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Interim auditions

The Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education is set to interview four candidates to become the district's interim superintendent.

The interviews are scheduled to take place Wednesday, starting at 5 p.m., at the E.J. McClendon Education Center, 454 S. Harvey, in Plymouth. Each of the four candidates is expected to be interviewed for some 50 minutes.

The candidates include Dr. Jeremy Hughes, a former deputy superintendent for the state Board of Education; Kurt Tyszkiewicz, PCCS director of student services and former principal at Tonda Elementary School; James Larson-Shidler, the district's assistant superintendent for business services; and Phil Freeman, the principal at Pioneer Middle School.

Grad speaker

Brandon Mancini of Canton, a Salem High School graduate, has been named the commencement speaker for the Wayne State University School of Medicine commencement ceremony Thursday, May 5.

WSU officials said the role of commencement speaker "is a very important designation at WSU and is reserved only for students of outstanding character and high academic standard." Mancini is graduating with a doctor of medicine degree from the School of Medicine. In his four years at Wayne State University, he has assumed many leadership roles within the School of Medicine. Serving as class president for all four years, Mancini has been a pivotal influence, assisting to improve curriculum, promoting open communication between students and administration, and working to improve the overall medical student experience.

After graduation, he will enter his medical residency in radiation oncology at Yale University School of Medicine.

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Ray Schepansky (right) goes over the case file with new attorney Richard Convertino, who filed an appearance in the case on Friday, replacing Southfield attorney Raymond Correll.

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Lawyer switch delays teacher's exam

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The preliminary exam for a Plymouth High School teacher facing a variety of charges was delayed Friday because the teacher changed defense attorneys.

Ray Schepansky, acting on the advice of friends and supporters, hired Plymouth attorney Richard Convertino to defend him against charges related to an April 13 incident in which he was arrested with an unloaded 9mm handgun and two loaded ammunition clips as he entered school grounds.

Convertino replaces Southfield attorney Raymond Correll, who represented Schepansky at arraignment and right up through a pre-exam hearing last week at 35th District Court.

Responding to a question from Chief Judge Michael Gerou, Convertino said he wasn't prepared to move forward. He only filed his appearance in the case Friday. Gerou granted a defense motion to adjourn the hearing until May 6. Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Robert Donaldson offered

Students crowd courtroom to show support, A4.

no stiff objection to the adjournment, though he pointed out the prosecution was prepared to proceed.

"We're ready and willing to proceed," Donaldson told Gerou. "The relationship between the defendant, his attorney and the court ... I'm ready to proceed."

Gerou agreed to adjourn the hearing until 8:30 a.m. Friday, May 6. But he warned lawyers there would be no further adjournment.

"All things considered, given the gravity of the charges ... there'd be a manifest injustice if I didn't allow the adjournment," Gerou told the lawyers. "This case will go forward at that point; there will be no adjournment at the next date."

Schepansky, who has taught in the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools for more than a decade, is charged with carrying a concealed weapon, having a gun in a weapons-free zone and using a gun during a felony. A fourth

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Southfield attorney Raymond Correll argues a question of bond for former client Ray Schepansky at Schepansky's preliminary hearing Friday. The hearing was adjourned until May 6 because Schepansky released Correll and hired another attorney.

**Officials ponder
how Snyder will
pay for reforms**

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools officials said it was "nice" for Gov. Rick Snyder to express his ideas during the special message he delivered on education reform Wednesday.

But the one idea local school officials would have liked to have seen addressed went largely unanswered, in their eyes: How to pay for it all.

In a speech at the United Way for Southeastern Michigan headquarters in Detroit, Snyder proposed, among other ideas, bonus pay to school districts that show academic improvement, changes to merit pay and the teacher tenure system; removing the cap on the number of charter schools in districts with failing schools; a new state office devoted to early childhood education; a greater emphasis on online education; and a more flexible system in which state funding would follow students wherever they go, rather than being assigned to a particular school district.

"I don't think there are many people in this community who would support that," said Frank Ruggirello, Plymouth-Canton's director of community relations.

Some of the governor's proposals likely wouldn't affect Plymouth-Canton, Ruggirello pointed out. For instance, Snyder would lift the cap on charter schools in districts that have failing schools. "We don't have any failing schools," Ruggirello said.

Snyder would also force districts with open seats in classrooms to open their borders to students from outside district lines. Again, this would have little effect in Plymouth-Canton, according to officials.

"The bottom line is there aren't that many open seats to begin with," Ruggirello said. "Our long-term projections show a bit of a decrease (in enrollment), but we're

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**Developer confident
of new home sales**

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

As a stubborn housing market slump shows promising signs of easing in Canton, a developer appears confident buyers will respond to a construction jump-start to complement The Hamptons, a development south of Cherry Hill between Sheldon and Morton Taylor.

Manny Kianicky, vice president of Bingham Farms-based S.R. Jacobson Cos., cited what he called "a fairly good market" for 61 detached condos, known as Hamptons Estates, that will be built near the site where 57 attached condos, or multifamily units, already have been built.

Already, four builders are expected for the detached homes, after developers aban-

doned earlier plans to build another 106 attached condos amid housing market woes that hit higher-density developments especially hard and made it difficult to secure financing.

Kianicky estimated the detached condos, typically ranging from 1,800 to 2,300 square feet, will likely sell for \$195,000 to \$250,000 – depending on the amenities – after builders swoop in this construction season.

Even though the new condos are detached, Kianicky said the development will be designed to complement rather than detract from attached units already built on the site – before housing market woes walloped new development.

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Tearing it down

Employees of Environmental Maintenance Engineers handle the asbestos abatement at the former First Step shelter in Canton Township. Environmental Maintenance is donating the asbestos abatement and Next Generation Services Group is donating the demolition services for the old farmhouse and nursing home that once provided shelter for thousands of women forced to flee their homes due to domestic violence. For more on the story, please turn to page A10.



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Locals remain opposed to Kroger gas station

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Canton homeowners who live near a proposed Kroger gas station are ramping up their opposition to the project, amid hopes they can convince local officials to side with them as they battle a corporate giant.

Not all Canton residents oppose the project, however, and Kroger's attorney, Bryan Amann, has said the company needs the auto fueling station to remain competitive.

NOT SETTLED

The situation remains far from settled, though the two sides are expected to make their pitch for support as the Canton Planning Commission prepares to revive the issue as early as its May 16 session.

The commission, which had approved Kroger's special land use request for the gas station in early April, plans to revisit the decision after the issue was tossed back Tuesday by the Canton Township Board of Trustees, which hasn't yet voted on it.

Kroger wants to build a gas station on the east side of a store located northwest of Michigan Avenue and Canton Center, adjacent to the Kimberly Meadows subdivision where residents have voiced strong opposition.

Residents fear benzene and other potential pollutants could pose risks of childhood cancers such as leukemia to children playing outdoors. Some of their homes are separated from the proposed gas station site by only a tree-lined berm and a small access roadway.

"The majority of Kimberly Meadows residents have children, and many homes would be within an unsafe distance from this fueling station," a group of residents wrote in a letter submitted to Supervisor Phil LaJoy and other elected officials.

Residents also cited concerns that a gas station near their homes would hurt property values, stating in their letter that "our already dwindling property values would be further diminished by the gas station driving people away who would normally

have found this a quiet and safe place to live."

They wrote that some residents "are already planning to sell or walk away from their homes if the gas station is approved."

Project critics said they have an adequate number of gas stations near their neighborhood.

SAFETY STANDARDS

Amann has said Kroger represents "the Rolls Royce of the industry for safety" and said the gas station, though adjacent to Kimberly Meadows, would be designed with strict safety standards in mind.

Amann is expected to arrange a meeting between Kroger representatives and residents as early as this week, in hopes of alleviating some of the fears and concerns.

On Tuesday, Canton resident Kelly Collins, 22, came to the township board meeting with two of her friends to show support for the Kroger proposal. While she didn't address the board, she said she expects to share her views during the planning commission session.

Though she lives on the north side of town — miles from the proposed station — she said her opinion as a Canton resident still should count.

"I think it would be a positive. It would bring in new business to Canton," Collins said.

She said Canton has continued to grow since the IKEA store came to town in 2006, and she fears a decision to deny the gas station would have a chilling effect on further development.

"That could hurt future businesses from coming in," she said.

Collins said she has a Kroger card that allows her to buy groceries and get discounts on fuel.

POTENTIAL RISKS

But residents who live near the site have said they are the ones who could face potential problems such as health issues and declining property values if local officials approve the fueling station. One mother of two, Kay Lazarowicz, has said she is afraid potential pollutants would make her 7-year-old son, who battles asthma, even sicker.

Residents say they don't have the financial resources to hire attorneys and environmental experts to represent them at the planning commission meeting. They say they depend on their elected officials to represent their interests.

"As homeowners and Canton residents, this is more than a legal, political or financial issue to us," their letter said. "There is a principle involved here — the health and safety of our community, which is made up of your constituents who live, work, spend their money and raise their children in this great township."

"While we all want the township to prosper," they wrote, "economic development cannot be had at the expense of the health and well-being of Canton residents."

Amann has said he is hopeful residents will have a better understanding of the project — and of how Kroger's plans would include safeguards — after the company has a chance to meet with homeowners for "a rational dialogue."

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Detroit man gets probation in Meijer fraud

BY DARRELL CLEM
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A Detroit man accused of using a fraudulent credit card to buy thousands of dollars in merchandise from the Canton Meijer store has been placed on probation for five years after he pleaded guilty in Wayne County Circuit Court to two counts of identity theft.

Kyle Teron Odum, 26, has averted what could have been a five-year prison term by accepting a plea agreement following allegations he bought gift cards, electronics and clothing by using a fraudulent credit card in late December, according to the Michigan Department of Corrections.

Odum's decision to plead guilty to two counts of identity theft resulted in authorities dropping several other charges, specifically three additional counts of identity theft and two counts of using a fraudulent financial transaction device.

Odum's probation also involves court orders that he not violate any

more laws, not leave the state without permission, appear for monthly probation sessions, try to find employment and pay restitution.

He had been ordered in late January to stand trial after he voluntarily waived his preliminary examination in front of 35th District James Plakas — a move that averted pretrial testimony and sent the case to circuit court for disposition and, ultimately, a guilty plea.

Canton police had arrested Odum amid allegations he used a credit card that had his name on it, though police said the magnetic strip contained someone else's personal information. Authorities have said the purchases occurred from Dec. 30 to Jan. 7 inside the Meijer store at Ford and Canton Center roads.

Local authorities have said the case serves as a reminder of how identity theft has become easier as potential criminals have become more adept at using technology to steal.

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AROUND CANTON



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"Around Canton" is designed to announce upcoming events taking place in the community. Items will run on a space-available basis. Send details to bkadrich@hometownlife.com

Women's Connection

Date/Time: Monday, May 9, 6-8:30 p.m.
Location: First Step Family Center, 4400 Venoy, Wayne

Details: Canton Women's Connection holds its meeting at the First Step Family Center in Wayne. It's located on the northwest corner of Venoy and Annapolis in Wayne. Food will be catered for the evening. RSVP by May 5.
Contact: June Nicholas, junenicholas@comcast.net

Caregiver conferences

Date/Time: Tuesday, May 3, 5:30-9 p.m.
Location: Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton

Details: The 10th annual Partners in Family Caregiving Conferences provide the information and resources caregivers need to take care of both themselves and their care recipients. Events will feature informational displays, workshops, giveaways and a variety

of professionals to help caregivers find the information and resources they need. Free health and hearing screenings will be provided throughout the conferences. Glucose testing and Cholesterol screenings will be provided for \$4 each.

Contact: Visit www.waynemetrolife.org/caregiver.html or call (734) 246-2280, Ext. 156.

Slavens coffee

Date/Time: Monday, May 2, 5:30-6:30 p.m.
Location: Canton Big Boy, 45250 Ford Road in Canton.

Details: State Rep. Dian Slavens, D-Canton, invites residents to join her for a cup of coffee and conversation. Slavens hosts regular coffee hours and town hall meetings throughout Canton Township, Belleville and Van Buren Township.
Contact: Businesses or organizations interested in hosting an event with Slavens, please call her office toll-free at (888) 347-8021 or e-mail her at DianSlavens@house.mi.gov. Residents also can sign up for Slavens' e-newsletter and take her brief community survey by visiting her website at www.house.mi.gov/dslavens.

Essay excellence

The Canton Civitans have named the winners of the group's 2011 annual Essay Contest. Writing on the topic, "What is your responsibility to yourself and how does it affect you and your surroundings?" Hayley Cook, a Canton High School junior, won the first-place prize of \$500. Second-place winner (\$300) was Andrew Berner, a Plymouth High School Senior. Plymouth High School senior Veena Katragadda won the \$200 third-place prize. The contest was judged by eight English teachers.



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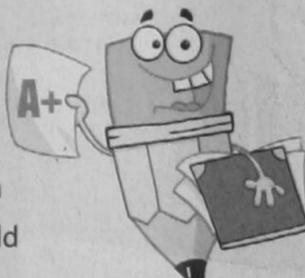
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Low turnout expected for W-W school election

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BY SUE MASON
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Even with a crowd of candidates seeking two four-year terms on the Wayne-Westland school board, Westland City Clerk Eileen DeHart Schoof doesn't expect a large turnout.

Her prediction is that between 5 and 7 percent of the estimated 42,000 registered voters in Westland portion of the district will go to the polls in the annual school election on Tuesday, May 3.

"It won't be anymore than usual," said DeHart Schoof, who has been handling the

school district elections for several years. "We have about 1,400 absentee ballots back and that's kind of normal."

The field of candidates includes no incumbents. Martha Pitsenbarger resigned her seat earlier this year because of her husband's illness and Skip Monit opted not to stage a write-in campaign after being disqualified for not having enough signatures of registered voters on his petition.

Vying for a seat on the board are retired teacher Thomas Buckalew of Wayne, stay-at-home mom Andrea Clawson,

Value City store manager Scott Davis, retiree Harold Dunn, former Westland mayor and city councilman Charles "Trav" Griffin and Jeffrey Hayton, a state employee who was appointed to serve the remaining months of Pitsenbarger's term.

Residents who are unable to go to the poll on Tuesday can vote by absentee ballot up until 4 p.m. Monday at the clerk's office in Westland City Hall.

According to DeHart, whether a few or a lot of voters turnout, the cost of an election is usually the same. However, residents need to participate

because "voting is their voice."

"The world is run by people who turn out," she said.

Polls in the district, which includes the city of Wayne and portions of Westland, Canton Township, Romulus, Dearborn Heights and Inkster, will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Election Day. Unlike local, state and national elections, the clerk's office and Westland City Hall will be open for business as usual on Tuesday.

"We'll be doing our regular things, plus the school election," DeHart Schoof said.

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miniums in a new Torrey Hill development southeast of Saltz and Beck roads.

Much like Hamptons Estates, Torrey Hill now needs final site plan approval from the Planning Commission and the township board.

Canton Community Planner Jeff Goulet has said the new developments, along with new housing starts already under way in Cherry Hill Village, indicate that "there is demand for new development" — a welcome sign as Canton awaits an expected gradual rebound in local property values.

Across the township, property values this year fell on average by just 1.9 percent — far less than in recent years. On Thursday, Assessor Doug Shaw said he isn't prepared to predict when township-wide values will show an increase, though some neighborhoods already have.

