the second half, Schoolcraft players fell into the trap of trying to "match them," Mashhour stressed.

"We can make threes too, we've done it all year," Mashhour said. "But at the same time we do it when we pass the ball, when we move the ball."

"Guys came down and tried to go 1-on-1 and get it back right away, and it was a little sign of our immaturity." Tuesday's scoring



Schoolcraft College's Ja'Christian Biles (No. 10), shown from the regular season, was an offensive force for the Ocelots both Tuesday and Thursday at nationals.

star for Schoolcraft, guard Ja'Christian Biles, had another strong game Thursday with a team-leading 16 points.

Chipping in with 12 points was Lito Brown while Javan Taylor added 11 points along with six rebounds.

The top rebounder for the Ocelots was Anthony Wartley-Fritz, with seven.

Westland John Glenn product Dre Black tallied six points while Canton alum Davon Taylor helped out with two points and three rebounds in just under 10 minutes of action. Taylor fouled out, how-

ever. Friday against Kishwaukee, Taylor was one of the standouts. He scored 12 points and grabbed six rebounds in 18:36 of playing time.

Booth and Tyler Johnson (Howell) tallied 18 and 16 points, respectively.

**SCHOOLCRAFT (WOMEN) 61, UNION COUNTY 57:** Friday in a NJCAA Division II women's basketball tournament consolation game in Overland Park, Kan., the Lady Ocelots prevailed behind a 17-point effort from Birmingham Seaholm alum Elise Tolbert and 15 points and 10 rebounds from T'era Nesbitt.

Schoolcraft (23-10) advanced to play Saturday against either Phoenix College or Wabonsee in the seventh/eighth place game.

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COLLEGE BASEBALL

# Crusaders hurlers sharp in twinbill sweep

Madonna University racked up a total of 29 hits Friday to sweep Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference baseball newcomer Marygrove College in a double-header at Ilitch Ballpark, 12-2 in eight innings and 12-0.

The Crusaders, who improved to 14-4 overall and 4-0 in the WHAC, collected 14 hits in the opener led by Ryan Lambrecht (3-for-4, four RBI); Cole Rize (3-for-4, RBI); Shane Dokey (3-for-4, RBI) and Taylor Grzelakowski (2-for-3, RBI).

Winning pitcher Adam Prasha (4-0) went the first 6 1/3 innings allowing just one earned run on three hits. He struck out six and walked four before reliever Zack Schmidtke took over and pitched the final 1 2/3 innings without giving up a run.

In the nightcap, Grzelakowski went 4-for-4, including a pair of doubles, to go along with five RBI as the Crusaders cruised to victory. Byron also doubled twice

and knocked in three runs.

That was more than enough for MU starter Cliff Landess (1-0), who went the first five innings to pick up the win. Landess allowed four hits, walked two and struck out four. Dylan Cooper then pitched twoscoreless innings in relief.

The two losses drops Marygrove to 2-12 overall and 1-3 in the WHAC.

**MADONNA 13-3, SIENA HEIGHTS 0-1:** Madonna University pitchers yielded a total of just seven hits over 16 innings Wednesday as the Crusaders (12-7, 2-0) opened WHAC play by sweeping host Siena Heights (4-8, 1-2) in a double-header.

In the opener, junior right-hander Evan Piechota (Livonia Stevenson) raised his record to 3-1 with a four-hit shutout as MU mounted a 17-hit attack en route to a 13-0 triumph in nine innings. Piechota struck out six and did not allow a walk.

Offensively, Levi Lamour and John Lauro each went 3-for-6 with three RBI, while Taylor Grzelakowski also went 3-for-6 with an RBI.

Zach Byron also knocked in two runs, while Ryan Lambrecht and Matt Deneau each collected two hits.

In Game Two, lefty Alex DeYonker (Livonia Franklin) allowed just one earned run on five hits over 5 1/3 innings as the Crusaders posted a 3-1 victory. DeYonker allowed just one walk in improving to 2-1.

Bobby St. Pierre earned his second save by retiring four batters in order, including a pair of strikeouts.

Shane Dokey belted a solo homer, his second of the year, while Lauro and Grzelakowski each added an RBI. Cole Rize also contributed two hits.

BOYS BASKETBALL

# Cubs contain Raiders in regional final, 52-34

By Dan O'Meara  
Staff Writer

The University of Detroit Jesuit managed to contain a potent North Farmington offense and claim a 52-34 victory in boys basketball Wednesday in the Class A regional final at Southfield High School.

The tall and athletic Cubs played solid defense, covering the Raider shooters tightly and making it hard for them to get good looks at the basket from far and near.

Jesuit (21-3) wasn't exactly an offensive machine either, but it got the lead early and built upon it, using its excellent defense to keep North in check.

Junior point guard Cassius Winston, an all-state candidate and hot

college prospect, scored a game-high 15 points and attacked the North defense with his dribble penetration.

"Having Cassius on the floor is the difference against any defense," U-D coach Pat Donnelly said. "He's so composed, makes good decisions and draw other players to him. When he drives, everybody is looking at him, and it opens up other guys."

Senior guard Gary Collins tossed in 13 points for the Cubs, who will play OAA Red Division champ Clarkston (24-0) in a state quarterfinal game Tuesday at the University of Detroit Mercy.

Senior Jeron Rogers led North with 11 points. Senior Anthony Qasawa and junior Jacob Joubert scored seven apiece.

# TENNIS

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singles lineup.

At 1 singles is junior Chelsea Yu, with sophomore Bianca Ghita (2 singles), junior Madison Kulik (3 singles) and

senior Kylie Enright (4 singles) right behind her.

All four players blanked their Central opponents at Thursday's scrimmage.

Juniors Ashley Henderson and Grace Martin will form Salem's No. 1 doubles team; they

dropped a 3-6, 6-4, 1-6 match Thursday to Central's Nicole Langan and Graceanne Meeder.

Rounding out the doubles lineup will be as follows: 2 doubles, junior Alyssa Bucciarelli and senior Alayna Schwartz; 3 doubles, junior Rachel Godfrey

and freshman Corina Ghita, 4 doubles, freshmen Emilee The and Raegan Henderson, 5 doubles, juniors Trina Pal and Sarah Martin.

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## ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MEETING NOTICE CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN (734) 453-1234

A regular meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals will be held on Thursday, April 2, 2015 at 7:00 P.M. in the Commission Chambers of the City Hall, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI, to consider the following:

1. Z 15-03 353 Starkweather Use Variance Requested To allow a 100% Residential Use in an O-1, Office Zoned Property Zoned: O-1, Office Applicant: Craig & Shelley Van Riper
2. Z 15-04 151 Adams Non-Use Variance Requested Attached Garage- Side & Rear Yard Setbacks Zoned: RM-1, Multiple-Family Residential Applicant: David Hughes

All interested persons are invited to attend.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Plymouth will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audiotapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting/hearing, to individuals with disabilities. Requests for auxiliary aids or services may be made by writing or calling the following:

Maureen Brodie, ADA Coordinator  
201 S. Main Street  
Plymouth, MI 48170, (734) 453-1234, Ext. 206

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## PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN CITY HALL, 201 S. MAIN WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8, 2015 7:00 PM (734) 453-1234

### 1. PUBLIC HEARING FOR PRELIMINARY PUD REVIEW OF:

PUD15-01 Starkweather School Redevelopment Project 550 N. Holbrook Zoned: RT-1; Two-Family Residential O-1; Office and O-2; Office Applicant: Curtis - Plymouth, LLC; Mark Menuck

### 2. PUBLIC HEARING FOR ZONING ORDINANCE REVISION OF:

1. Single-Family Dwelling Unit Standards in the R-1, Single-Family District (Sec. 78-43)
2. RT-1, Two-Family Residential District (Sec. 78-53)
3. Schedule of Regulations and Footnotes (Sec. 78-190 and 191)

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## PUBLIC NOTICE Special Meeting

The Plymouth District Library Board will hold a special meeting March 24th at 7:30 p.m. at the Friends Room on the main level of the Library at 223 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI 48170.

