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As April is recognized as National Volunteer Month focusing attention on the impact and power of volunteerism, Canton will again take part in Christmas in Action Saturday, April 28.

Both skilled and unskilled volunteers are still needed to help provide repairs to needy seniors' homes in the Canton community from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Volunteers who are skilled in the building trades are especially needed, including electricians, carpenters, plumbers, roofers, and others. Unskilled volunteers are also wanted for cleaning, yard work, and painting.

Registration starts from 7:30-9 a.m. and a continental breakfast will be served at the Canton Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road. Volunteers will then be shuttled to assigned homes.

For more information, call (734) 394-5191 or visit Cantonfun.org.

EEF auction

Plymouth-Canton's Educational Excellence Foundation is running an online auction with a variety of items designed to appeal to everyone, as well as unique items specifically for district families.

Items include restaurant gift cards, casino trip, car detailing, piano lessons, handyman and plumbing services, sports memorabilia, Tigers and Red Wings Tickets, MSU and U-M tickets, ice skating lessons and kite-boarding lessons.

In conjunction with the online auction, the EEF is selling tickets for its second annual wine tasting event Friday, April 20. Tickets are \$40 per person and are available on the website (www.pccseef.com) as well as at Busch's, Showroom of Elegance and at the Board of Education, 454 S. Harvey St.

For questions, contact Carole Kody at (734) 416-2718 or carole.kody@pccsml.net.



Giovanna Dourado (from left) and Mohammad Shafiqur Rashid receiving tutoring from Joyce Silagy, who is coordinator of an English-as-a-second-language program at Canton's Connection Church.

Tutor time

English program gives students confidence

By Darrell Clem
Observer Staff Writer

Mohammad Shafiqur Rashid left his homeland of Bangladesh more than two years ago with his wife, Roxan Ara, and their 5-year-old daughter, Suhaila, to escape political unrest.

"I wanted to get a better society for my daughter," Rashid said.

Giovanna Dourado, a law student from Sao Paulo, Brazil, came to Canton two years ago to care for two local boys, ages 5 and 9, through the Au Pairs in America exchange program. She's returning home in July to continue her studies.

"I really want to see my family, but it will be sad to leave the kids because I am attached to them," Dourado said.

Rashid, 42, and Dourado, 26, had little in common when they moved to Canton, other than their desire to become more fluent in the English language. They found the help they needed from Joyce Silagy, one of five tutors involved in an adult English-as-a-second-language program started by Canton's Connection Church.



Joyce Silagy tutors Mohammad Shafiqur Rashid in the Canton Public Library's Jungle Java cafe.

Simple things

Rashid was an assistant vice president of a bank in Bangladesh after earning a social science master's degree in economics from the University of Dhaka. His wife had been a doctor in radiology.

Though they had help settling here from Rashid's brother, a General Motors Corp. engineer who has been in America for 30 years, Rashid felt uncomfortable, even embarrassed, because he struggled with sim-

ple tasks such as ordering restaurant food, communicating with a barber or interacting at Baker College's Allen Park campus, where he is studying physical therapy.

"At school I was having trouble with my homework," he said.

Dourado had similar difficulties in social situations. "I was shy every time I wanted to talk to someone," she said.

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Second judge out of sex case

By Darrell Clem
Observer Staff Writer

A second judge from 35th District Court in Plymouth has recused himself from a case involving former Wayne-Westland school teacher Brandon Lee Tomblin, a Canton man jailed on criminal charges following accusations of inappropriate behavior toward a 16-year-old boy.

Judge Ronald Lowe refused to hear testimony Monday as Tomblin, 26, appeared in court for what has become a twice-delayed preliminary examination on one count of child sexually abusive activity, two counts of using a computer to commit a crime and two counts of distributing sexually explicit material to children.

"I know the defendant," Lowe said. "He worked at a chiropractic office I was going to."

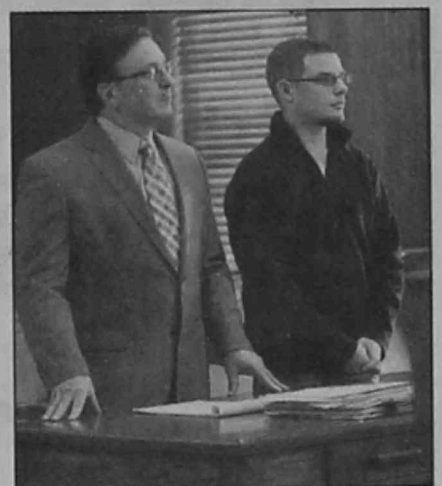
In recusing himself, Lowe alluded to Tomblin's family ties to 35th District Judge Michael Gerou.