"It appears we have bottomed out," he said. "I'm confident saying that we are seeing areas and pockets of the community that are increasing (in value)."

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Griffin, Davis are best choices for W-W board

For most of the past decade, candidates to serve on the Wayne-Westland school board have been all but nonexistent. Most of the time, there have been no challengers. Some would blame it the lack of interest on Proposal A which eliminated the need for local millage elections. When it involved money, people turned out to vote.

But the past few years residents have become interested in what's happening in their schools, and many have decided to take the plunge and get involved by running for a

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seat on the school board. Such is the case this election, with six candidates seeking two four-year terms in the board.

We are glad to see such an interest in serving on the board. The candidates — Thomas Buckalew, Andrea Clawson, Scott Davis, Harold Dunn, Charles "Trav" Griffin and Jeffrey Hayton — each bring something different to the race, but share an interest in doing what is right to help

the district survive these tough economic times.

We have looked at the candidates closely, using the information gleaned from questionnaires and personal interviews to determine the candidates we believe will best served the students, parents and employees of the Wayne-Westland Community Schools. Those candidates are Charles "Trav" Griffin and Scott Davis.

Griffin brings to the table and understanding of public employee unions. He has been a teacher and a UniServ direc-

tor for the Michigan Education Association. He also has been on the other side of the fence, having served as school board trustee and as a member of the district's Citizens Bond Oversight and Building and Site Fund committees.

Davis has both an education and business background. As a general manager for Value City Furniture, he is keenly aware of the concept of doing more with less. His skills as a businessman has helped the Westland store remain profitable in the most difficult of times.

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Students crowd courtroom to show their support

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Support for Ray Schepansky that had been largely word-of-mouth and Internet-based moved into the courtroom Friday when Schepansky, facing a variety of gun-related charges, appeared for his preliminary examination in Plymouth's 35th District Court.

Some two dozen current and former students and friends filled the seats in Chief Judge Michael Gerou's courtroom to show their support for Schepansky, a popular history teacher at Plymouth High School arrested April 14 after allegedly making threats the day before and returning to school with a 9mm handgun and two loaded magazines.

Schepansky, who has taught in the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools for more



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Plymouth High School seniors Jake Beauchamp and Collin Belanger were among about two dozen current and former students who turned up in 35th District Court Friday to show support for Ray Schepansky.

than a decade, is charged with carrying a concealed weapon, having a gun in a weapons-free zone and using a gun during a felony. Prosecutors are expected to seek reinstatement of a fourth charge, carrying a weapon with unlawful intent, which was dismissed at arraignment.

Since his arrest, supporters have taken to the social networking site Facebook, establishing a "Free Schepansky"

page, which as of Friday morning had drawn nearly 1,300 followers.

One of them is Plymouth High School senior Jake Beauchamp, who called the litany of charges against his

former teacher "overkill."

"Some of the charges seem interchangeable," Beauchamp said. "After looking at all the charges, it's a little bit of overkill. (Schepansky) is a great teacher. My brother, sister and I all had him. He's done a lot for our family and we wanted to support him."

Collin Belanger, a senior at Plymouth High School, cited Schepansky's long service as a dedicated teacher and his military history as reasons to support him.

"He always had the best interests of the students in mind," Belanger said. "He's done a lot for the school, for the community, for our country."

Angela Moen of Plymouth had Schepansky as a Salem High School senior in 2010, and remembered him as "one of my favorite teachers." While not condoning his actions,

if they turn out to be proven true, Moen said Schepansky still deserved support.

"He's never done anything in my mind to make me think this would happen," said Moen, now in her first year at Schoolcraft College. "The Schepansky we all know deserves our support."

Mari Manning, also a 2010 Salem High School graduate, remembered Schepansky offering her help preparing for an AP test her senior year, even though she'd never had him as a teacher.

"He didn't even know me, and he was willing to help me," Manning said. "I realize you're not supposed to have weapons on campus ... they're making it out to be more than it was. I've never heard anything negative about him. It's all very upsetting and sad."

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charge, carrying a weapon with unlawful intent, was dismissed at arraignment, though Donaldson said Friday he anticipates trying to get that charge reinstated.

Schepansky has been placed on administrative leave without pay from his job as a history teacher at Plymouth High School, said Frank Ruggirello, director of community relations for Plymouth-Canton Community Schools. Ruggirello said the district had no comment beyond that.

Schepansky has been in jail since his arrest. His bond was originally set at \$100,000 cash or surety, with no 10-percent provision, and the teacher has not posted bail. Before being released from the case, Correll asked Gerou to add a 10-percent component to the bond, even if it meant other restrictions such as a tether or GPS monitoring device.

Correll pointed to the



Former students Angela Moen (right) and Mari Manning, members of the Salem School Class of 2010, were in court to support Ray Schepansky Friday.

amount of support Schepansky has gotten in the community, his honorable discharge from the military and his lack of any prior record as reasons Gerou should lower the bond.

"There is no evidence he'd be a flight risk," Correll said. "Based on what he's charged with and his support in the community ... Mr. Schepansky will follow every condition set."

But Donaldson objected to it. Alluding to testimony he expects to present in court, he said, Schepansky had indicated "on the Friday before these events he

wanted to kill the assistant principal of the school."

"The day before, he was angry and said, 'certain people need to die,'" Donaldson said. "He told that assistant principal he'd commit homicide before suicide. The following morning he showed up with a 9mm handgun and two loaded clips. The risks are simply too great to release this man."

Gerou agreed and, citing the new exam date just a week away, continued the \$100,000 bond.

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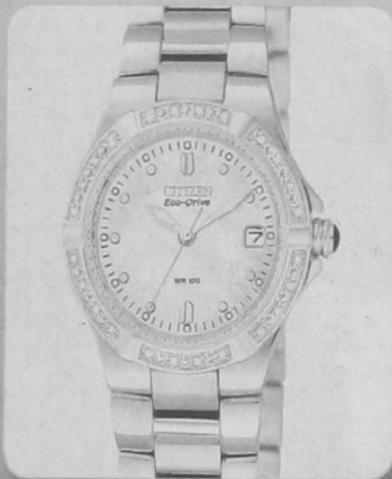
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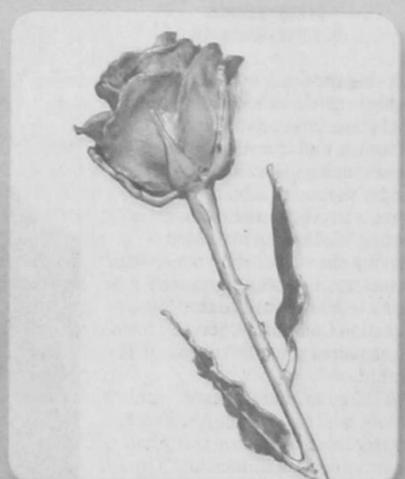
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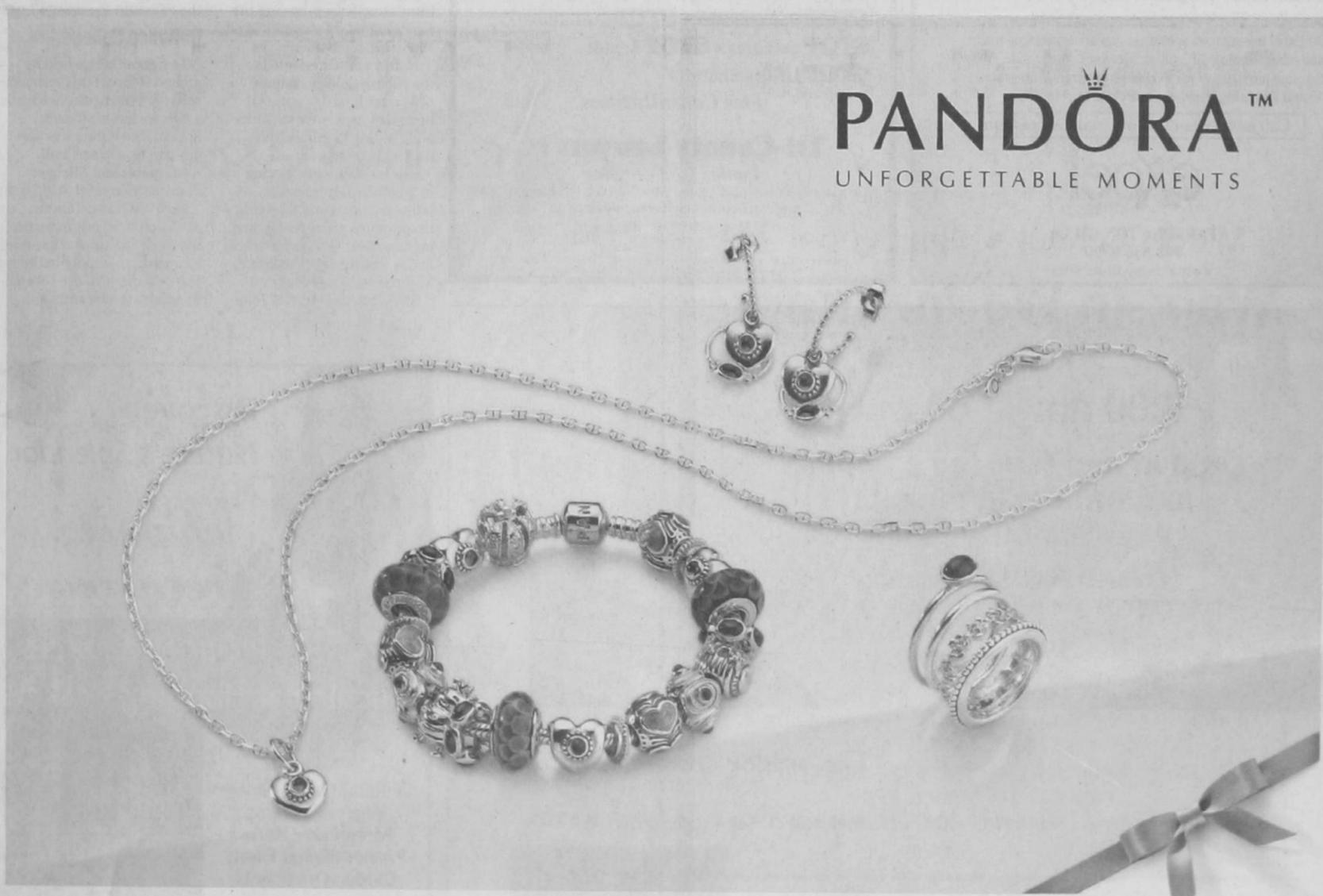
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Town hall audience voices education concerns

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Calling the funding crisis in Michigan public schools a "manufactured crisis," state Rep. Dian Slavens, D-Canton, and two state House colleagues took on Gov. Rick Snyder's plan for the state's school aid fund during a two-hour town hall-style meeting Wednesday in Canton.

Saying she was worried not enough parents' voices were being heard during testimony before the House Education Committee, Slavens' town hall attracted some 100 people at The Summit.

"We need to hear from you," said Slavens, who said committee hearings were stopped before many had a chance to speak in Lansing. "Our goal is to take (comments) back to the committee and to the governor, so you can be heard."

Dr. Craig Fiegel, Superintendent of Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, made a presentation that pointed out that said the governor plans to siphon \$196 million from the School Aid Fund for community colleges, and another \$700 million for higher education (public four-year universities). He also said the SAF would lose some \$200 million under the state's new tax structure.

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Those figures, provided by the non-partisan House Fiscal agency, prompted state Rep. Lisa Brown, D-West Bloomfield, the minority



State Reps. Dian Slavens, D-Canton (right) and Lisa Brown, D-West Bloomfield, listen to testimony from residents, parents and school officials about proposed education budget cuts at Slavens' 'Fight School Cuts' Task Force meeting at Canton's Summit on the Park Wednesday.

vice-chair of the education committee who was on Wednesday's panel with Slavens and state Rep. Vicki Barnett, D-Farmington, to voice concern for the education her third-grader will get.

"My third-grader isn't going to get the same education my 10th-grader got," said Brown, who also has a seventh-grader. "There is no crisis in the school aid fund. It's a manufactured crisis. There's enough money so there should be an increase (in per-pupil funding). The governor is balancing

the budget on the backs of education."

In addition to the budget cuts, Snyder's plan to uncap the number of charter schools in districts with failing schools drew some complaints from people in the audience. Although Plymouth-Canton officials point out the district doesn't have any failing schools and therefore wouldn't be affected by Snyder's plan, most in the audience — which included a strong contingent of teachers from Van Buren Schools

— didn't like the idea.

"The charter school thing is interesting to me," Brown said. "There's no indication charter schools do anything any better than the public schools."

TAX MONEY

Snyder's tax plan also drew criticism from the panel. Barnett, the former mayor of Farmington Hills, said simply eliminating tax credits currently given to businesses would

solve the state's \$1.4 billion shortfall. She said some \$700 million in revenue generated from taxes that now goes to the school aid fund would be diverted to the general fund, allowing Snyder to use them to solve the deficit.

"There are some ... businesses in this state that don't pay any taxes," Barnett said. "Simply eliminating tax credits we give to business would solve the problem."

Derek Rushing of Canton urged the Democrats to "keep fighting." He said he's "a product of some of the services" offered by public schools, whom he credited for helping him develop a successful law enforcement career.

"The teachers who took me off the street did everything they could for me, and I became a successful police officer," said Rushing, a Redford High School graduate who retired from the Wayne County Sheriff's Department. "After I graduated the (police) academy, I went back and thanked my teachers. My request to you is: Fight. There are a whole lot of people here willing to fight, and I will stand with you now."

Slavens said she was glad to see so many people in the audience, because many had their voices quieted with the closing of hearings in Lansing.

"There were a lot of people who didn't get to speak to the committee because they closed the hearing," Slavens said. "We wanted to make sure their voices are heard."

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Local student Sandra Nahra received the Jean Keller Memorial Essay in Spanish Award Level 3 during Albion College's annual Honors Convocation. The Albion College faculty and administration choose recipients for these awards from among the most exemplary students in all academic departments.

Nahra was also elected to the Albion College chapter of Mortar Board, a national honorary society for students outstanding in scholarship, leadership, and service.

Sandra Nahra is majoring in Spanish-transamerican latina/o studies and minoring in communication studies and management-Gerstacker track, and is a member of the Prentiss M. Brown Honors Program. She is the daughter of John

and Judy Nahra of Plymouth and a graduate of Plymouth-Salem High School.

University of Toledo

Julie Miller, a Doctor of Pharmacy major and a resident of Canton, was among more than 700 students from the University of Toledo who made the Fall 2010 President's List.

Defiance College

Defiance College held its annual Honors Day Convocation recently to recognize academic achievements of students. Special recognition was also given to faculty and staff.

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Plymouth's biggest Green fair yet opens Friday

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BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Next weekend's Green Street Fair, the annual downtown Plymouth showcase for products, services — and fun — designed with the Earth in mind, should offer something for everyone.

Visitors will be able to check out solar panels and "green" landscaping materials, safely dispose of old medicine (no controlled substances) and computers, shop for home furnishings and kitchen supplies, attend family-friendly concerts, participate in hands-on projects and, of course, eat, while learning more about the environment and healthy living.