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

Sandra Young, Administrative Assistant  
Plymouth District Library  
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734 453-0750 x 217

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## CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH NOTICE OF THE CLOSE OF REGISTRATION FOR THE MAY 5, 2015 SPECIAL ELECTION

Notice is hereby given to Plymouth Township residents that April 6, 2015 is the last day to register to vote in order to be eligible to vote in the May 5, 2015 Special Election. The Statewide Special Election is being held for the purpose of voting on one proposal as follows:

### PROPOSAL 15-1

A proposal to amend the State Constitution to increase the sales/use tax from 6% to 7% to replace and supplement reduced revenue to the School Aid Fund and local units of government caused by the elimination of the sales/use tax on gasoline and diesel fuel for vehicles operating on public roads, and to give effect to laws that provide additional money for roads and other transportation purposes by increasing the gas tax and vehicle registration fees.

The proposed constitutional amendment would:

- Eliminate sales / use taxes on gasoline / diesel fuel for vehicles on public roads.
- Increase portion of use tax dedicated to School Aid Fund (SAF).
- Expand use of SAF to community colleges and career / technical education, and prohibit use for 4-year colleges / universities.
- Give effect to laws, including those that:
  - Increase sales / use tax to 7%, as authorized by constitutional amendment.
  - Increase gasoline / diesel fuel tax and adjust annually for inflation, increase vehicle registration fees, and dedicate revenue for roads and other transportation purposes.
  - Expand competitive bidding and warranties for road projects.
  - Increase earned income tax credit.

Should this proposal be adopted?

YES [ ]  
NO [ ]

Residents of Plymouth Township who are not already registered to vote in Plymouth Township may register at a Secretary of State Branch Office or State Designated Agency, or by visiting the Clerk's Office at Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Rd., Plymouth, MI, 48170, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Mail-in registrations postmarked by April 6, 2015 will also be accepted.

Nancy Conzelman  
Plymouth Township Clerk

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## Madonna professor promotes the positives of aging well

By Sharon Dargay  
Staff Writer

Sue-Anne Sweeney lives what she teaches. Assistant professor and chair of Madonna University's Aging Studies program, Sweeney has cared for elderly relatives for 24 years, serving as patient advocate, direct caregiver, care coordinator, and respite provider. She worked as a hospital nurse's aide and for an Area Agency on Aging before joining the Madonna faculty in 2005. She signed up for Medicare two years ago when she turned 65 and she's not afraid to use the "O" word.

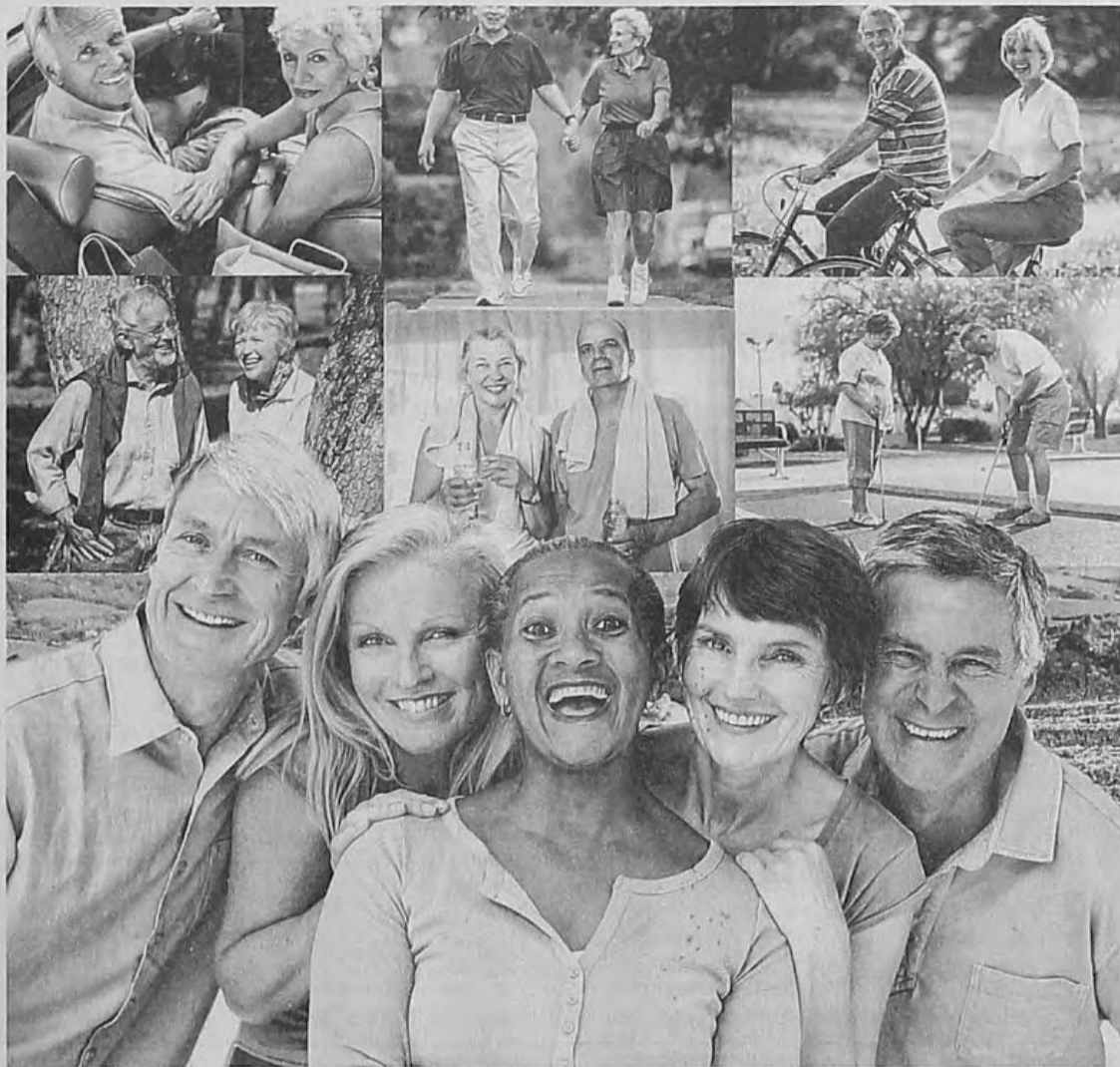
"Rather than saying I'm not old, I say, yeah, I'm old. And I'm active, I'm contributing. I'm taking care of myself," said Sweeney, who shared her views on aging with the *Observer* last week. "I think that promoting positive aging and the potential of later life, creativity in old age, encore careers and continuing to make a contribution, is going to change aging. It's going to change the way we age."

Sweeney's personal journey as a senior and elder care provider to grandparents, in-laws and parents has helped inform her teaching in a program that is celebrating its 40th anniversary through September. In honor of the gerontology department's 40th year, the university reviewed and revised programs, changed the department's name and added online courses that lead to certificates in dementia care, aging and older adults, and end-of-life care.

"I think we used to focus somewhat more on recreation and that kind of thing. Now we're focusing more on social trends, policy and health care which is changing radically," Sweeney said.

Madonna University offers the only bachelor's degree in aging studies in Michigan and it's researching the potential for a graduate credential. Majors include aging studies and long-term care administration. Students can concentrate on care management or nursing home administration within the long-term care major.

Like Sweeney, for whom aging studies has included



real-life experience as well as academic research, students in the bachelor's degree program are expected to engage in the community by visiting elder care environments and volunteering there if possible.