Gerou's brother, Thomas Gerou, is Tomblin's stepfather and also runs a Canton chiropractic office.

Judge Gerou already had recused himself from the case when Tomblin initially appeared in his courtroom on March 16, publicly acknowledging that his sister-in-law is Tomblin's mother.

By following Gerou in recusing himself, Lowe said it's impor-

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Brandon Tomblin and attorney Robert Mullen in Judge Ron Lowe's courtroom.

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Four in township board race, so far

By Darrell Clem
Observer Staff Writer

With the May 15 filing deadline just six weeks away, only four candidates had turned in their nominating petitions as of late Wednesday morning to seek one of seven positions at stake this election season for the Canton Township Board of Trustees.

All are Republicans, and all have met the requirement to collect 200-400 valid signatures of registered voters to get their

names on the ballot.

Supervisor Phil LaJoy has filed for re-election to what would be his second four-year term. He previously served in the state House and was long active in township politics and numerous local organizations, such as spearheading the popular Canton Cup soccer tournament.

As of Wednesday, LaJoy had no opposition from any political party.

Three candidates — appointed trustee Greg Demopoulos, first-time hopeful Joseph Cafarelli

and second-term seeker Pat Williams — have filed their petitions to seek a four-year term as part-time trustee.

Demopoulos, Northville Township prosecutor, was appointed to the seven-member board last September after former Trustee Todd Caccamo resigned due to an out-of-town job promotion.

Demopoulos has issued a lengthy campaign platform, saying he wants to maintain township services without raising taxes, encourage properly planned

development, spur economic growth and job creation, continue a balanced budget amid tough fiscal times, push back against rising water-sewer rates, explore partnerships with neighboring communities and improve property values, among other issues.

"I'm optimistic," Demopoulos said of his campaign. "I think my platform is good for the community, and I think most voters would agree with that."

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WOMEN'S CONNECTION

Date/Time: Monday, April 9, 6-8:30 p.m.

Location: Canton Coney Island, 8533 N. Lilley

Details: Kathleen Ripley Leo, author and researcher and a member of the Mayflower Society, Daughters of the American Colonies, Daughters of the American Revolution and Daughters of the War of 1812, will be the guest speaker at the Canton Women's Connection meeting. She will talk about her journey to discovering these ancestors. RSVP by April 6.

Contact: June Nicholas at (313) 610-2561 or e-mail junenicholas@comcast.net

SLAVENS COFFEE

Date/Time: April 16, 5-6 p.m. both days

Location: Daydream Cafe, 47192 Michigan Ave., Canton

Details: State Rep. Dian Slavens, D-Canton, invites residents to join her for a cup of coffee and conversation at one of her upcoming coffee hours. Slavens hosts regular coffee hours and town hall meetings

throughout Canton Township, Belleville and Van Buren Township.

Contact: Call toll free at (888) 347-8021 or send an e-mail to DianSlavens@house.mi.gov with any questions or concerns.

CHARITY POKER

Date/Time: April 20-22, noon to 2 a.m.

Location: Trip Kings Poker Room, 8669 N. Lilley in Canton.

Details: Canton Lions Club members will hold a fund raiser. The club will be selling poker chips to individuals who play Texas Hold 'Em and other games. Funds raised during the three days will provide funds to Penrickton Center for Blind and handicapped children, Leader Dog School for the blind and local residents who are unable to purchase necessities of life. Funds to purchase eye glasses for school children and elderly people who require visual and hearing aids are also included. According to Lion Larry Wegrzyn, Club President, money raised during the poker event will allow Lions to meet pressing needs in the community including those who need assistance during the slow economy.

Contact: Bill Van Winkle at (734) 254-9404 or Cantonlions.org

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Moreover, she had a professional reason for improving her English skills, saying "it's so important in Brazil for business reasons to speak English these days."

Jungle Java

Every Thursday evening, Rashid and Dourado sit with Silagy inside the Jungle Java cafe at the Canton Public Library, poring over English lessons, practicing their pronunciation of words and learning catch phrases as they boost their skills.

Silagy, a former educator in Dearborn and Southfield who now has a consulting business, volunteers her time to coordinate Connection Church's program, dubbed E.A.S.Y., or English as a Simple Language for You. It costs students nothing, and tutors such as Silagy get their own rewards by helping others.