This year's fair, the fourth, begins at noon Friday in Kellogg Park and nearby streets and continues through 5 p.m. Sunday. There are more than 240 participating exhibitors — businesses, individuals and organizations — making this year's fair the largest yet, said organizer Raychel Rork. "We're really proud of how



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Hilary Young of Livonia brought her three children to last year's Green Street Fair, where they helped decorate Fort Box. Truth is 3 years old, Moriah is 5, and Kenzi is 6. This year's fair starts Friday.

far it's grown in only four years," Rork said, adding that 100,000 people are expected to attend over the course of the weekend. "It's going to be big."

The lineup will include many returning exhibitions as well as some new ones, and some exhibitors are traveling long distances to attend, Rork said.

"This is becoming a very enticing event for them," she said. "It's free to the public. It's direct to the consumers."

Crafters who use repurposed raw materials will be on hand with, for example, jewelry, or purses made from burlap coffee sacks. There will be organic cotton clothing, easy-on-the-energy transpor-

tation, and demonstrations of organic cooking.

The food offerings will include organic chocolate truffles, organic vegan cupcakes and organic kettle corn. "Organic doesn't mean it has to taste like cardboard," Rork joked.

New this year will be a Mother's Day parade on Sunday, May 8, as the fair weekend will include Mother's Day for the first time.

Rork said she and other Green Street organizers even take steps to ensure even the fair's trash — napkins, food wraps and tableware — is biodegradable and easy on the Earth.

For more on the fair, visit its website, greenstreetfair.com.

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not looking at a whole lot of seats available anyway."

For Plymouth-Canton administrators dealing with an \$18 million budget deficit created in large part by Snyder's cuts to the School Aid Fund, a speech that talked more about how his reforms would be paid for would have been better.

"I think the most disappointing part for everybody in education is, it's nice to have ideas but you have to have the money to pay for it," Ruggiello said. "While he addressed all of his ideas, he didn't discuss anything about the money. I don't know how you talk about one without talking about the other."

Officials at Canton-based Tipping Point Education, a think-tank, policy-making ini-

tiative for K-12 education and higher education, said they have "great concerns" about Snyder's plan.

In a statement issued after Snyder's special message, TPE founder Trish Brown said Snyder "wielded his ax again at the most important natural resource any state has — its children and their futures."

In the TPE statement, Brown said Snyder's plan is making things tough on teachers.

"Everything he is saying is a hodge-podge of everything that has been lashed out and discussed and fought about for years," Brown said. "He is creating more myths around education, and making it nearly impossible for educators to do their jobs at a time when education is the most important entitlement we offer."

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Inkster man convicted in home invasions

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

An Inkster man has been found guilty by a Wayne County Circuit Court jury for a pair of home invasion incidents and fleeing from Canton police in January.

Local authorities announced Friday that Marlo Darius Brown, 36, could face penalties ranging up to life in prison when he is sentenced May 13 by Circuit Judge Patricia Presard for second-degree home invasion, first-degree attempted home invasion, receiving and concealing stolen property, fleeing a police officer and being a fourth-degree habitual offender.

Brown will remain in custody as he awaits his sentencing. He already has spent



Brown

several years in prison for past crimes such as breaking and entering a vehicle, delivery of cocaine, and receiving and concealing stolen property, according to the Michigan Department of Corrections.

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Brown's conviction by a jury came after Canton police captured him following accusations he threw a landscaping brick through a window of a home in the 1500 block of Morton Taylor about 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 18, police Sgt. Mark Gajeski has said.

Brown then drove off in a car after a resident inside the home screamed and called 9-1-

1 for help, police said.

Brown also was convicted for an earlier home invasion on Barchester, near Lilley and Warren.

Township police nabbed Brown after they rushed to the Morton Taylor scene and trailed a getaway car that crashed at Saltz, where the driver got out and tried to escape on foot before authorities captured him, Gajeski has said.

Local police confirmed Friday that Brown has been remanded to jail as he awaits his sentencing. According to the Wayne County jail, Brown had been released in January after his bond was posted. He had originally been jailed with a \$30,000/10 percent bond set by 35th District Judge Ronald Lowe.

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BY RICK BLOOM
GUEST COLUMNIST

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A: Congratulations on your retirement and working for a company for 30 years. In today's world, if you work for a company for three or four years you're considered a long-term employee.

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individual situation.

Because an immediate annuity is for life, I generally recommend that you only deal with well known, highly rated insurance companies.

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After things get underway, bodies are discovered. After a series of dizzy conversations, multiple trips through secret doorways leading to a labyrinth of hidden passageways, multiple crimes and criminals are revealed, the mad-cap search to find the killer begins. It's a door-slamming ride to a very funny finish line.

"Several years ago when we presented Agatha Christie's *Ten Little Indians*, people immediately began asking for another mystery," said Fisher. "I enjoy comedies and musicals. When I remembered this play, it just made sense to try and stage it."

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Location: Inspire Theatre, located in the Warren Road Light and Life Church at 33445 Warren Road, east of Wayne Road, Westland.
Tickets: \$12 each and can be purchased at the door or by reservation by calling (734) 751-7057.

Inspire Theatre has attempted some very ambitious projects in the past. To Fisher, this project appeared "kinder and gentler."
 "It's been anything but," he said.

Although only an 11-member cast, the production has been beset by eight personnel changes. Most have been over schedule conflicts. Some were because the people taking on roles didn't realize how demanding comedy can be. With the change in actors, postponements occurred. This brought the theatre into scheduling challenges with the church from whom they rent space.

"The church planned this large Easter production utilizing all of the rooms in the building. We have been ducking and rotating and switching everything from props to rehearsals even space," said Fisher. "It's been challenging but fun. We now have a cast that is one of the finest I have ever worked with."



Kelsi Fay, assistant to the director, helps her mother Bobbi Gladden with costuming for the upcoming production.

And it seems to be a family affair. Besides directing, Fisher has stepped into the role of Roger, the composer, vacated by an actor who became overwhelmed with the amount of memorization. He then asked his son Andrew to fill the role of Eddie, the

struggling young comedian. Andrew had been in the role of Michael Kelly, the undercover cop. That role is now being played by Fisher's youngest son, Benjamin.

Both sons have done theatre, both with their Dad and on their own. Andrew has stud-

ied theatre in Indiana and Hollywood. Beside shows with Inspire Theater, Benjamin has appeared in productions at the Maple Co-op and Wayne Memorial High School which he graduated from in 2007.

According to Andrew, "it's slightly more fun than you'd expect, working on a show with your dad."

Other family connections include producer Wendy Hardy of Livonia and assistant/son Mitchell, and actress Bobbi Gladden and daughter/assistant to the director Kelsi Fay, also Livonia residents.

Hardy has been with the group since her son appeared in the *Wizard of Oz* in 2006. Gladden joined the group in 2007 and has done shows ever since. When asked what her experience is like this time around, Gladden said, "All I know is that I'm having way more fun than I should be."

Long time member Deanna Leeof Redford, who plays the director, brings a special challenge to the stage for this show. On opening night, she will be five months pregnant

with twins. "Deanna is always great," said Fisher, "She brings this enormous amount of energy to each show. This one she just sits down more often."

Newcomer Nancy Rocker of Garden City is having a great time. The health care administrator has previous experience with other theatre groups but seems to be fitting in quite well with the Inspire family.

Filling out the roster are John Donnelly of Redford, Gerry Wait of Westland, Toni Hammond of Farmington Hills, Carolyn Via of Garden City and Beth Baumgartner of Wayne, who each have done numerous shows with Inspire Theatre.

"We're family, that's why I keep coming back," said Hardy.

Others tend to agree. And they seem to trust Fisher's direction.

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Local companies help tear down former First Step shelter

Charlie Martin and Michael Kelly may be friendly rivals in the competitive world of remediation and pre-demolition asbestos abatement, but they are putting their competitive differences aside to help First Step, a local non-profit agency whose mission is to provide services to victims of domestic and sexual violence.

Kelly's company, Environmental Maintenance Engineers, is donating the asbestos abatement and Martin's company, Next Generation Services Group, is donating the demolition services for the old farmhouse and nursing home that once provided shelter for thousands of women forced to flee their homes due to domestic violence.

"Their support will prepare the property for sale and leave the neighborhood better than we found it," said Judy Ellis, executive director of First Step. "We also want to thank Canton Township for all their support as we transition into



The former nursing home and farmhouse are being readied for demolition by Next Generation Services Group. NGS and Environmental Maintenance Engineers donated their services to tear down the old shelter.

our new facility."

First Step purchased the home, located on Warren Road in Canton Township in December of 1987 and renovated it to meet the needs of the community. The organization had to vacate it in December 2008 due to

irreparable building problems, according to Ellis.

"The farmhouse is more than 70 years old," she said. "It served our survivors' needs well, but we just could not hold the facility together any longer."

First Step found a tem-

porary location to house its residents and began to collect donations to build a new facility, which is located in the City of Wayne and scheduled to open in June 2011.

"One of our biggest challenges was raising the funds needed to safely demolish the old facility," said Ellis. "People will give money to create something new, but rarely will someone donate for demolition."

That's where Kelly and Martin came in.

"I heard about First Step and this shelter demo project through their partnership with the Oakwood Healthcare System," said Martin. "We know that First Step and Oakwood work together to provide the best care for victims of violence. We wanted to help and figured the best way to do that was to lend our talent."

"We have successfully and safely completed thousands of environmental clean-up projects that have varied in

scope and complexity—including many local hospitals and universities" he added. "NGSG is a local company. Our staff grew up here in southeast Michigan; this is our home. We are doing this work for our daughters, our mothers, and our sisters. We are doing this work to help local families have a brighter future."

Martin estimated the value of the work at \$65,000.

"I believe it is imperative to give back to the community, both EME as an organization and myself personally," said Kelly. "My charity work with the Archdiocese of Detroit, the United Irish Societies and the Detroit St. Patrick's Parade made me aware of First Step and the fantastic work they do providing support and counseling for domestic and sexual assault survivors and their families"

He added that Oakwood Healthcare Systems and the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians Elizabeth Fagan Division keep EME involved with First Step through their fundraising efforts.

"We are pleased to provide environmental remediation services for this project and contribute to the demolition of this facility so First Step can build new beginnings for the future," Kelly said.

The demolition is weather dependent, but First Step has scheduled the asbestos removal with Environmental

Maintenance Engineers for last week. Next Generation Services Group will demolish the structure this week.

Next Generation Services Group is a full service remediation and demolition contractor based in Ypsilanti. It provides asbestos abatement, lead abatement, mold remediation, hazardous waste removal, demolition, salvage, dismantling and industrial cleaning with its own full-time employees.

Environmental Maintenance Engineers Inc. is based in Inkster and provides asbestos abatement, lead-based paint abatement, mold remediation, industrial cleaning, inspections, thermo imaging and universal/hazardous waste removal services for commercial, institutional, industrial and residential clients.

First Step is the only agency in out Wayne County that provides comprehensive services to support victims of domestic and sexual violence. First Step offers temporary emergency housing, counseling, advocacy, SANE Exams, assault response, 24-hour help line services, legal information, children's services, training and education to survivors and to the community.

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Dance school expands to better serve community

Metro Dance Company in Plymouth expands adult, teen and preschool dance programs

Plymouth, Canton, Livonia and Northville residents have something to dance about — Metro Dance Company in Plymouth has expanded its offerings this year with more adult and teen classes and a wider range of times and dates for preschool classes.

"We've added more Tap, Hip Hop and Yoga for both teens and adults and added Zumba classes," said Kristie Wyler, studio director of Metro Dance Company. "We've really increased the choices of times and dates for preschool age dancers with more morning times."

Metro Dance Company, located at the corner of South Mill (Lilley) and Ann Arbor Trail just outside of downtown Plymouth, has taught dance lessons to hundreds of children and adults since its opening in 1997.

"We really try to offer something for everyone," Wyler said. "We've had a lot of customers say they had trouble finding classes for adults in the area."

Registration is now open for both the 6-week summer session and the 2011-2012 fall season. The studio offers classes in Ballet, Cecchetti, Pointe, Jazz, Tap, Lyrical, Modern, Hip Hop, Breaking, Pom, Ballroom, Zumba and Yoga as well as competitive classes for dancers age 6 and older.

Children ages 2.5 to 5 are offered a fun introduction to the basics of dance, called Preschool Combo,

which combines Ballet, Jazz, Tap and Acro. Combo classes foster creativity, freedom and expression in movement and a love for dance while teaching, sharing, taking turns, waiting in line, socializing and cooperating with classmates.

"A beginning teen level class is available, so even if a 12- or 13-year-old has never danced before, they won't be placed in a class with younger beginning dancers," Wyler said.

Each year, experienced dancers are welcome to audition for the Metro Dance Company Competition Team. Members meet September through June, compete at 3-4 regional dance competitions and travel out-of-state for a national competition each summer. Dancers must attend weekly rehearsals and meetings and enroll in a weekly ballet class. Competition classes are available in Jazz, Lyrical, Modern, Tap, Hip Hop, Pom and Ballroom. Solo, duo and trios are also available in discipline of choice.

But competition isn't the main focus of the studio. A variety of recreational classes are offered without a competitive edge.

"Some studios focus only on competition dancing, where we know some kids are just here to take a class or two for fun," Wyler said.

Technique classes are available for adults in Hip Hop, Tap, Ballet

(beginning-advanced), Pointe, Yoga, Ballroom and Zumba.

Adult ballroom classes are a popular choice for adults. Group classes teach the style of the waltz, foxtrot, cha cha, rumba, tango, swing and salsa.

"Dancers don't need a partner to come to class — it's structured so you can just come in and learn the steps!" Wyler said.

For students interested in learning a syllabus-based method of ballet, Cecchetti Method Ballet is the way to go. Precise exercises are practiced in a set order each class, each building on the next. When ready, students are put up for examination and must pass before moving on to the next level of study. Students are eligible to begin Cecchetti

Grade 1 at age 7 and work through Grade 7. Each level takes approximately 18-24 months of study to complete.

Private dance lessons are available for all ages, and skill levels and are scheduled around each customers' availability. Wedding choreography and social dancing lessons are popular among adults.



"Our wedding choreography classes are popular for couples interested in having traditional and non-traditional first dances choreographed and having their bridal party in for a group class," Wyler said.

Visit www.MetroDancePlymouth.com to register for summer and fall classes online or for more information on all programs.

Four things every parent should know before choosing a dance studio

1. What type of dance floor is used?

Dance is a very physical activity that requires a lot of jumping that can put a lot of stress on bones and joints, and most dance footwear does not provide any cushioning or support. Metro Dance Company uses a "floating" hardwood sprung floor in each of its three dance rooms that absorbs the shock of jumping, helping to prevent injuries.