"We don't want them to learn it all from a textbook." Students in the program are "older" and some have returned to school for "encore" careers.

### New image needed

"We tend to have an older student population because younger people don't think so much about aging. We try to make the point that there are jobs out there, but we have such an ageist society. We can reinvent aging if we really made an effort, a communications effort, a health promotion effort.

"I think we need to stop thinking about the rocking chair. Nobody is sitting in that rocking chair any more. We're out doing stuff with our grandkids. Sometimes we're raising our grandkids. We're volunteering. We just need to change our perception. I think the media need to understand that older adults control a great deal of money and they aren't just buying medical equipment and over-the-counter medication. A lot of older adults keep up with fashion and are interested in (electronic) devices. A whole lot of people have tablets and smartphones. And if we're not buying them for ourselves, we are buying them for grandchildren."

Sweeney urges young adults to begin planning for their middle and twilight years by investing in savings and retire-

ment plans, maintaining a healthy diet, exercising, and stopping tobacco use. She's encouraged by the proliferation of employers who offer benefits with built-in incentives for losing weight, stopping smoking and decreasing cholesterol levels. Some companies even maintain a walk-in clinic on site.

"One-quarter to one-third of your life may be spent as an older adult. How do you want to live that? Do you want to be on a walker or needing oxygen or do you want to be vigorous and enjoy life? I think that's the kind of message we need to be telling them. People need to start thinking about aging rather than the mass denial we do."

**Health care transparency**  
Sweeney sees positive pro-



SUBMITTED  
Sue-Anne Sweeney heads Madonna University's Aging Studies program, which is celebrating its 40th anniversary.

gress in the coalitions and networks that have formed among hospitals, community services and long-term care facilities. They're working together in the effort to provide elderly patients continuous care and to prevent hospital readmissions.

"But there is an awful lot of money that goes into administration," she said. "I think understanding the transparency movement around the cost of health care is important. We have this notion — I can always get a knee replaced or a hip replaced. But if we knew what the cost was, then we'd realize it's never as good as what God gave us."

Read more about Sweeney's views on aging at her blog, *Aging is Serious Business*, [madonnaagerontology.wordpress.com/](http://madonnaagerontology.wordpress.com/).

Hear Roger L. Myers, CEO and president of Presbyterian Villages of Michigan, talk about "Entrepreneurial Ventures for the Senior Market," 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 14, in Kresge Hall at Madonna University, 36600 Schoolcraft, Livonia. Admission to this McManus Distinguished Business Lecture is free, although an RSVP is requested. Contact Lori by April 7 at 734-432-5589 or [lgatt@madonna.edu](mailto:lgatt@madonna.edu). The lecture is presented by Madonna's Aging Studies Department and the School of Business.



Some of the more than 800 dresses that will be sold for \$20 each March 28 at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Livonia.

## Prom dresses sell for \$20 each at annual church event

St. Paul's Presbyterian Church in Livonia will offer more than 800 prom gowns for \$20 each at its annual 2nd Life Prom Dress Sale, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, March 28. Doors will open at 8 a.m.

This year's sale is bigger than ever. In addition to the gowns — some with original sale tags up to \$999 — the sale will include dozens of shoes, wraps, purses, and jewelry. Accessories will be sold for less than \$5.

The church plans for the event throughout the year, dedicated to the idea that every girl should go to prom without worrying about the cost. Girls also buy the dresses for other formal events.

Callie Gross-Johnston, the brainchild and leader of the event, contacts stores for donations and then personally collects them. Dresses are evaluated and sorted. Some need cleaning because they've been used as try-on samples. Others need repairs, such as zipper replacements, beading and re-tacked shoulder straps. Church volunteers also create fitting rooms with curtains and mirrors, set up jewelry, accessory and shoe racks, along with seam-



SUBMITTED PHOTOS  
Howie Gross, 5, helps sort and match shoes donated for the 2nd Life Prom Dress Sale in Livonia.

stress areas where minor alterations will be done on site.

The money the church receives from the sale goes toward other community outreach projects, including a food pantry that gives out hundreds of bags of food to those in need, youth mission work, backpacks and school supplies for children.

The church is located at Five Mile and Inksater Road. Visit the sale's Facebook page at [facebook.com/events/841344182593060/](https://www.facebook.com/events/841344182593060/) or call Pam Phillips at 734-634-2445 or Callie Gross-Johnston at 734-634-2446.

## Will U.S. follow France on product quality?

Understand that France has mandated a new law directed at the manufacturers of appliances to help frustrated homeowners take a stand on the poor quality of appliances being produced in their country. Manufacturers will put a two-year warranty on the products. If a problem occurs, the consumer can receive a new product within that two-year period. Manufacturers must give a customer the average life span and they must state how long parts will be available for a particular product. Noncompliance will mean a \$1,600 fine for each occurrence.

All of this is being done because there is a known built-in obsolescence in products that creates more and more sales for manufacturers in the end. When I read this recent news story, all I could think about is the need in this country for such a law. Just three years ago, the appliance giants cut back their warranties to a one-year period. In my opinion, appliances are made so cheap today that any warranty over one year would cripple the bottom line of any P & L. The recent announcement by Speed Queen that its washers now have a five-year full warranty is a sure sign that they must have a lot of confidence in how they build them.

The above information is just another statement to verify what this old appliance doctor has been saying and writing about for the past several years. How can we get the quality back into the production of major appliances and give all consumers the quality that they expect when they



Joe Gagnon  
APPLIANCE DOCTOR

purchase one? Will it take an act of Congress here in this country? Maybe it should.

### Poor quality

I come from an era when things were a lot better than today, but we still had defects that needed correction and we took care of it pronto. From the flaws, we learned how to do it right and the appliance industry was great in customer satisfaction and people bought our products because we created brand loyalty. That is not the case today. Start looking at appliance reviews and you will read for hours and in the end, you won't know what to purchase because you will be confused. In just plain old English, the quality of many appliances today is nothing but pure junk.

Now this part of my column is dedicated to the very people in Washington who are responsible for the word junk. That is our energy department that makes decisions on energy consumption without any thought in regards to the consequences. These people have to live with the same products we do but I guess their important, dictating jobs take precedence over the quality of a wash load. Oh no, they are not done yet. They are going after the furnace motor, the clothes dryer and before long, probably the hair dryer. Come this April 15, hot water heaters will

## GARDEN & NATURE CALENDAR

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

### Tree, shrub sales

» The Wayne County Conservation District holds its annual tree sale through March 27. Trees include varieties of maples, oaks, black cherry, hybrid poplar, conifers, native trees to attract birds and wildlife, and fruit trees, such as honeycrisp and other apples, plums, peaches, pears, and cherries.

Learn more and order online at wayneed.org or call 313-418-0700. Orders due March 27.

» ReLeaf Michigan is taking orders through Friday, April 17, for trees, shrubs and evergreens. Cost is \$15 for evergreens, \$18 for shrubs, \$50 for specialty trees, and \$36 for trees including honeycrisp apple, sugar maple and American linden. Proceeds from the sale support ReLeaf Michigan's statewide tree education and planting program. For descriptions, photos and online ordering, visit ReLeafMichigan.org. Pickup is from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, May 2, at seven locations, including Handy Park, 26590 Capitol, Redford Township, Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds, 5055 Ann Arbor-Saline Road, Ann Arbor, and Goldner Walsh Nursery, Inc., 559 Orchard Lake Road, Pontiac.