"I get to create wonderful relationships," she said.

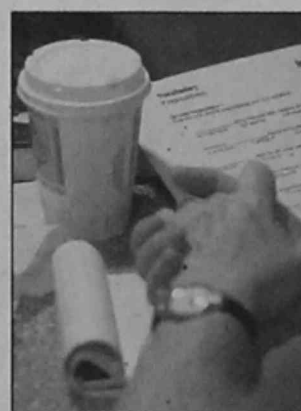
Aside from personal tutoring, Connection Church also offers group classes 9:30-11 a.m. Saturdays and 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesdays at the church, located at 3855 S. Sheldon near Geddes.

Silagy is one of five E.A.S.Y. tutors along with Frank Stephens of Canton, Diane Hassenrik of Westland and Gina and Mike Salminen, an Ypsilanti couple who have taught in several countries. Two other tutors are in training by the Plymouth-Canton Community Literacy Council to use the Litstart teaching method.

Connection Church's pastor, the Rev. Rocky Barra, made E.A.S.Y. a priority last September as an outreach program to help Canton's increas-



Tutor Joyce Silagy works with student Mohammad Shafiqur Rashid.



Connection Church's English-tutoring program was started as an outreach program to serving the community's increasingly diverse population.

ingly diverse population. The mission is to help adults pursue their personal goals by improving their ability to understand, speak, read and write basic English.

"We're trying to meet a community need," Silagy said.

In all, 18 students ranging in age from 26 to their

mid-60s have started improving their English skills. They came from places such as India, China, Iran, Korea, Japan, Lebanon, Mexico, Monaco, Peru, Sudan and Taiwan.

Rashid and Dourado learned about the program from a brochure they found at Canton's library. Both smile as they talk of how the program has helped them.

Rashid plans to stay in America, though Dourado returns in July to her law studies in Brazil — with newfound confidence in her English skills. She credits Silagy.

"I don't think I have words to describe how much help she has been to me," Dourado said.

For more information on E.A.S.Y., call Silagy at (734) 890-2050 or send an e-mail to joycesilagy@wideopenwest.com.

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Canton trustee files for U.S. House seat

By Darrell Clem
Observer Staff Writer

U.S. House hopeful Dr. Syed Taj, a Canton Democrat, has officially filed as a candidate for the 11th District seat held since 2003 by U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia.

Taj's campaign announced Monday he filed over 2,000 signatures he and his supporters collected before turning nominating petitions over to the state Bureau of Elections.

The announcement from Taj campaign manager Natalie Mosher came five months after Taj confirmed he would seek election in Michigan's newly redrawn 11th Congressional District and not pursue a new term in his fourth year as the only Democrat on the Canton Township Board of Trustees.

Taj recently retired as chief of medicine of Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn, where he worked over 29 years as a doctor. His candidacy comes after Mosher unsuccessfully challenged McCotter in 2010.

"Dr. Taj is picking up where I left off," Mosher said in a statement. "He is a great candidate and a compassionate doctor. With his experience and hard work, I know that we can win this seat in November."

McCotter hasn't yet officially announced his re-election bid.

Taj told the *Observer* earlier this year he believes he can mount an effective campaign.

"This is the year of anti-incumbency," he said, saying voters are tired of what



Canton Township Trustee Dr. Syed Taj has officially filed petitions to challenge U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia.

he called the paralysis of "a do-nothing Congress."

Monday's announcement said Taj hopes to use his experience to protect Medicare and Social Security while fighting for new jobs in Michigan.

The new 11th District includes Canton, Livonia, Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Northville, Northville Township, Novi, Novi Township, Farmington, Birmingham, Auburn Hills, Bloomfield Hills, Commerce Township, Highland Township, Lake Angelus, South Lyon, Lyon Township, Milford Village and Township, Troy, Walled Lake, Waterford Township, White Lake Township, Wixom and part of Clawson, Rochester Hills, West Bloomfield and Troy.

Taj's website is www.tajforcongress.com. McCotter's is www.mccotter2012.com.

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Cafarelli, a retired AT&T communications technician, has launched his first campaign for public office, though he served as a union official for 27 years for the Communications Workers of America in places such as Detroit, Phoenix and White Plains, N.Y.

"One big issue is the water bills," Cafarelli said. "I just cannot

understand why the water bills are so high, and I can't get a good answer."

Cafarelli said area officials seem not to have addressed the issue.

"They just put Band-Aids on it. I want some resolution to the problem," he said.