2. What is the size of the class?

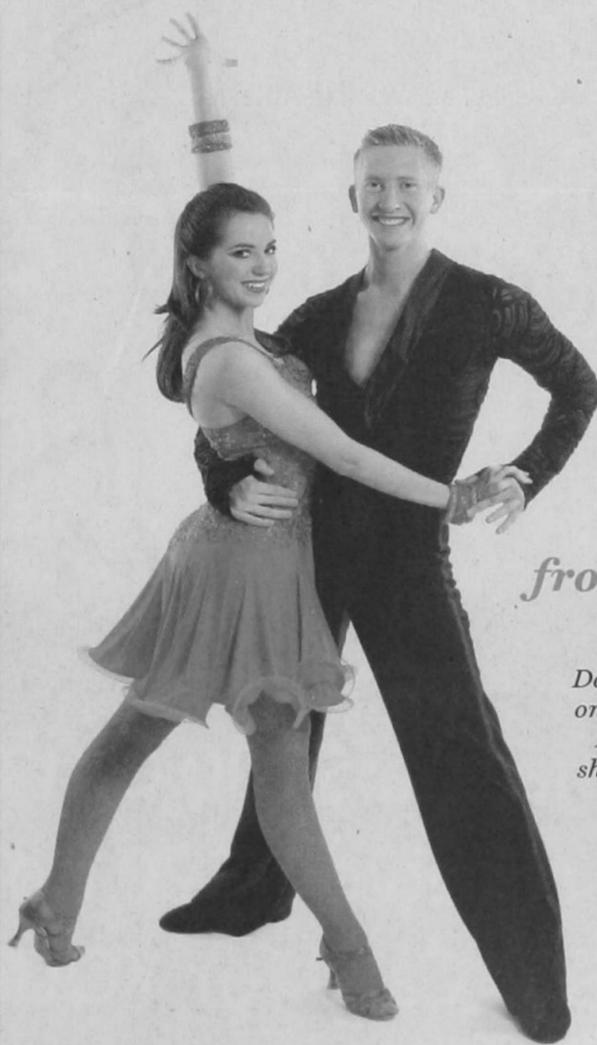
If the dance class has fewer students, each child will receive more personalized attention, learn more and have more fun. Metro Dance Company classes have smaller sizes to make sure no fundamental concepts are missed and to allow teachers to ensure students are not developing bad habits or improper technique.

3. Can I get immediate assistance and customer service?

In many studios, the teacher or studio owner conducts classes and does the administration. Metro Dance Company has an office staff on hand during all regular class times, so dancers get immediate assistance.

4. What is the studio environment?

Metro Dance Company is committed to providing safe and quality instruction to children and adults of all ages and skill levels. The studio has a relaxed, friendly atmosphere and offers students a choice of technique, recital and/or competitive dance classes. Students are taught about teamwork, a positive attitude, eating healthy and setting goals.



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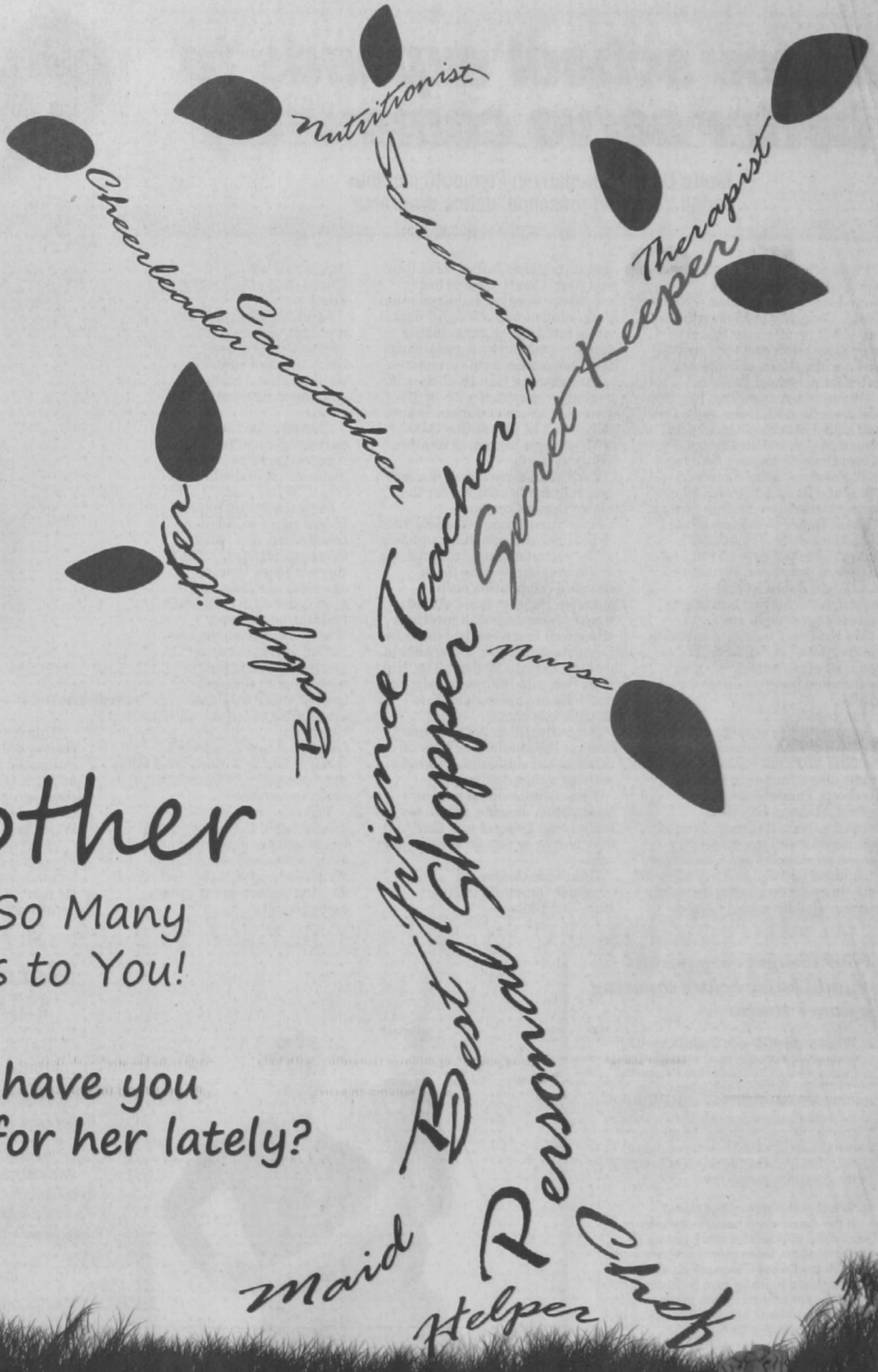
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JOHN KEMSKI

Salem third baseman Alexis Powell (No. 10) gets set to tag out Plymouth's Lindsay Lutton (No. 12) during Friday's KLAA crossover varsity softball game.

'Cats' Gerou stymies Rocks

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

For the first time in her high school softball coaching career, Plymouth's Val Canfield let her catcher do the heavy lifting Friday.

Calling the pitches was freshman catcher Brooke Senkbeil and she did not disappoint her coach — or batter mate Elaine Gerou — as the visiting Wildcats romped to a 9-2 victory over campus rival Salem.

"She (Senkbeil) actually called the pitches herself in this game," Canfield said. "And she did a great job."

Sophomore pitcher Gerou was her usual outstanding self in the KLAA crossover matchup, which didn't make Senkbeil's task more difficult than it had to be. Gerou scattered four singles, struck out 10 and did not walk anybody.

"Very solid," said Canfield, about Gerou. "She kept the batters' eyes moving, kept their weight shifting. They couldn't connect because of the adjustments she was making throughout the game."

A leadoff home run over the center-field fence by sophomore second baseman Bri Giordano got the Wildcats' offense off and running against Salem senior pitcher Heidi Schmidt.

Canfield said Giordano (2-for-4, three runs, one RBI) "got all of the ball, her swing is picture perfect."

Plymouth kept swinging, with a 15-hit attack and seven players tallying at least

two safeties.

Salem head coach Bonnie Southerland said her young team hasn't played many games yet (Friday's was the team's third) and that inactivity didn't help when Plymouth started to take advantage of numerous fielding miscues by the Rocks.

"We just made some mental errors and (errors) defensively, things you can't do to win a game," Southerland said. "We're working on that, but we're confident the girls will keep working hard and not make the same mistakes in the next game."

Schmidt, one of just three seniors on the team, pitched better than the outcome might suggest. Although Plymouth collected 15 hits, several never left the infield. A few others were just out of reach of Salem defenders.

GETTING IT STARTED

Actually, Giordano's homer was the only run on the scoreboard heading into the fifth.

But 11 Plymouth batters went up to the plate in a five-run inning. Senkbeil singled to right to bring in Allison Raylean (2-for-4, one run) to make it 2-0 and successive hits by Giordano (a double), senior left fielder Lauren Smith (2-for-4, two runs, two RBI) and freshman shortstop Lindsay Lutton (2-for-4, one RBI) scored two more runs. An infield error contributed to the fifth run of the inning.

Please see **SOFTBALL, B2**

SIDELINES

Going all out for Jess

Today is the much-anticipated "Run for Super Jess" 5K race at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park. The run, hosted by the PCEP National Honor Society, goes from 8-11 a.m. and more than 1,300 people were signed up to take part.

But Saturday, May 7 will be the first of two benefit baseball fundraisers which, like the 5K event, will help generate proceeds to help the family of Jesse "Super Jess" Lindlbauer.

He is a Canton High School sophomore who is recovering from a brain abscess rupture and needs physical and speech therapy. He lost his speech and movement due to the rupture but is working diligently to get those functions back.

On Saturday, the Canton varsity baseball team will play a doubleheader against Kalamazoo Central, with the first game scheduled to begin as noon.

Senior co-captain Chris Perkovich said the varsity wanted to hold a game to help out "a teammate," who played on Canton's 2010 freshman baseball team.

"Our team really wants to do this for Jesse and his family because he was a part of our program so he is a part of our family," Perkovich said.

Although there is no admission price for the doubleheader, there will be a 50/50 and other raffles as well as other opportunities to donate to the cause.

Meanwhile, the "Super Jess Classic" will take place at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 22 on the Plymouth varsity baseball field between the Michigan BlueJays (with nine PCEP players, all friends of

Please see **SIDELINES, B4**

GIRLS SOCCER

Salem's solid team effort defeats Canton, 3-1

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The Salem varsity girls soccer team scored three unanswered goals Friday night for a come-from-behind 3-1 win over campus rival Canton at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

Both teams played a scoreless first half, but the Rocks trailed 1-0 in the KLAA crossover matchup when Canton scored about 15 minutes into the second half.

"You need your best effort when playing a tough team like Canton. I'm very proud of the character we showed tonight and the energy we played with."

JOE NORA, Salem coach

Undaunted, Salem bounced right back seven minutes later when Gusty Kummer's goal off of a corner kick made it 1-1.

"Madeleine (Vala) took the corner and Gusty made a smart run and slammed home a nice volley," Salem head coach Joe Nora said.

Salem took a 2-1 lead with about 13 minutes remaining, with Vala again tallying an assist.

Nancy Krutty "scored on an amazing run to beat the defense and roofed the finish past the keeper," noted Nora, adding that it was a heads-up pass from Vala to make the goal possible.

Adding an insurance goal in the

final minutes was Vala, off a 30-yard free kick. It was a perfect boot bending into a top corner.

Also coming up big for Salem (3-3-2) was goalkeeper Ali Eggenberger, who made some key stops early in the second half and near the end of regulation, Nora said.

"You need your best effort when playing a tough team like Canton," Nora added. "I'm very proud of the character we showed tonight and the

Please see **SOCCER, B4**

Plymouth nets first girls tennis division title

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Plymouth's varsity girls tennis team clinched its first-ever division championship by defeating host Westland John Glenn 7-2 on Tuesday.

The Wildcats, 6-1 overall and 5-1 in the KLAA South Division, continued to parlay outstanding performances in the singles and doubles lineup, said head coach Rob McLaren.

As usual, sparking Plymouth was No. 1 singles player Lindsay Stemberger. The junior earned a 6-0, 6-1 win over the Rockets' Sabrina Lawrence.

Freshman Miranda Cerny and sophomore Marlowe Susselman also won in two sets, at No. 3 and No. 4 singles, respectively. Cerny defeated Jamantha Johnson (6-1, 7-5) while Susselman took care of Sara Aulidge by a 6-2, 7-5 count.

In doubles action, the

Wildcats won flights 2-5 with the closest set being a 6-3 win at No. 4 doubles.

At No. 2 doubles, the team of Brittany Rose-Iulia Fratila won 6-0, 6-1 over Montana Graszak-Rachel Alhollina.

Keeping it going for the Wildcats was the No. 3 doubles tandem of Mariah Tesarz-Andrea Haidar, with a 6-1, 6-2 victory over Khadijah McCloud-Kyrah Moorehead.

Plymouth's No. 4 duo of Erin MacKenzie-Ellie Anderson defeated Shaina Jones-Natasha Hawkins (6-3, 6-1) while Lauren Chipman-Katie Bartek topped Eunice Onadia-Alyssa Napier 6-0, 6-0 at No. 5.

"Our doubles teams have done an amazing job so far this year," McLaren said. "They are 23-2 in our division and 31-3 on the season and the 2D, 3D and 5D flights are undefeated on the season."

Please see **TENNIS, B3**



Plymouth varsity girls tennis player Lindsay Stemberger puts a good swing on the ball during a recent No. 1 singles match.



CHRIS PERKOVICH



Who: Chris Perkovich, senior co-captain of Canton's varsity baseball team.

Miscellany: The 17-year-old Perkovich carries a 3.1 grade-point average. His parents are John and Debbie Perkovich. He has signed a scholarship to play baseball at Saginaw Valley State University.

Captain's job: "The job of a captain is to lead by example and be someone that all of your teammates trust on and off the field. A captain's job is to know what the coaches wants from the team and make sure all the players are focused whether it's practice, preparing for a game or during a game."

Leadership style: "I like to lead by example and also like to vocalize to my teammates the importance of staying focused at all times and working as a team."

Why him? "I think my teammates chose me as well as the other captains Seth Tschetter, Mark Main and Ryan Bazner, because they wanted captains they could trust and someone who would take pride in their role as a captain."

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See-saw twinbill for 'Cats, Chargers

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for the Wildcats was junior first baseman Karen Rebain. PLYMOUTH 4-8, LIVONIA CHURCHILL 0-3: Plymouth sophomore pitcher Elaine Gerou struck out a total of 23 Livonia Churchill batters Wednesday to spark the Wildcats to a doubleheader sweep of the host Chargers.

Gerou fanned 14 batters in the opener, setting a personal best, said Wildcats head coach Val Canfield. She followed up with nine more Ks in the Game 2 win.

"I just think today was the Elaine Gerou Show," said Canfield, whose team improved to 4-1 overall and 4-0 in the KLAA South Division.

Gerou gave up just one hit in the opener, and helped her own cause with a two-run double in the seventh.

Chipping in with three hits and two runs was Jessica Bondy while Kayla Rebain's hit plated another.

Game 2 was more of the same, with Gerou scattering six hits, walking none and striking out nine. She also tripled, singled and scored a run.

Lindsay Lutton (3-for-4, two RBI, one run) and Brooke Senkbeil (2-for-4, one run) were the other offensive stars for Plymouth.

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It was a good-news, bad-news doubleheader for Plymouth's varsity baseball team Wednesday at Livonia Churchill.

The Wildcats came from behind for a 7-5 victory in the opener of the KLAA South Division twinbill. But then, they let a 4-2 edge in Game 2 melt away under the rain-drops as the Chargers rallied for a 5-4 win.

"We had two hard-fought, scrappy games," Plymouth head coach Bryan Boyd said. "We did not play our best in either game, but we pulled out a victory in the first game. In the second game, we just couldn't overcome some of the mistakes we made.

"We'll bounce back from this and be fine."

The split gave the Wildcats a record of 9-1 overall and 4-1 in the KLAA South while Churchill's record moved to 7-3 overall and 3-2 in the division.