### Bug hunters

Friends of the Rouge needs volunteers to help look for stoneflies, mayflies and other aquatic insects at the annual Spring Bug Hunt on April 18. Volunteers must pre-register by April 3. Children are welcome when accompanied by a participating adult. The event starts at 9 a.m. at the University of Michigan-Dearborn's Environmental Interpretive Center. Volunteers are assigned to teams that each travel to two sites where they look for living things in samples collected from the river under the direction of a trained team leader. Sign up at therouge.org

### Livonia Garden Club

Sue Grubba will talk about which plants are worth buying and which plants to avoid, at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 7, at the Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, Livonia. Grubba is an Advanced Master Gardener, president of the Association of Professional Gardeners, Michigan School of Gardening instructor, landscape designer and owner of Creative Scapes in Rochester Hills. Visitors are welcome. For more information, visit livoniagardenclub.org or email rmo78jsa@aol.com.

### English Gardens

» Garden Party weekend, Saturday-Sunday, March 28-29, of-

fers a variety of free presentations. Learn about organic gardening, cacti, landscape design, hydrangeas, flowering bulbs, preventing animal and insect damage, growing a beautiful lawn, container gardening and more. For a complete schedule, visit englishgardens.com.

Classes are held at all stores unless noted. Area stores are at 155 N. Maple, Ann Arbor, 734-332-7900; 22650 Ford Road in Dearborn Heights, 313-278-4433; 4901 Coolidge Highway, Royal Oak, 248-280-9500; and 6370 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield; 248-851-7506.

### Educational conference

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

## Families of dementia patients can get home care grants

The Alzheimer's and Dementia Care Relief Grant Program awarded its first grants last week to more than 130 families, including two in Michigan.

The program, offered by Home Instead Senior Care and Hilarity for Charity, gives grant recipients free in-home care services. Grants range from short-term periods of 25 hours to long-term care, based on each family's needs.

"Sometimes, just a few hours a week can provide a welcome break for family caregivers," said Jeff Huber, Home Instead Senior Care president. "Having the peace of mind that your loved one is being cared for by a highly skilled caregiver can allow families to focus on the other

areas of their life that they may have neglected since an Alzheimer's diagnosis."

Hilarity for Charity, an Alzheimer's awareness and fundraising campaign led by actors and writers Seth Rogen and Lauren Miller Rogen, funds the grant program. Hilarity for Charity, which aims to inspire the millennial generation, raised nearly \$1 million last year through its annual variety show fundraiser. It supports research, offers Google Hangout support groups for caregivers under age 40, telephone support groups, and awareness videos.

Learn more about the program and apply for an in-home care grant at www.HelpForAlzheimersFamilies.com.

## Benefit funds new beds for children at First Step

Giving Hope, Women's Giving Circle will hold its annual charity event 6:30-9 p.m. Wednesday,

April 1, at Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton.

"Give the Kids a Bed" will include food by Katherine's Catering and a fashion show from local shops and boutiques; and a variety of silent auction items, such as a one-week stay in a Florida condo, a condo in Traverse City and an autographed Calvin Johnson Detroit Lions jersey.

Cost is \$35 and pre-registration is required at www.cantonfoundation.org.

Proceeds from the event will be used to buy beds for children residing in First Step Temporary Emergency Housing. First Step provides emergency, short-term housing for victims of domestic and/or sexual violence and their children. The organization also offers individual and group counseling, safety planning, medical attention, housing referrals, and educational and recreational activities for children.

The "Give the Kids a Bed" event is Giving Hope's third annual fundraiser. Its previous events in 2013 and 2014 raised more than \$10,000 to assist the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools' Clothing Bank and Early Childhood programs.

For more information, visit the Giving Hope web page at www.cantonfoundation.org or call Beth Meade at 734-495-1200.

## GAGNON

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also have to meet new energy guidelines. They'll be much bigger in size which will cause tons of problems for homeowners with space restrictions, new types of venting causing a need for drilling holes in walls to the outside and the addition of drain lines to accommodate the new system of some heaters. Oh yes, I almost forgot about the price increase. You can anticipate spending from \$600-\$1,000 more for a replacement heater that will save you the average of \$14 per year. You see what I mean when I say that the energy department does not have a clue of the consequences of their actions?

I don't really think we need an energy department; just let the market take care of itself. All this over a hot water heater and yet the blooming product still maintains a life span of only seven to 10 years. I repeat, it makes as much sense as putting a screen door on a submarine. 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.

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### BARTH, IRENE C.

Age 91, of Fenton, formerly of Farmington Hills, died Thursday, March 19, 2015. Funeral services have been held. Irene was born November 26, 1923 in Chicago, Illinois, the daughter of Borgild and Marie (Petersen) Christensen. She married Donald F. Barth August 31, 1946 in Marlette. She was a member of First Presbyterian Church of Farmington. Irene loved flowers and gardening. Surviving is her husband of 68 years, Donald; four children, Douglas and wife Janet Barth of Clarksville, Maryland, Dennis and wife Dolores Barth of Mt. Pleasant, Christine and husband Mark Barton of Fenton, and Steven and wife Cindy Barth of Madison, Mississippi; six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; brothers, Vernon and Bruce Christensen; and sister, Evelyn Shoup. Online tributes may be posted on the obituaries page at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



### BROWN, DYMNA (DEE)

The world lost a remarkable woman when Dee Brown passed away in her sleep on March 12, 2015 at the age of 96. She was born on June 9, 1918 in Belding, Michigan with the beautiful Irish name of Dymna Amata Byrnes and grew up on a farm with eight brothers and sisters. In 1940, she married James Hill from Lowell, Michigan and started a family of her own. Eventually, they settled in southeastern Michigan. After many years together in Wayne, James passed away. In 1990, Dee married Thomas Brown, a very popular Westland mayor and State Representative.

Dee, who also had the nickname "Dimples", was well known for her sparkling blue eyes, endless energy and zest for life. She loved words, music, gardening and was a devoted Detroit Tigers fan. Dee always looked forward to going to the casino or playing cards with her family. At 96 years old, she still lived independently, drove her own car and surfed the Internet.

Dee will always be remembered with love by friends and family. She is survived by her beloved children, Thomas Hill (Karen), William Hill (Susan), Gerald Hill (Sharon) and Linda Hill-Lindsay (Joe) as well as nine cherished grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren. In accordance with her wishes, no funeral is planned. A Mass will be held in her honor at St. Mary's Church in Wayne on Friday, April 10 at 10:30 a.m. An informal Celebration of Life will follow at 11:30 a.m. in Haney Hall at the adjacent St. Mary's School.



### LOUVIERE, JR., LEVIS JOSEPH "JAY"

Born January 11, 1929; passed 8:35 p.m., March 14, 2015. Born and raised in Port Arthur, Texas, Jay was an outstanding student and high school Texas State Latin Champion. He began attending the love of his post-secondary educational career, Texas A&M University, at the age of 16, later transferring to Rice University, from which he graduated in 1951. He could be heard screaming "Gig 'em, Aggies!" at the television whenever an A&M game was on. If the Aggies weren't playing, a University of Texas game would do as a substitute, when "Hook 'em, Horns!" would be the battle cry. A not-so-promising baseball career was cut short during his college years when, while playing catcher, he and the pitcher collided while attempting to field a foul ball. Jay left his top four front teeth in the pitcher's forehead, but the upper plate he ended up with as a result could be removed on occasion for practical jokes, often around Halloween, and usually accompanied by a pirate-like "Arrrrrr!" He met the love of his life, Mary Matilda "Tootsie" Domico, in 1947 on a blind date arranged by his soon-to-be brother-in-law, Basil Coats, who was her classmate in nurses' training. Not initially charmed by the Naval ROTC cadet, and having a hole burned in her stocking by Jay's cigarette, Tootsie continued to date Jay, who was hopelessly smitten with her. Tootsie was soon diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis and bedridden shortly thereafter, but Jay would make the two-hour drive from Port Arthur to Alexandria, Louisiana, most weekends to see her during her seven-year illness, and told her, "Babe, when you get well, we're gettin' married." They walked down the aisle in 1955, and had their sons Tony in 1958, and Thad in 1961. Tootsie passed on August 3, 2012. Jay was assigned as a gunnery officer to the destroyer U.S.S. Shelton, DD-790, during the Korean Conflict, where he was known by his nickname "Frenchy". On February 22, 1952, while shelling the coast, the fire director he was commanding was hit by 210mm mortar fire from shore, and he took shrapnel across his forehead, for which he was awarded the Purple Heart. His father, Levis Sr., commented "Thank God he got hit in the head. If it would have been anywhere else, it would have killed him." He recovered from his injury and returned to his ship, completed his tour of duty, and was discharged May 31, 1954. He began his career in plumbing products sales as a representative of American Standard, for whom he worked for 20 years, then for distributors

