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'Nerd' in town

Michigan gubernatorial candidate Rick Snyder, who bills himself as "One Tough Nerd," makes an appearance in Canton noon-1 p.m. Monday.

Snyder takes part in a town hall meeting at Fellows Creek Golf Club, 2936 Lotz, in Canton. Meeting-goers will learn about "Michigan 3.0: The Era of Innovation," as Snyder talks about his economic development leadership and venture capital work. He'll discuss his 10-point business plan and his real-world economic experience.

RSVP for the meeting to jim@ rickformichigan.com or call (734) 277-

Budget town hall

State Rep. Marc Corriveau, D-Northville, hosts a town hall meeting tonight (Thursday) in Canton to discuss the state budget, the current state of the economy and how state leaders can work to revitalize Michigan's

The meeting takes place from 7-9 p.m. at the Canton Township Hall ard Room, 1150 Canton Center Road.

For more information, residents can call Corriveau's office toll-free at (877) 208-4737 or send an e-mail to MarcCorriveau@house.mi.gov.

Diversity walk

The Michigan Roundtable for Diversity and Inclusion sponsors the Walk2gether Walk-a-thon on Belle Isle beginning at noon Sunday, May

The walk is designed to promote the elimination of bigotry and racism. The Plymoth-Canton Citizens for Diversity and Inclusion will have their own team entered in the walk. Funds raised will be placed toward some upcoming PCCDI programs.

Residents who can't attend the walk, but who still wish to help, can contact plycandi@gmail.com

School district hikes pay-to-play fee

OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth-Canton Board of Education Tuesday made nearly \$1.3 million in cuts, added more than \$470,000 in revenue enhancements and, with some \$835,000 in savings from the settlement of the transportation contract, took a \$3.6 million chunk out of a projected \$11 million deficit in the 2010-11 school-year

To do it, though, trustees increased pay-to-participate rates by more than 20 percent and increased the allowable class size at the high

The revenue enhancements and budget cuts were made from recommendations by the administration.

Pay-to-play rates climb from \$180 to \$220 for the first sport (and from \$100 to \$140 for the second sport). Administrators had recommended cutting return transportation from sporting events - opting instead to bus athletes one way - in an effort to save \$37,000. However, board members came up with a plan to charge athletes \$10 per season to provide busing home from events.

Trustees weren't too happy about having to charge students more to

play sports, but felt there was little

"We all want to keep the athletic program the way it is, and this was the only way to make that happen," board President Steven Sneideman said of the increases. "It's frustrating for all of us. I'm a parent who is going to have to pay these rates, as well. I would tell (frustrated parents) to write their legislators and tell them to fund education properly. We need all the help we can get.

The night's biggest discussion came when the administration's recommendations for teacher cuts at the high school, middle school and

administration recommended:

· Cutting three teachers at the high school level and raising the allowable student-teacher ratio to climb to 31.5-1 (from 31-1). This cut was approved on a 4-3 vote (Sneideman, Judy Mardigian and Dianne Gonzalez opposing).

· Cutting 4.6 teachers in the middle schools and raising the class size to 31-1 (from 30.25-1). This cut was voted down 4-3 (Mardigian, Sneideman, Gonzalez and Adrienne Davis opposed).

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Twins Dennis and Alexander Ye rode one of the many carnival rides dotting the Family Zone at Liberty Fest last year. This year, festival organizers say they'll double the size of the festival's carnival.

Organizers gearing up for Liberty Fest

BY BRAD KADRICH **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

There's good news and bad news coming for Canton's 19th annual Liberty Fest.

First, the good news (especially for those who like carnivals): Festival organizers have doubled the size of the carnival portion of Liberty Fest. Instead of some dozen rides, this year's event will feature more than two dozen, including a roller coaster.

Now, the bad news: Road crews are likely to be in the middle of a construction project to widen Canton Center Road, and Heritage Park is right smack in the middle of it, presenting big access problems for festival organizers. And, while Cantonians are likely to be familiar with the area and will find ways

FESTIVAL TIME

What: Canton Liberty Festival When: June 17-19

Where: Heritage Park (Canton Center at Heritage Park Drive) in Canton Highlights: Expanded carnival rides; The Verve Pipe and Movie Under the Stars

("Cloudy with a Chance of Meatbals") as entertainment; fireworks June 19 at

Details: www.cantonlibertyfest.com

around the construction, the same can't be said for the thousands of outsiders who come from other com-

'It's hard to avoid construction in the summer," acknowledged Canton Leisure Services' Jennifer

Provenzano. "If people aren't familiar with the area, if they're coming to check us out for the first time, they're going to have a hard time."

Provenzano said the festival's website (www.cantonlibertyfest.com) will be updated continuously, signage will be used around the area to direct traffic and other steps will be taken to educate the public on how to get

'We're trying as much as we can to get out ahead of (the problem)," Provenzano said. "We want people to know what to expect and to be able to find their alternate routes before they

Organizers will also address parking problems by urging festival goers to park in off-site places such as

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Canton Hall calls Amann

Summit ceremony honors volunteers

BY DARRELL CLEM OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

After he was formally inducted Sunday into the Hall of Fame, Canton attorney Bryan Amann joked that he didn't remember playing in the

He didn't, which explains why he wasn't inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio.

Rather, Amann became the 39th inductee into the Canton Hall of Fame. As in, Canton Township, Michigan.



Amann was honored Sunday during a ceremony at Summit on the Park recognizing volunteers whose

dinary difference in the Canton community. "It's pretty humbling," said

efforts have made an extraor-

Amann, who has amassed two decades of community service. "Canton is one of those communities that, when you become a part of Canton, it

becomes a part of you. Amann follows a long list of Canton Hall of Famers, most recently former Supervisor Tom Yack, longtime Planning Commissioner Vic Gustafson and 35th District Judge Mike

Amann was nominated by Supervisor Phil LaJoy, who said Amann "has really looked out for the Canton community.'

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Inkster man arraigned in Canton shooting

BY DARRELL CLEM OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A defendant charged with shooting a 33-year-old off-duty Washtenaw County sheriff deputy in Canton is facing a May 14 court hearing on multiple felony charges, including assault with intent to commit murder.

The shooting victim, who wasn't identified by police, is recovering after he was shot in the stomach early Saturday inside a Canton residence near Haggerty and Cherry Hill, authorities said.

Meanwhile, 29-year-old defendant Kim Jerome Hill, a former Canton resident who had been staying in Inkster, was arraigned Monday in 35th District Court on charges of assault with intent to murder, assault with a dangerous weapon and felony firearms, Canton Detective Sgt. Dave



Schreiner said.

The shooting occurred during what Schreiner described as a "domestic situation" that unfolded while the two men

were at a residence at the Wyndchase apartment complex, where a resident known by both men lives.

The shooting victim and the defendant "were known to each other," Schreiner said, but authorities have declined to elaborate.

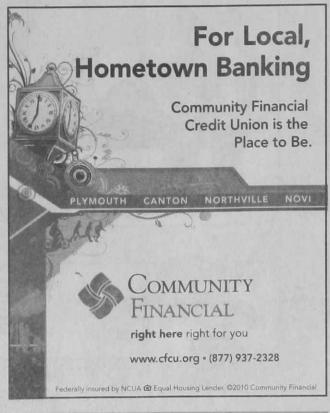
Canton police responded to a call of a man wounded on Virginia Court around 1:10 a.m. Saturday, and township firefighters took the victim to an undisclosed hospital, where he was treated and listed in stable condition.

The victim was shot one time with what was described as a handgun.

The suspect had fled the scene, but police said he was captured about 2 p.m. Saturday after officers from the local Community Response Team located him at an acquaintance's house in Inkster. Hill was taken into custody without incident and transported to the Canton Police Department.

He was arraigned Monday in 35th District Court and jailed with a \$500,000 bond set by Judge Mike Gerou. A not-guilty plea was entered for him.

Gerou ordered Hill back in court May 14 for a preliminary examination that will determine whether he should stand trial in Wayne County Circuit Court. If convicted, Hill could face penalties ranging up to life in prison.



Ex-funeral home operators face jail time

OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

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A Wayne County Circuit judge ruled Monday that two former funeral home operators charged in a pre-paid funeral fraud violated the terms of their probation and now face jail time.

Christopher and Nancy Ziomek of Canton, former operators of the Ziomek Funeral Home in Livonia, now each face two- to 15-year sentences with the Michigan Department of Corrections after they failed to pay \$150,000 due Monday.

Circuit Judge Daniel Hathaway denied motions Monday from the Ziomeks' attorneys to withdraw plea agreements the Ziomeks entered in March on embezzlement charges. The Ziomeks were to be placed on five years probation, but only if they followed repayment guidelines; otherwise they would be subjected to jail time.

In November they were charged with two counts of embezzlement greater than \$50,000 but less than



A Wayne County Circuit judge ruled Monday that Christopher (standing) and Nancy Ziomek of Canton, former funeral home operators charged in a pre-paid funeral fraud, violated the terms of their probation and now face

\$100,000, three counts of embezzlement by an agent or trustee greater than \$1,000 but less than \$20,000, and

funeral contracts-conversion. An investigation by

Detective Dean Langley of the Livonia Police Department had revealed that more than 60 complainants in Wayne County were duped out of money for pre-paid funeral

contracts. Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy said the defendants obtained more than \$230,000 from unwitting victims between 1998 and 2007, and the money was later spent by the Ziomeks for their own personal use.

On Monday, an attorney representing Nancy Ziomek filed a motion to withdraw the plea because the Ziomeks were trying to get money to pay the restitution and efforts continued. Prosecuting attorney Qiana Lillard argued that the defendants understood their plea agreements and that allowing the plea withdrawal was not in the best interest of justice, as one victim and a witness had died since the Ziomeks were charged.

"I do not believe the Ziomeks have any intention of paying the money back," Lillard said. Lillard also argued that the Ziomeks posed a flight risk and had ample time to get their affairs in order. "They pled guilty and now it's time to repay society," Lillard said.

Hathaway remanded Nancy Ziomek to Wayne County jail and talked about the victims.

some of whom were in attendance. Hathaway called the crime reprehensible. "The money was taken from (the victims) without justification; it was a flat out theft," Hathaway said. Hathaway had hoped that the victims could have been repaid, but said he was disturbed and felt bad for the victims in the case

Theodore Empson, the attorney representing Christopher Ziomek, requested a motion to adjourn that day because the Ziomeks had contacted a relative and had hoped the relative could lend them \$150,000. Empson said the Ziomeks had hoped to get information on the loan later that day. "I think they (the victims) would much rather be paid than to see my client go to jail," Empson said.

Lillard said the Ziomeks had showed up in court with "empty promises," much like they approached the victims when they operated the funeral home. The victims wanted the Ziomeks to repay society. "They feel they've been lied to from day one by Christopher

and Nancy Ziomek," Lillard

Hathaway said that the Ziomeks had not paid any money, "To show up in two months with nothing, it doesn't show any good faith effort," Hathaway said in denying the motion. "It makes me believe that there won't be any effort."

Empson requested that the court allow Christopher Ziomek time out of jail to gather his prescriptions and take care of his four dogs. Lillard called that argument a "slap in the face" to the victims. Hathaway remanded Ziomek to Wayne County jail until Monday's hearing.

Empson said after the hearing that he didn't know if his client would continue to try to raise the money before next Monday's hearing. "They had to have the money today, and the judge ruled that they violated the terms of probation," Empson said.

Lillard said she didn't know how the judge would rule if the Ziomeks managed to raise money before Monday's hearing.

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Cancer fund-raiser

Valvoline Instant Oil Change is hosting a fun-filled day at its 44075 Ford Road location in Canton in an effort to raise \$10,000 for The American Cancer Society.

With any cash donation, customers will receive a special discounted price on their oil change. Along with that, Valvoline Instant Oil Change will have free food, fun and give-a-ways for their oil change customers 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday, May 7

"This is our fourth year of supporting The American Cancer Society's Relay for Life Event," said Region Manager Kevin Mueller. "Many of us are touched by cancer in one way or another and we feel that ACS is a great cause for us to support. Not to mention that our Valvoline Instant Oil Change team has a great time at the 24 hour Relay for Life

Winners, losers concert

Cherry Hill Singers present "Winners and Losers Concert" 8 p.m. Friday, May 7, at the Village Theater in Canton.

When looking back at some of the songs nominated for the Grammy, Oscar and Tony, some of the winners shouldn't have won and some of the losers shouldn't have lost. Come play along, guess which songs are winners and which are losers. It's the Cherry Hill Singers' debut spring concert under the direction of Michael

Tickets are available for \$8 at the door or by visiting www. BeckRidgeChorale.org. The Village Theater is located at 50400 Cherry Hill in Canton.

Field fund-raiser

Field Elementary's seventh annual Fun Fair takes place 5:30-9 p.m. on May 7 at 1000 S. Haggerty in Canton. The public is welcome, and food and concessions will be avail-

Raffle tickets will sell for \$5, and prizes include \$1,000 Visa Gift Card, Small Flat Screen TV, Lap Top, XBox and game bundle and a Digital Camera. Raffle tickets will be available to purchase the evening of the event; the drawing takes place at 8:45 p.m. (need not be present to win).

A Silent Auction will be held from 6-8:30 p.m. If you have a business and would like to donate to the Silent Auction, contact Sheila Smith at (734) 637-7891. Ticket drops for opportunities to win themed baskets donated and assembled by each classroom. Tickets are \$1 each or 12 for

Family events will include a cake walk, pop ring toss, face painting, cash cube, carnivaltype games, hospital room, fortune-telling and more. Each child who plays games will win a prize. Wristbands are \$10 at the door or tickets 4 for \$1.

All proceeds to benefit Field Elementary's students, including educational needs (books, classroom equipment, subscriptions, etc) and new playground equipment.

Blocking Out Melanoma

Relay For Life Canton Team, Blocking Out Melanoma, hosts a fund-raiser 6-10 p.m. Wednesday, May 12, at the Canton Cinema on Ford Road, during which 50 percent of concession sales will be donated to the team.

Dora Cardenas, team captain, will be in the lobby to hand out vouchers for customers to turn in prior to making a concession purchase in order for her team to receive credit.

Blocking Out Melanoma was created in memory of former Plymouth High School fresh-

man girls volleyball coach Kim Renzi, who lost her sevenmonth battle with cancer in April 2009. Those unable to support the team at this event can stop by the team's site, #39, located at the back of the pond near the wooden bridge at Heritage Park at the Relay For Life event starting at 10 a.m. on Saturday, May 15 and ending at 10 a.m. on Sunday,

Liberty meeting

Campaign for Liberty's District 11 presents "The Four Tiers of Nullification," featuring guest speaker Dan Osterman, a candidate for state Senate.

The meeting will explore the four approaches - Supreme Court filing, Attorney General filing, State Constitutional Amendment, state nullification - and their effectiveness throughout the country's his-

The meeting takes place 7-9 p.m. Thursday, May 6, at the Canton Coney Island, 8533 N. Lilley in Canton. The meeting is open to everyone, and admission is free.

RSVPs are appreciated as space and materials will be limited; contact Melanie Collinsworth at thelibertychick@gmail.com

New school opportunity

Plymouth Children's Nursery will be offering a bilingual English/Spanish program for 4-6 year olds this

This popular co-op school has been in business since 1962 and is now working in partnership with the Bilingual Fun Company to offer an enrichment bilingual pro-

Contact: membership@ plymouthnursery.org or call (734) 455.6250. Membership applications are available at www.plymouthnursery.org

Open House

St. Michael Christian School, located at 7000 N. Sheldon in Canton, is hosting an open house for the 2010-2011 school year on 6-7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 6.

The school offers preschool and elementary, including Young Fives and all-day kin-

Contact the school office at (734) 459-9720 for more information, or view website at www.st.michael-church.org.

Color guard audition

The Plymouth-Canton Marching Band Color Guard is holding clinics at Plymouth High School from 6-8 p.m. May 10-12 for anyone interested in joining the Fall Guard. Color guard auditions take place Monday, May 17, from

Color guard members use a combination of dance and athletics mixed with use of rifles, sabers, flags, and other props. Auditions are open to any student in the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools grades 9th through 12th.

As members of the Plymouth-Canton Marching Band, Color Guard members participate in all competitions including the Grand National Band Championships in Indianapolis in November.

If anyone is interested in further information they can contact Color Guard Director, Jennifer Leseth at Jenifo30@ gmail.com.

E-waste day

Canton Township and Goodwill Industries of Greater Detroit partner to offer a free electronic waste collection in Canton 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 8, at the Canton Division of Public Works Building, 4847 Sheldon in Canton. This free event is open to all Wayne County residents.