"The second game was good," Chargers head coach Ron Targosz said. "The first game I was a little disappointed we didn't hang on. But give Plymouth credit too because they hit the ball and did what they needed to."

The opener was a see-saw affair, with Churchill clinging to a 5-4 lead entering the seventh.

BREAKING THROUGH

Plymouth shortstop Ben Wohl got the winning rally started with a double to right-center off Churchill starting and losing pitcher Brent Ochodnicky.

Then Wohl scored the tying run on an RBI single to center by Mike Nadratowski (two hits, two runs) and that resulted in a pitching change for the Chargers.

With Jon Targus on the mound, and with one out, Nadratowski stole second base and trotted home with the tie-breaking tally on Phil Emminger's groundball single up the middle.

Junior first baseman Tyler Goble then raked a double to the gap in right-center to give Plymouth a 7-5 lead.

Plymouth starting pitcher Harrison Michels, who went the distance for the victory, gave up a leadoff double to Connor Dwyer to start the home half of the seventh. But Churchill could not keep the rally going.

Other key contributors offensively for the Wildcats included catcher Rich Guglielmi (two hits, two runs, one RBI), Michels (two hits) and sophomore outfielder Brendan Swanson "whose been playing real well for us," Boyd said.

Swanson scored a Plymouth run with a

base hit.

Plymouth then looked poised to go on to a sweep, scoring twice in the top of the first against Churchill senior pitcher Ben Matigian in the nightcap.

Wohl walked with one out and went to third on Nadratowski's slicing double to left-center.

Guglielmi scored both teammates with a single to center, to make it 2-0.

Southpaw Nadratowski, however, quickly saw that lead vanish in a sloppy bottom of the first. Two unearned runs scored with the help of two errors and a wild pitch, although Dwyer's single accounted for one of the markers.

The Wildcats manufactured the lead run in the third. Second baseman John Etienne (2-for-2) beat out a bunt for a single and went to third on the subsequent wild throw to first base.

Etienne scored on Wohl's sacrifice fly to left.

Nadratowski settled down on the mound, giving up just two hits and two walks over the final three frames he threw in the contest. He also fanned five, two of them to end Churchill threats.

Plymouth added another run in the fifth for a 4-2 lead. Swanson walked and stole second base. Etienne then singled to shallow right field, and Swanson scored when the right fielder could not pick the ball up cleanly.

SLIPPING AWAY

With the rain falling harder, Justin Thompson took over on the Plymouth mound to pitch the fifth.

He loaded the bases with one out and Stephen Foster's sacrifice fly to right brought home Dwyer to make it a 4-3 game.

Churchill then turned the tables on the Wildcats with two runs in the sixth to turn a deficit into a lead.

An infield single by Sean Servalish got it started. Servalish advanced on a wild pitch with one out and Thompson appeared to strike out Alex Tsakos for what would have been the second out.

But Tsakos reached first when first baseman Goble could not cleanly handle Guglielmi's low throw after the catcher dropped the third strike.

Joe Williams (2-for-3, one run, one RBI) then tied the game with a single and Dwyer brought home the winning run with a sacrifice fly to center.

Matigian, who settled down after the first, retired the side in the top of the seventh to finish the win. He allowed just four hits and three walks.

"We got a little complacent at the end,"

Boyd said. "We just need to go a little harder, we need to practice a little harder and make sure we do all the little things right. That's how you win baseball games."

According to Targosz, the way his team bounced back from the Game 1 loss and early deficit in the nightcap was a plus.

"After we lost the first game like we did in the last inning," Targosz said, "and then they got two quick runs in the top of the first we could have easily quit. But these guys hung in there and battled."

He particularly liked how his team did "some of the little things" such as hustling on the dropped third strike and "giving yourself up" with clutch sacrifice flies.

"So it was good, especially the first game back from break," he added. "We haven't played in a while."

PLYMOUTH CHRISTIAN 24, CASS TECH 9: On Thursday, visiting Plymouth Christian Academy scored 11 runs in the fifth inning to break open a non-conference varsity baseball tilt.

Matt Dodson pitched five innings for the Eagles (6-0) and went 4-for-5 at the plate. Other offensive big guns were Daniel Jipping (2-for-3, three runs), Daniel Slater (3-for-4, four runs), John Slater (four runs), Dillon Rahill (2-for-3, four runs), Matt Read (3-for-5, two runs) and Ben Cochrum (two runs).

PLYMOUTH 14, MILFORD 8: On Monday, the visiting Wildcats were paced by Mike Nadratowski's three homers, six RBI and four runs.

Also coming up big for the Wildcats at the plate were Harrison Michels and Rich Guglielmi (each with a homer, three RBI, two runs) and Brendan Swanson (single, double).

SALEM 7, CINN. MILFORD 4: On Saturday, April 23 in rain-soaked Cincinnati, the Rocks managed to play one game of a scheduled doubleheader and came away victorious.

Salem jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the third, and then tacked on another run in the fourth (after Cinn. Milford scored) and four more in the fifth to open up a 7-1 advantage.

The hosts answered with three runs, but the Rocks had a big enough cushion to finish out the win.

Senior Matt Rowland pitched four solid innings for his first win of the season, with sophomore Jeremy St. Laurent throwing 2 2/3 innings of solid relief to close out the victory.

Leading the offense were senior Scott Devine (two hits, two stolen bases, one run) and Rowland (two hits, two RBI). Scoring a run each were senior Drew Thompson and sophomore Demetrius Dunlap.

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SPORTS ROUNDUP

Salem hockey meeting

The 2010-11 Salem varsity boys hockey team also enjoyed much success, finishing 18-6-2 and ranked sixth in Division 1.

But now, head coach Ryan Ossensmacker turns his attention to next season. There will be a brief informational meeting at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 11 in the Salem High School library.

The focus of this meeting will be regarding Salem's varsity and junior varsity hockey programs, including summer hockey information, off-ice training, and introduction of the coaching staff. Both the varsity and JV coaches will be in attendance to answer any questions.

For more information go to: <http://www.hockey.salemrocks.com>.

YMCA spring leagues

The YMCA spring soccer and girls volleyball leagues are now forming.

The soccer leagues are for children ages 4-10 and will run through June 11. There will be one practice and one game per week, on Saturdays.

Volleyball is for girls ages 9-10 and 11-12, also to run through June 11. There will be one practice and one game per week, on Friday evenings.

Both the soccer and volleyball leagues are filled on a first-come, first-served basis and the registration deadline is April 1. For more information about these leagues, or other YMCA programs, go to www.ymcadetroit.org or call the office at (734) 453-2904.

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Wildcats hang on, 5-4 over Howell

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Some wins are tougher to come by but sweeter because of that struggle.

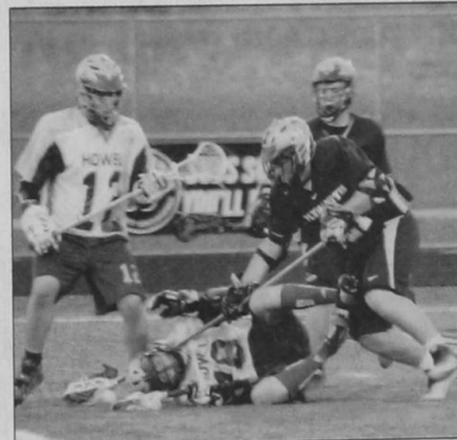
For Plymouth varsity boys lacrosse coach Brian Walsh and his squad, that was the case with the recent 5-4 KLAA crossover win over Howell.

Junior Kenny Fanelli and sophomore Alec Dreaan each scored two goals, with sophomore Kyle Durham (one goal) and junior Jeremy Cigile (two assists) sparking the Plymouth offense.

Their output proved just enough.

"It was too close for comfort," Walsh said. "Due to injuries, we played without three starters so we really tested our depth."

"I was happy our senior defensemen really stepped up and played well."



Plymouth senior defenseman Kenny Durham forces a Howell attackman to turn over the ball during a recent boys lacrosse matchup.

Walsh cited seniors Ben Burkman, Alex Miller, Kenny Durham and goaltender Mike Justus who collectively bent but did not break to keep Howell from tying the match in the late stages.

Senior midfielder Ethan Christensen and junior Shaun

Austin also had solid two-way games.

Plymouth enjoyed a halftime edge over the Highlanders, but then had to withstand a Howell three-goal rally over the final two quarters.

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TENNIS

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MAKING ADJUSTMENTS

According to McLaren, doubles players "are finally understanding the intricacies of doubles play. It's much different than singles."

Stemberger, meanwhile "has come up with some key victories for us at No. 1 singles," the coach said, citing a recent win over Livonia Churchill that helped Plymouth gain control of the division lead.

"She's made a nice adjustment moving from 3 singles last year to No. 1 this year," McLaren said. "She hasn't been playing tennis as long as most of the players she faces but she overcomes that with her athletic ability. She's a grinder. She can wear her opponents down by getting everything back over the net."

Although Plymouth's No. 1 doubles tandem of senior co-captains Kayla Griffey and Britta Swanson did not win against John Glenn, they continue to compete against opponents' top doubles duos.

"Kayla and Britta have played some tough matches this year," the coach said. "There are a lot of great (No. 1 doubles) teams out there, but Kayla and Britta are both very tough competitors and they give it their best every match."

McLaren said his team, which lost a tough 5-4 decision



Another key reason for Plymouth's first girls tennis division title is the play of No. 1 doubles tandem Britta Swanson (left) and Kayla Griffey.

Thursday to Hartland, now will gear up for a challenging second half.

"Because we came in first place in the (KLAA) South division, we'll have to play the first-place finishers from the other divisions and they are going to be very strong," he said.

Against Hartland, Plymouth wins were scored by Cerny (No. 4 singles) and the No. 2-4 doubles teams. At No. 2 were seniors Rose-Haider, followed by the No. 3 duo of senior Tesarz and Susselman. Taking No. 4 doubles were MacKenzie and senior Laura Schmid.

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Salem track teams fall to Novi

Novi blitzed Salem 90-47 Tuesday in a KLAA Central Division varsity boys track and field dual meet.

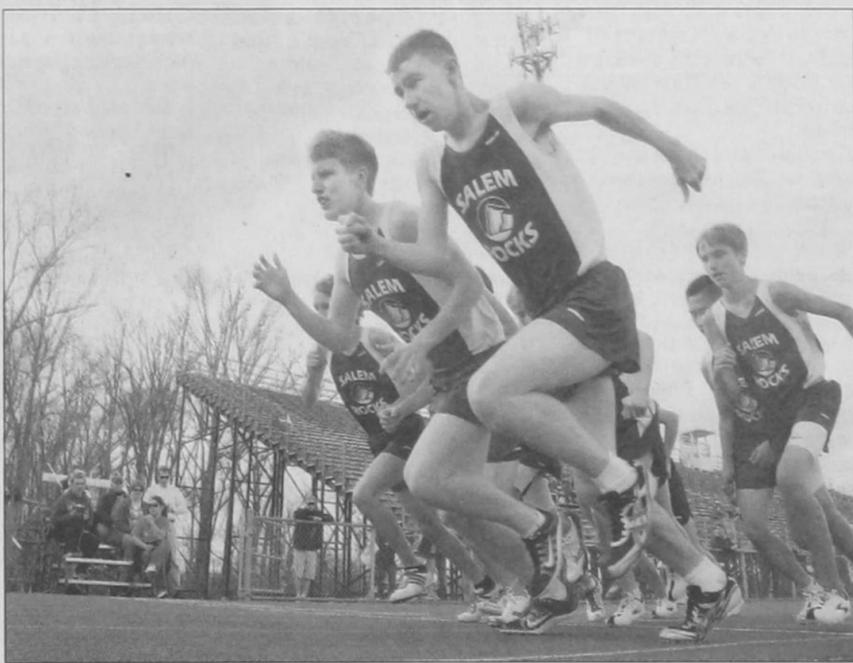
The inconsistent practice schedule due to poor weather and the spring break contributed to the result, said Rocks head coach Kyle Meteyer.

"On paper, we were well-matched against Novi," Meteyer said. "I'm confident that if we had raced them the week before spring break, we would have had a much closer meet, perhaps even winning it."

"Unfortunately, our practice attendance during spring break was less than spectacular, resulting in a lot of student athletes falling out of shape and performing poorly at the meet. We need to work harder going forward in order to achieve a winning record and to do well individually at regionals and the state finals."

There were some bright spots for the Rocks, however. Senior co-captain Dan Martin finished first in the 100-meter dash (11.1 seconds) and 800 run (2:02.4).

Pole vaulter Andrew Willmer won that field event with a mark of 10-feet, six-inches and victories were scored by the 1,600-meter relay team and throwers Steven Voglewede (discus, 112-



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Salem runners start the one-mile run during Tuesday's dual meet against Novi at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

7) and Dan Carrigan (shot put, 43-8).

Meanwhile, the Salem girls team also took it on the chin, losing 83-54.

Salem freshman Kayla

Kavulich set a new school record in the mile run with a time of 5:15.8 and also won the 800 run (2:28.0).

Other individual event wins for Salem were tallied by pole

vaulter Megan Paruta (9-3) and sprinter Khyllie Ray, back from injury to win the 200 dash with a mark of 27.4 seconds.

Canton girls rebound to nip Northville

Canton avenged an early season blow-out loss at Northville by winning a hard-fought 12-11 girls lacrosse contest, Wednesday at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

The Chiefs jumped out of the gate with three unanswered goals in the opening six minutes and held on to a 7-5 lead at halftime. In the second half, both teams traded goals although Northville could never catch Canton.

Tallying three goals each were Stephanie Bower, Lauren Allard and Kaitlyn Allard to spark Canton. Contributing two goals was Annelise Niermann, with Jordan Richter also scoring (from Julia Beard).

Scoring four times each for the Mustangs were Kelsey DeRidder and Charlotte Peterson.

The Chiefs had solid efforts from goalkeeper Melissa Neil (10 stops in the first half) and defenders Julie Podorsek, Laura Murphy, Becca Majszak and Kelly Harris.

Canton head coach Dave Bower said it was a plus the way his team bounced back from recent tough losses.

"Our girls never quit or thought they couldn't win," Bower said. "We came back and beat Saline after losing to them in our first game of the season, and now we have come back to beat Northville."

PLYMOUTH 16, SALEM 5: In a Thursday night matchup of girls lacrosse rivals from Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, a seven-goal performance by Katie Hill sparked this rout by the Wildcats.

Adding four goals for Plymouth was Cindy Bradford, with Nicole Natelborg netting her first



JOHN KEMSKI

Plymouth's Katie Hill (No. 7) races past a Salem player Thursday night. Hill scored seven goals to pace the Wildcats' varsity girls lacrosse team to victory.

two goals of the season. Adding single tallies were Megan Birdwell, Haley Swanson and Taylor Birman.

Plymouth, who overcame an early 2-0 deficit, gave up just one goal in the second half thanks to solid defense by Natelborg, Birman and Grace Stover.