in the northwest Ohio and southeast Michigan areas, and moved to life insurance and investing, retiring from professional life in 1991. A lifelong Catholic, Jay was active in the parishes of the churches where he attended Mass, often ushering, distributing communion, or lecturing, and was a member of the Knights of Columbus while in parishes in Sylvania and Maumee, Ohio. While living in Dexter Township, Michigan, Jay became aware that he had a problem with alcohol, and began attending meetings of Alcoholics Anonymous. After a brief amount of "research", he sobered permanently in February of 1993, and soon became a founding member of new meetings in the Dexter area, and later in Bella Vista, Arkansas, where he carried the moniker "Mr. Compassion" for his brusque counsel to new and returning members. Jay moved from his home on Kirkcaldy Lane in Bella Vista to the Concordia community there, where he became known as "The Cookie Man" for his high-volume production of cookies and scones, which he freely and happily distributed to all. He realized that living on his own was becoming too great of a challenge, and proposed moving in with his son Tony and wife Loretta, who lovingly welcomed him into their home in upstate New York in late January. It wasn't possible to be a stranger to Jay. His gregariousness and humor were irresistible attractants, and his pithy observations, some original and some passed along from others, known as "Jayisms", were legendary, some examples being: "I'm gonna be on you like a rooster on a Junebug"; "He was grinnin' like a 'possum eatin' yellowjackets"; "I'm off like a prom dress"; "He had a grin like a wave on a sloop jar"; and many too colorful to be recorded here. Jay is survived by his sons Jude Anthony "Tony" Louviere and Thaddeus Louviere; daughters-in-law Loretta and Miel Louviere; grandchildren Michelle, Michael, Andre, and Lydia Louviere; great-grandson Alex Louviere; sisters Helen Wojcik and Gertrude Coats; and his dozens of lifelong friends, who will miss him fiercely. A memorial service will be held in the Bella Vista, Arkansas area in June, with specific time, date and location to be announced. The family can be contacted at jalouviere@gmail.com and papathad@sonic.net, or at 607.533.1007 and 707.778.8477. Donations in Jay's name can be made to your local Hospice organization.



### NITZ, ALICE MAE (NEE COWLES)

March 18, 2015. Age 77. Cherished wife of William for 57 years. Loving mother of Sandra (Tom) McKibbin and David (Toni) Nitz. Proud grandmother of Jennifer (Bill) Thurman, Laura (Brian) Webster, Christopher McKenzie, Amanda Nitz, and Alaina Nitz; and great-grandmother of MaKayla Thurman and the late MacKenzie Shyann. Also survived by dear sister Carolyn Dix. Visitation today 3-8 p.m. and Monday 10 a.m. until time of Funeral Service 11 a.m., at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 37000 Six Mile Rd. in Livonia. Harry J Will Funeral Homes



### ORR, CLIFFORD RAY

March 13, 2015, age 81 of Westland. Beloved husband of Ethel. Loving father of Jeff (Mary Jo) Orr and Diane Robertson. Proud grandfather of Stephanie, Brad and Kelly Orr, Kaitlyn and Kyle Robertson. Funeral Service held at Westland Free Methodist Church arranged by Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home in Westland. Clifford was an outstanding athlete who enjoyed hunting and fishing at his cabin in Northern Michigan. To share a memory, please visit vermeulenfh.com



### ZGLINIEC, LAWRENCE J., M.D.

March 13, 2015, age 72. Devoted husband of Cheryl for 44 years. Loving father of Sarah and Jason. Proud grandfather of Harry. Dear brother of Robert (Julia). Services were held Monday, March 16th at St. Benedict Church in Waterford. Memorial tributes to American Heart Association or charity of donor's choice. A.J. Desmond & Sons, 248-549-0500. View obituary and share memories at DesmondFuneralHome.com



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## Awareness times increase our knowledge of social causes

To be aware of something is the necessary first step in knowing something which can lead to change for the better. Ignorance is the lack of awareness, i.e., lack of knowledge about something. Some have said, "Ignorance is bliss" or "The less I know about something the better." I think most agree that these lines of thought do not lead to favorable changes in anything.

When a cause or an interest develops, there is a way to identify that entity (most often a medical malady), and bring it to the attention of the masses. The concept here is called "awareness times." One may apply to our state or federal legislature to request a specific time period (usually a day or a week or a month) be proclaimed as an awareness period.

This month of March 2015



Len McCulloch  
OUR MENTAL HEALTH

has many specific days, weeks, or the entire month designated as an awareness time. Some are: American Red Cross Month, Epilepsy Month, Brain Injury Awareness Month, Cerebral Palsy Awareness Month, and Problem Gambling Awareness Month.

Awareness weeks have been declared legislatively during March. They include Pharmacy Awareness Week and Choir Therapy Awareness Week during the first week and Crisis Line Awareness Week during the third week, and so forth.

Some awareness days have been registered as: World

Glaucoma Awareness Day, March 12, Down Syndrome Awareness Day, and World Tuberculosis Day, both on March 24, and the list goes on.

The designation of awareness times is important because they help expand our knowledge, understanding, and support of individuals or social causes. Awareness times help provide resources, research, and lead to the creation of support groups. For some non-profit charities, the awareness designations coincide with raising monetary funds.

### Designating a time

Pursuing an awareness time is not as difficult as one might think. You see, elected officials such as state representatives, senators, governors, and members of the U.S. Congress work on these issues a great deal. They want to help their constitu-

ents by passing resolutions, proclamations, and designations of awareness times. It is a "win-win" situation for them to have their names attached to causes which ultimately benefit a large number of citizens.

Recently, Feb. 28 came and went. That date is called Rare Disease Awareness Day, worldwide each year. Feb. 28 is especially important because it champions the causes of many individuals affected with rare and neglected disorders. Some of these are also sometimes referred to as orphan diseases. These conditions are said to be so rare that they do not get the amount of awareness and research funding as do more common entities such as, diabetes and cancer. However, did you know there are at least 7,000 separate rare diseases? Due to lack of awareness, these disorders often go undi-

agnosed and untreated. Most often they are attributed to a genetic abnormality. Feb. 28 shines a spotlight, or for some a flashlight, on rare disorders in order to raise our awareness of thousands of devastating, rarely mentioned disorders.

So, with greater awareness comes greater knowledge. I suggest that these two ingredients plus hope increase the odds of changes for the better among the numerous rare and nonrare disorders which make up the human condition.

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## MEDICAL DATEBOOK

### Big colon

In recognition of National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month, St. Mary Mercy Livonia and the American Cancer Society have teamed up to hold an educational event on colon cancer, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday, March 31 in the south lobby at the hospital, Five Mile and Levan, Livonia. The event is free and open to the public. The event includes a 20-foot-long inflatable "super colon" display which visitors may walk through and see the progression of colon disease. Hospital cancer services staff will be on hand to answer questions. [stmarymercy.org](http://stmarymercy.org)

### Blood drive

Garden City Hospital will host an American Red Cross Blood Drive, 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Thurs-

day, March 26, in Classrooms 1-4 in the Allen Breakie Medical Office Building, located on the hospital campus, 6245 Inkster Road, Garden City. Call 734-458-4259 to schedule an appointment. Walk-ins are welcome.