Proceeds from recycled materials support Goodwill Industries' job training programs and career services

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Growth time

National Junior Honor Society students Kailey DeWeever, Alison Alkire, Sarah Davenport, Coryelle Enright, Carla Horoton, Casey Wing and Alyssa Granowicz joined seventh-grade science teacher Kim Mollick to plant trees around Central Middle School. The project revolved around the school's Earth Day festivities.

helping residents of Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties secure jobs by overcoming barriers to employment. Goodwill Industries is the only organization solely dedicated to fighting unemployment in Metro Detroit.

Only the following items will be accepted: computer monitors, CPUs, printers, keyboards, mouse devices, cell phones, copiers, scanners and fax machines. No boxes, manuals, software or televisions will be accepted.

Supporters are reminded to remove all sensitive and personal information before donating or recycling electronic equipment. Reformatting hard drives or deleting files from a computer may not be enough. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency provides two fact sheets with information about donating electronic items at www.epa.gov http:// www.epa.gov>

All collected materials will be recycled within the United

Historical speaker

The Canton Historical Society hosts its last spring speaker series 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 12, at the Canton Museum, located on Canton Center Road just south of Cherry Hill.

The speaker will be Jeniffer Huff, a Ph.D candidate in modern American history at Ohio State University. The topic will be on multi-district busing plan to desegregate the Detroit Public School students from Detroit. In June 1972 federal district court Judge Stephen J. Roth ruled in favor of multi-district busing. It sparked a controversy throughout metro Detroit.

In "the battle over busing" Huff will examine the controversy on the local level in the late 1960s and early 1970s.

For additional information contact the museum at (734) 397-0088, e-mail cantonhist@comcast.net or visit www.cantonhistoricalsociety.

Rotary hosts

For over 75 years Rotary International has broadened the horizons of students and the host families that welcome them through Rotary Youth Exchange. Annually, more than 80 countries and over 8,000 students participate in the program through the sponsorship of local Rotary clubs, including the Canton

In her book "The New Global Student," author Maya Frost writes that "Rotary Youth Exchange is the best option hands-down," and she dedicates an entire chapter to Rotary offering tips for parents, stories from former Youth Exchange students, and information about the benefits and challenges of the program.

To learn more about Rotary Youth Exchange and hosting a student, contact Sue Kowalski at (734) 968-1436, or Bill Tesen at (734) 844-1374.

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BPW meets

State Rep. Dian Slavens will be the guest speaker when the Canton Business & Professional Women meet 6-8:30 p.m. Monday, May 10, at Palermo's Restaurant, 44938 Ford Road in Canton.

Palermo's is located in the strip mall behind Murray's Auto Supply on north side of Ford Road - east of Canton Center Road and west of Sheldon

RSVP's are requested. For more information contact June Nicholas at junenicholas@comcast.net or (313) 610-

Band meetings

The award-winning Plymouth-Canton Marching Band hosts one more informational meetings for students and parents who are interested in joining the 2010 Marching Band program.

The final meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 19, at 7 p.m. in the Plymouth High School band room, 8400 Beck in Canton.

The meeting is designed for existing eighth-graders, but is open to any high school student. Interested students will spend time with the existing marchers, while parents listen to a presentation by band directors, David Armbruster and Sheldon Frazier and the Plymouth Canton Music Boosters on how existing 8th graders can become a member of the award-winning marching band for the 2010 summer/ fall season. Future musicians and color guard members are welcome.

For more information, contact Sheldon Frazier, associate director of bands, at (734) 582-5665 or Sheldon.Frazier@ pccsmail.net

Summer camp enrollment

Plymouth-Canton Montessori School is offering a Summer Camp program for children between the ages of 3 and 6 years. The nine-week summer day camp, located on the school's campus at 45245 Joy Road In Canton, begins June 21 and ends Aug. 20.

Children have the opportunity to participate in a wide variety of theme-related projects that include lots of arts and crafts, in-house presenters, science experiments, dramatic play, cooking, picnics, outdoor time, music, stories

"Our program is especially

designed to meet the development needs of young children," said Linda Myers, summer camp director. "Our professional and experienced staff of early childhood educators offers young campers a wonderful balance of learning and

Full and half-day programs are available during the summer session with morningonly groups running from 8:45 to 11:45 a.m. and afternoon groups from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Full time care for day campers is also available from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. as needed.

While parents are encouraged to enroll children for the full summer camp, Plymouth-Canton Montessori accepts part-summer enrollments to accommodate families' work and vacation schedules.

For additional information about Plymouth-Canton Montessori School and the summer camp program, call 734-459-1550 or visit www. pemontessori.org. Early enrollment is recommended to ensure availability.

Memorial Day concert

The BeckRidge Chorale presents "Because of the Brave - a Memorial Day Concert," May 31 at the Village Theatre at Cherry Hill in Canton.

The Chorale has always had a special affinity for patriotic music and this concert will be one you will never forget. Ticket proceeds, after expenses, will be divided evenly between the Memorial Day Committees in Canton, Plymouth and Northville. Tickets are available at www.beckridgechorale.org or



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CRIME WATCH

Thief makes off with homeowner's Lincoln

A Canton man who lives on Hogan Way, southwest of Summit Parkway and Canton Center, told police his silver 2008 Lincoln was stolen around 1 a.m. Friday from his garage.

The man told police he heard his garage door open and close, but he thought his wife had gone somewhere. He later saw his wife watching television in the living room, so he went to the garage and noticed that the Lincoln was missing.

It also appeared that someone had gone through another vehicle that was parked in the garage.

The man told police that the keys to the Lincoln were in a glove under the driver's seat. He also said he had left \$100 to \$150 in cash in the vehicle.

Odyssey stolen

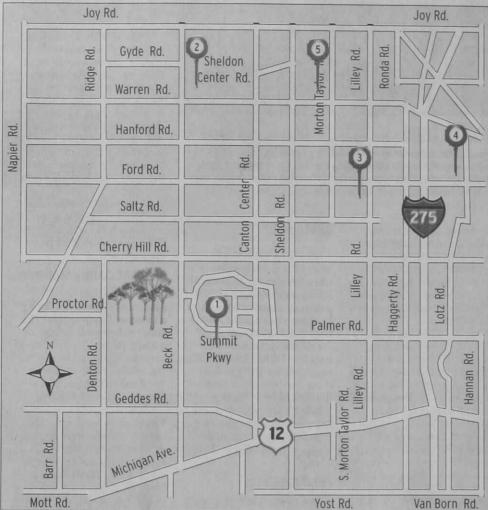
2 A man reported that his Honda Odyssey was stolen during the overnight hours prior to 7:30 a.m. last Thursday while it was parked near his home on Bartlett, northeast of Beck and Warren.

The man told police he had parked the vehicle just west of his house and noticed it was gone when he came outside the next morning to take his children to school

He realized he had left his garage door open. He also found the door ajar on his Honda SUV, and the glove box and console had been opened. The keys to the Odyssey had been in the console of the SUV.

Window punched

3 Canton police arrested a man after he was accused of punching out his girlfriend's car window during a dispute that occurred about 2:30 a.m. Monday, April 26,



near T.C. Gators, a bar southwest of Ford and Lilley.

Police caught up with the victim at the 7-Eleven store at Morton Taylor and Warren, where she had gone with friends after the dispute

According to a police report, the victim and the defendant left the bar, she got in her 1996 Ford Taurus and her boyfriend remained outside talking with friends.

When the victim motioned for him to come to the car, he is accused of yelling at her and punching out a driver's side window while his friends tried to hold him back

A police report indicated

the boyfriend had been bleeding and that the victim had blood on her face and broken glass in her hair and on her clothes.

The police report indicated both the victim and the defendant were intoxicated.

Vehicles vandalized

Police reports indicated that someone had vandalized two vehicles by puncturing the tires between 10 p.m. and 11 p.m. Sunday at the Village Squire Apartments on Ford Road east of I-275.

Police responded to reports by one man who found his driver's side rear tire had been punctured. Officers

Van Born Rd. were approached by another man who also said his vehicle had been similarly vandal-

The first man's wife told police she had seen a suspicious person earlier when she took a dog out for a walk. She said the person wore ·dark clothing and appeared to be making a stabbing motion toward a tire, but she couldn't provide a thorough description of the vandal.

Quarters stolen

5 A man who lives on Windsor Woods, northwest of Morton Taylor and Warren, told police that \$30 in quarters had been stolen from his residence between 6:45 a.m. and 8 p.m. April

The man also told police that some video game equipment was taken from his residence.

It wasn't clear how the intruder gained entry.

- Compiled by Darrell Clem from as: Canton Police Department reports.

Neighborhood hit by rash of thefts

BY DARRELL CLEM OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A rash of incidents involving smashed-out auto windows and the theft of cell phones, laptop computers, GPS units and other personal belongings recently occurred in a usually quiet neighborhood in Canton, police said.

Residents who live on Antique and other streets near Beck and Saltz roads reported several larcenies from autos overnight Wednesday, April 28, prompting Detective Sgt. Dave Schreiner to warn vehicle owners to use caution. Similar incidents have since occurred in other areas of the township.

"Just because they live in a nice, quiet neighborhood, don't assume they won't become a target for someone who is an opportunist," he said. "Their neighborhood can still become the target of a thief in the

Canton police on numerous occasions have urged residents not to leave laptop computers,

GPS units, purses, cell phones, wallets and other personal belongings within sight of thieves who may be prowling neighborhoods looking for an easy opportunity.

Despite repeated warnings, many motorists still leave their personal belongings where they can be easily spotted. Just a few days ago, one woman told police someone entered her car and stole her prescription medication while she was inside the Borders bookstore at Ford and Morton Taylor roads.

Moreover, certain items such as GPS units have increasingly become a target of criminals who break into cars.

Although larcenies from autos are common, Schreiner urged Canton residents to mount a united effort to curb such crimes.

"When these opportunists know that people in Canton don't leave things in their cars, they're going to go and look elsewhere," he said. "Make it difficult for these thieves to find something."

Brother interrupts home invasion

Canton police officers are looking for two suspects from a home invasion that occurred shortly before 6:30 a.m. Sunday at a home in the area of Haggerty and Palmer roads in Canton.

The brother, also a neighbor of the homeowner, went into the house to investigate after noticing the garage door open and an unknown vehicle in the driveway. Once inside the house the brother was attacked by two suspects he found rummaging through the bedrooms.

The victim's 14-year old son grabbed a 2' x 4' -type piece of wood from the garage and hit one of the suspects on the head, splitting his head open and causing what police called a large amount of blood loss.

The suspects were able to get away with two bags of items unknown at this time.

The suspects were described

· Suspect Number 1: Arabic

male, approximately 17-20 years old, skinny, 5-feet-11inches to 6-feet, short hair, wearing dark-colored shirt and jeans. Received head injury. Driver of the getaway vehicle.

· Suspect Number 2: Lightskin Arabic male, approximately 17-20 years old, chubby, 5-feet-10, wearing white shirt and jeans.

The suspects drove off in a vehicle described as a darkblue Toyota Camry,older model four-door or similar vehicle. Anyone with information

on the identity of either of the two suspects is asked to contact the Canton Police Department at (734) 394-5400. Crime Stoppers will also take anonymous tips, and pay up to \$1,000 for tips that lead to the arrest of a suspect. To contact Crime Stoppers call (800) SPEAK UP, go online to www.1800speakup.org or text CSM and your tip to CRIMES

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Mothers, daughters offer messages of love



A wedding shower in July 2009 was the setting for this favorite photo submitted by Laurie Robinson of Plymouth. Showering their 89-year-old grandmother, Ann Dondzila of Westland, with "umbrellas of love" are (from left) Katie Ann Dondzila-Meek of Canton and Kristen Marie Dondzila of Canton. "Katie's wedding shower was last July and we had used the lace umbrellas as decorations," wrote Robinson, aunt to Katie and Kristen and daughter of Ann. "Katie and Kristen, her sister, were posing with my mother after the shower and we took this picture knowing that it would be a great memory," added Robinson.

More photos in today's Hometown Life Woman section

Today is Mother's Day and we asked mothers and daughters to share their favorite photographs and special greetings. Here are a few of the photos we received. For a story on the strong bonds between mothers and daughters and more photos, see Hometown Life Woman.



Ellie Steves of Northville (from left) and her four daughters, Linda Quigley of Plymouth, Sandi Rogers of Northville, Janet Goldberg of Northville and Nancy Spirt of Fountain Valley, California enjoy a celebration at Tavern on the Green in New York City. The photo was taken June 11, 2006. The restaurant closed Jan. 1, 2010. Located in Central Park on the Upper West Side, the restaurant was a frequent stop for actors, writers politicians and mother/daughter celebrations.



Gayle Robinson's husband, Russell P. Robinson Jr., died April 2009 and this year will be her first Mother's Day without him. Her one request was to visit his grave at Great Lakes Cemetery in Holly. She has nine living children in the metro area and two made her wish come true. Shown escorting their mom, who lives in Westland, to their dad's grave are Kathy Robinson Law of Wayne (left) and Debbie Robinson Fox of Garden City. Debbie's husband, Gary Fox Sr., drove the women to Holly



Three generations of women who live on Arcola Street in Garden City (from left) Lisa Mihalo, Shirley Olson and Nancy Bowman. The photo was taken by Ruth Olson on April 20, 2010, in honor of Shirley's 80th birthday. Clifford and Shirley Olson have lived on Arcola Street for 56 years.



Mothers and daughters enjoy a spring break trip to Mexico. A group of mothers from Plymouth and Canton joined their daughters, all seniors at Plymouth, Canton or Salem high schools, in April 2010 for a senior trip south of the border. Pictured are (from left daughters and mothers) Emily and Sarena Bouse, Alex and Louise Brekke, Eva and LouAnn DeBeliso, Kirsten and Julie Holland, Hillary and Diana Genrich, Courtney and Cindy Simpson, Lexie MacDiarmid and Laura Santamauro and Katie and Helen



Andrea Timreck submitted this favorite photo taken at her granddaughter's first birthday party September 2009. Pictured (from left) are Andrea Timreck of South Lyon, her mother, Mary Bartz of Novi, her daughter, Michelle Kolbusz (holding her daughter, Mira Kolbusz) of Farmington Hills. Four generations of mothers and daughters spanning ages 1 to 85.



Pam Bushway and her mother, Barb Ptasnik, both of Westland. "Every year my husband, Andy, my two daughters, my mom and myself take a weekend trip to Frankenmuth. My mom and I have a shared love of iced cappuccinos. In this photo we are outside a little coffee shop after having sneaked away from the rest of the family. It was a fun, bonding moment for us," wrote



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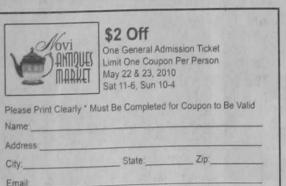
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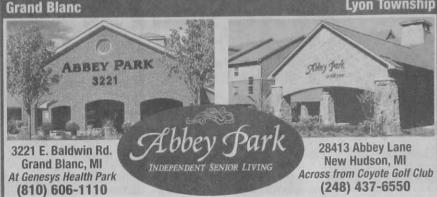




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All-Stars honored at Townsend event



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Susan Rosiek, publisher of the Observer & Eccentric and Hometown Newspapers, begins the program honoring Academic All Stars. Birmingham's Townsend Hotel hosted the 25th annual event.

The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers honored the 2010 Academic All-Star team at a breakfast awards ceremony April 28 at the Townsend Hotel in downtown Birmingham.

All-Stars and their parents were invited to the event which recognizes outstanding students from public, private and parochial schools in the OSE

circulation area. The 2010 team marks the 25th anniversary of the $O \otimes E$ Academic All-Star

program.

More than 100 students and parents attended the event.

Students received a U.S. Savings Bond courtesy of Huntington Bank, a certificate and gifts from the *Observer* & *Eccentric* and were treated to a break-

fast buffet at the Townsend.

Students will also receive a copy of a special section, sponsored by Madonna University and the OSE (published Sunday, May 9), profiling their accomplishments.

The 25th annual team was selected in cooperation with a high school principals in Oakland and western Wayne counties. This year's committee included Dan Willenborg of Livonia Franklin, Terry Piper of Birmingham Seaholm, Carolyn Witte of Farmington Hills Mercy, Charlie Hollerith of Bloomfield Hills Lahser and DeeAnn Lacy, assistant principal at North Farmington.

The principals examined grade point averages (academic subjects only) and test scores (SAT and ACT) and reviewed transcripts.

The All-Star team is selected based solely on academic credentials.

The principals were impressed by the "amazingly smart and engaged students" who were nominated.