Williams, in the last year of his first four-year term, became the first candidate to enter the township board race by filing his petitions for re-election in Janu-

ary. He has cited a need to restore declining fund balances, address long-term legacy costs, push back against water-sewer rates and spur economic development.

Meanwhile, former Supervisor Tom Yack strongly indicated in January his intent to seek a part-time trustee seat, though he hadn't formally filed his petitions as of Wednesday.

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New Morning School founder Elaine Kennedy addressed the crowd at Laurel Manor in Livonia on Saturday during the school's 36th annual benefit auction. More than 400 people attended.

More than 400 turn out to support New Morning School

More than 400 people gathered in Livonia Saturday to support an independent Plymouth Township school that's about to mark its 40th anniversary.

The annual auction for New Morning School, held at Laurel Manor, benefited from more than \$120,000 in contributions, event and program advertising and donations of auction items; organizers had not finished totaling net proceeds as of earlier this week.

It was the 36th annual auction for the school, which claims it is the longest-running such event in western Wayne County.

"I am continually humbled by the generosity of our local community," said Elaine Kennedy, founder and head of school, in a press release. "They have shown that they value quality education and they recognize that New Morning School delivers on that value."

The theme for the night was Grande Carnevale, the annual pre-Lenten festival in Venice, and

some guests attended in traditional Venetian costumes.

There were silent and live auctions, and auction items included computers, theater tickets, bicycles and tickets to athletic events. Vacation packages in the auction included a five-night golf vacation for two in Scotland and a six-night stay for four on the Mediterranean island of Malta.

Event sponsors included Plastomer Corp., Plymouth Dental Associates, Seizert Capital Partners, CVMedia, Monroe Bank & Trust, Autumn Associates, Crestmark Bank, Laurel Manor, Health Spa of Plymouth, Plymouth Physical Therapy Specialists and Strategic Partners Inc.

Founded in 1973, New Morning School is a parent-cooperative school for students in preschool through the eighth grade with a current enrollment of about 75 students. The school stresses hands-on learning and is based on the educational philosophy of Swiss psychologist Jean Piaget.

P-CEP robotics team qualifies for state meet

By Brad Kadrich
Observer Staff Writer

Plymouth-Canton's Lighting Robotics team may have snatched defeat from the jaws of victory over the weekend at their second district competition in Livonia.

And they're perfectly content with it.

Lightning Robotics split the first two matches of the championship final against the top-seeded team from Ann Arbor, but Ann Arbor's robot was malfunctioning, the result of smacking P-CEP's robot around in the first match. Ann Arbor spent a time out between the first two matches to try and fix it, the top seed approached Plymouth-Canton with a request: Call their own time out to give Ann Arbor a chance to fix the problem.

Lightning Robotics complied and used their own time out, then lost the deciding match to Ann Arbor.

But that didn't matter. "FIRST robotics isn't about winning," said Jeffrey Hess, a Canton High School junior driver who is also vice president and electrical leader for Lightning Robotics. "It's about gracious professionalism, about having the best competition. We wanted to go against the best competition, so we gave them the time."

Lightning Robotics struggled during the qualifying rounds. They lost the first match to the second seed, then won the next two to move on. In the semifinal, Lightning Robotics swept the third seed to advance to the championship round against Ann Arbor.

Ann Arbor spent much of the first match crashing its robot into Lightning's robot, causing the damage in the process and setting up the unanimous gesture from Lightning.

"We knew their robot still wasn't working



The Lightning Robotics drive team has piloted the team to 16th place and a spot in next week's state competition.



Eddie, the robot crafted by Lightning Robotics team members, goes through his paces during the Kettering district.



Lightning Robotics gets an enthusiastic boost from its cheering section.

right ... They looked at us between matches and asked if there was anything we could do," said

Jay Obsniuk, creator and faculty mentor to Lightning Robotics, who said he was up in the stands when the decision was made. "Our kids decided to call time out to give them time out to fix it. It was completely their choice, and I thought they made the right one."

"We're not all about winning," Obsniuk added. "We're there to teach the kids more about what it takes to live a career in whatever you want to be in. In the beginning of the year, we tell the kids, 'This is your team, you take ownership of it.' They took ownership of it."

The result left Lightning Robotics in 16th place and on its way to the state competition April 12 at Eastern Michigan University. Obsniuk said the world champion has come out of the Michigan competition in nine of the last 10 years.