### Celiac support

Kelly Dorfman, an expert on using nutrition therapeutically to improve brain function, energy and mood, will speak at the next meeting of the Tri County Celiac Support Group, 7 p.m. Monday, March 30, at the First Presbyterian Church, 26165 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills. Her topic will be "Beyond Celiac: When Removing Gluten Is Not Enough." [tccsg.net](http://tccsg.net)

### Colorectal cancer awareness

Tadd Hiatt, M.D., a gastroenterologist from

the University of Michigan Health Center, will present a program for National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month, 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 25, in Rooms B and C, at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, Livonia. The program is free. For more information, call 734-466-2490.

### Dementia

Oakwood Healthcare will sponsor a free program about managing symptoms, treatment and physical therapy of dementia from 6-8 p.m. April 15 at Oakwood Hospital - Wayne, 33155 Annapolis St., Wayne. Two Oakwood physicians will lead the free program. Valet parking will be available at no charge at the West Entrance and a complimentary light dinner will be served. The session is expected to fill fast. Early regis-

tration is recommended. Call 800-543-9355 or visit [Oakwood.org](http://Oakwood.org).

### Diabetes management

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

### Healthy veins

Marshall Medley, D.O., will talk about the symptoms, complications and treatment of venous disease and wound care, 1-2 p.m. Saturday, March 28, in the east court at Westland Shopping Center, 35000 W. Warren Road, Westland. Call 734-458-4330.

### Health fair

Oakwood Healthcare and the Michigan Association of Physicians of Indian Origin (MAPI), along with the Hindu Temple of Canton, will host a free diagnostic blood screening, 9 a.m. to noon, April 12 at the Hindu Temple of Canton, 44955 Cherry Hill Road in Canton. Although all tests are free, a \$10 cash deposit is required and will be returned when participants pick up their results on April 26. The first 250 people who register will get the test. Registration is required; walk-ins will not be accepted. To register before the March 31 deadline, go to the Hindu Temple of Canton or visit [www.mapiusa.org](http://www.mapiusa.org).

### Hearing loss

The Hearing Loss Association of American

will focus on the topic, "What is aural rehabilitation and how will it help with my hearing loss?" 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesday, April 8, at Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster Road, Garden City. Contact Tony at 734-664-3297, [afcrack@comcast.net](mailto:afcrack@comcast.net).

### Muscle walk

The Muscular Dystrophy Association presents its annual Muscle Walk, 11 a.m., March 28, at Ford Field in downtown Detroit. The event brings together families and friends of those battling muscle disease with donors and sponsors for games, food and a victory lap. To register, visit [musclewalkmda.org/detroit](http://musclewalkmda.org/detroit) or call 734-416-7076.

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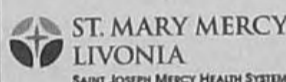


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## Handling a new job and new problems

Check out these tips for overcoming a tough project, meeting the demands of a new role and discussing your concerns with the boss.

A new job comes with more challenges than simply learning everybody's names. And at some point in everybody's career, a project feels too big to tackle or the workload feels insurmountable. Before you settle into a pit of despair, though, check out these tips for overcoming a tough project, meeting the demands of a new role and discussing your concerns with the boss. You may be surprised by how quickly things can turn around.

### Break it down

Chances are that you've only realized you're in over your head after a big project is underway. And as Elissa Ashwood, CEO of Truly Accomplished, a talent technology firm in Pittsburgh, notes, this isn't something that only happens to new employees. She says, "In fact, the more you succeed, the more you take on, the more likely you are to feel this way at times. The secret is to handle it well to resolve it!"

To do this, Ashwood says, take a cue from management consultants, whose jobs are to deal with situations over their heads. One trick they employ is to turn immediate problems into smaller tasks. "Break the big problem into several smaller problems. They are easier to solve," says Ashwood. "For example, if you have to deliver a fitness marketing project and you don't know where to focus, the parts might be: the audience you are targeting, the problem you are solving for the client, the message, and the medium you'll deliver it. Each of the pieces is clearer. Answer each one and add them back up. You'll find that you already know some of the answers already. And for the ones you're stuck on? It's a lot easier to go to someone else and say 'I know the audience, problem and vehicle, I'm stuck on the message.' For extra bonus points, repeat this break-down on the part you're stuck on. For

example, the message might be 'lose weight,' 'have more energy' or 'fit into your [favorite] jeans.' That's easy to get other people to help you decide. When you've thought the options through this far, no one will even know that an hour ago you were overwhelmed!"

### Go with the workflow

If your workload or responsibilities are more the problem than one specific project, it may be time for some of your work habits and expectations to adapt. For example, getting input from your team, making realistic time commitments and managing your progress are all ways to get back on track.

Here to elaborate is Jennifer Bevan, a career coach based in Los Angeles. She offers these three tips:

1. "Before diving into a project, have a conversation with your manager or team members about the project scope, timeline and anticipated results. Don't be afraid to ask for input and to bounce ideas around with seasoned colleagues — you are new to the company and this is expected. Not only will you show you are open to ideas and suggestions, but you are beginning to build your network at the company and want to demonstrate an interest in getting up to speed.
2. "Don't take on more than you can handle. This starts with making realistic commitments to deadlines. No one will be impressed with you if you complete a project quickly, but the end product is riddled with errors, poor assumptions, or lack of thought.
3. "Break your work into manageable pieces — tackle small pieces one at a time. Put together a timeline so you feel organized and in control of your work. Perhaps, you complete a section of your work, set up a meeting with your manager and solicit feedback. You can position it like 'I'd love to share with you what I have accomplished so far to get your input and to make sure I'm on the right track.' Your manager will appreciate this, as they don't know the quality of your work yet — this will help you build credibility and gain their trust quicker."

### Get on the same page

Checking in with your manager can help align your intentions with the demands of the role, and can also help to avoid any surprising issues later. Chaz Pitts-Kyser, career coach and author of "Careeranista: The Woman's Guide to Success After College," recommends setting aside time to speak with your manager and share that some parts of the job are taking longer than anticipated to grasp. She says, "Follow that by saying that just in case they had any concerns, you wanted to let them know that you are taking steps to get your work up to par and be the valuable member of the team that you know you can be. Then explain the steps you are taking to improve."



"Often times, bosses avoid confrontation and won't bring up someone's poor performance until it has become a real problem, through bringing the issue up first, you put yourself in control of the situation and can help allay a manager's fears about you," Pitts-Kyser says. "Also, your boss may end up pointing you to resources or people that can help you stop treading water and finally start swimming."