In fact, the newspaper had planned to honor 25 students to mark 25 years. The team was expanded to 31 because of high GPAs and outstanding test scores, which created multiple ties among nominated students.



Austin Buckley of Farmington High School.



Holly Chiang, a senior at Livonia Churchill High School.



Christina Healey of Farmington High School plans to attend the University of Notre Dame.



David Moldenhauer, a senior at Lutheran High Westland, accepts congratulations from Greg Kowalski, editor of the Birmingham Eccentric



Akshay Amin, from Plymouth Salem High School accepts congratulations from Greg Kowalski, editor of the Birmingham Eccentric.



Lauren Richards, a senior at Mercy High School in Farmington Hills, will attend Notre Dame in the fall.



Brian Miller of North Farmington High School accepts congratulations from Pam Iacobelli, vice president, director of Marketing at Huntington Bank. In the background is Susan Rosiek, publisher of the Observer & Eccentric and Hometown Newspapers.



Shan Kothari is congratulated by Pam lacobelli, vice president, director of Marketing at Huntington Bank.



Nick Wasylyshyn shakes hands with Pam lacobelli, vice president, director of Marketing at Huntington Bank.



Amy Mathew, a senior at Plymouth High School.



Marian High School's Caitlin Ploch shakes hands with Greg Kowalski, editor of the Birmingham Eccentric. Ploch lives in Redford Township and plans to attend Hope College.



Steven Ball, of Farmington Hills, attends Birmingham Brother Rice High School. He will attend the University of Michigan in the fall.



Churchill High School's Bryce Morgan shakes with Greg Kowalski, Editor of the Birmingham Eccentric.



Ellie Krieg of Mercy High School shakes hands with Birmingham Eccentric Editor Greg Kowalski.



Flora Zhang of Farmington Hills, a student at Detroit Country Day, receives congratulations from Birmingham Eccentric Editor Greg Kowalski.

HALL

• Amann was involved early on with the Canton Community Foundation, serving as a board member in 1996 to 2000 and as president in 1999 to 2000.

• He was an original committee member for the St.
Joseph Mercy Health System's charity golf outing and, along with wife Mary, helped lead a \$1.7 million campaign for the Canton-based, St. Joseph Health Exploration Station—the first of its kind for youngsters in Michigan.

 Amann also became cochair for St. Joseph Mercy Hospital's ongoing, \$100 million campaign dedicated to improving facilities in Ann Arbor.

• He was involved more than a decade in the cancer-fighting Relay for Life campaign.

• His efforts as an attorney to developers has led to many agreements that local officials say have benefited Canton. LaJoy also lauded Amann for his efforts on behalf of the Village Theater at Cherry Hill.

"Bryan's imprints are all over various structures and programs in the community," LaJoy said, calling him "very deserving" of the Hall of Fame

In addition to Amann, others recognized as Community Achievers included:

• Olympic ice dance medal-

Cutting 4.3 teachers at the

elementary level, and raising

the class size in kindergar-

ing third-grade (29-1) and

voted down 5-2, with only

Barry Simescu and Nancy

ten, first- and second-grade

classrooms to 27-1 while leav-

fourth- and fifth-grade classes

(30-1) the same. This cut was

ists Tessa Virtue and Scott Moir and Meryl Davis and Charlie White, who, along with their coaches from the Arctic Edge Ice Arena, brought recognition to Canton and served as role models to young people.

* Rich Keenan, owner of Old Glory Flags & Flagpoles in Livonia, who helped local authorities raise a 30-by-50foot flag in Canton during processionals for Marine Cpl. Jason Turbett, who was killed in Afghanistan, and slain Jackson Police Officer James Bonneau, a Canton High School graduate.

 Michael Pool, whose Eagle Scout project led to granite benches being bought and memorial bricks being refurbished at the Canton Veterans Memorial.

Among those honored Sunday as Community

 Shane Fritz, a volunteer and Charisma Life Church pastor who has become chair of the Canton Chamber of Commerce's ambassador program and who is involved in youth leadership committees.

 Gene Hammonds, a longtime volunteer who was active on the Canton Project Arts Committee for 11 years and who has been involved in numerous capacities in local arts organizations. He also is president of the Canton Lions Club

• Rose's Restaurant and the Constantino family, which has provided food for families

Eggenberger supporting it.

Human Resources Ray Bihun

pointed out few classes at any

of the levels rise to the actual

Executive Director of

limit and said the district

doesn't expect to next year.

Simescu and Eggenberger

indicated confidence in the

administration's ability to keep

class sizes low again next year.

But Mardigian, long a pro-

didn't want to take the chance,

ponent of smaller class sizes,

In supporting the cuts, both

dealing with sickness and tragedies, along with helping the Canton Firefighters charity spaghetti dinner and opening the restaurant's doors for charity poker games for local service organizations.

• Herb Scott, longtime chair for the Commission for Culture, Arts & Heritage, who also has served on nonprofit boards including the Canton Community Foundation, United Home Health Services Inc., Habitat for Humanity of Western Wayne County and the Fallen & Wounded Soldiers Fund

• Bill Tessen, member of the Canton Historical Society since the late 1970s, who helped lead a group that renovated the old Canton Center School for use as a historical museum and who was a charter member of the Canton Rotary Club. He has served on numerous committees.

· Loren Wadington, longtime volunteer and community activist who, along with husband Loren, are co-chairs for a \$5.5 million capital campaign fund for First Step, which provides services and shelter to victims of domestic violence. Loren Wadington served on First Step's board of directors for three years, was the development director for the Canton Community Foundation in 2004-08 and was the first chair of the Giving Hope Women's Giving Circle.

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especially in the elementary

K-2 is not the place to raise

class size," she said. "We know

key, as well as small class sizes.

For this amount of money (the

nearly \$237,000) it's not worth

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it. We need to get that money

2010-11 budget by June 28.

somewhere else.

elementary cuts would save

that early intervention is the

schools.

FROM PAGE AT

Freedom Park, Griffin Park or the Farmer Jack parking lot and walk in. They're hoping the weather will cooperate and festival goers will get into the spirit of health by walking into the festival.

Those who do, Provenzano said, will be rewarded by having their names placed in drawings for prizes, perhaps getting T-shirts or other incentives.

"We'll definitely make it worth their while," Provenzano said.

Back to the good news:
the expanding carnival.
Organizers have switched
carnival providers, hiring
Wade Shows — the same firm
that supplies carnival rides to
Livonia's annual Spree festival
— to increase the size of the
Liberty Fest carnival.

It's a move organizers have



As always, fireworks will be the main attraction for Canton's Liberty Festival, scheduled for June 17-19 at Heritage Park.

been hesitant to make in the past, but one they believe people will not only accept, but embrace.

"For a long time we were scared people didn't want (the carnival) to be huge ... we thought they wanted the small-town thing," Provenzano said. "We've discovered people actually wanted it to be a full-scale carnival."

scale carnival."

Wade Shows will bring other amenities — ATM machines, entrances, shaded areas

organizers believe will make the carnival — and the festival

— more enjoyable.

The carnival rides will run right up until the Saturday fireworks. And anyone who's only interested in the rides gets a chance to avoid longer lines and the other festival activities with a sneak preview Thursday, June 17, from 4-11

"Lines aren't as long, crowds aren't quite as big," Provenzano said. "If you're coming just for the carnival, Thursday's the day to come."

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OUR VIEWS

All-Stars boost community pride

On Sunday, May 9, the Observer & Eccentric will profile the 2010 Academic All-Star team and runners-up.

This year marks the 25th anniversary of the

The 2010 All-Stars and runners-up are headed to the University of Michigan, Purdue, Michigan State, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Duke and the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, among other schools, to study engineering, science, literature, political, medicine and

> They are refreshingly optimistic

and very determined about the

good they can do

In fact, the

Observer had planned to honor

25 students to

mark 25 years. It turned out to be a tough task because of the impeccablegrades and test scores of

this year's nominees. The team

was expanded to 31 because of high

for society.

They are smart, serious and they want to change the world.



Mathew









GPAs and outstanding test scores, which created multiple ties among nominated students. In addition, 42 other students are runners-up and they are separated from the All-Stars in many cases by just hundredths of a point.

The principals' judging com-mittee was amazed, pleased and proud of the "amazingly smart and engaged students" who were

nominated.

Wasylyshyn

But the All-Stars are not only intelligent, they are generous with their time and talent. They are a credit to their families, schools and the communities where they live. They are lavish with their praise about the teachers who have influenced them in their high school careers. Phrases like "changed my life," "cared about me as a person," "took the time ..." were used by all students.

Teachers will be encouraged by and proud of

their All-Star students.

We salute the 2010 All-Star team members from the Plymouth-Canton area, including Plymouth High School's Shan Kothari and Canton High School's Nick Wasylyshyn, who tied for the top ranking, and All-Stars Akshay Amin of Salem High School, Amy Mathew of Plymouth High School and Lillian Chen of Canton High School.

Be sure to read about them, their accomplishments and future plans in Sunday's special sec-

All-Stars excel over 25 years

The 2010 Academic All-Star Team is a milestone for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers as we celebrate 25 years of honoring academic excellence. We are proud to have honored 1,500 students as All-Stars over the past 25 years. More than 2,100 other students have received

Thanks to our partners over the years -Madonna University, Huntington Bank and the Townsend Hotel - for their part in making the All-Star program a special honor for those selected to the team. Huntington has awarded U.S. Savings Bonds to the Academic All-Stars for the last six years. The Townsend has hosted students and parents in a special breakfast and awards ceremony and Madonna University has sponsored our special section that profiles the All-Stars and their achievements in print for more than 10 years.



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A project to widen Canton Center Road to five lanes between Cherry Hill and Palmer is happening this summer. Do you think it's needed?

This question was asked at the Canton Public Library.



"Not necessarily widening it but perhaps repaying it, but there is a lot of congestion."

Chris Lockett Canton



"Yes, I do. It's always really congested through there." Kim Kramer

Canton



"Hallelujah! I love it. It's been a long time coming." Sandra Commager



"Yes, I do. The condition of the road is terrible."

Frank Chrzanowski Plymouth

LETTERS

Many voices, one vision

The 2010 Census responses will provide more evidence of the benefits of living in Canton Township, Plymouth and Plymouth Township: The increasingly rich diversity of our residents!

While the Census can provide much data, we can see for ourselves that our area is fortunate to be home to people of a variety of cultural and ethnic backgrounds. This fact is reflected in one aspect by the diversity of religious institutions in Plymouth-Canton.

Our community is home to a synagogue, many Christian churches, two Hindu temples, two Sikh Gurudwaras and a large Muslim mosque. The followers of these great world religions, and other people of good will, enrich our community with their high moral values and good citizen-

As we engage in the life of our community, we will now have more occasions to encounter people from many parts of the you to take a public events and invitations to experience our community's diversity of cultures.

One advantage of living in our community is that you may need only look to your next door neighbor to engage in such an experience and observe just how much we all have in common. Building these relationships will serve to avoid prejudicial thinking and acting. We look forward to building upon our differences to become an even greater community.

Information on currently scheduled public events, requests for information about specific groups, and assistance in taking us up on our challenge are available from Plymouth-Canton Citizens for Diversity and Inclusion via e-mail at plycancdi@gmail.com.

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I am writing this letter to encourage the citizens of the 20th District to elect Joan Wadsworth to be their voice in the Michigan state House of Representatives.

The problems currently facing our state are daunting. We are all well aware of the troubled economy and lack of jobs. Additionally, we have important educational and environmental issues to address to ensure a promising future for our children.

I have known and worked with Joan Wadsworth for over 10 years and I believe that she possesses both the personal qualities and experience we need to represent us in Lansing. Joan has been an active and involved citizen of Northville. She has served 16 years as a member of the Northville Board of Education, 14 of those as an officer. She has served on the board of the Friends of the Northville District Library, as well as the Northville Senior

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Citizens' Advisory Commission and the Northville Downtown Development Authority. In 2003, she was named Northville's Citizen of the Year and in 2007, she received the Exemplary Achievement Award from the Novi-Northville Optimist

Joan is well educated and articulate. She possesses an M.B.A. from the University of Michigan. As our representative in Lansing, she will seek the best possible solutions to the challenging problems of Michigan by building consensus. She is open to thoughts and ideas from all people and is hardworking. Joan recognizes that complex problems demand a variety of input and approaches to be solved.

When I heard that Joan was planning to run for state representative, I was thrilled. I am glad she is willing to take on such a difficult challenge and I am happy that, if elected, our state will benefit from her positive leadership.

I urge all of you to visit Joan's website www.joanwadsworth.com and decide for yourselves to support her candidacy. Follow her campaign by joining her groups on Facebook and Twitter. Become a part of helping solve the mess Michigan finds itself in by sending Joan Wadsworth to Lansing to represent us in this November's election.

Marnie Mertz Northville

Backing Wadsworth

Being a new resident of the city of Plymouth, I have been attending various functions to meet those running for offices in the upcoming elections. I don't believe that there has ever been a more pressing time in Michigan's history for inspired leadership.

One person that has impressed me with her knowledge of issues is Joan Wadsworth. Although I've only known Joan Wadsworth for a short time, I've learned that she has served on the Northville Board of Education for many years. She has also been actively involved with the Chamber of Commerce board of directors, the Northville Downtown Development Authority, the Senior Citizens Council, and the library

The number of hours devoted to helping others shows her commitment to community and her desire to make the area she will serve, as our representative in Lansing, a better place for all of our district's citizens. **Doreen Lawton**

Plymouth

Passive-aggressive e-mail

Have you, too, been the recipient of disturbing, unsolicited, right-wing or anti-government e-mails from numerous friends? My list of senders includes business and education professionals as well as a couple of skill tradesmen, all of whom are white and middle-aged. Most are married to professional women.

Each unsolicited e-mail came largely free of any introductory statement from the sender like, "Hi, I just wondered what you thought about this" or any other polite, personalized ice-breaker one might expect at the beginning of a correspondence from a friend. It was kind of like, "here, read this!" from each person. Upon receipt of the first message of this type I was surprised that the sender felt as he did and surprised that he had seemingly been taken in by what appeared to be gross exaggerations, mischaracterizations and or outright lies.

I decided to try to correct the misconceptions to prevent my friend from appearing o be uninformed. By accessing some of the fact-checking sites on the Internet I was able to deconstruct the communication I had received and I sent a polite, noncondescending reply in an effort to straighten out

To my surprise, I got no reply. Within a few days another e-mail, featuring lots of bolded text and many exclamation points and loaded with apparent lies and misconceptions, appeared in my inbox. Again I researched the included claims, fact checked and corrected the errors and replied accordingly. Again, no return reply was forthcoming.

Eventually, I concluded that the sender by now must have understood that I did not agree with him. Since he refused to observe the most basic tenet of intelligent debate, that of insisting upon facts as the basis for argumentation, I requested that he take me off of his "political" mailing list. Unbelievably, he didn't respect my wish until I got downright rude. Consequently, that friendship has been severely strained.

Similar scenarios have since played out with several variations where each sender of the unsolicited has been concerned. Some are mad because I had the temerity to provide them with the facts and state an opposing opinion. Those do not write me anymore about anything and I suspect we are finished. Some continue to send an occasional zinger. Some have attacked, calling me un-American, or a commie or a socialist or a threat to national security or a person with "class envy." Some have stated that nonpartisan fact checking sites have a liberal, left wing bias.

These e-mails have become a source of considerable consternation. They seem to me to be a passive-aggressive flicking of the ear, a calling out of sorts. Somehow I feel partially responsible for the way things have turned out but logic tells me otherwise. I was just minding my own business, keeping my opinions to myself when these e-mails began arriving. So-called friends should have never put a friend in this position. The cost of the e-mails has been a loss of friendship, a loss of respect for those who e-mailed me, a pervasive sense of betrayal and an uneasy feeling in my gut about the future. Thanks, guys.

Mitch Smith

Canton

Part of Detroit: Program features Hudson's highlights

Workers, shoppers reminisce about Woodward store

BY JULIE BROWN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Elizabeth Gribble of Plymouth Township worked at downtown Hudson's from 1964-69 in the pet shop. People would bring animals in a side entrance to be fitted with apparel - including a wrestler who had a pet lion.

Lena Stenrose of Plymouth also has fond memories of the landmark store on Woodward in downtown Detroit. "That was so nice," Stenrose said. "It was the best place in the world to meet people, your friends. I remember eating dishes from Peru and all over the world. It was great."

Stenrose bought her first oil painting and first leather coat there. "I used to take my granddaughter there too. That was our special day," including lunch. "I really miss it."

Some 130 people came together last week for a program at the Plymouth District Library presented by the Friends group and featuring author Michael Hauser.