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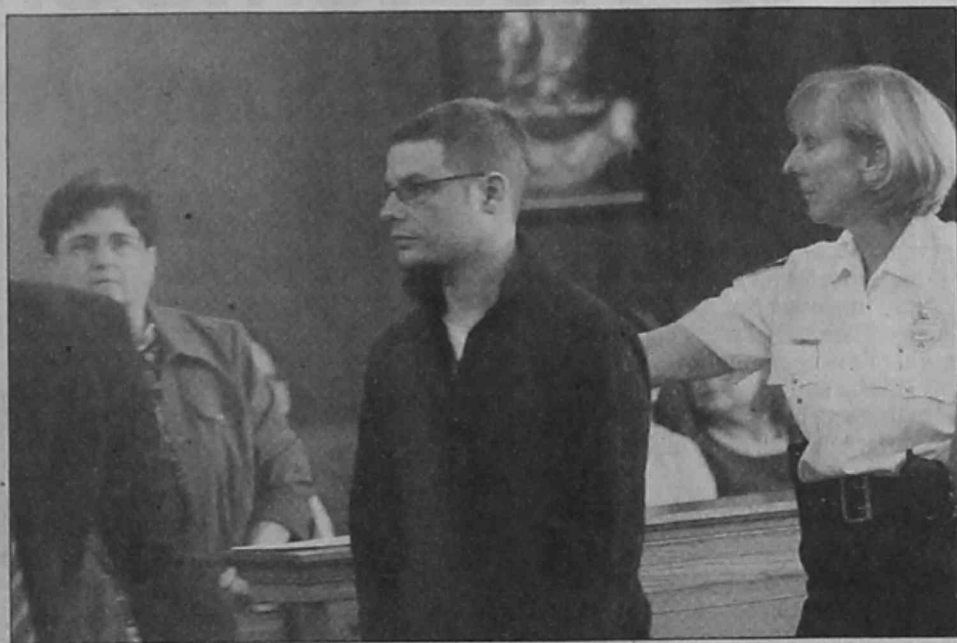
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Brandon Tomblin is led back to the lockup after his preliminary hearing was delayed for a second time.

JUDGE

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tant to guard against any appearances that Tomblin might be treated differently than another defendant facing a similar situation.

"If we don't comply with that procedure, then it leads to a taint," Lowe said, adding later, "We've got to be squeaky clean on this one."

Lowe said he could have proceeded Monday if Tomblin had intended to merely waive his preliminary exam — a decision that automatically sends a case to Wayne County Circuit Court for disposition. However, Lowe withdrew from the case after learning that testimony was going to be heard.

Lowe, meanwhile, tossed the case to the only remaining 35th District judge, James Plakas, and set the preliminary exam for May 4. However, Lowe said he wouldn't be surprised if Plakas also recuses himself.



Brandon Tomblin's preliminary hearing was delayed again as a second 35th District Court judge recused himself from the case.

If that happens, Tomblin's case likely would be sent to another district court.

Tomblin could face penalties ranging up to 20 years in prison if he is convicted of the charges out of Canton. Outside Gerou's courtroom on March 16, Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor Brian Surma declined to comment on other potential charges against Tomblin.

Wayne-Westland Com-

munity Schools Superintendent Greg Baracy has said Tomblin had partial teaching assignments at Wayne Memorial High School, where he taught vocal music, and at Franklin Middle School, St. Michael Lutheran School and Hicks Elementary School.

Tomblin remains jailed with a \$75,000/10 percent bond, meaning he could be released with \$7,500. His family hasn't posted the bond, but Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor Maria Miller has said that, even if Tomblin is released, he would be placed under house arrest with an electronic tether.

Charges out of Canton arose after Miller said a mother contacted authorities alleging "inappropriate behavior" toward her 16-year-old son.

Baracy has said Tomblin resigned and severed his ties to the Wayne-Westland school district.

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CRIME WATCH

Identity theft

A 57-year-old Canton man notified police after he became a victim of identity theft.

The man, who lives northeast of Cherry Hill and Haggerty, contacted police Monday to report someone had been using his Social Security number. He had received notification from the Internal Revenue Service saying he had to pay back some of his tax refund because of another job he didn't actually have.

The supposed place of employment was traced to a home health-care service in Livonia. The IRS indicated the man had earned \$18,443, which he hadn't.

The man told police he has never worked in home care. He notified police after the IRS told him it needed a police report to further investigate the incident.

Bikes break-in

Police responded to a break-in that occurred shortly after 2 a.m. Saturday at the Sweet Bikes business on Ford west of Lotz.