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**CROSSWORD PUZZLER**

- ACROSS**
- 1 Part of UCLA
  - 4 Invitation info
  - 8 Be an omen of
  - 12 Pizarro's quest
  - 13 Give the heave-ho to
  - 14 Declare openly
  - 15 Contented murmur
  - 16 Use robots
  - 18 Flower goddess
  - 20 Team
  - 21 And, to Fritz
  - 23 Bad-mouth, slangily
  - 24 Knitter's supply
  - 27 Like a new recruit
  - 29 Break into a computer
  - 33 Antenna type
  - 34 Yeasty brew
  - 35 London lav
  - 36 Alan or Cheryl
  - 38 Zip
- DOWN**
- 1 Lie around
  - 2 By mouth
  - 3 Carnaby Street locale
  - 4 Amazon, e.g.
  - 5 Tint
  - 6 PC key
  - 7 Last degree
  - 8 Expel by authoritative decree
  - 9 Roman poet
  - 10 Catnap
  - 11 Wool producer
  - 17 So far — know
  - 19 Hotfoot it
  - 22 Had tea
  - 23 Reside
  - 24 "Westworld" name
  - 25 Cry of discovery
  - 26 P.O. service
  - 28 Cassius Clay
  - 30 Mi. above sea level
  - 31 Dove's cry
  - 32 Keystone
  - 37 Dredge a channel
  - 39 Suitcase
  - 41 Mag execs
  - 43 Greek column style
  - 44 Catcalls
  - 45 Type of roast
  - 47 See-through
  - 48 Proficiency
  - 49 Greet the dawn
  - 50 Sault — Marie
  - 51 Garden hose plastic
  - 52 Above, to poets
  - 53 Name in Beatles history

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**SUDOKU**

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Level: Beginner

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**WORDS**

ADARE  
ARMAGH  
BELFAST  
BLARNEY  
BOYNE VALLEY  
BUNDORAN  
CLARE  
CLIFDEN  
CONNEMARA  
CORK  
DERRY  
DINGLE  
DONEAL  
DOOLIN  
DOMPATRICK  
DUBLIN  
GALWAY  
IRELAND  
KENMARE  
KERRY  
KILDARE  
KILKENNY  
KILLARNEY  
KINSALE  
LMERICK  
LISTOWEL  
ROUNDSTONE  
SAINT ANDREWS  
SHANNON  
SLIGO  
TIPPERARY  
WATERFORD  
WESTMEATH  
WESTPORT  
WICKLOW

Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally & diagonally throughout the puzzle.

**CHECK YOUR ANSWERS HERE**

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**Word Search**

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HMCYELLAVENYOBWGLYYW  
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APDARMAGHMLNBWSUPDB  
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NVELASNIKIRBOYLNRTEU  
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# Open Houses

## Sunday, March 22



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Expanded and renovated (2000) 2-story  
brick, Prairie Style home. \$798,000  
Dan Teahan (248) 686-3656



**OPEN 2-4pm | 1965 Bradford, Birmingham**  
Super opportunity in Sheffield Estates. 3  
bedroom, 2 full bath brick ranch. \$249,000  
Carol Clark (248) 686-3656



**OPEN 12-4pm | 19 Nantucket, Bloomfield Hills**  
Sophisticated and elegant custom Gardella  
built home. Gourmet kitchen. \$2,299,000  
Lena Oskanian (248) 686-3656



**OPEN 1-4pm | 3231 Allen Rd, Brandon Twp**  
Exceptionally beautiful home w/more  
updates since purchased. \$424,900  
Dianne Giovinazzo (248) 558-2072



**OPEN 1-4pm | 455 Timber Hill Dr, Brandon Twp**  
Stunning ranch home is nestled in 2.5 acres  
of rolling, wooded beauty. \$250,000  
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**OPEN 12-2pm | 8378 Dale, Center Line**  
Very nice brick bungalow on a beautiful  
mature tree lined street. \$89,900  
Hosted by: Angie Levitan (586) 789-9848



**OPEN 1-4pm | 6682 Springcrest Ct, Clarkston**  
Over 2700 sqft, 4 bedroom home w/1+  
acre of private, wooded property. \$329,000  
John Yorke (248) 558-2072



**OPEN 1-4pm | 6566 Homcliffe Dr, Clarkston**  
Great 4 bedroom home in desirable Spring  
Lake Sub - spotless condition. \$289,900  
Stacey Taylor-Pass (248) 558-2072



**OPEN 1-3pm | 3716 Riverview Terrace, East  
China | Boaters! Private boat well in the  
sheltered harbor just off St. Clair River. \$389,900  
Don Alcorn (586) 789-9848**



**OPEN 1-4pm | 22906 Hayes, Eastpointe**  
Owner designed and built home. Fabulous  
cook's kitchen, bright and cheerful. \$118,000  
Paula Burin (586) 789-9848



**SALE PENDING | Eastpointe**  
Bright & spacious 4 bedroom home. Many  
updates, part finished basement. \$99,500  
Perry Gatloff (313) 649-4167



**OPEN 1-4pm | 3219 Lakewood Shrs, Genoa Twp**  
Beautiful home in North Shore! Almost every  
surface touched w/something new! \$434,900  
Beth Dever (248) 558-2072



**OPEN 2-4pm | 180 Lakeview, Grosse Pointe Farms**  
Home features 2-centuries of character, comfort,  
improvements and innovations! \$570,000  
George Smale (313) 649-4167



**OPEN 2-4pm | 240 Vendome, Grosse Pnt Fms**  
"Farms" home situated on a fabulous corner  
lot on Vendome and Vincennes. \$425,000  
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**OPEN 2-4pm | 20 Hampton, Grosse Pointe Shrs**  
Center entrance colonial, circle driveway,  
beautifully landscaped. \$479,000  
Marsha King (313) 649-4167



**OPEN 2-4pm | 1208 Hollywd, Grosse Pnt Wds**  
Spacious 4 bedroom 2.5 bath colonial in a  
very desirable area. \$349,000  
Kathleen Turonek (313) 649-4167



**OPEN 2-4pm | 1042 Anita, Grosse Pointe Wds**  
Fantastic all brick ranch 3 bedroom, full  
bath, 1/2 bath in basement. \$215,000  
Kay Rinke (313) 649-4167



**OPEN 2-4pm | 1364 Aline, Grosse Pointe Wds**  
Fantastic, totally updated brick ranch.  
Hardwood floors. \$159,800  
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**OPEN 1-4pm | 32451 South River, Harrison Twp**  
A true boater and water lovers paradise!  
Gorgeous custom 3-story home. \$569,000  
Hosted by: Greg Angello (586) 789-9848



**OPEN 2-4pm | 26331 Harbour Pte, Harrison Twp**  
Beautiful gated Harbour Pointe Condo,  
updated, wonderful view. \$429,000  
Joe Rich (313) 649-4167



**OPEN 1-4pm | 39282 Nautical Ln, Harrison Twp**  
Pristine 4 bedroom split level w/nearly  
5000 sqft of finished living space! \$374,500  
Hosted by: Joe Stivers (586) 789-9848



**OPEN 2-4pm | 26211 Harbour Pnt, Harrison Twp**  
Gated waterfront community includes 40  
foot boat slip. Beautiful views. \$334,900  
Joe Rich (313) 649-4167



**OPEN 12-3pm | 38426 Mallast, Harrison Twp**  
Great location, creek in back, quiet street  
near canal. Large rooms. \$225,000  
Carol Paton (586) 789-9848



**OPEN 2-4pm | 5472 Middle Channel, Harsens  
Island | Spacious well built full brick ranch  
with great views. Steel seawall. \$598,000  
Deborah Kelly (313) 649-4167**



**OPEN 2-4pm | 5470 Middle Channel, Harsens  
Island | Located on canal w/unobstructed  
access to Middle Channel. \$249,900  
Deborah Kelly (313) 649-4167**



**OPEN 12-3pm | 5656 Golf Pointe Drive,  
Independence Twp | Move in ready. So  
much to offer. Beautiful yard. \$398,000  
Ann Spencer (248) 558-2072**



**OPEN 1-4pm | 7655 Oak Hill Road,  
Independence Twp | Over 3 acres in  
Clarkston School District! \$289,000  
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**OPEN 12-3pm | 33415 Vargo Dr, Livonia**  
Spacious Francavilla brick ranch with  
turnaround drive. Open kitchen. \$269,900  
Kent Tyrrell (248) 826-2349



**OPEN 1-4pm | 2833 Stone Meadow Dr, Milford**  
Beyond phenomenal luxury home nestled  
on a serene wooded lot. \$895,000  
Jean Wells (248) 826-2349