Hauser gave a lively history of J.L. Hudson's, noting the company still shows up in

popular culture. The recent TV broadcast of You Don't Know Jack on the life of Dr. Jack Kevorkian included a character reference, "She worked at it (Hudson's) down on Woodward," Hauser said.

Hauser, marketing manager for the Detroit Opera
House/Michigan Opera
Theatre, wrote with Marianne
Weldon Arcadia Publishing
books, Hudson's, Detroit's
Legendary Department Store
and 20th Century Retailing in
Downtown Detroit.

Hudson's in the early 1880s replaced Detroit's first retailer on a site now the Detroit Opera House, offering men's and boys' clothing. In 1891, it had an eight-story building.

The company gradually bought up parcels to allow Woodward frontage, expanding its number of floors and square footage.

"That then became one of the largest stores in the world," Hauser said of work completed in 1928

The store had 32 levels including mezzanines and half floors. J.L. Hudson was civic-minded, helping to found Harper Hospital and get land for the state fairgrounds. The Hudson-Webber Foundation remains active in work for the arts, women and children.

"A lot of the legacies of the company are still with us today," said Hauser, citing the Santa parade started in 1924 by Hudson's as well as the fireworks over the Detroit River, started in 1959 and now run by Target. "A lot of people didn't realize there was more than one Santa" downtown, the author said.

The downtown store closed in 1983 and fell into disrepair before being demolished. Hauser gave a corporate rundown on the store, noting brief owner the May Co., based in St. Louis.

"May was not a good steward of their history," he said. Materials are now in Minneapolis and Chicago archives.

Target now owns the archives, and about 10 years ago opened a small archive at the Somerset Collection. That later moved to the Oakland site in Troy. "What's left of it is in an employee lounge in Oakland." Hauser said.

Oakland," Hauser said.
When Federated took over in 2005, "virtually everything then became Macy's."
Years earlier, Hudson's had pioneered with displayed merchandise, easy to read prices, a bridal registry and a forerun-

ner to the store credit card.

"The basement store saved the company of course during the Depression," Hauser said of the budget store: "The store really catered to all tastes, too."

A program highlight was hearing from former staffers and customers. A woman drew laughs recalling her 1954 wedding and the frequent arrival of the Hudson's delivery truck with gifts. She said that was the best part of the wedding.

Also recalled were dueling ads in Detroit's and St. Louis's daily papers in the 1968 World Series. The Hudson's ad published in St. Louis showed a tiger with a cardinal in its mouth.

Douglas Brush of Plymouth Township worked 39½ years for Hudson's as a carpet installer, out of the warehouse downtown. "It was a steady job and a good trade," said Brush, who enjoyed the program and praised former boss Gregg Packard of Plymouth Township, another attendee.

"I had a lot of different jobs," said Packard, including running the business gift center and a buyer for toys and housewares. He was let go by the company in 1997, the same day as its president.

"So I had good company," Packard said with a smile. "They were just reducing



Author Michael Hauser spoke Thursday, April 29, on the history of J.L. Hudson's department store. His evening appearance at the Plymouth District Library drew a number of former Hudson's staffers, who shared memories.

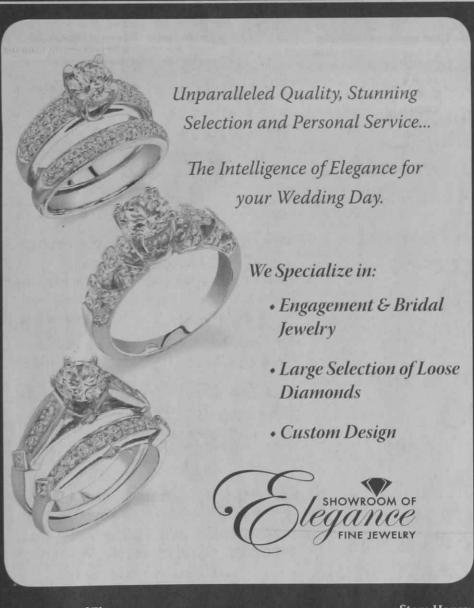
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He noted auto company staffers had to move around, and he wanted more stability: "I got the stability until they fired me. "It was very interesting," Packard said of the library program. "I enjoyed all the anecdotes from the people."

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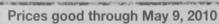
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'Cats make hits count

BY TIM SMITH OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Plymouth only connected for two hits Monday against Northville, but the host Wildcats made the most out of them with a 3-1 KLAA softball victory.

A two-run homer in the bottom of the first by senior third baseman Amanda Burnard turned out to be all the offensive support required by winning pitcher Lauren Smith, who scattered three hits and struck out 10 batters in a complete game performance.

PREP SOFTBALL did a great

job," said Wildcats head coach Val Canfield, whose team improved to 10-4 overall and 5-3 in the conference.

Plymouth added an insurance run in the fourth. Senior shortstop Stacey Klonowski (two runs) and Burnard walked, then promptly pulled off a double steal. Freshman outfielder Bri Giordano then drove in Klonowski with a base hit.

Katie Fenech homered for the Mustangs for the only blemish on Smith's pitching record.

"I always tell the team it's important to set the tone in the first inning," said Canfield, about the Burnard home run. "And I'm glad they did."

Also important is how well Giordano and Plymouth's other two freshman starters (pitcher/ second baseman Elaine Gerou and catcher Kayla Rebain) continue to adjust to the varsity level. "They're starting to get it,"

Canfield said.

Plymouth and campus rival Canton will participate in Saturday's "Canton Classic" tournament.

Lee's 16 Ks sparks Rocks

Salem pitcher Bri Lee was sensational Monday at Livonia

Please see SOFTBALL, B3



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Sliding safely into home plate Monday for Canton is Garrett Bryden, beating the catcher's throw to Livonia Stevenson pitcher Jeff Sorenson (No. 24).

Chiefs take bite out of Spartans

BY TIM SMITH OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

It was a pretty "cheesy" victory Monday for Canton's baseball team — in a good way, of course — thanks to a kid nicknamed Cheddar, namely junior catcher Seth Tschetter.

The Chiefs knocked off visiting Livonia Stevenson 6-1 in a battle of state-ranked squads and Tschetter had plenty to do with it — going 3-for-4 with three RBI and also playing a stellar defensive game.

"He's just an RBI machine," said
Canton head coach Mark Blomshield.

"Hats off to him, he played a great game."

Exhibit A came in the top of the fourth.

With Canton (13-3, 8-2 in the KLAA) nursing a 3-1 lead, Matt Shain tried to bunt Brendan Hayes to second base in hopes of starting a rally against Chiefs' senior lefty Kevin Delapaz.

Shain bunted a foul ball into the air behind home plate. But Tschetter turned an apparent strike into a key out when he dove head-first to grab the ball just before it hit the ground.

"A big game like this we were all pumped for," said Tschetter following his excellent all-around performance. "We were all prepared for this game and plays like that are just pure instincts."

One strikeout later, Tschetter ended the inning by throwing out Hayes at second base as he tried to advance on a pitch in the dirt.

"We practice stuff like that," said Blomshield about Tschetter's catch of the bunt. "He's been back there for three years so he'd better be able to make that play. There are just some things that we expect to do."

Meanwhile, Delapaz had no problem getting through the next two innings and pitched into the seventh as the Chiefs never trailed against the Spartans (15-2, 8-2 in the KLAA).

Delapaz (six innings, one run, four hits, seven Ks) outdueled Stevenson lefthander Jeff Sorenson, who was victimized by errors and bad luck (two fly balls to center were lost in the sun).

Sorenson gave up three earned runs in

5% innings and struck out eight.

"He (Delapaz) still has some things he needs to improve on," Blomshield said.
"But he's definitely showing some characteristics of how he pitched last year and that's kind of what we're waiting for."

Please see BASEBALL, B3



Delivering a pitch during Monday's baseball game is Canton senior Kevin Delapaz, who went six strong innings for the victory.

Rocks, Wildcats teaming up to fight prostate cancer

BY TIM SMITH OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The Salem and Plymouth baseball programs are uniting Saturday to make a worthy pitch — "Strike Out

Prostate Cancer."

Beginning 11 a.m. Saturday, the
Salem and Plymouth varsity, junior
varsity and freshman teams will all
compete as the backdrop for a day-long
fund-raiser for "Strike Out Prostate

All of the Salem teams will face the Plymouth teams in doubleheaders. But whatever happens on the various Plymouth-Canton Educational Park fields won't be as important as what transpires off of them.

Jointly organized by the Salem

Baseball Dugout Club and Plymouth Baseball Boosters, there will be baked goods, a raffle and a \$3 program/ wristband combo available with the hopes of raising more than \$1,000 for the Prostate Cancer Foundation.

"I think its fantastic," said event spokeswoman Audrey Rodriguez, whose son, Tommy, plays for the varsity Rocks. "I can't think of anyone who hasn't known somebody with cancer.

"If we could donate to a greater cause than just always fund raising for our club, it's great to give back and have the

boys give back."

Before Salem's game at Adrian on
Friday, May 14, a check from Saturday's
event will be presented to prostate cancer survivor and Adrian varsity baseball coach Greg Jackson.

Jackson then will send that money on to the Prostate Cancer Foundation, teaming up with the Michigan High School Baseball Coaches Association and Detroit Tigers on the effort.

TIMING MADE SENSE

Rodriguez said Jackson is a longtime friend of Salem head coach Dale Rumberger, who was instrumental in Saturday's benefit

Saturday's benefit.

"Coach Rumberger had his fellow coach whose got prostate cancer and he's been a big advocate," Rodriguez said. "(Rumberger) had though 'Wow, let's do this' because the next week (May 14) we go play him.

"... we wanted to do a thing and present him with the check the next week on behalf of the Salem and Plymouth

high school baseball (teams)."

Although admission to Saturday's games is free, Rodriguez said the programs and wrist bands will be available for a combined cost of \$3.

There will be baked goods on sale throughout the campus and some of the raffle items include a baseball autographed by Tigers third baseman Brandon Inge, theater and DVD packs and gift cards donated by Plymouth

and Canton restaurants.

Rodriguez said people do not need to be present to win the raffle, which will

take place after the second varsity game. There are between 30-40 high schools in Michigan who are hosting prostate

cancer awareness games this spring.

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Getting the jump

Plymouth's Jennifer Babcock (No. 13) gains a step on Canton defender Melanie Pickert (No. 22) during Tuesday night girls soccer action at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park. The teams battled to a 1-1 tie. Scoring for the Chiefs was Lindsey Winters with Katie Moss answering for the Wildcats. Both squads now are 6-1-3 overall.

Salem wins tournament

BY TIM SMITH OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Salem's varsity boys golf team captured Monday's Dearborn Elite Invitational, an effort that Rocks head coach Ryan Nimmerguth expects to have a positive long-term effect on his squad.

"The fact is they now know they have the ability to win a tournament and that they can compete," said Nimmerguth, whose team finished with a 316 score at par-72 Dearborn Country Club. "A lot of times you go into a tournament to gain experience. Now they know they can win at one of

these things."
Salem topped the 14-team field, edging runner-up

BOYS GOLF

University of Detroit-Jesuit (320) and Novi-Detroit Catholic Central (320).

Finishing fifth a 335 over the 18 holes was Canton.

For the Rocks, Eric Duprey led the way with a round of 76 strokes, good for second overall. Dearborn's Evan Bowser was medalist with a 73 for the day.

He was followed by Josh Perrin (78), Patrick Doty (80), Aaron Thompson (82) and Brandon Duprey (86).

"The five guys that have played any time they can be the low guy," Nimmerguth said.

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GAME WRAPS



Salem's Dylan Hatcher scored one of his team's goals Monday against Novi.

Boys lacrosse

NOVI 11, SALEM 5: Despite three goals from junior midfielder Connor Berlin, visiting Salem took it on the chin Monday at the hands of the Wildcats in a KLAA Central matchup.

Other goal scorers for the Rocks were junior attackmen Dylan Hatcher and Garret Berg with one marker each.

Novi outshot Salem 38-26 in the contest, keeping plenty of pressure on the Rocks' defense and goalkeeper.

Prep baseball

PLYMOUTH 10, NORTHVILLE
1: In what Wildcats
head coach Bryan Boyd
described as his team's best
game of the season, host
Plymouth ripped 14 hits
(including two homers) to
rout Northville.

Going the distance on the mound for the victory was pitcher Harrison Michels, who gave up just six hits while striking out five

Mustangs.

"Harrison Michels was very good for the second straight start," Boyd said.
"He was able to get batters out early in courts."

out early in counts."

Michels also contributed two hits and scored
twice, but just about every

Plymouth player chipped in.
Registering two singles,
a triple and driving in three
runs was Phil Emminger,
with Ben Wohl tallying

runs was Phil Emminger, with Ben Wohl tallying three singles. Mike Nadratowski singled and doubled while Rich Guglielmi (three RBI) and Matt Priebe (two runs,

one RBI) each homered as the Wildcats (8-8, 3-6 in the KLAA) displayed power throughout the lineup. PCA 12, CALVARY 2: On Monday, Plymouth Christian Academy romped to back the pitching of John Slater, who

Academy romped to back the pitching of John Slater, who earned his third Michigan Independent Athletic Conference win of the year while also smacking a three-run homer in the sixth.

Only a two-run home run by Calvary Christian Academy's Kendall Hunley in the first prevented Slater from blanking the Cougars.

PCA's AJ Smith answered the Hunley homer in the top of the second with a two-run homer, coming through with two strikes after head coach Jon Bottorff took off the bunt sign. Smith then singled in two more runs in the fourth on a hit-and-run play.

Bottorff said Éthan Walker (3B), Matt Hagelin (two hits), JR Hope and Matt Reid (one hit each) all were keys on offense while infielder Hagelin helped turn three double-plays and outfielders Reid and Blake Ringger came through with several clutch catches.

Track and field

PLYMOUTH CHRISTIAN EXCELS: Both the boys and girls track teams at Plymouth Christian Academy are enjoying success, said head coach Jennifer Lemieux.

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Senior Night on tap for PCS team

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The Plymouth-Canton-Salem Girls Lacrosse team, in the last season as a united team, is sitting at an even .500 with a 5-5 record. Highlights so far have included wins over Saline and Ann Arbor Father Gabriel Richard with Friday's Senior Night (7 p.m.) at the PCEP JV Field another certain highlight.

During Friday's game against Waterford, seniors Cara Delaney, Lauryn Ebersol, Jennifer Herzfeld, Brittany Lewis, Kylie Miller, Stephanie Poe, Lindsay Schmidt, Rachel Siedlik and Cady Struble will be honored. Many of those seniors have played lacrosse all four years of high school, helping the sport grow throughout the district, said head coach Steve Nyquist. "Friday night

GIRLS LACROSSE

fans to come out and support this team, honor our seniors and greet our returning players and coaches, Nyquist noted. "It will also present an opportunity to learn more about this up and coming sport in this area.'

According to Nyquist, top players have included Ebersol, Lauren Allard, Kaitlyn Hill, Stephanie Bower, Miller, Kaitlyn Allard, and Sarah Coleman. They have been ably assisted by Shannon Lubin, Becca Majszak and Rhianna Fleisher.

Nyquist said the defense has been anchored by Taylor Birman, Lauren Manner, Katie Meagher, Taylor Martin, Herzfeld and Schmidt with Meaghan

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To the Max

Whalers pick young lafrate in first round of OHL draft

The Whalers didn't have to go far for their first pick in Saturday's Ontario Hockey League Draft. In fact, they selected a Plymouth season ticket holder.

In the first round (15th overall), the Whalers stayed with their theme of picking local players in selecting Belle Tire U-16 defenseman Max Iafrate.

Max Infrate is used to being at Compuware Arena. Besides playing against the Compuware teams as a member of Belle Tire, he also has season tickets to the Whalers, Iafrate - the son of former National Hockey League defenseman Al Iafrate - scored 15 goals with 14 assists for 29 points and 167 penalty minutes in 63 games last season.

Central Scouting had this assessment of Iafrate: "Iafrate is a high risk-high reward defenseman who has a ton of physical tools and competes at a very high and consistent level. He has good size, which he uses to take the man and finish his checks, generally playing the game with and edge.

FAMILY CONNECTION

Plymouth President, General Manager and Head Coach Mike Vellucci played with Al Iafrate with the Belleville Bulls in 1983-84.