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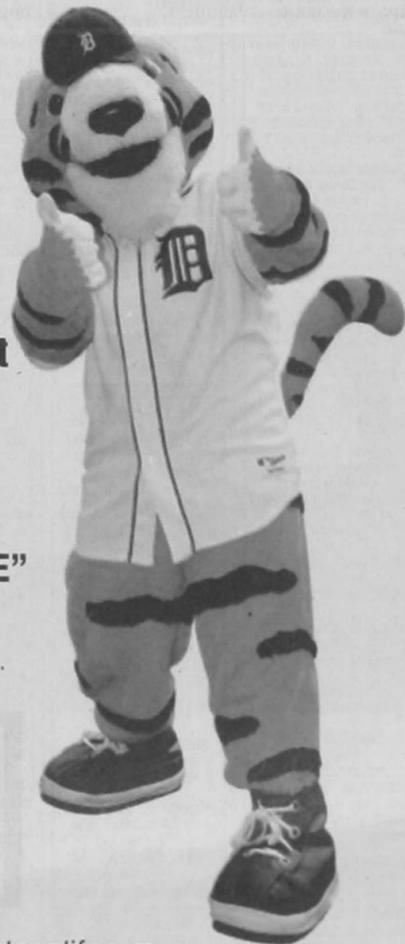
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Smooth sailing

Hundreds of special needs adults, kids get their day in the sun

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

Leonard Maisner and his crew of volunteers will light up around 800 smiles next month.

The Livonia man, a former commodore of the Detroit Yacht Club (DYC) and current president of Crawford-Armstrong Handicapped Association, is in charge of the annual "Fun Day in the Sun," that gives mentally and physically challenged individuals a boat ride along the Detroit River, along with an entertainment-packed picnic.

"One thing that keeps us into it is that a lot of these people who are severely handicapped only get out of their homes once or twice a year," Maisner said. "We get hugs, thank you. They shake hands, give kisses."

It's an event that Helen Willis' clients enjoy every year.

"It has been wonderful," said Willis, assistant director of the Redford-based Community Choices, which runs group homes throughout Wayne County. "We've been coming for 20 years. I have such a diverse population. Some people go just for the food and the music. The boat rides are really good and they enjoy those."

She said for some of the 69 Community Choices residents who attended last year

BUTTERFLY SUNDAY

What: A fundraiser for the Crawford-Armstrong Handicapped Association's annual Fun Day in the Sun

When: 2-6 p.m. Sunday, May 15

Where: Detroit Yacht Club on Belle Isle

Details: Silent auction and raffles; guests also may attend the Yacht Club's Chicken buffet for \$10. The auction event is free and raises funds for the Fun Day in the Sun on June 18

Contact: DYC at (313) 824-1200; Crawford-Armstrong Handicapped Association at suska7@aol.com

with their 39 caregivers, Fun Day in the Sun also rekindled friendships with residents in other group homes.

"They really look forward to it. They remind me every year," Willis noted.

Carol Hepfinger, administrative assistant at New Outlook, Inc., of Livonia, said 28 clients attended the event last year and "our guys love it." New Outlook runs group homes in Canton, Taylor, Southfield and Garden City.

"They love everything, the food, the boat ride, the entire day. It's probably one of the few things they get out and do together. And very rarely would they get on a boat."



Volunteers help a guest at the boat dock during Fun Day in the Sun.

TWO FRIENDS

The Crawford-Armstrong Handicapped Association's Fun Day in the Sun, which is scheduled for June 18 this year, grew from a friendship between the late Bud Armstrong, a boater, and his handicapped friend, Clair Crawford. Armstrong invited Crawford aboard his boat in 1974 and after witnessing her joy, he vowed to give other mentally and physically challenged individuals a day on the water.

The Association draws members from throughout the tri-county area, along with support and volunteers from the Detroit Yacht Club

and Sailing Singles.

Maisner and his wife, Marilyn, have been involved with the DYC for 32 years and began volunteering at Fun Day in the Sun in 1978 by giving 35- to 45-minute boat rides. Maisner, who grew up in a boating family, also taught his daughter to navigate the river and now is teaching his granddaughter.

"The first 10 years I had a boat with a wide open back deck. You could put wheelchairs on it," Maisner said. Now he's too busy coordinating approximately 100 volunteers, entertainment, food, and parking — while Marilyn staffs the registration table — to take his current boat, "Grumpy" on the river that day. He usually offers it to another volunteer.



Participants enjoy a boat ride during a previous Fun Day in the Sun.

rides during Fun Day in the Sun. Maisner expects about 850 mentally and physically challenged adults and their caregivers will participate this year.

Clowns, face painters, music, dancing and food keep attendees busy while they're on land.

"We try to have enough for 800-900 people max," Maisner said. "One year we ended up with 1,300 people showing up and we ran out of food. The Yacht Club covered us. They came up with the additional 400 meals out of

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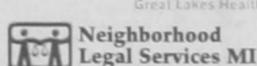
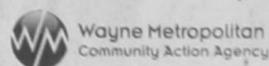
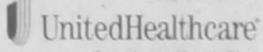
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Give your kitchen a spring cleaning

SAILING FROM PAGE B5

Here are some inexpensive tips for spring cleaning, and you don't even have to leave the house to buy supplies to do them. These tips are to help eliminate odors, remove stains and rid food build-ups in the kitchen.

Doug Rogers, president of the Mr. Appliance Corp. says, "Don't neglect your kitchen appliances during spring cleaning. Your appliances never get a day off. They take the most abuse yet probably get the least attention. Keep them clean to help them last longer and run more efficiently."

Give spring cleaning a whole new meaning with these different and often forgotten tips from Mr. Appliance® and Mr. Rooter Plumbing®:

1. Eliminate odors in the refrigerator by using vanilla extract soaked into a paper towel and wipe down



Lon Grossman

To eliminate odors in the garbage disposal, place ice cubes and citrus peels in the disposal. Turn on the cold water and then run the disposal for 15-30 seconds. After turning the disposal off, continue to rinse with hot water for 15 more seconds.

2. Soak removable refrigerator parts in a sink with warm, soapy water to remove stains and spills.
3. Run an empty dishwasher with a cup of vinegar to remove food residue.
4. Removed caked on foods from over racks with warm, soapy water.
5. To eliminate odors in the garbage disposal, place ice cubes and citrus peels in the disposal. Turn on the cold water and then run the disposal for 15-30 seconds. After

turning the disposal off, continue to rinse with hot water for 15 more seconds.

6. For cleaning the inside of microwave surfaces use a mixture of two tablespoons baking soda and one quart warm water to remove food stains.
7. To avoid the yellowing of white appliances, use a mixture of 1/2 cup bleach, 1/4 cup baking soda and four cups of warm water. Using a sponge wipe down the appliances let it set for 10 minutes before rinsing and drying.
8. To remove grease build up from garbage disposals, turn on the hot water then the disposal and squeeze a tablespoon of dishwashing liquid into the disposal. Run the hot water for 15-30 seconds and turn off the disposal but let the hot water run until all the suds are gone.
9. For cleaning residue and stubborn stains on the inside of the microwave, heat a bowl of vanilla extract for three minutes and use it to wipe down the inside of the microwave. Be careful, the vanilla

extract may be hot.

10. To clean the condenser coils, which are located behind the fridge, use a brush or hand-held vacuum to remove dirt, dust and pet hair.

"The best way to ensure an odor-free and grease-free kitchen sink is to prevent the smell and build-up before it begins," said Mary Kennedy Thompson, president of Mr. Rooter Corporation. "A good dose of spring cleaning can clear the air, keeping your garbage disposal in good working condition."

Kitchen appliances and plumbing fixtures will continue to sparkle and smell fresh for many years to come just by following these tips from Mr. Appliance and Mr. Rooter Plumbing.

Lon Grossman of Bloomfield Hills is president of Technihouse Inspections Inc., a southeast Michigan residential and commercial inspection company. E-mail your questions to him at drdiy@comcast.net. Call (248) 855-5566. Visit his Web site, www.technihouse.com.

nowhere."

The Crawford-Armstrong Handicapped Association has held dinner dances in previous years to raise the \$11,000 needed to pay for Fun Day in the Sun. This year they plan a silent and raffle-style auctions on "Butterfly Sunday," May 15, at the Detroit Yacht Club. There's no cost to attend the auction which will be held in the Port Haven Room from 2-6 p.m. Guests may also attend the Club's chicken buffet which costs \$10 per person.

"For people who have never seen the Yacht Club, it's a great opportunity," Maisner said. "We'll have anything from items going for 10 bucks to Longaberger baskets that start at \$140. We have members offering cruises, a liquor basket worth \$400, wine baskets memorabilia from the hydroplane races."

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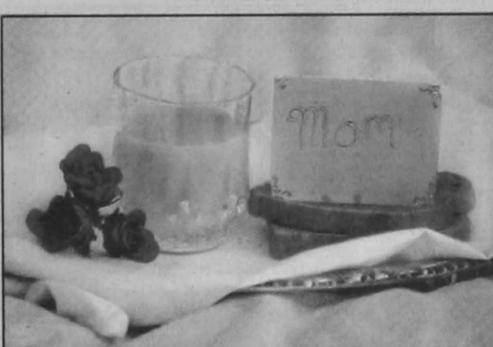
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The Michigan Humane Society (MHS) and the Detroit Zoo will host the 19th annual spring "Meet Your Best Friend at the Zoo" adoption event, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, May 14-15, at the Detroit Zoo in Royal Oak.

Hundreds of dogs, cats, puppies and kittens from MHS and more than 20 additional animal welfare groups will be available for immediate adoption. There is no charge for admission or parking for the event, which will be held under tents in the front parking lot.

Because puppies are often in high demand, "puppy passes" will be given each morning to the first 25 adoption event visitors who specifically want to adopt a puppy. Those with puppy passes will be allowed to enter the adoption tents at 9:45 a.m., preventing a "puppy rush" and ensuring that all adopters and animals will have a wonderful experience. A get-acquainted area will be available to give guests an opportunity to spend time with an animal before adopting.

Participating adoption organizations, in addition to the Michigan Humane Society, include: Adopt-A-Pet, Animal Rescue Connection, AuSable Valley Animal Shelter, Best Buddy Pet Rescue, Canine Companions Rescue Center, Faerie Tales Cat Rescue, Greater Hillside Humane Society, Humane Society of Livingston County, K-9 Stray Rescue, Last Chance Rescue, Little Traverse Bay Humane Society, Manistee County Humane Society, Metro Area Animal Adoption Association, Michigan Greyhound Connection, Mid-Michigan Cat Rescue, Inc., Midwest Small Breed Rescue, Missaukee Humane Society, Oakland County Animal Care Center, Precious Animal Welfare Society (P.A.W.S.), Roscommon County Animal Shelter, Sanilac County Humane Society, St. Joseph County Animal Control, Tigerlily Cat Rescue and WAG Animal Rescue.

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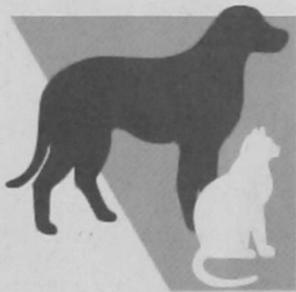
The Detroit Zoo is located at 8450 W. 10 Mile (I-696 service drive) at Woodward Ave., in Royal Oak. (866) MHUMANE; www.michiganhumane.org.

MARK THESE DATES

Greyheart Greyhound Rescue and Adoption plans these upcoming "meet and greet" adoption events:

- 12:30-4:30 p.m. Sunday, May 8 and June 12, at Celebrity Pets in Laurel Park Place, 37700 W. Six Mile, Livonia.
- Noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 14, at Pet Supplies "Plus," 29439 W. Seven Mile, Livonia.
- 1-4 p.m. Sunday, June 5, at Canton PetCo, 43435 Ford Road, Canton.

For more about the organization, visit www.greyheart.org.



PET PROJECTS

So much in love: Couple celebrates 70 years with golf, family dinner

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

Kate and William have nothing on Vernis and Fran DeGrande.

The royal couple road in an open carriage after their wedding Friday but the DeGrandes of Farmington Hills cruised in memorable style on Sunday, April 24, while celebrating their 70th wedding anniversary. Their daughter, Diane DeGrande of Bloomfield Hills decorated a golf cart with a copy of their original wedding photo, ribbons, and banners for a family gathering at Copper Creek Golf Course in Farmington Hills.

"There even were heart balloons," said Vernis, who watched her husband sink a 35-foot putt that day. "At the end of the golf game, my daughter let them go up in the air. With all the bad weather we've had, to think that Easter Sunday turned out to be perfect, it was a real blessing."

At a family dinner afterward, Vernis even dug her wedding dress out from the cedar chest and tried on her veil, watching as a granddaughter, tried on her 40s-era gown.

"It's gorgeous — all the satin and lace — and the train ... the royal wedding has nothing on us," Vernis said. "Then when you talk about a 70th anniversary, do any of those people hit 70? No."

LOVING COUPLE

Time will tell for the new Duke and Duchess of Cambridge, but the DeGrandes, who are for-

mer Birmingham and Livonia residents, have kept their marriage alive through a combination of love, caring and a healthy dose of humor.

"He's such a cute kid, sitting there doing his crossword puzzle with his jacket and hat on and a sucker in his mouth. He's like a kid," said Vernis, adding that her husband enjoys candy suckers now and then. "He's 89 and I'm 88."

They were kids when



Vernis and Fran DeGrande's original wedding cake top.

they met at age 13 and 14. They grew up on the same block in Detroit but went to different schools. Although they celebrated their anniversary on April 24 this year, they tied the knot April 26, 1941 at St. John Berchman's Church in Detroit.

FAMILY

In addition to Diane, their children are Skip (Joyce) DeGrande of Milwaukee, Wis., and Brian (Barbara) DeGrande of Farmington Hills.

Grandchildren are



Golf cart decorations included a copy of their original wedding photo. Vernis and Francis DeGrandes of Farmington Hills celebrated their 70th anniversary with family on the golf course, followed by dinner.



Vernis and Fran DeGrande drive their decorated golf cart through Copper Creek Golf Course in Farmington Hills.

Kristin, Nicole, Dustin, and Kathryn. Great-grandchildren are Isla and Eamon.

A retired engineer from Ford Motor Co., Fran plays cards once a month and was an avid bowler and golfer. The couple also enjoys socializing with other "regulars" at a local Burger King every morning.

"When he's happy, she's happy," noted daughter-in-law Barbara

DeGrande. "They are an inspiration for me. Seventy years is an accomplishment."

They don't plan to renew their vows, but will ask for a blessing at church, like they do for every anniversary.

"To me it's very personal and it means so much to both of us that we've had many wonderful years," Vernis said, adding "I'm getting ready for 71."

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In addition to practicing only Social Security disability law Bieske has written a book for attorneys about the subject. He also has been interviewed on various radio and television programs and has given speeches to many groups.

Bieske's office staff consists of paralegals and secretaries who are extremely helpful in answering questions with regard to the status of client's cases and administrative procedure.

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

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Dearborn artist Janet Kondziela won first place in the Visual Arts Association of Livonia's spring show.

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Pack 271 of St. Michael's will host the rally and parents may attend with their sons.

For more information, call the parish office at (734) 261-1455, Ext. 200.

Art group names exhibit winners

The Visual Arts Association of Livonia (VAAL) will award winners in its annual spring show, "Artistic Expressions" at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 5, at Livonia City Hall, located on Five Mile just east of Farmington Road.

The show runs May 3-27.

Leslie Masters, an artist and teacher at the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center, juried the exhibit, choosing 50 works

from among 100 submissions.

Janet Kondziela of Dearborn won first place for her oil painting of "Hill Houses," depicting a northern Michigan landscape. She created the scene while on a painting sabbatical with a friend. The weather was too cold for plein air, so she painted from her window.