**OPEN 1-4pm | 17739 Cranbrook, Northville**  
This spectacular luxury residence has it all!  
Open floor plan, gourmet kitchen. \$950,000  
Nancy Hackett (248) 826-2349



**OPEN 1-3pm | 46438 Pinehurst Circle, Northville**  
Wow! Absolutely loaded with options &  
amenities! Curved staircase. \$740,000  
John Goodman (248) 826-2349



**OPEN 1-4pm | 17928 Cranbrook Ct, Northville**  
Ideally located 1st floor master home w/  
full finished walkout basement. \$674,000  
Marianne Prokop (248) 826-2349



**OPEN 2-4pm | 17511 Hilltop View, Northville**  
Hills of Crestwood, upgraded elevation,  
2-story entry w/graceful staircase. \$575,000  
Karen Thomas (248) 365-7885



**OPEN 1-3pm | 46603 Greenridge Dr, Northville**  
Ideally located and beautifully updated  
home in North Beacon Woods. \$489,900  
Marianne Prokop (248) 826-2349



**OPEN 11:30-3:00 | 3876 Fawn Drive,  
Oakland Twp | Absolutely beautiful  
impeccably maintained home. \$524,900  
Hosted by: Everest Haxhi (248) 923-4072**



**OPEN 1-4pm | 2701 Court Ln, Ocolea Twp**  
Welcome to the good life! This house is  
gorgeous and move in ready. \$234,900  
Jan Carey (734) 404-7143



**OPEN 1-4pm | 593 Thornehill Trail, Oxford**  
Charming 4 bedroom 2 story home with  
open floor plan and fireplace. \$226,000  
Carol Sue Morency (248) 923-4072



**OPEN 12-3pm | 46450 Shamrock Ln, Plymouth**  
Charisma of old & amenities of new! Serene  
location w/acre+ sized lot! \$474,000  
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**OPEN 12-3pm | 1181 Roosevelt, Plymouth**  
Popular "President" street adds a little  
touch of Plymouth w/character. \$339,000  
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**OPEN 12-3pm | 50438 Beechwood Ct, Plymouth**  
Fantastic Upland Hills townhouse w/open  
floor plan. Warm decorator colors. \$195,000  
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**OPEN 12-4pm | 11385 Rockland, Redford**  
Beautiful ranch built in the mid 70's and  
then updated in 2000. \$95,000  
Rich Childs (248) 826-2349



**OPEN 11:30-3:00 | 1923 Chalmers,  
Rochester Hills | Beautiful unique,  
updated all brick ranch. \$360,000  
Hosted by: Caroline & Marni (248) 923-4072**



**OPEN 3-5pm | 16069 Wellington, Roseville**  
Absolutely gorgeous, move in ready, full  
brick ranch. Nice open concept. \$104,900  
Hosted by: Angie Levitan (586) 789-9848



**OPEN 1-4pm | 131 S Connecticut Ave, Royal Oak**  
Quality workmanship blocks from downtown  
RO in this new construction home! \$499,000  
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street! Everything updated. \$469,000  
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**OPEN 1-3:30pm | 310 N Wilson, Royal Oak**  
Great tudor offers a blend of charm and  
efficiency featuring 3 beds/1.5 baths. \$250,000  
Donna Bousson (248) 686-3656



**OPEN 10:00-1:00 | 1022 Catalpa, Royal Oak**  
Vinsetta Park Sub! You couldn't ask for a  
better location! \$204,500  
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**OPEN 2-4pm | 22679 Bayview, St. Clair Shores**  
Only five houses from the Lake. Beautiful  
tree-lined street, private park. \$360,000  
Marsha King (313) 649-4167



**OPEN 1-3pm | 1715 River Rd. #83, St. Clair**  
St. Clair River View! One level living. End  
unit 2nd story ranch condo. \$135,000  
Barbara Mueller (586) 789-9848



**OPEN 2-4pm | 1011 Troon, St. Clair**  
Newer, lovely colonial which has it all with a  
first floor master suite. \$399,900  
Laila Abud (313) 649-4167



**SALE PENDING | Troy**  
Beautifully remodeled colonial - great  
location - updated baths. \$310,000  
Patrick Carolan (248) 686-3656



**OPEN 1-3pm | 1879 Enterprise, Troy**  
Newer, east facing 2,000+ sqft colonial w/  
many recent improvements. \$299,000  
Jack Bertoia (248) 686-3656



**OPEN 1-3pm | 8040 Apple Creek, Webster Twp**  
7+ acres, Dexter Schools. Two story pole  
barn, gorgeous house! \$494,444  
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**OPEN 2-4pm | 6106 Oak Trail, West Bloomfield**  
Contemporary showplace in Royal Pointe.  
6000+ sqft, 5 bedrooms, 6.5 baths. \$499,000  
Karen Thomas (248) 365-7885



**OPEN 1-3:30pm | 6511 Blue Spruce Court,  
West Bloomfield | Detached condo in  
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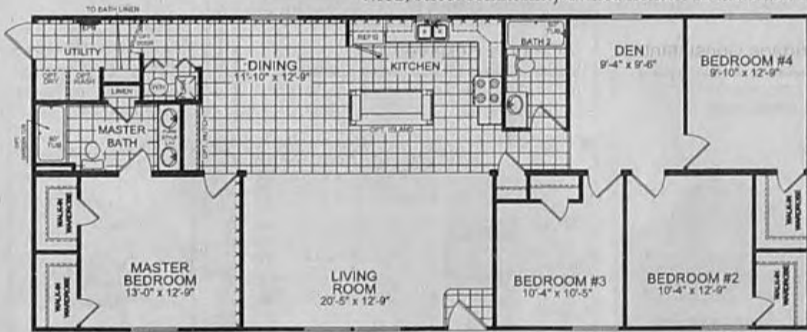


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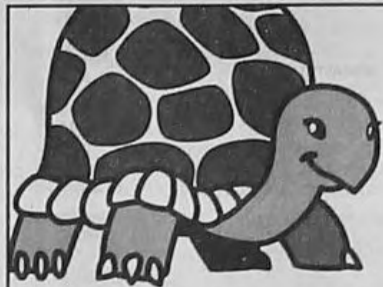
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## Purchase a 2015 Lincoln MKX and enjoy the Demmer Difference

By Greg Mullin  
Staff Writer

The 2015 Lincoln MKX is on sale now at Jack Demmer Lincoln, where customers benefit from the Demmer Difference.

Sales Manager Chris Conley said that this midsize luxury crossover vehicle is ideally balanced, and noted its 305 horsepower and 26 miles per gallon highway on regular unleaded.

"Most of the competi-

tion requires premium fuel," he said.

A main feature, Conley said, is the optional Intelligent All-Wheel Drive that helps give the Lincoln MKX enhanced traction while providing impressive performance along with tighter handling and control. The system responds actively by redirecting power to the appropriate wheel for best traction. It also helps enhance the vehicle's performance and

handling in driving conditions such as rain, sleet, snow, gravel or sand.

The MKX's voice-activated technology helps drivers keep their eyes on the road and stay connected; its features include:

- » Hands-free calling
- » A compatible digital music player
- » Bluetooth audio
- » Incoming texts read with audible text messaging.

» Voice/touch climate control

» 911 Assist using your connected mobile phone.

Conley said that MKX owner loyalty is very high.

"Most MKX clients buy or lease another MKX," he said.

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"Great lease and purchase offers are going on now," Conley said.

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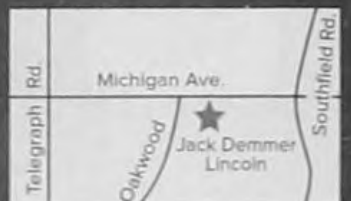
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