Al Iafrate's mother, Alice, worked for the Whalers back in their days in Detroit as the Compuware Ambassadors and Jr. Red Wings and the team's Overage Player of the Year award is named in her honor. Iafrate met the Whalers staff Saturday morning.
"My main goal this year

was to get drafted into the first round in the Ontario Hockey League," said Max Iafrate. "I worked hard for this. It's even better that I was taken by Plymouth. There's some real history here with Mr. Karmanos, the fact that



The Plymouth Whalers next season will feature Livonia's Max lafrate on the blueline. lafrate, the son of former NHL star defenseman Al lafrate, was Plymouth's first pick in Saturday's Ontario Hockey League draft.

Mr. Vellucci played with my dad and my grandmother worked here. Because of my grandmother, I have season tickets to Whalers games. I've watched them a lot.

Iafrate gave a self-assess-

ment of his game. "I like to be an offensive defenseman," he said. "I like to hit. I like to rush the puck a lot. I'll shoot it (the puck) from the point.

Plymouth Scouting Director Don Harkins described Iafrate as "a big, strong kid who skates like an NHLer already. He shoots and passes the puck well. We think he's got a lot of

In the second round, Plymouth took 6-foot-3, 190 pound right wing Thomas Wilson with the 27th overall pick. He scored 41 goals with 38 assists for 79 points and 130 PIM's in 59 games for the Toronto Jr. Canadiens last season.

The Whalers had to wait until the fifth round (95th overall) for their next selection - right wing/center Ryan Hartman, who scored 25 goals with 19 assists for 44 points and 64 PIM's in 38 games last year for the Chicago Mission. Hartman is 5-feet-9 and 170 pounds from West Dundee, IL.

Remaining picks were as follows: (6th Round) Ryan Ivey, defenseman; (7th Round) Jake Patterson, goaltender; (8th Round) Brodie Tutton, right wing; John Stevens, right wing; (9th round) Mark Yanis, defenseman who was a teammate with Iafrate at Belle Tire; (10th Round) Jared Dennis, center; Joe Cox, right wing from Detroit Compuware U-16s; (11th Round) Gavin Shantz, defenseman; (12th Round) Ryan Lowney, defenseman, Detroit Compuware U-16s; (13th Round) Brandon Pantaleo, left wing; (14th Round) Sheldon Dries, Detroit Honeybake U-16s; (15th Round) Matteo Condotta, left

After 15 rounds, Harkins summarized the Whalers 2010 draft: "We like guys who compete and we took some guys with skill and toughness. Hartman and Ivey are part of the 1995 draft class because they're late 94's, so we like that kind of potential. We took a goaltender for the future in Patterson. We took some chances on some other guys, but on Draft Day everyone likes their draft. That's how we

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For the Chiefs, meanwhile, the top score was registered by Brendan Muir (78) with Kyle Korte and Zach Conrad tallying scores of 82 and 83, respectively. Travis Hall (92) and Josh Maxam (93) rounded out the Canton scorecard.

Nimmerguth said winning an 18-hole tourney, especially one with plenty of strong opponents, is a good sign that the Rocks won't be uncomfortable when it's time for conference and state meets.

But Monday's positive energy couldn't sustain into Tuesday as the Rocks (2-2) lost to 153-155 to KLAA Central rival Novi (2-3).

Eric Duprey (37), Doty and Brian Patterson (39 each) all had solid showings. For Novi, Sam Palmer's 36 earned him medalist honors.

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COSTLY MISTAKES

Stevenson head coach Rick Berryman tipped his cap to both southpaws for pitching solid games, but he lamented misplays that put his team in trouble

"Kevin Delapaz threw well," Berryman said. "The score did not indicate how well Jeff (Sorenson) threw because of the lack of defensive play. But we'll see them again. I'm not disappointed, our kids will get

The Chiefs received a gift to open a three-run second when Stevenson's centerfielder couldn't track Garrett Bryden's fly ball. Bryden (2-for-3) tallied a triple on the play and scored on a wild pitch to make it 1-0.

Mark Main (2-for-4) laced a double to left and Chris Perkovich walked. With two out, Tschetter jumped on the first pitch and drove a liner to right to score a pair, opening up a three-run cushion.

Stevenson cut the lead to 3-1 in the third on a single by Mark Wagner.

But the Chiefs got that run back in the fourth. Perkovich reached first on a dropped third strike and subsequent wide throw by the Stevenson catcher.

Berryman argued, to no avail, that Mike Vomastek was interfered with on the play by Perkovich.

Sorenson promptly picked Perkovich off first, but a low throw to second enabled the Chief to reach safely.

GOOD THINGS HAPPEN

That brought out Tschetter, who with two strikes singled to center for his third RBI of the game.

"I was just thinking about getting on top of the ball, not popping up," Tschetter said. "I was pretty much just putting

it in play. Good things happen when you put it in play and our guys were on base so I just had to come through for them."

Two wild throws contributed to a two-run sixth for the Chiefs, with Bryden knocking in one of the tallies with a

Delapaz walked the leadoff batter in the seventh, so Blomshield brought in senior Andrew Tidwell to finish the

"I thought we both played pretty well today, we took advantage," Blomshield said. "We had some opportunities come our way and we cashed them in just enough to get us

According to Berryman, "It was a big game and we just made a few miscues. The centerfielder lost a couple fly balls, or whatever happened. If that doesn't happen, those are two outs and it's a different game."

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Churchill, striking out 16 Chargers and nearly throwing a no-hitter as the Rocks

earned a 2-0 win. A double with two out in the seventh by Abby Jewell spoiled

Lee's no-hit bid. "Bri was very focused today and pitched her best game so far this season," said Salem head coach Bonnie Southerland. "I am confident there will be plenty more this season.

Salem (9-6, 5-4 in the KLAA) broke the scoreless tie in the sixth. Alexis Powell

walked and scored on a triple by Lee and Jenny First followed with a textbook squeeze bunt for the second run.

Other Salem contributors on offense included Kelli Janiczek (two singles), Katie Kinney and Heidi Schmidt (one single

Southerland said the win was a nice response to Saturday's tough loss at the Salem invite.

After a Wednesday game against undefeated South Lyon, the Rocks will square off 7 p.m. Thursday at Massey Field against undefeated Canton.

Capping off a busy week is a home doubleheader on Saturday against Dexter (11 a.m.).

GIRLS TENNIS RESULTS

Salem Invite

Livonia Franklin won all four games, including a 2-1 win over the host Rocks in the semifinal of Saturday's Salem Invitational and 1-0 win over Flat Rock in the championship

In pool play, Franklin opened with a 6-0 win over Lincoln Park as Lamble allowed just two hits, walked none and struck out four. The Patriots then defeated Salem in a game decided in the eighth inning by the international tiebreaker rule.

Tiffany Lamble scattered six hits, walked one and struck out nine to outduel the Salem tandem of Lee and Schmidt.

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May 4 at Hartland No. 1 singles: Abby Haughie (H) def. Megan Leung, 6-3, 7-6(4); No. 2: Kelsey Retich (H) del. Taylor Eppler, 7-5, 6-3; No. 3: Hope DesJardins (H) def. Jaclyn Hollingsworth, 6-1, 6-4, No. 4: Sydney Liedel (C) def. Melanie Leonrad. Santtany Vance, 6-4, 7-5, No. 2: Mary Villerot-Kaitlyn Ratifif (H) del. Catherine Sanctorum-Keisey Mason, 6-0, 6-1 No. 3: Lauren Hill-Jenna Christensen (H) def. Janani Shanmuga-Kaitlyn Bunyak, 6-2, 6-3, No. 4: Kaitlin Slack-Caitlin Disteirath (H) def. Samantha Klott-Hayley Cook, 7-5, 6-2, No. 5: Hannah Ferree-Erin Fowler (C) def. Reghan Moore-Endija Vosa; 6-3, 6-4.



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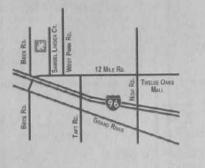
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Plymouth High School grad Brad Lineberry, shown making a defensive play in the 2009 East-West All-Star Game at Comerica Park, is one of the local products stepping in to spark Madonna's offense.

Madonna keeps on rolling

Chalk up two more wins Monday for the No. 13-ranked Madonna University baseball

The Crusaders improved to 41-7 overall by downing visiting Walsh University (Ohio) in a double-header at Ilitch Ballpark, 6-3 and 5-4.

Jeremy Gooding (7-1) went all seven innings in the opener, allowing one earned run on six hits in seven innings. The Livonia native struck out seven and walked three

Senior center fielder Ted Toune went 2-for-3 with an RBI to pace MU's offensive attack.

Also driving in runs for MU included Spencer Sarel, Brad Lineberry (Plymouth) and

Drew Fry. Junior right fielder Matt Kay (Canton) belted his team-leading 10th home run of the season in Game Two, while driving in four runs. Mike Gansser added a solo homer, his second of the year.

Winning pitcher Trent Pohl

(2-1) went 6.2 innings, allowing four earned runs on six hits. He struck out six and

walked three. Reliever Andy Omilian came on to get the final out, his first

save of the year. Dustin Lancy homered for Walsh, which falls to 21-25

Madonna sweeps

The newly-crowned Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference champion Madonna University baseball team honored its five seniors Saturday with a double-header sweep of visiting Siena Heights University at Ilitch Ballpark, 11-4 and 13-7.

The Crusaders, 39-7 overall and 17-3 in the WHAC, recognized its 2010 class consisting of John Ballarin, Kyle Bolton, Ted Toune, Zach Flavin and Drew Fry.

In the opener, Matt Kay (Canton) belted his seventh homer of the year and Fry added his second as MU outhit the Saints, 12-10.

Jeff Bultinck was 3-for-3, including a triple with an RBI, while Fry went 2-for-4 with four RBI. Mike Gansser also added two hits.

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Winning pitcher Tom Hansen (5-1) allowed four earned runs on eight hits in five innings. He struck out five and walked two before giving way to reliever Brian Diroff, who pitched two scoreless inning.

In the second game, MU overcame an early 5-run deficit as Kay homered twice - his eighth and ninth of the season - in a 3for-4 outing with six RBI.

Dan Harder also hit a pair of homers going 2-for-3 with three RBI. Fry also contributed two hits and two RBI, while Tarik Khasawneh went 2-for-3.

Winning pitcher Kyle Bolton (7-0) allowed seven earned runs on nine hits and three walks in six innings. He fanned six before Andy Omilian finished up.

CC edges Wildcats at **Observerland Relays**

BY DAN O'MEARA

OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The 40th Observerland Relays had a repeat champion in Novi-Detroit Catholic Central, which won its second consecutive title Saturday night at Farmington High School.

The Shamrocks retained the crown based on the strength of their performance in the field events and sprints, racking up 80 team points.

Farmington, earning a team trophy for the first time in many years, and Plymouth tied for second place with 53 points apiece.

A mere nine points separated the second-through seventh-place teams, the other four being Salem (50), Livonia Stevenson (49), Farmington Harrison (46) and Northville

CC didn't bring its full team as coach Tony Magni chose to rest his distance runners after they competed Friday at the Jackson Invitational.

The Shamrocks won the discus and high jump, and they were third in the long jump and shot put.

Though better known for its proficiency in the distance events, CC demonstrated superb speed by winning the 800- and 400-meter relays.

"The sprints and field events really came through today," Magni said. "We took two firsts and two thirds in the

field events, and that put us over the top."

CC's 800 relay team won with a record time of 1:28.35, eclipsing the standard set by Harrison eight years of 1:28.5.

"All those kids competed last night and came back today," Magni said of his sprinters. "Their legs weren't as tired as the mile and two-mile kids. In this kind of meet, if you're good enough in the sprints, you're going to win it."

CC benefitted from the competition among the other schools, Magni added.

What helped us was that everybody else was cutting each other up," he said. "That pretty much took points away from everybody else. We scored well in the field events, and we knew, if we just hung in there, we'd do well."

Jake Spuller anchored CC's sprints relays, and Billy Riga, who was third in the open 100 dash, was a member of both teams, too.

Dylan Young had the best throw (153-5) in the discus, and Mike Shearon tied Salem's Zack Gaskell for the best high jump (6-1).

"Dylan and Mike were the keys to winning two field events," Magni said.

Josh Gatt, a senior soccer standout and first-year track runner, has been a nice addition to the sprint relays.

"He'll probably play (soccer) in Europe next year, and he's really making the relays go,"

BOYS TRACK RESULTS

Magni said, adding Gatt is part of the 400, 800 and 1,600 teams. "Before the year is over, we'll put him in the open 400,

Andy Campbell, who competed in the hurdles, high jump and long jump, is another one of the CC senior leaders, Magni added.

Farmington didn't win any events, but the Falcons scored in all but four of the 16 events. They were second in the 800 and 400 relays and third in the high jump.

Charles Anthony, who anchored both sprint relays, was nipped at the tape in the 100 dash by Westland John Glenn's Jeremy Langford. Chris Ryba and Nimantha Herath were third in the high hurdles and 1,600 run, respectively.

Plymouth's second-place effort was led by senior Warren Buzzard, who won the 1,600 and anchored a Wildcats victory in the 6,400 relay. Plymouth also was fifth in the 3,200 with Buzzard running the anchor leg.

Salem won three events (shot put, 3,200 and 1,600); Harrison (long jump and shuttle hurdles) and Livonia Stevenson (distance and sprint medleys) two each. Other winners were Northville's Ali Arastu in the high hurdles and Livonia Churchill in the pole

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40TH OBSERVERLAND **BOYS TRACK & FIELD RELAYS** May 1 at Farmington H.S.

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Novi-Detroit Catholic Central, 80 points; 2. (tie) Farmington and Plymouti 53 each: 4. Salem, 50; 5. Livonia Stevenson, 49; 6. Farmington Hills Harrison, 46; 7. Northville, 44; 8. Livonia Franklin, 38; 9. Livonia Churchill, 33; 10. Cantor 22; 11. Westland John Glenn, 18; 12. Redford Union, 9; 13 Wayne Memorial, 1: 14. (tie) Redford Thurston, O each FINAL EVENT RESULTS

Shot put: 1. Salem (Ed Merhi, Dana Baitazar, Ethan Walsh), 147 feet, 8.25 inches; 2. Franklin, 144-9.75; 3. Catholic Central, 139-0.5; 4. Plymouth, 138-8.25; 5. Churchill, 130-2; 6. Farmington, 124-10.75. **Top Individual**: Mehri (Salem), 51-10.25. Discus: 1. Catholic Central (Dylan Young, Justin

D'Agostino, Mike Still). 427-11; 2. Salem, 372-2; 3. Churchill, 370-11; 4. Franklin, 366-4;5. Farmington, 346 6. Wayne, 312-3. Top individual: Young (CC), 153-5.
 High jump: 1. Catholic Central (Andrew Campbell)

Jack Malinowski, Mike Shearon), 17-7; 2. Salem, 17-1; 3. 6. Franklin, 16-6. Top Individual: (tie) Zack Gaskell (Salem) and Shearon (CC), 6-1 each.

Long jump: 1. Harrison (Kyle Carter, Christyan

Success, Tendo Lukwago), 60-8.5; Z. Stevenson, 59-9; 3. Catholic Central, 57-4.5; 4. Churchill, 57-1.5; 5. Canton, 56-4: 6. Farmington, 56-0. Top Individual:

Pole vault: 1. Churchill (Alex Rytarsyk, Joe Marlow 31-0; 6. Franklin, 29-0. Top individual: Nick Alaniva

6,400-meter relay: 1. Plymouth (Matt Neuman Joe Porcari, Justin Heck, Warren Buzzard), 19:00.26; 2. Churchill, 19:08.44; 3. Catholic Central, 19:17.19; 4. Northville, 19:27.18; 5. Farmington, 19:51.07; 6. Salem, 19:55.83.

110 hurdles: 1. Ali Arastu (Northville), 14.72;

(Farmington), 15.64; 4. Brandon Piligian (Plymouth)

Distance medley: 1. Stevenson (Travis Gosselin, Zaid Shareef, Adam Chludzinski, Joe Urso), 11:02.96; 2. Franklin, 11:10.04; 3. Canton, 11:10.82; 4. Plymouth, 11:12.53; 5. Northville, 11:18.82; 6. Farmington, 11:39.56

800 relay: 1. Catholic Central (Josh Gatt, Spencer Hall, Billy Riga, Jake Spuller), 1:29,35; 2. Farmington, 1:29,88; 3. Franklin, 1:31,43; 4. Northville, 1:31,65; 5.

1,600 I. Buzzard (Plymouth), 43.792. 2. Frank Griffiths (N ville), 4:45.1.3. Nimantha Herath (Farmington), 4:48.36; 4. John Lynch (Stevenson). 4:49.92, 5. Alex Slavsky (CC), 4:51.22; 6. Steve McEvilly (Salem), 4:52.67.