Kondziela paints plein air, still life, landscapes, portraits and pets, mostly in oil, but

also in pastel, conte crayon, and charcoal. She worked for 40 years as a sign painter and illustrator for the U. S. Postal Service and her murals can be seen at the Detroit Post Office at 1401 Fort St. in Detroit.

Other winners in the VAAL show were second place, Regina Dunne of Northville for her pastel, "Las Casitas in N.M.," and third place, Betty Lewis of Novi for her abstract

acrylic painting "Motion."

Honorable Mentions went to Betty Felts for her pastel, to Jean Thomas for her watercolor monotype and to Daria Fileta, Al Weber and Susan Wolocko for their watercolors.

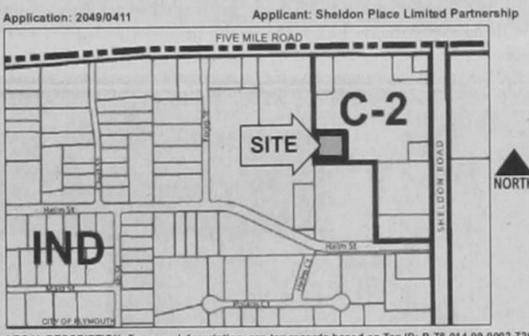
The awards reception is free and open to the public.

For more information about VAAL, the art exhibit or about VAAL classes call (734) 838-1204 or visit www.vaalart.org.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH PLANNING COMMISSION

PROPOSED ACTION: Request Approval of a Special Land Use
DATE OF HEARING: Wednesday, May 18, 2011
TIME OF HEARING: 7:00 pm
PLACE OF HEARING: Plymouth Township Hall,
9955 N. Haggerty Road

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of Plymouth Charter Township has received an application requesting **SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVAL** for a Massage Facility in the General Commercial District (C-2) on Tax ID R-78-014-99-0002-726, pursuant to Zoning Ordinance No. 99, Section 13.2. The property is located North of Helm Street, South of Five Mile, East of Fogg Street, West of Sheldon Road.



LEGAL DESCRIPTION: For parcel description, see tax records based on Tax ID: R-78-014-99-0002-726

The application may be examined at the Plymouth Township Division of Public Services, Community Development Department, during regular business hours from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM. Written comments will be received prior to the meeting and may be mailed to the meeting and may be mailed to 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, MI 48170 or call 734-354-3270, extension 6. The meeting will be held in the meeting room at Township Hall which is located at 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, MI 48170.

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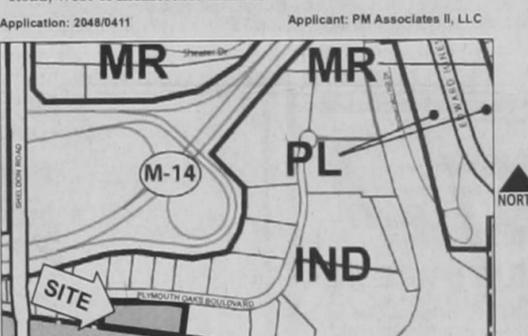
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Many people continue to believe that Fibromyalgia does not exist. To these people Fibromyalgia is a name doctors give to middle aged women who are nervous, depressed and too concerned over every ache and itch.

Such a characterization of Fibromyalgia is wrong. The other name of Fibromyalgia is Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. This phrase not only describes the disorder in veterans of each of the Iraq wars and the Afghan campaign, but of the women unjustly accused of being merely neurotic and self-centered.

Fibromyalgia has features that distinguish it from other medical and psychiatric conditions. Those features include the presence of daily pain in both the upper and lower limbs, the frequent migration of pain, short periods of no pain, associated headaches, jaw aching, pain over the anterior chest, episodes of irritable bowel, and unexplained urinary bladder spasms. In addition, patients with Fibromyalgia are subject to unexpected episodes of numbness down the arms, often mistaken as being Multiple Sclerosis.

Usually the person with Fibromyalgia relates that the condition began after an accident or a potentially near death experience, a common starting point for war veterans. In civilian life the corresponding episode is a fall from a high ladder, being a victim in a rear end car collision, or of experiencing an out-of-control car hitting head on and without warning.

Fibromyalgia is a condition with distinct features and is recognizable. Seeing Fibromyalgia as just a name for a set of emotional reactions does no justice to the person with the condition.

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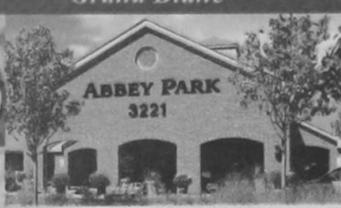
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50th class reunion Sept. 24, 2011 at the Dearborn Hills Golf Course. All classes are welcome as Robichaud High School also celebrates its 50th anniversary. Contact Bill Haskin at billsmustangs@msn.com; (734)595-4927 or Nancy at wolon@aol.com; (248) 529-6461.

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50th reunion Aug. 27, 2011, at Hellenic Banquet Center, Westland. Seeking classmates and contact information. E-mail codycomet61@gmail.com. Or call Connie Callear Majeske at (734) 425-7094 or Bernie Lekki Grudzien at (734) 522-3167.

Class of 1971
40th reunion, 6:30-11:30 p.m. July 9, at Waterford Lanes/Banquet Hall, 7100 Cooley Lake Road, Waterford. RSVP by May 30 to Karen (Hassa) Leto at (330) 722-5954.

Detroit Henry Ford Class of 1971
The 40th reunion, with a "Back to the Bahamas" theme, is scheduled for Aug. 20, at Bahama Breeze Restaurant, 19600 Haggerty, Livonia. The organizers are trying to reach approximately 1,000 graduates from the January and June classes, as well as any other alumni interested in attending the event. Tickets are \$50. Call Barb Blum Douglas at (313) 804-1282, or Marilyn Ogilvy Twa at (616) 802-0305, or e-mail to hfh5197reunion@yahoo.com.

Detroit Mackenzie June Class of 1961
50th reunion will be Saturday, Oct. 29, 2011. For more information e-mail Ivanerian@msn.com or phone Joanne (Poloway) Glance at (734) 878-6543.

Class of 1962
Planning class reunion in 2012. Seeking classmates and contact information. E-mail the committee at mackenzie1962@gmail.com.

Garden City East & West Classes of 1966-67
A casual, joint reunion is planned for Oct. 8. The organizing committee needs addresses of class members. Call Dale Bowes (Whiting) '66W at (734) 427-7148, Carol Gantt Fenner '67W at (734) 326-8467, Karen Colvard (Domanski) '66E at (734) 427-7012, Cheryl Gibbs '67E at (734) 340-9916/(313) 670-2402, or e-mail Dennis Russell at russ027@comcast.net.

Ladywood High School Class of 1961
Planning a 50th reunion in 2011. Seeking classmates and contact information. E-mail sandymacg@aol.com or call Sandy Phillips O'Leary (734) 453-0783 and leave a message if voice mail picks up.

Livonia Bentley Class of 1961
Holding a 50th class reunion Sept. 16-17. To register, call Donald Bruner, (734) 524-0979 or e-mail dbruner@twm1.rr.com.

Class of 1981
30th reunion planned for Aug. 6, at One Under Banquet Facility 35789 Five Mile, Livonia. Visit http://www.freewebs.com/bentley81 for more details.

Livonia Franklin Class of 1966
45th high school reunion, Oct. 8 at Laurel Park Marriott. Seeking classmates and contact info. E-mail contact info to Larry Ruzsas at Lruzsas187264mi@comcast.net or call him at (810) 599-3506.

Rosary High School Class of 1966
Planning 45th reunion in July of 2011. Seeking classmates and contact information. E-mail Pam at Taffttoo@aol.com

Royal Oak High School Class of 1951
A 60th reunion is planned for Sept. 14 at the Oxford Inn, 1214 Main, Royal Oak. The event will start with a social gathering at 4 p.m., followed by dinner at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$30 per person. For more information and for reservation forms contact Fred Locke and Katy Marsh, 5464 Lakeshore, Fort Gratiot, MI 48059; (810) 385-3253; fjlocke@aol.com

St. Mary of Redford Class of 1971
6 p.m.-12:30 a.m. Sept. 10 at Monaghan K of C Hall, 19801 Farmington Road, Livonia; \$40 per person or \$75 per couple. Make your reservation check payable to and mail to: Peter Noble, 12001 Market Street #443, Reston, VA 20190. For more information, e-mail to barkerwa@aol.com.

Southfield High School Class of 1981
The 30th reunion is planned for 7 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 6, at Doc's Sport Retreat in Livonia. Tickets are \$20 per person for appetizers. There will be a cash bar. The group is looking for classmates. For more information go to Facebook Southfield High Class of 1981 or e-mail Terri Jarvi O'Brien at terri@streetmktg.com.

Wayne High Schools All Classes
Wayne High Schools Alumni Association 27th Annual All Class Reunion Banquet for alumni of Wayne High School and Wayne Memorial High School, 5-10 p.m. Friday, May 13, at Wayne Tree Manor, 35100 Van Born, Wayne. Dinner starts at 6 p.m. The class of 1961 will be honored. Tickets are \$29 before May 1 and \$34 after. For more information call Wanda Boice at (734) 326-7767.

Wayne Memorial High School Class of 1976
35-year class reunion, 6 p.m.-midnight, Saturday, Sept. 17, at the Livonia Holiday Inn. Visit www.waynememorial76.com or e-mail to reed.terri@sbcglobal.net

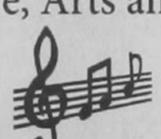


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MAY 1-4

Book Collection
Time/Date: Through May 4
Location: Livonia Church of Christ, 15431 Merriman, Livonia
Details: The church is collecting items for God's Helping Hands, an organization in Rochester that will trade the donations to Tithingbooks.com for food for needy families. Donations may include trade paperbacks, hardcover fiction and non-fiction, movie DVDs, books on CD and music CDs (must contain artwork and case), gently used children's books, textbooks (copyright 1998 or newer), and mass market paperbacks (copyright 2004 or newer) and rare and collectible books. The church can't accept books that are dirty, moldy, water-damaged, with highlighting, pages missing, excessive damage to covers, or encyclopedias or magazines. Place donations under church awning.

Faith in fiction
Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 4
Location: Faith Lutheran Church, 30000 Five Mile, Livonia
Details: Award-winning Michigan Christ author, Gail Martin, will discuss faith in fiction. She is the author of 48 novels, including "The Christmas Kite," set on Mackinac Island. Refreshments will be served. Free of charge, but registration is required.
Contact: Beth Hare at (734) 421-7249

Fundraiser
Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. boutique and noon luncheon with guest speaker, Wednesday, May 4
Location: Shaare Zedek, 27375 Bell, Southfield
Details: "An Afternoon with Patti Stanger," includes boutique shopping, a luncheon and guest speaker Stanger, who is star of Bravo's series, "The Millionaire Matchmaker." Lunch tickets start at \$54
Contact: llnwomansworld.org or call (248) 357-5544, Ext. 48

Jewish history tour
Time/Date: 12:15-4:30 p.m., Tuesday, May 3
Location: Meet in south parking lot 26400 Lahser, Southfield
Details: Bus tour of Detroit's Jewish history including neighborhoods, synagogues, markers and other significant sites. Snacks provided. Cost \$30. Must RSVP and pay by April 28
Contact: (248) 355-3300, Ext. 0

Religious school
Time/Date: 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Sunday, May 1
Location: The Corners, 2075 Walnut Lake Road, just west of Inkster, West Bloomfield
Details: Open house for Temple Shir Shalom's religious school. Tour the school, learn about its program, grab a nosh, meet the rabbis, join in for T'fillah
Contact: (248) 406-4255; www.shirshalom.org

MAY 5-11
Grief class
Time/Date: 6:30-8 p.m. six Wednesdays, beginning May 11
Location: First United Methodist Church of Birmingham, 1589 W. Maple, between Southfield and Cranbrook in Birmingham
Details: Life After Loss: A Journey Through Grief is a six-session grief class for people who have experienced the loss of a loved one. They'll explore the various stages of grief and the various techniques for coping with grief, working through grief, and even growing through grief. Register with Bev Richardson by Friday, May 6 at brichardson@fumbirmingham.org or call her at (248) 646-6407 Ext. 3156, by Friday, May 6
Contact: The church office is (248) 646-1200

Health seminar
Time/Date: 1-5 p.m. May 7
Location: Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville
Details: The class will first focus on overcoming limitations in the mind

that act as an obstacle to health. Chris Niedzinski will give practical guidance on results-oriented exercise, nutrition, limiting toxicity and balancing hormones, taking proper care of body structure and function, managing stress and building peace. Register at Wardchurch.org
Contact: (248) 374-7400

Rummage sale
Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. May 5-6
Location: Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28680 Cherry Hill, Garden City
Details: Bargains galore. Clothing, housewares, gifts and more. Bake sale, too
Contact: (734) 427-3660

Rummage sale
Time/Date: 5-8 p.m. Thursday, May 5 is presale; regular sale is 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, May 6, and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 7
Location: Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia
Details: Presale admission is \$2 per adult. Saturday everything is half price
Contact: (734) 422-0149

MAY 12-18
Retreat
Time/Date: 7 p.m., Thursday, May 12
Location: St. Aidan Church, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia
Details: Mary Healy, associate professor of sacred scripture at Sacred Heart Major Seminary and the Rev. Norm Dickson, SJ lead a "mini retreat" on "The Eucharist and the Christian Life"
Contact: RSVP to (734) 425-5950 or e-mail to mtschmidt@sbcglobal.net

Rummage sale
Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday-Friday, May 13-14 and 9 a.m.-noon, Saturday, May 15
Location: First United Methodist Church, 3 Town Square, Wayne
Details: Baked goods, refreshments available for sale; \$2 bag sale on Saturday
Contact: Paula Greenwell at (734) 941-5998

Widowed Friends
Time/Date: Check in by 2:15 p.m., Mass starts at 2:30 p.m. May 15
Location: St. Thomas a'Becket Church, 555 S. Lilley, south of Cherry Hill, Canton
Details: The group sponsors a special Mass for widowed men and women; refreshments and social time after Mass
Contact: Call Pat (734) 895-6246

MAY 19-25
Rummage sale
Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday, May 20 and 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 21
Location: Antioch Lutheran Church, 33360 W. 13 Mile at Farmington Road in Farmington Hills
Details: Tax-deductible donations may be dropped off at the back door of the church from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. and 5-7 p.m., Monday-Wednesday, May 16-18. Bag sale Saturday, May 21
Contact: (248) 626-7906 or e-mail to judyglass@mi.rr.com

ONGOING
AWANA
Time/Date: 6:30-8 p.m., Wednesdays
Location: Faith Bible Church, 23414 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills
Details: AWANA program for children from kindergarten-fifth grade
Contact: (248) 426-0096

Classes/study
Emmanuel Lutheran Church
Time/Date: 7-8 p.m., second Monday of the month
Location: 34567 Seven Mile, between Farmington and Newburgh roads, Livonia
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: pastor Scott Sessler at (734) 673-2485 or e-mail to pastor.scott@emmanuel-livonia.org
Faith Bible Church
Time/Date: 9:45-10:45 a.m. Sundays through May 8
Location: 34541 Five Mile, Livonia
Details: "Four Views of the End Times" adult study
Also ongoing: "Life's Healing Choices" Study Group, 6 p.m., fourth Sunday through September is for men and women who want freedom

from hurts, hang-ups and habits
Contact: (734) 464-7990
Men's Bible study
Time/Date: Breakfast at 7 a.m. and study at 8 a.m.
Location: Kirby's Coney Island, 21200 Haggerty, Northville Township
Contact: John Shulenberger at (734) 464-9491

New Life Community Church
Time/Date: Jobs seminar, 8-9 a.m., Fridays; reading program for students in grades K-12 and martial arts instruction, both at 10 a.m., Sundays
Location: 42200 Tyler, Belleville
Contact: (734) 846-4615

Nicole's Revival
Time/Date: 10:30 a.m., Monday-Friday
Location: YWCA Northwest Branch, 25940 Grand River, west of Beech Daly, Redford
Details: KJV Scripture Reading, Communion and Prayer
Contact: (313) 531-1234

Our Lady of Loretto
Time/Date: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday
Location: Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford
Details: Scripture study
Contact: (313) 534-9000
Ward Presbyterian
Time/Date: 7 p.m., Mondays
Location: Room A101, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville
Details: Learner's Bible study is held
Contact: (248) 374-5920

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

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

Moms
Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church
Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m., second Tuesday, MOPS; 7-8:30 p.m., first and third Thursday, MOPNext. Both programs run through May
Location: 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia
Details: Mothers of Preschoolers is aimed at mothers of infants through kindergartners; MOPNext supports mothers of school-aged children. The theme will be "Momology - The Art & Science of Mothering" for MOPS and "Boundaries" for MOPNext
Contact: Rebekah Creeden at (734) 524-0283 for MOPS and Susan Wagner at (248) 478-3643 for MOPS details

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

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

Prayer
Nardin Park United Methodist Church
Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesday
Location: 29887 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills
Details: Participate in an open time of praying silently and aloud together as well as responding to personal requests
Contact: (248) 476-8860

APRIL WEDDING

Johanna Rae Dase and Charles Douglas Bulbuk were married Saturday, April 2, 2011, by the Rev. Randy Duncan of Living Word Church in Plymouth.