(Salem, 4-2-2.6).

3,200 relay: 1. Salem (Jimmy Daniels, Gaskell, Shawn Quinn, Dan Martin), 8:22.17; 2. Canton, 8:24.99; 3. Stevenson, 8:28.26; 4. Farmington, 8:30.32; 5. Plymouth, 8:33.75; 6. Churchill, 8:40.26; 1. 100.45; 1. Jacomy Lander (Jimen), 118:3 100 dash: 1. Jeremy Lankford (Glenn), 11.18: 2.

Charles Anthony (Farmington), 11.2; 3. Riga (CC), 11.32; 4. Will Ferguson (Harrison), 11.52, 5. Richard Duncan (Franklin), 11.58; 6. Keith Marshall (RU), 11.67. Sprint medley: 1. Stevenson (Shareef, Alex Law, Stephen Pollard, Matt Williams), 2:29.93; 2.

Farmington, 2:30.14; 3. Franklin, 2:31.56; 4. Plymouth 2:31.72: 5. Catholic Central, 2:32.19: 6. John Glenn, Shuttle hurdle relay. 1. Harrison (Lukwago,

Beneth Akalefu, Denzel Owens, Kenton Janzen), 1:01.01, 2. Catholic Central, 1:02.93; 3. Northville, 1:05.95; 4.

400 relay: 1. Catholic Central (Josh Kyles, on, 43.96, 5. Plymouth, 44.78; 6. Franklin, 45.1

1,600 relay: 1 Salem (Brian Maksimovic, Quinn, Martin, Gaskell), 327.87; 2. RU, 3:30.9; 3. Northville, 3:31.67; 4. Stevenson, 3:32.74; 5. Catholic Central,

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Board of Education Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Nancy Eggenberger, Secretary

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Last week at Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest, PCA's Riley Groenewoud broke a 21year-old school record in the 100-meter dash with a time of 11.37 seconds. Then at Saturday's Whitmore Lake Invitational, the Eagles held their own against schools from a higher division.

In the girls race, Karen Windle set a school record in the 300-meter hurdles (57.3) on her first-ever run in that event, Lemieux said. She also was sixth in the mile-run, missing a school record by two seconds.

Jessica Soblesky took fifth in the 200-meter dash (28.6) while the 400-, 800- and 1,600-meter relay teams each placed eighth. Also faring well was the

PCA boys team, with two firsts (Jordan Allen, high jump, 6-

foot, 3-inches; Groenewoud, long jump, 19-6.25). Those just fell short of new school records as did a fifth-place finish by Chad Ibach in the 300 hurdles (46.6) and a fifth-place finish in the 400-meter dash by Allen.

Groenwoud was sixth in the 200-meter dash with a time of 24.9. Turning in a season's best was the 3,200-meter relay team of Trevor Baloga, Jacob Nichols, Ian Rose and Jimmy Parks) finishing with a 9:38.4, good for eighth place.

At Tuesday's MIAC meet, PCA's boys team placed third overall. The highlight was the 800-meter relay team of Groenewoud, Ibach, Collin Kieft and Allen breaking the PCA

record with a time of 1:38.4. Victorious for the Eagles was Allen in the high jump (6-2) with second-place finishes going to Groenewoud (200 run and long jump) and Baloga (1,600 run, 5:15; 3,200 run, 11:47).

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What do you think it would be worth to talk to a loved one in the armed services stationed overseas? Maybe they're in combat; you haven't spoken with them for months; don't know if they are safe? Maybe they are a brother, sis-

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The company's 2010 goal: Contribute 5,000 hours of talk-time to the troops.

Each phone recycled provides an hour of talk-time to service personnel overseas.

To help reach the goal, RE/MAX Classic sponsors a Mother's Day collection drive of Cell Phones for Soldiers 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 8, at all four locations, including the one at 43435 Joy Road in Canton. Donations are tax-deductible, with donation receipts provided at the time of contribution.

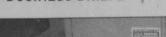
Visit the company's Web site at www.detroitmetrorealestate.com to read about the cause and register your soldier for a their free calling card. For more information, call (248) 987-8610 or (734) 335-0068.

Wine tasting

Join Women's Exchange of Washtenaw and meet acclaimed winemaker Laurence Feraud on Friday, May 7, for a wine-tasting happy hour and networking event at the Ann Arbor Art Center from 5-6 p.m. (registration at 4:30).

Feraud founded Domaine du Pegau with her father in 1987, and has more than doubled the acreage of the family business. The vineyard produces 7,000 cases per year of Châteauneuf du Pape, 90 percent for export, and 18 percent to the United States. Attendees will hear

Laurence speak about her





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experience as a woman in a male-dominated field.

The \$16 ticket price (ages 21 and over, please) includes hors d'oeuvres and a taste of Cotes du Rhone Villages Seguret Rouge 2008, Selection Laurence Feraud. Registration (and more information) is available at http://www.eventbrite.com/event/640947090. Learn more about Feraud and what other events where she and her wine will be featured at: http://annarborartcenter. org/wf2010/

Hospice Art Dash

The Arbor Hospice Foundation invites art enthusiasts and community members to enjoy an evening of art, wine, food and fun to benefit Arbor Hospice's pediatric hospice care and grief support services. The ninth annual Art Dash event takes place at 7 p.m. on Thursday, May 20, at The Inn at St. John's Golf & Conference Center in Plymouth.

Throughout the night, guests will enjoy perusing extraordinary visual works, raffle and auction items, all while making note of their favorite pieces. After dinner, attendees kick off their heels and make a dash for the art piece of their choice. Every couple will go home with a work valued at a minimum of \$250 - the average value of last year's art piece was \$459.

Patron tickets are \$350 (entitles two people to attend and one to "dash"), benefactor tickets are \$500 (entitles two people to attend and one to 'dash" plus recognition at the event) and \$1,600 to reserve

a table of eight (entitles eight

people to attend and four to

'dash") Art Dash also provides a unique opportunity for local artists to showcase their talent to art enthusiasts, while supporting Arbor Hospice's community programs and services. Arbor Hospice is accepting donations of original pieces of art for the event. To purchase tickets or donate art, please contact Arbor Hospice at (734) 794-5122 or visit www.

arborhospice.org. Since 2001, Art Dash has raised more than \$386,000 for The Arbor Hospice Foundation, while raising awareness for the local arts community. Proceeds go directly back into the community to support Arbor Hospice's end-of-life care and grief support services for children, adolescents and adults.

Sponsors of Art Dash include: UPS; Hantz Benefit Services, LLC; Williams, Williams, Rattner & Plunkett, P.C.; The Knickerbocker Group of Raymond James & Associates; REI; Community Financial; Michigan Commerce Bank; and OfficeStar.

Still Got It

The Spotlight Players senior acting troupe, "Still Got It," presents its spring show May 12-15 at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton.

The group, featuring actors 50 and older, presents, "A Celebration of Love, Laughter, Deception and Sports?" with 1 p.m. performances May 12-13, a 7 p.m. show May 14 and 2 and 7 p.m. performances May 15.

The Village Theater is located at 50400 Cherry Hill in Canton. Tickets are \$12 to \$15. For more information call (734) 394-5460 or go online to www.cantonmi.org/villagetheater

Bowling blastoff

Super Bowl of Canton hosts "Michigan Family Fun - Bowling Blastoff" noon to 8 p.m. Saturday, May 1

The day of fun, celebrating smoke-free Michigan, features 75-cent hot dogs, 75-cent soft drinks, 75-cent french fries and giveaways every hour. Pebbles the Clown will make an appearance from 2-4 p.m.

Registration is required; reservations accepted. Super Bowl of Canton is located at 45100 Ford Road. For more information, call (734) 459-

Texas Hold 'Em

Rose's Restaurant will be hosting a Texas Hold 'em charity event.

Join us at Rose's Restaurant 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. May 13-15. There will be a full service bar, late night menu and a midnight pizza buffet in the lounge.

This is a great way to support the Canton Chamber of Commerce and have fun while doing it," said Dianne Cojei, president of the Canton

CHAMBER CHAT



Still Got It players Pat Watson, Madeline Carpenter, Bella Glenn and Caroline Zamarka in 'Dinner Plans,' one of four short plays being performed by the Still Got It Players at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill.

Chamber of Commerce.

For more information on this event, go to www.cantonchamber.com click on forms & flyers and go to Rose's Restaurant Fundraiser and get all the details.

Also on May 11, from 5-9 p.m., you can turn your pasta into money for the Canton Chamber by printing the flier on the Chamber Web site and presenting it to your server at Rose's Restaurant. The Canton Chamber of Commerce will receive 15 percent of net purchases made that evening.

The Canton Chamber of Commerce is a member driven organization dedicated to stimulating positive business growth, fostering community leadership and acting as an advocate for the business community. For more information on the Canton Chamber of Commerce, log onto www.cantonchamber.

Showcase Plymouth

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce presents the 21st annual

Showcase and Taste of Plymouth on Monday, May 24, from 5-7:30 p.m. at the Inn at St. John's, located 44045 Five Mile in Plymouth.

Showcase and Taste of Plymouth was created to celebrate the Plymouth Community; it's businesses, restaurants, and the people who live here. This year they are again anticipating this event to be a huge success with over 700 attendees.

Admission is \$10 at the door and includes complimentary food, a cash bar and a chance to win over 70 door prizes. For the first time ever there will be a live Chef's Cooking Challenge with three judges and an announcer describing the action.

Also, as part of this event, they are recognizing outstanding citizens from our local service clubs and presenting scholarships to local students.

Showcase and Taste of Plymouth is sponsored by Hines Park Lincoln Mercury and Community Financial.

For more information, call the chamber, (734) 453-1540.

Center opens

Oakwood Healthcare System recently held a grand re-opening of the Oakwood Imaging Center-Canton, formerly known as the Oakwood Canton Imaging Center, located at 2050 N. Haggerty Road, south of Ford Road in Canton Township. The center is aligned with Oakwood Annapolis Hospital and the Oakwood network of Imaging Centers, and offers the same excellent quality of care that physicians and patients have come to expect. For more information, or to schedule an appointment, call (800) 543-WELL

Life expectancy, other factors to mull in retirement plans

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age 90 and older

retire at 65.

ne question I am frequently asked is: How much money will be needed in order to retire?

What people want is a simple, straightforward answer with a set dollar amount. Unfortunately, it's not so easy. After all, when it comes to retirement there are many variables to factor into the equation and some are difficult to determine. For example, one of the hardest issues is how long we're going to live in retirement and what it will cost.

In determining how much money you will need in retirement, the first issue is to guesstimate how long you expect to be retired. Obviously, people don't know how long they will live but I generally recommend figuring mid-90s. Therefore,



least plan on a 30-year retirement. I recognize

Money Matters

Rick Bloom

seems somewhat optimistic. However, think about how much life expectancy

has changed over the last 100 years. With advancements in medical science, there's no doubt that life expectancy will continue to increase over the next few decades.

The next issue is whether to factor Social Security into the equation. This is a tough question and I have no doubt that

Social Security will change over the years. That being said, those in their mid-50s or older can plan on receiving Social Security. However the taxation of benefits may and probably will change.

Hopefully, whatever the amount you determine you will need for retirement won't scare you but wake you up and allow you to plan so to reach your goals.

We live in the greatest country in the history of the world but one thing is certain, you don't want to be old and poor in America. Good luck!

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. Observer & Eccentric readers can submit questions at moneymatters@hometownlife. com. For more information, visit his website at www.bloomassetmanagement.com.



Country music singer will rock the stage at Hoedown

O&E STAFF WRITER

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Playing at the annual 99.5 WYCD Downtown Hoedown never gets old for Austin Scott of Redford.

This is my fourth year at the Hoedown but my first ever Saturday and I am very excited. Ever since I was young I wanted to be part of the Hoedown and I really had to jump through hoops to start with but I never

The 99.5 WYCD Downtown Hoedown runs Friday-Sunday, May 14-16 on Hart Plaza in Detroit. Musical acts on the main stage are scheduled from 2-10:05 p.m. Friday, 11 a.m.-10:20 p.m., Saturday and 11 a.m.-9:15 p.m. Sunday. Dierks Bentley will headline opening night, hometown favorite Uncle Kracker wraps up the musical roster on Saturday and Zac Brown Band finishes the Hoedown on Sunday

Scott will perform his rock- and folk-influenced country music at approximately noon, Saturday, May 15, on the Lower Stage, with Front Porch Romances and the Urban All Stars.

"It was tough to get a foot in the door," said Scott, recalling his first appearance at the Hoedown. "But I went through another way. I went through the Colgate Country Showdown and beat out 30 people."

The Showdown is a national contest that begins with local competitions across the country.

"I think country music has the ability to speak to a lot of people. It has its roots in old blues, rock, a little bit of everything. But it still sounds country."

CLASSICALLY TRAINED

Scott, 28, has been paying his dues as a performer since he was 16. The Redford Union High School graduate took piano lessons as a child and then graduated to guitar and vocal classes in

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN

CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Just when Midge Ellis

was having her doubts if the

Michigan Jazz Festival could

survive another year, nearly

500 fans showed up for the

in the VisTaTech Center at

April 11 fund-raising concert



Austin Scott of Redford will play May 15 at the annual Hoedown on Hart Plaza in Detroit.

Jazz fans show support for festival at fund-raiser

The free public event is entirely

Jerry McKenzie's Just Jazz

trio and a variety of guest art-

ists pack the house Thursday

McKenzie on drums, Matt

Michaels, piano and Dan

Jordan, bass have built up a

nights at Nikola's in Southfield.

following over the years they've

staffed by volunteers.

"I was doing solo shows at 16, duos and trios and that kind of thing, but I didn't have a full band until I was about

He began performing at open mics, church, coffeehouses - anywhere he could - while at the same time honing his songwriting skills. After recording an album of original pieces, Scott headed to Nashville, Tenn.

"I lived there for about a year when I was 20, 21, and tried to make it in the town. I wasn't terribly happy there. I'm not knocking it, but I found a group of people in Tennessee I'd have much rather been with than in the smoky dive bars on Broadway," he said, referring to a section of the town known for its nightlife and bars.

"There were hippie kids, punk rock kids, Indie kids. It was refreshing. I

Schoolcraft College in Livonia.

A total of 125 tickets were

sold at the door alone for the

McKenzie's Just Jazz and sing-

The \$5,600 it raised will go

toward the annual festival that

costs approximately \$35,000.

concert that featured Jerry

er April Tini of Farmington

was playing music at Kung Fu Coffee - we'd answer the phone with Aieee Ya! — and we had three or four bands

They ran the gamut of musical styles, from rock to bluegrass.

'I think my music now represents that. If I do a set it's not just country songs. It's trying to be more original... maybe it's new country," he said.

STAGE CAREER

When he returned to Michigan he continued to perform throughout the state. He took on a landscape job in Rochester just to bring some "balance' to his life. Since then he has taken a job with a company that builds and sets up stages for shows and then removes them when the performance is over.

He'll not only perform on a Hoedown

played in the Detroit area. Ellis

hoped at least 400 of these jazz

lovers would turn out for the

April 11 concert to raise funds

for the Michigan Jazz Festival.

'I couldn't believe it," said

She definitely got her wish.

Ellis, a Livonia jazz pro-

moter who serves on the

mittee. "Because our jazz

friends showed up we took

in \$5.574.88 in ticket sales in

addition to \$800 for the DVDs

we sold from a Two Pianos con-

cert with Matt Michaels and

Dennis Tini, the fund-raiser

last year. We need it so badly.

sponsors due to the economy,

except Inmart and Steinway,

and the Music Performance

Fund through the musicians

We've lost all of our automotive

Michigan Jazz Festival com-



stage, but will help create it three days before the festival begins.

We go all over the country. We do the Electronic Music Festival, Jazzfest. I get to be involved in the whole process instead of just performing."

Scott, who will marry girlfriend/ manager Rachel van Rossum, in September, generally plays week nights at restaurants and bars in southeastern Michigan and has opened for many groups, including The Orbitsuns. Scott's lengthy performance resume includes shows abroad as well as major festivals in Michigan. He has sung at Arts, Beats and Eats, the Great Lakes Chili Cookoff, at the American Cancer Society's Cattleman's Ball, and the Michigan State Fair, to name a few.

"It's a lot of fun. I love being on stage and sharing my music.'

Catch his act Aug. 5 at Farmington's Stars in the Park concert series.

For more about Scott and his music visit www.

Ticket sales from an annual

Father's Day Brunch helps to

tinues to entertain audiences

in the future as well, but Ellis

is to survive into 2011. The

Michigan Jazz Festival spot-

still needs sponsors if the event

year's event takes place Sunday,

Ellis hopes match or exceed

July 18, at Schoolcraft College.

the April 11 crowd for the

Father's Day Brunch. The

Sunday, June 20 concert fea-

with vocalist Kelly Broadway

from 3-5 p.m. at the VisTaTech

For information on spon-

sorship of the Michigan Jazz

Father's Day Brunch, call Ellis

Festival or tickets to the

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Contact: (248) 348-2420 or www.ticketmaster.com

Joey's Comedy Club of Livonia

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Mondays, Open Mic: 8 p.m. Tuesdays, Local Legends; 8 p.m. shows Wednesdays, Thursdays; 8 p.m. & 10:30 p.m. Fridays, Saturdays Location: 36071 Plymouth Road,

Details: Erik Griffin with Jeff Dwaskin, May 5-8; Ian Bagg and Nathan Timmel, May 12-15; Marc Ryan and Johnny Beehner, May 19-22; Elliot Branch and Mary Ann Demoss, May 26-29

Coming up: Comedy for a Cause sponsored by Zonta Club of Western Wayne County, 8 p.m., May 17. Tickets are \$15. Call Sally Randall at (734) 464-3728 Contact: (734) 261-0555, www.kicker-

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lights 200 local musicians. This Time/Date: Kathleen Madigan, May 6-8; Jeff Jena, May 13-15; Rocky LaPorte, May 21-22; Mike Green, May 27-29

> Location: 269 E. Fourth, Royal Oak Contact: (248) 542-9900, www.comedvcastle.com

CONCERTS

Time/Date: Pete Seeger tribute, May 6; Crooked Still, May 7; John McCutcheon, May 8; Sharpe Note Singing, May 9; The Holmes Brothers, May 10; Colin Hay, May 11-12; The Spring Standards, May 13; Vincent York's Jazzistry, featuring Marcus and Joan Belgrave Experience, May 14; Ralph's World, 11 a.m. May 15; Josh White, Jr., 8 p.m., May 15; Natalia Zukerman, May 16; Sue Foley and Peter Karp, May 17; Dan Bern, May 18; Crash Test Dummies, May 19; May Erlewine and Samuel Seth Bernard, May 20; Suzy Bogguss, May 21; Eilen Jewell, May 22; Dala, May 23; Matt Andersen, May 25; Diane Birch, May 27; Gaelic Storm, May

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Detroit Institute of Arts

Time/Date: Friday Night Live concerts, 7 and 8:30 p.m.

Location: 5200 Woodward Ave

Contact: (313) 833-7900, www.dia.org

Detroit Symphony Orchestra Time/Date: 3 p.m., May 3 Location: Orchestra Hall, 3663

Woodward Avenue, Detroit Details: Garrison Keillor, host of "A Prairie Home Companion," will focus his gentle storytelling and whimsical musical skits on the subject of motherhood, while conductor Philip Brunelle leads the DSO in a program of short and uplifting orchestral works; tickets

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Rotarians learn about Capuchin outreach

O&E STAFF WRITER

Brother Vincent Reyes recalls Oct. 1, 1998, when he arrived at the Capuchin Soup

That experience was in some ways shocking," the Capuchin Franciscan brother said Thursday, April 29, speaking at Westland

The Connor kitchen, which serves a lot of children and families, had a traditional Thanksgiving dinner. Reyes, who lives at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church in Detroit, sat and talked with families.

One father said, "'I wanted my son to have the same experience I did with my dad. Where did we screw up? We were feeding the third generation.'

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Reyes and others began to collect children's books from area parishes, and now have a 5,000-book library at that site, one of four operated by the Capuchins in Detroit.

We want to feed people, but we want to fill their hearts with hope," Reyes said.

He spent 11 years as an emergency room chaplain at a Chicago hospital, and burned out on that. "It gave me an appreciation for life and all its many facets.

The soup kitchen has operated since 1929. The Meldrum kitchen serves many homeless, including those with alcohol or drug problems, as well as mentally ill people.

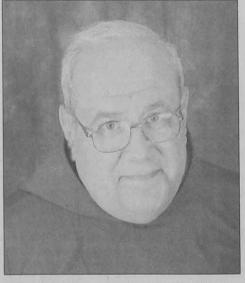
Reyes is asked why people don't get off their butts and work. "I'm sorry, they can't. They don't know how." They haven't had such models, he

"They have so little hope, so little hope. We were only poor because we didn't have very much money," Reyes said of his growing up years. "We had everything else.

HIS PHOTOGRAPHY

He brought two copies of the book My Name Is ... which has photos and profiles of those who use the Capuchin services.

"I got to know them as human beings. It changed me in a beautiful way," said Reyes, one of the photographers for the 2007 book, along with two Detroit News and two Detroit Free Press photographers. "I was trying to



Brother Vincent Reves spoke recently to the Westland Rotary about work at the Capuchin Soup Kitchen in Detroit, which has been open since 1929.

humanize the poor. They're very much like

Clothing and appliance help is also offered, with the main focus on food. At the Capuchins' Jefferson House, men out of prison usually with addictions train as bakers with the On the Rise effort.

"It's an opportunity to take care of people and we've been doing it since 1929," the brother said. "We Donations may be sent to have learned a lot," and benefit the Capuchin Soup Kitchen,

spiritually from the experience. Donations may be sent to the Capuchin Soup Kitchen, 1820 Mt. Elliott, Detroit, MI 48207. Reyes noted they serve more than 2,000 hot meals daily.

"Everybody wants to feel like they've got some sort of dignity," he said. When asked by Rotarian Margaret Harlow about simi-

larities to the Salvation Army, Reyes said, "I think we're very much alike. I never really thought about the differences.'

He met Capt. Derek Rose, corps commander with wife Joanna, of the Wayne-Westland Salvation Army. "A lot of people need help out there," Derek Rose said, noting there's poverty in Wayne-Westland as well as

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MAY 6-12

His Church Anglican Time/Date: 6:30 p.m., Thursday, May 6-June 24 Location: 36163 Plymouth Road,

of publication. Feel free to send a

related photo in jpg form.

Details: Alpha class Contact: To register call (734) 367-

Livonia

Birmingham Temple Time/Date: 7:30 p.m., Sunday, May 16

Location: 28611 W. 12 Mile, between Inkster and Middlebelt in Farmington Hills

Details: DSO Concertmaster Emmanuelle Boisvert, along with Karl Pituch, principal horn player of the DSO, Hai-Xin Wu, DSO's assistant concertmaster, and Zuihua Tang, pianist, perform in the final Vivace Music Series concert of the season. An afterglow follows the concert. Tickets are \$23 general admission and \$20 for seniors and students

Contact: To order tickets, call Joyce Cheresh at (248) 788-9338 or Ann Sipher at (248) 661-1348 Episcopal Church of the Holy

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m., Friday, May 14 Location: 9083 Newburgh, Livonia Details: Healing Light for Pain Relief demonstration featuring Q-Laser

Contact: RSVP at (248) 203-7744 Italian American Banquet Center

Time/Date: 6 p.m. Thursday, May

Location: 39200 Five Mile, Livonia Details: The ENDOW study program of St. Michael the Archangel Church of Livonia will host its 3rd Annual "Ladies Night Out" featuring ENDOW Co-founder and Executive Director, Terry Polakovic. ENDOW (Educating on the Nature and Dignity of Women) is a Catholic women's educational program established in 2003 to aid women in discovering their God-given dignity and to understand their role in humanizing and transforming society. Ladies Night Out is open to all women. Lickets are \$25 per person and include the family-style dinner, beverages, and dessert. A cash bar will be available. Tables can be reserved for small groups of women. Tickets can be mailed or held for pick-up

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Contact: (734) 261-1455, Ext. 207, or www.livoniastmichael.org. Kenwood Church

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., May 15 Location: 20200 Merriman, Livonia Details: "Free Stuff Give Away" offers donated, gently-used items to the community at no cost. The church is collecting donation of items for the event up to May 15. Collection boxes are placed under the canopy by the main doors Contact: (248) 476-8222

Lola Park Lutheran Church Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Location: 14750 Kinloch, Redford Details: Ascension Day worship

service with the choir; free ice cream social will follow the service Contact: (313) 532-8655 or (734) 968-3523

SS Simon and Jude Church Time/Date: 11 a.m., May 13 Location: 32500 Palmer, Westland Details: Bon Appetit Salad Luncheon; tickets \$8 available only in advance of the event

Contact: (734) 722-1341 St. Damian Catholic School Time/Date: 4:30 p.m., Mass, 5:30-8 p.m. All-You-Can-Eat Spaghetti Dinner, Saturday, May 15 Location: 29891 Joy, between Middlebelt and Merriman, in

Westland

Details: Fiftieth anniversary celebration; dinner menu includes salad, bread, beverage, and desserts. The evening includes dinner music. Tickets are \$7 for adults, \$3 for children 5-12, and children under 5 are free. Family tickets are available for \$20

Contact: (734) 427-1680 St. John Neumann Catholic

Time/Date: 6-7:45 p.m. Monday-Wednesday, May 17-19 and Friday-Saturday, May 21-22; and 2-3:45 p.m. Sunday, May 23.

Location: 44800 Warren Road between Sheldon and Canton Center, Canton

Details: St. John Neumann will feature Going the Extra MYLE with inspirational speaker Mike Patin using humor, sacred stories, and life experiences to affirm the goodness of God's presence while inviting others to take the next step in the journey with God. The cost is \$6 per person - children 4 and under free - includes hearty hors d'oeuvres as well as materials to use at home to continue the experi-

Contact: Call (734) 455-5910 to reserve a spot

St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church Time/Date: 1 p.m., Saturday, May 15

Location: 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, Livonia Details: The church invites all area Catholics recovering from a serious illness, facing surgery, or suffering



Mike Partin will speak this month at St. John Neumann Catholic Church in Canton.

from a chronic health condition to attend a special Mass of Anointing. Anyone interested in receiving anointing should call the parish office so that the church will be able to prepare for the number of participants

Coming up: Pray a Living Rosary 7 p.m., Wednesday, May 19, at the church. The church invites all to participate in this uniquely Catholic experience in which a person or small group represents each bead of the rosary and leads the prayer each represents. The ceremony is held by candlelight and as each prayer is offered, a candle is lit to represent that particular bead. The ceremony, which commemorates May as the month dedicated to Christ's Mother, will follow the parish's monthly day of Eucharistic Adoration in which the church is open for adoration from 10 a.m. to

Contact: (734) 261-1455, Ext. 200, or visit www.livoniastmichael.org St. Thomas a'Becket

Time/Date: 2:30 p.m., Sunday, May

Location: 555 S. Lilley, Canton Details: Widowed Friends, a support group for widows and widowers, plans a special Mass, followed by refreshments and social time Contact: Pat at (734) 895-6246 Temple Shir Shalom

Time/Date: 9:30 a.m., May 15 Location: 3999 Walnut Lake Road, West Bloomfield

Details: Ma-at Shabbat - enjoy a "Moment of Shabbat" with songs, stories, arts and crafts and a special service with your children, 2-6; no charge and open to the public Contact: (248) 737-8700

MAY 20-26 Faith Bible Church

Time/Date: May 21-23 Location: 34542 Five Mile, Livonia Details: Two seminars focusing on how to have a successful marriage will feature nationally recognized Christian marriage experts pastor Bob Moeller and his wife, Cheryl. Seminars for single people will run 6-10 p.m. Friday, May 21 and 1-6 p.m. Sunday, May 23: The seminar for married couples will run from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, May 22. Seminars are free but donations are encouraged.

Contact: Reserve a spot by calling (734) 464-7990 or by e-mailing to marriage@fbclivonia.com

JUNE 10-16

Unity of Livonia Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Friday-Saturday, June 11-12 Location: 28660 5 Mile, between Inkster and Middlebelt, Livonia Details: Rummage sale Contact: (734) 421-1760

ONGOING

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

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

Details: AWANA program for children from kindergarten through fifth grade

Contact: (248) 426-0096

Breakfast

St. Michael the Archangel Time/Date: 8:30 a.m. to noon, third Sunday each month, October through May Location: 11441 Hubbard, south of

Plymouth, in Livonia Details: The Ushers' Club presents an "all-you-can-eat" pancake breakfast served in the school cafeteria and featuring pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, bacon,

hash browns, and assorted breakfast beverages. Meals are served buffet-style. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for children, 4-11, free for children under 3, and \$15 for a family with two adults and children Contact: (734) 261-1455

Career workshops St. Matthew's United Methodist Church

Time/Date: First and third Mondays Location: 30900 Six Mile, Livonia Details: Workshops are designed to help people in employment transition build a network and use their resources to find that next good job. Workshop leaders are available to work one-on-one with anyone looking for work.

Classes/study Detroit First Church of the Nazarene

Contact: (734) 422-6038

Time/Date: 9:30-11:15 a.m. Tuesday Location: 21260 Haggerty, north of Eight Mile

Details: Tuesday Ladies Bible Study; \$15 registration fee includes interdenominational study materials. Child care available for children through age 5

Contact: (248) 348-7600 **Emmanuel Lutheran Church** Time/Date: 7-8 p.m., second Monday of the month Location: 34567 Seven Mile, between Farmington and

Newburgh roads, Livonia Details: Open Arms Bible class for adults with developmental disabilities and special needs. Includes songs, Bible lessons, crafts and activities, prayer, snacks and fun Contact: Judy Cook at Emmanuel,

(248) 442-8822 or e-mail to jcook59@att.net. Livonia Unity Time/Date: Monday movement

Qigong, 7-8:30 p.m.; Thursday Oigong meditation, 10-11:15 a.m., and Friday Therapeutic Qigong, 7-8:30 p.m.

Location: 28660 Five Mile, Livonia Details: Learn Qigong, the ancient form of Chinese energetic medicine - a safe and effective way to rid the body of toxic pathogens and years of painful emotions Contact: (810) 813-4073 or gary@

energeticarts.org. Men's Bible study Time/Date: Breakfast at 7 a.m. and study at 8 p.m.

Location: Kirby's Coney Island, 21200 Haggerty, Northville Township Contact: John Shulenberger at

(734) 464-9491 New Life Community Church

Time/Date: Jobs seminar, 8-9 am., Fridays; reading program for students in grades K-12 and martial arts instruction, both at 10 a.m., Sundays

Location: 42200 Tyler, Belleville Contact: (734) 846-4615 Our Lady of Loretto Time/Date: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday

Location: Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford Details: Scripture study

Contact: (313) 534-9000 St. Andrew's Presbyterian Time/Date: 10:30 a.m., Wednesday and 10:30 a.m., Thursday

Location: 26701 Joy Details: Wednesday study/discussion group focuses on relationship with God and that of other religious groups and philosophical and scientific issues that might impact faith. Thursday group examines early writings not included in the Bible as well as other versions, extensions and controversies concerning Christianity. Led by interim pastor Larry Hoxey

Contact: (313) 274-3820 St. Michael the Archangel Time/Date: 7-9 p.m., second and fourth Thursday of each month Location: 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, in Livonia Details: Led by Catholic author and apologist, Gary Michuta. The in-depth study of the Gospel of St. Matthew continues, using the Hahn-Mitch study guide. New students of any faith are welcome Contact: (734) 261-1455 Seeds of Mercy Mission Home Time/Date: 7 p.m., every Friday Location: 21819 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills Details: Bible study Contact: Nicole Christ at (313) 531-1234 Ward Presbyterian

Time/Date: 7 p.m., Mondays Location: Room A101, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville Details: Learner's Bible study is held

Contact: (248) 374-5920

Clothing bank Canton Christian Fellowship

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., fourth Saturday and 5-6:30 p.m., second Wednesday Location: 41711 Joy, between Lilley

and Haggerty Details: Canton Christian Fellowship Clothing Bank offers free clothing (men, women and children)

for those in need Contact: (734) 404-2480, visit www.CantonCF.org or send e-mail to info@cantoncf.org

Fellowship dinner St. James Presbyterian Time/Date: 6 p.m., the first Thursday of the month Location: 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford Details: Cost is \$8 and includes dinner, beverage and dessert. The Cookie Lady, Susan Navarro, pro-

vides the meals Contact: (313) 268-7780. The church phone number is (313) 534-

Food Bank **New Hope Church** Time/Date: 5-7 p.m., every Friday by appointment only Location: is 44815 Cherry Hill Rd., Contact: Call pastor Ranay Brown

to schedule an appointment at (734) 270-2528 Moms Christ Our Savior Lutheran

Church Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m., sec-

ond Tuesday and 7-9 p.m., fourth Location: 14175 Farmington Road,

Livonia Details: Mothers of Preschoolers. Aimed at mothers of infants through kindergartners

Contact: Angle at (248) 421-1020 **Dunning Park Bible Chapel** Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m., first and third Tuesdays

Location: 24800 West Chicago Road, Redford Details: MOPS is a place where moms can build friendships, receive

mothering support, practical help and spiritual hope Contact: Amy at (313) 937-3084 or Kristen at (734) 542-0767

Prayer Good Hope Evangelical Lutheran Church Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. the first and

third Tuesday Location: 28680 Cherry Hill, Garden City Details: Prayer, spiritual healing

Contact: (734) 427-3660 Nardin Park United Methodist Church Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesday

Location: 29887 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills Details: Participate in an open

time of praying silently and aloud together as well as responding to personal requests

Contact: (248) 476-8860 St. Edith Church Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday Location: 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. Enter through the back of the

church Details: Music, singing, prayer Contact: Grace at (734) 464-1896. Shirley at (734) 464-3656, or Geri at (734) 464-8906

St. Michael's Church of Livonia Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. third Wednesday

Location: Corner of Plymouth and Hubbard roads, Livonia Details: Parish prayer and Eucharistic Adoration. Benediction service follows. (734) 261-1455

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

www.singleplace.org Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church

Time/Date: 11:30 a.m., Sunday Location: 40000 Six Mile, Northville Details: Single Point Ministries, for ages 30 and older, offers fellowship and related topics. Coffee, doughnuts, conversation

Contact: (248) 374-5920 Song Circle

Congregation Beth Ahm Time/Date: Noon to 12:30 p.m., every Shabbat Location: 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield

Details: Sing zemirot (traditional Shabbat songs) and celebrate Kiddush following morning services. Lyrics are provided in transliteration as well as the original Hebrew

Contact: (248) 737-1931 or e-mail nancyellen879@att.net.