Parents of the bride are Brad and Pam Dase of Plymouth, formerly of Novi. The groom's parents are Mike and Karen Bulbuk of Novi.

The bride's sister, Katie (Dase) McMillion, served as the matron of honor. Gina Mastrofrancesco, friend of the bride, was a bridesmaid. Best man was Drew Bulbuk, brother of the groom. The other groomsmen were Johnny Loewen, cousin of the groom.

The reception was held at the Fox Hills Golf Course in Plymouth. The newlyweds honeymooned in Fort Myers, Fla.

The bride and groom met while attending

Novi High School, graduating in 2003 and 2004 respectively. Johanna currently works as a hair stylist and is completing her certification in phlebotomy from Schoolcraft College. Charles is an employee of Tim's Tree Service in Farmington Hills. The couple resides in Plymouth.



Bulbuk-Dase

MAY WEDDING PLANNED

Lindsay Rayburn and Joshua Holman of Ann Arbor are pleased to announce their engagement.

Lindsay is the daughter of Dave and Sue Rayburn of Livonia. Joshua is the son of Brent and Maureen Holman of Fargo, N.D.

The bride-to-be is a 2001 Livonia Stevenson High School graduate. She earned a B.S. degree in cellular and molecular biology in 2005, an M.S. degree in clinical research, and a CGS in science, technology and public policy in 2010, all from the University of Michigan. She will receive a D.D.S. degree in 2012 from the University of Michigan School of Dentistry.

Her fiancé is a 2001 Fargo South High School graduate. He earned a B.A. degree in political science and German in 2005, from

the University of Michigan, and a J.D. degree from the University of Minnesota Law School. He works as a Wayne County assistant prosecuting attorney in Detroit.

They plan a May 2011 wedding in the University of Michigan Nichols Arboretum and a honeymoon in Costa Rica.



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ANDREW, MARY LOUISE

(May 24, 1927 - April 26, 2011) died from a heart attack at St. Mary's Hospital, Livonia MI. She was the daughter of the late Michael D. Mack and the late H. Louise Mack. Loving wife of the late Daniel Andrew, devoted mother of Michele Andrew (Grigore) Muntianu and Ann Andrew (Stephen) King, cherished grandmother of Monica (Mark) McDowell, adored great-grandmother of Carson McDowell and beloved sister of John J. (Marilyn) Mack and Michael D. (June) Mack. Mary Lou leaves behind many nieces, nephews, and grandnieces/nephews. She will be greatly missed by both family and friends. She served in the following civic organizations: The Livonia Housing Commission, Schoolcraft College Transition Center, Friends for the Development of Greenmead, Schoolcraft College Foundation Board of Governors, Livonia Neighbors and Friends, Livonia Towne Club, Livonia Symphony Orchestra, Sauk Trail Chapter of Questers, An-Tea-quers, Junior Group of Goodwill, Livonia Meadows Civic Association, Livonia League of Women Voters, Livonia Spree, Older Women's League, Livonia Board of Education Advisory Board, Livonia Community Prayer Breakfast, and Madonna University Auction Committee. In 1996, she was nominated for the City of Livonia's First Citizen Award. Visitation will be held at Fred Wood Funeral Home - Rice Chapel, 36100 Five Mile Rd, Livonia MI (E. of Levan) Saturday, April 30, 2:30 - 9 pm and Sunday, May 1, 1:00-9 p.m. with Rosary at 7:00 p.m. Funeral services Monday, May 2, 9:30 a.m. instate, 10:00 a.m. Mass at Our Lady of Victory Church, 132 Orchard Street, Northville MI. Memorial contributions can be made to Schoolcraft College Transition Center or Friends for the Development of Greenmead. Please visit online guestbook: www.fredwoodfuneralhome.com

LACY, BLANCHE B.

Age 88, passed away April 18, 2011. She was born on January 23, 1923 in Detroit, daughter of the late John and Rose Tyc. Blanche led a very interesting life. She was a successful entrepreneur, gave generously to catholic charities and kept an active interest in her Polish heritage. She was a loving and devoted mother and grandmother. She is survived by her children; James (Beverly) Urban, Kathleen Urban and Edward (Lauri) Lacy, her grandchildren; Michelle, Erin, Kevin, Shannon, her step grandchildren; Kenneth, Doris, Jimmy, John, Stephanie and her step great grandson, Javon. She was preceded in death by her beloved husband Edward in 1966. A memorial Mass will be held at St. Joseph Catholic Church in South Lyon in the near future. Online Guestbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com



MAYE, MARCINDA MAE

37 year old spirit. Till death did we part. Survived by husband, James Maye; daughter, Shanidiin; and son Seamus. Viewing at Harris Funeral Home, 5 Mile and Farmington, Thursday, April 28th, 2pm-7pm. Service to follow. Burial to take place on Navajo Nation Reservation, Sacred Family Ancestral Grounds, in Arizona. Our love was "for reals".

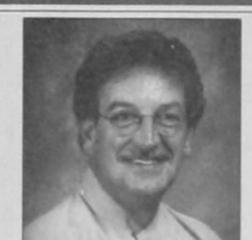
WISNIEWSKI, EDDIE F.
 Age 62, passed away on April 25, 2011 after a heroic battle against Multiple Myeloma cancer. Devoted husband of Marcia. Loving father of Brian (Cristen), Sheryl (Sean) McGraw and Matt. Adored papa of Conner, Gavin, Addison and Faith. Dear brother of John (Sharlene), Betty (Richard) Jones, Virginia Santo, Kathy (Gary) Verbeke and Eugene (Carolyn). Also loved by many nieces, nephews cousins and friends. Funeral services were held on Saturday, April 30, 2011 at St. Aidan Church, Livonia. Family welcomes donations to Ed Wisniewski Business Scholarship Fund or Karmanos Cancer Institute. Additional details are available at www.checkoneddie.com



PARKS, ELIZABETH M.

Age 82, of Stanwood, formerly of Plymouth, April 23, 2011. Beloved wife of James. Loving mother of James (Terri), Sheila (Mitchell) Holly, Thomas, Maureen (Keith) Carmickle, John (Mary Patricia) and the late Michael. Also survived by eight grandchildren, ten great-grandchildren and sister, Audrey (Nathan) Burkwich. Visitation Thursday 2-9 PM at Spaulding & Curtin Funeral Directors, 500 W. Nine Mile Rd., Ferndale (1 1/2 blks west of Woodward). In State Friday 9:30 AM until Funeral Mass 10 AM at St. James Catholic Church, Ferndale. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield. Memorial contributions to The Congregation of St. Joseph Nazareth, MI. www.spauldingcurtin.com

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Doctors: Traditional therapies may work in treating psoriasis

For patients with severe psoriasis, a new class of intravenous and injectable biological medicines known as "biologics" has brought about a near revolution in treatment.

But doctors at the University of Michigan Health System say patients and their doctors also should consider long-established treatment alternatives that are less expensive and avoid some of the risk factors associated with the immune system-suppressing biologics, such as increased risk of serious infection and lymphoma.

One of the oldest treatments for psoriasis is known as Goeckerman therapy. The process involves applying ointment made from coal tar to a patient's skin and exposing the patient to ultraviolet radiation with light therapy, which work together to clear the patients' skin.

The U-M Dermatology Day Treatment Center is among a small number of places in the country to offer a modernized version of the treatment, which dates back to the 1920s.

Sometimes when new treatments come along, everyone jumps on the bandwagon," says Thomas Anderson, M.D., medical director of the Day Treatment Center and associate professor of dermatology at the U-M Medical School. "But Goeckerman has a lot of advantages over biologics. One of the biggest ones is that you're not on it forever."

Cost can also be an important factor in deciding whether to use biologics or seek alternatives. The average course of biologics is \$22,000 to \$59,700 per year, according to a recent article in the International Journal of Dermatology, while Goeckerman therapy costs \$10,000 to \$12,000.

"The modified Goeckerman treatment



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Doctors at the University of Michigan Health System suggest that patients and their physicians consider long-established treatments and not just biologics to control psoriasis.

has some advantages and we see good remissions," says Allen Bruce, M.D., Ph.D., a psoriasis researcher and lecturer in the Department of Dermatology at the U-M Medical School. "It can be good for people who have certain risk factors, such as multiple sclerosis, cancer or a history of chronic infections. It's also a good option for people who would prefer, for a number of reasons, not to be on biologics."

The three-week tar and light therapy is intensive, but provides quick relief for many patients, allowing them to don shorts and participate in summer activities without being self-conscious about skin plaques. Remissions can last up to 10 years, but many patients require treatment every year or two.

According to a 2010 article in Pediatric Dermatology, Goeckerman therapy is unfairly considered a "lost art." Given its record of safety and effectiveness, the authors recommended "the current trend toward abandonment of this treatment should be reversed."

Psoriasis affects 7.5 million Americans, according to the National Psoriasis Foundation. Up to 30 percent of patients may also develop psoriatic arthritis, a painful joint condition.

Biologics can provide relief for patients with psoriatic arthritis, while

Goeckerman treatment does not. Some patients pursue a combination of treatments that includes both biologics and Goeckerman.

Therapy at U-M's Day Treatment Center is done on an outpatient basis. Patients who live within 30 miles can return home at night and in many cases hotel stays for patients from farther away are provided as part of the treatment cost.

Along with psoriasis, the center also treats rare skin conditions including chronic atopic dermatitis, eczema, chronic contact dermatitis and cutaneous t-cell lymphoma.

For more information visit the U-M Day Treatment Center's website: <http://www.med.umich.edu/derm/patient/gendtc.shtml>

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

MAY

Michigan Bariatric Institute

The Institute will hold a plus-size clothing sale from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, May 7, in the south lobby at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia. Many post-operative bariatric patients will sell their gently used, plus-sized clothing. There will be a variety of reasonably priced choices of clothing for women (sizes 14-32) and men (sizes 40-60, and up to 5XL) (877) 949-9344 or visit www.stmarymercy.org.

St. Mary Mercy Hospital

Stroke seminar will include a robot demonstration, panel of expert, free blood pressure and stroke screenings and a question and answer session, 4:30-7 p.m. Tuesday, May 10. The seminar is free but registration is required. To register, call (734) 655-2365, or visit stmarymercy.org/classes. Refreshments and light snacks will be served. The hospital is located at 36475 Five Mile, Livonia.

Cancer screening

The Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Center will conduct free oral, head and neck cancer screenings for adults, age 18 and over, from 1:30-4:30 p.m. May 13, at 4100 John R, south of Warren Ave., north of Mack, next to Harper Hospital in Detroit. A simple 10-minute screening exam can help determine if follow-up is needed. Some of the warning signs of oral cancers are a sore throat that does not subside; red or white patches in the mouth that last more than two weeks; change in voice or hoarseness that lasts more than two weeks; pain or swelling in the mouth or neck that does not subside; lump in the neck; ear pain; difficulty speaking, swallowing or breathing. Two risk factors that greatly increase the risk of head and neck cancer are the use of tobacco products and frequent, heavy consumption of alcohol. Pre-register by 5 p.m., May 12, to arrange for a free screening and

complimentary valet parking. Call (800) KARMANOS. On-site registration on May 13 also will be accepted if space is

available.

Skin cancer screening

Wayne State University Physician Group is offering a free screening 2:30-5:30 p.m. May 4 at 18100 Oakwood Blvd., Suite 300, in Dearborn. Only walk ins will be accepted. For more information call (313) 240-4900.

Book signing

Detroit native, Dr. Martin Rossman will sign his new book, "The Worry Solution," at 6:30 p.m. May 6, at William Beaumont Hospital, located on 13 Mile, just west of Woodward in Royal Oak. He'll also teach the techniques in his new stress-management book, which teaches readers how to use guided imagery to develop a "good worry" habit. Books available for purchase.

ONGOING

Aquatic classes

The YMCA of Metropolitan Detroit and the Arthritis Foundation have partnered to offer aquatic classes designed to ease the pain of arthritis. Classes are held 10-11 a.m., Tuesday and Thursday at the Farmington branch; 1:15-4:15 p.m. Monday and Wednesday at the Livonia branch; and 2-3 p.m. Wednesday and Friday, at the Birmingham branch. All classes are offered to members and nonmembers of every age and participants do not need to know how to swim to participate. To join, interested individuals can contact their local YMCA branch or visit www.ymcadetroit.org.

Arthritis support group

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

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Could You Be At Risk for Stroke?

May is National Stroke Awareness Month

Do you smoke? Have diabetes? High blood pressure? High cholesterol? Family history of heart disease?

Stroke - Time Lost is Brain Lost!

Learn more at our **FREE Educational Seminar** (Registration required.)

Tuesday, May 10
4:30 to 7 p.m.
St. Mary Mercy
Hospital Auditorium

Learn about the importance of emergency care for stroke, new technology and rehabilitation of a stroke patient.

Blood pressure screening, presentation and Q&A from a panel of experts.

To register call **734-655-2365**, or visit stmarymercy.org and click on **Classes & Events**.

Refreshments and light snacks will be served.



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Dr. Greg Kramer

Dr. Greg Kramer, DC
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*What do you do
when the medications
DON'T WORK?*

Wednesday, May 4 at 6:30 pm

Topic To Be Discussed: Dr. Kramer's
**Non-Drug Treatment of Fibromyalgia
and Chronic Pain**

7 WARNING SIGNS OF FIBROMYALGIA

- 1) Brain Fog/Fibro Fog
- 2) Short Term Memory Loss
- 3) Getting Lost in Conversation
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