Support **Detroit World Outreach** Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford; room 202

Details: Addiction No More offers support for addictive behavior problems, drugs, alcohol, overeat-

ing, gambling Contact: (313) 255-2222, Ext. 244 Farmington Hills Baptist Church Time/Date: 7-9 p.m., second Tuesday of the month except

January, July and August Location: 28301 Middlebelt, between 12 Mile and 13 Mile Details: Western Oakland Parkinson

Support Group Contact: (248) 433-1011 Merriman Road Baptist Church Time/Date: 1-3 p.m., second and

fourth Thursday Location: 2055 Merriman, Garden

Details: Metro Fibro-Myalgia support group meets; no dues, but donations are accepted Contact: www.metrofibrogroup. com; or call Lucy with questions at

(734) 462-1768 St. Andrew's Episcopal Church Time/Date: 10 a.m. to noon

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

Contact: (734) 421-8451. St. John's Episcopal Church Time/Date: 10 a.m., the first and third Friday

Location: 574 S. Sheldon, Plymouth Details: St. John's Support Group for the Caregiver's of Alzheimer's patients or patients with other forms of dementia meets. Respite care is provided. The group is authorized by the Alzheimer's Association

Contact: Connie McNutt at (734) 895-1426

Thomas a' Becket Church Time/Date: Weigh-in is 6:15-6:55 p.m.; support group meeting starts at 7 p.m., Thursday Location: 555 S. Lilley, Canton Details: Take Off Pounds Sensibly

encourages members to lose weight and keep it off Contact: Margaret at (734) 838-0322

Unity of Livonia Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday Location: 28660 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster roads,

Livonia Details: Overeaters Anonymous Contact: (313) 387-9797. www.

oa.org Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church

Time/Date: 6 p.m. dinner (optional); 7 p.m. praise/worship; 8 p.m. small group discussion; 9 p.m. Solid Rock Cafe (optional coffee/des-

Location: 40000 Six Mile, Northville Details: Celebrate Recovery helps men and women find freedom from hurts, habits and hang-ups (addictive and compulsive behaviors); child care is free

Contact: Child care, call (248) 374-7400. Visit www.celebraterecovery. com and www.wardchurch.org/cel-

Age 49, May 1, 2010. Son of James A. (Jennie) and the late Karen Midgett. Step-son of Jerry Midgett and his wife Kim. Father of Jesse and Jennifer Brother of Lori, Kim, Kelly, Billy and Mike. Also survived by many nieces and nephews and 3 great-nephews. Generations Funeral & Cremation Services.

MARJORIE A. HOAG

A long time resident of Redford

on March 24, 2010 in Boise Idaho. She was born September 21, 1928 in

Detroit. She grew up mostly in Flint,

Michigan and graduated from Flint Junior College. She went on to earn a Bachelor's degree in English from Wayne State University and a Master's degree in Library Science from the University of Michigan. She worked for 25 years in Detroit area

worked for 25 years in Detroit area libraries and was the head librarian in

Dearborn Heights and Redford Township. She was preceded in death by her son David. She is survived by son Steve, daughter in law Lisa, sisters

Susan Hammond and Carol Vargo, and brothers Herb Shubick and Bill

Shubick. A memorial service will be held on May 15 at 1PM at Holy Cross Lutheran Church at 30650 Six Mile Road in Livonia. The family requests that in lieu of flowers, make donations

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Market Bell at 9 a.m. to offi-

cially start the market season,

which runs through Nov. 20.

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Genot Picor will tell Michigan

Montelone will perform. Both

p.m. In celebration of Mother's

Day, a drawing will be held to

select "Apple Blossom Mother

are scheduled from 11 a.m.-2

OSE STAFF WRITER

If you're looking for the perfect gift for Mom or a unique way to celebrate on Sunday, May 9, look no further than the Canton Farmer's Market.

"We've got master gardeners coming out. We've also got a plethora of crafters as well. We have great local artists," said Stephanie Pavlo, recreation specialist for Canton Leisure Services. "We have a perennial exchange happening this Sunday. People will have fresh flowers and plants if Mom is into that."

Canton kicks off its third annual market from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. on Mother's Day in Preservation Park, located at 500 N. Ridge. It will be open rain or shine through Oct. 17, and is among several area markets opening this week, including Plymouth, Farmington, Northville and Garden City.

Shoppers in Livonia and Redford Township will have to wait another month for markets in those communities.

"We did move the market back a couple of weeks. We found the weather was not as cooperative as we had hoped," said Michael Dennis, Redford Township community development coordinator. Redford Township's second annual market will run 10 a.m.-2 p.m. every Sunday, June 13-Oct. 24 at the Marquee, located within the Town Hall complex, 15145 Beech Daly, a block south of the Five Mile and Beech Daly intersection, in the heart of downtown Redford Township.

"We are going to plan on doing special events. What makes us unique is that we're doing it on Sundays," said Dennis, adding that the market will be extended by an hour this year. "And we'll have craft shows, but they'll be on Saturday, the last Saturday of the month. Last year we did them at the same time as the market.

Dennis expects bigger crowds this year and said planning for each weekly market is underway now.

"We had entertainment when we started out last year. We had some giveaways," he



said. "We're looking at we had entertainment started out last year at the end of each market. We're talking about a kids' day and looking at a flower day."

Pavlo said the Canton market will include more vendors this year, weekly entertainment and cooking demonstra-

"The number one feedback we got last year was that people wanted more options. We have better variety. We have some new farmers and potential farmers for pesticide-free. We've got a meat vendor coming back, a creamery," she said. "We're trying to expand the market and make it more of an experience.

New vendors this season with Michigan-made products, include The Plymouth Popcorn Company, offering a variety of gourmet flavored popcorn; Farmington Soap Works with natural hand-made cold process soaps and Prochaska Farms from Tecumseh offering annuals, vegetable and herb plants, seasonal produce and organic cheese from the Four Corners Creamery

Guitarist Mark Reitenga will perform an acoustic folk mix live on the Bartlett-Travis Porch and the first 150 families will receive a purple coneflower seed packet, while supplies last, on Mother's Day. Chef Paul Penney will grill fresh asparagus from market vendor

Kapnick Orchards, topping it with white balsamic vinegar glaze. He'll also whip up asparagus omelets and frittatas.

"He's working locally and partnering with HAP. He's also offering cooking classes. They're happening at the Summit on the Park.

The first class, Grilling and Barbecuing with Chef Paul, starts June 24. Visit www. leisure.canton-mi and click on recreation and classes for more information.

For more about the market, contact Market Manager Tina Lloyd at (734) 398-5570, ext. 5 or visit Cantonfun.org and click on farmer's market under the community events tab.

For more information about the Redford Township market, call Downtown Development Authority at (313) 387-2771.

Other local farmer's markets include:

FARMINGTON - The Farmington Farmers & Artisans Market opens Saturday, May 8 and will feature a wide selection of flowers and plants, seasonal fruits, vegetables and bakery goods. Crafts from selected local artisans also will be on display.

On opening day, the first 100 visitors will receive free Michigan "mitten" cookies. Youngsters will get a chance to decorate a map of Michigan with sidewalk chalk and work on a plaster art project. Miss

will receive a basket filled with Michigan products and donations from Farmington DDA The market runs 9 a.m.-

2 p.m., every Saturday at Sundquist Pavilion in Riley Park, located on Grand River Ave., east of Farmington Road, in downtown Farmington. For more information, visit www. downtownfarmington.org and click on farmer's market.

GARDEN CITY - The market

opened this week and runs 9 a.m.-2 p.m., every Wednesday, rain or shine, through Oct. 27 at the northeast corner of Ford Road and Middlebelt in the Garden City Town Center Plaza. The Garden City Garden Club will present a perennial plant exchange on May 12 and Garden City Hospital will sponsor "Healthy Celebrations - Celebrating Nurses Week" on May 26. For a list of other weekly market events visit www.gardencity.org/ FarmersMarket/farmersmarket.htm. The site also includes market recipes.

The Garden City Chamber of Commerce and Downtown Development Authority cosponsor the market. For more information call the Chamber office at (734) 422-4448.

LIVONIA - The market runs 8 a.m.- 3 p.m., June 19 - October 9, at the Wilson Barn, 29350 West Chicago Road. Visit www.wilsonbarn.com or call (734) 427-4311 for more infor-

PLYMOUTH - Just in time for Mother's Day, the 2010 market will open at 7:30 a.m., Saturday, May 8, in The Gathering across from Kellogg Park. It will continue from 7:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., every Saturday through Oct. 30, excluding July 10 and Sept. 11.

The market will feature a variety of fresh produce, eggs, meat and poultry, baked goods, popcorn, cherry products, salsa and BBQ sauces, vegetable plants for the garden, flowering plants, fresh herbs, fresh flowers and dried flowers. Look for a variety of handmade items including aromatherapy candles, soaps, hand-painted furniture and frames, children's clothing, aprons, purses, pottery, jewelry, birdhouses and garden and holiday décor.





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with all clients and appears himself The tragedy is that less than half at all court hearings. Many large firms assign clients to young associate attorneys with much less of those persons who are denied benefits file an appeal. Thus, many thousands of people who deserve experience. benefits never receive them.

In addition to practicing only Social Security Disability law Bieske has written a book for attorneys Those denied can appeal on their own, but statistics for many years reveal that those represented by about the subject. He also has been interviewed on various radio and attorneys win a much higher percentage of appeals. And attorneys who specialize in Social Security Disability cases win a much higher percentage yet.

Attorney J.B. Bieske has represented only Social Security Disability clients for over 20 years.

television programs and has given speeches to many groups. Bieske's office staff consists of paralegals and secretaries who are also highly experienced in assisting him with Social Security Disability cases. And they are extremely helpful in answering questions with regard to the status of clients' cases That is the only type of law he practices. And, he personally meets

and administrative procedure.

Attorney Bieske welcomes you to call him to determine if you may be eligible for these benefits. He offers free phone or office consultations. If Bieske represents you, there will be no fee charged until after the case is won. The fee is a percentage of retroactive benefits.

In a recent radio interview attorney Bieske explained that many people are not even aware that they are eligible for Social Security Disability benefits. These are not the same as

Workers' Compensation benefits. It is possible to receive both benefits at the same time. If you have an illness or injury (whether or not related to your work), are under 65 and unable to work full-time you may be eligible. Social Security Disability benefits are based on your work record or your deceased spouse's work record (Widow's/Widower's benefits).

Bieske represents clients from all over the state of Michigan. Call him at 1-800-331-3530 for a FREE consultation if you have been denied.
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those caring for an older adult or a person with a disability

Wednesday, April 21, 2010 5:30 pm - 9:00 pm

Redford Community Center 12121 Hemingway Redford, 48239

Saturday, April 24, 2010 12:00 pm -3:30 pm

River Rouge High School 1460 Coolidge Hwy River Rouge, 48218

Monday, May 3, 2010 12:00 pm - 3:30 pm Flat Rock Community Center 1 Maguire St. Flat Rock, 48134

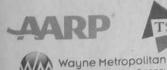
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Singles find owning home suits them just fine

BY JULIE BROWN

Mary Vellardita is looking forward to moving into her

Westland condo. The time right now seemed right," said Vellardita, coowner of C & M Printing and Imaging of Westland and a recent homebuyer. "With hints of an uptick in the economy I wanted to make sure I got a good deal before the prices went back up again."

She bought a HUD home, noting the responsibility for meeting city codes fell on her side of the equation. Vellardita has two grown children, daughters 27 and 25, as well as one grandchild, so school district quality wasn't the primary issue. She said she's still glad to be in the Livonia Public Schools dis-

"Some people give that a little edge, a greater resale value," said Vellardita, who's moving in from Livonia and shares an abode with her mom. "I've owned homes in Westland before. I was pretty

Even with her association fee, she'll pay less than comparable rentals and get a onecar attached garage, "which is huge." She paid about onethird of the going rate when she lived in the complex years



"I would just encourage anybody who's rented to take advantage of the current situation," she said.

Echoing those sentiments is Gary Reggish, broker/owner of Remerica United Realty of Novi and president of the Western Wayne Oakland County Association of Realtors. Reggish, a Livonia

resident, noted the first-time and step-up credits have generated a lot of activity, including among single buyers.

"It has been a great opportunity for single individuals who would traditionally rent," Reggish said. FHA loans are about 3 percent now.

"Money is a very powerful motivator," Reggish said. Singles and others have been able to buy homes at a low price, and take advantage of mortgage interest deductions as well as the homestead deduction.

They're actually getting paid to buy," Reggish said. "If somebody is credit-worthy, it doesn't make sense not to.

You do have more flex-

ibility as a homeowner," he agreed. Pet lovers, for example, may have difficulty moving into a rental with a pet.

'It's yours, you own it, you can update it," Reggish said of a home or condo. Some people even rent out rooms to help cover costs of property owned.

Monthly home or condo payments are less than rent would be, he said. "It's a smart financial decision across the

Even those staying put just three to five years are wise to buy, Reggish said.

Nationwide, single women accounted for 25 percent of first-time buyers in 2009, according to Stephanie Singer, manager, media communications, for the National Association of Realtors. Single men who were first-time buyers represented 12 percent of the total in 2009, Singer said.

For repeat buyers in 2009, single women were 17 percent and single men 8 percent.

"Every demographic's important in real estate," Singer said. Women especially have tended to buy when single for some time now.

We don't really have the reasons behind that. This isn't really a new trend in terms of single women," Singer said. It may relate to women wanting to establish a home and enjoy benefits of ownership.

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Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track, second edition. It is available for \$9.95 plus \$1 shipping and handling. He also wrote Condo Living: A Survival Guide to Buying, Owning and Selling a Condominium, available for \$24.95 plus \$5 shipping and handling. For more information, call (248) 644-4433 or visit bmeisner@meisner-associates.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

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1629 Croft Rd	\$222,000
1646 Fairway Dr	\$240,000
606 Lewis St	\$194,000
1179 N Glenhurst Dr	\$575,000
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1039 N Old Woodward Ave	
716 W Lincoln St	\$238,000
Bloomfield Township	
4321 Antique Ln	\$300,000
7120 Fairhill Rd	\$194,000
6148 Indianwood Trl	\$324,000
4210 Orchard Way	\$348,000
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48356 Wadebridge Dr	\$310,000
Garden City	
30925 Barton St	\$86,000
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32598 Sheridan St	\$82,000
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7180 Baker Dr	\$235.0
815 Bison St	\$60.0
401 Cardwell St	\$24,0
6721 Cherry Oak Dr	\$105,0
5250 Donnelly St	\$80.0
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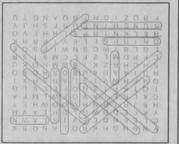
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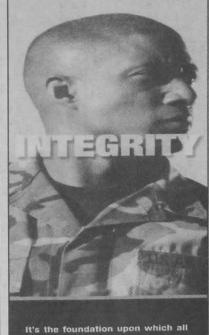
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