Police went to the business after a front-door alarm went off. Officers found the front door had been smashed out.

The door was slightly ajar, and a police report indicated a racing bike valued at \$3,899 had been stolen.

A similar incident happened at the business on Feb. 24, the police report said.

Tools and threats

A loss prevention officer at the Home Depot store southeast of Ford and Lotz contacted police after a suspect stole tools and threatened the employee during an incident that happened around 6 p.m. March 27.

The employee reported that a white male in his 30s took two four-piece tool sets, put them in a cart, wheeled them to the garden center and left through a fire exit, getting into a vehicle that was waiting for him.

The employee approached the suspect before he reached the car and a short struggle ensued. The employee said the suspect told him he had a knife and threatened him.

The getaway car was described as a silver four-door Mercury.

Playstation purloined

A man reported his residence in the 47000 block of Ford Road, east of Beck, was entered by someone who stole a Playstation 3 from his entertainment system.

The man told police the incident happened between 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. Friday.

The man told police he has had home-improvement workers inside the house, though a friend who recommended the workers told him the employees wouldn't steal anything.

The man also told police had a visit from a friend he hadn't seen in six months. He said the friend has a prescription drug problem and was previously arrested for home invasion.

Text threats

A 21-year-old woman told police a man she knows has been sending threatening texts to her. The woman, who lives in the Canton Crossings apartment complex near I-275 and Joy, said she was told the suspect would get the money "in blood" unless she paid what she owed, according to a police report.

The woman said the man also told her that he would send his baby's mother over to assault her. The victim didn't want to prosecute but filed a report Sunday to have it on record.

Motorcycle stolen

The owner of a 2006 Suzuki GSX-R motorcycle notified police after it was stolen from the of his girlfriend's apartment in the 40000 block of Eaton, southwest of Warren and Lotz, sometime prior to 10 a.m. Friday.

The man said the motorcycle was still parked when his girlfriend came home around 2:30 a.m., but it was missing by 10 a.m.

The man told police he had a key to the motorcycle. He said the only other key he had was lost in North Carolina.

Seizure scare

A young boy had quite a scare after he had a seizure and lost consciousness briefly while he and his mother were walking to her car outside Lifetime Fitness, on Haggerty south of Ford, a police report said.

Paramedics and police went to the scene shortly after 5 p.m. Sunday following reports a boy about 4 or 5 years old wasn't breathing. By the time authorities arrived, he had begun breathing and had regained consciousness.

Authorities learned the boy has a brain tumor and occasionally suffers seizures. He had fallen to the ground. He was taken to St. Mary Mercy Hospital.

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Titanic: A Century to Remember

One hundred years after the sinking of Titanic, Starring "The Gallery" will host a photography exhibit commemorating the famously doomed luxury liner. Through the month of April, Starring will exhibit "Titanic: A Century To Remember" by Philip Dattilo.

The show opens with an artist's reception 6-9 p.m. Friday, April 6, during Northville's First Friday Experience. "Titanic: A Century To Remember" revolves around present-day photographs that depict scenes related to R.M.S. Titanic's inception, construction and the epilogue of its short life.


Philip Dattilo, of Plymouth, Mich., has worked as a professional photographer for more than 30 years. His fine art photographs are on permanent display at the Holocaust Memorial Center in Farmington Hills; the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor; and the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History in Detroit. His work also has appeared in publications like the Wall Street Journal, Fortune, Business Week and U.S. News and World Report.

Dattilo became fascinated with the Titanic when a fourth grade classroom lesson evolved into a lifetime of interest and research. Dattilo's photographs reflect his travels to sites and monuments associated with the ocean liner. The display also includes historic photographs of the ship. Dattilo is a longtime member of the Titanic Historical Society.

Titanic was the largest and most luxurious ocean liner at the time of her sailing in April, 1912. Five days out of Southampton, England, the ship hit an iceberg and sunk to the bottom of the Atlantic, taking 1,523 lives with her.

"I'm excited to have Philip Dattilo again this year, as our First Friday artist," said Mary Starring, owner of Starring "The Gallery." "This exhibit is near and dear to Philip and it's exciting to listen to him talk about the Titanic and all its history."

Starring "The Gallery" is located at 118 W. Main St. in Northville. Call (248) 347-1642 or visit www.starringthegallery.com.



PHILIP DATTILO

One of several bollards that held R.M.S. Titanic at Ocean Dock, Southampton, England until her maiden voyage departure on April 10, 1912.

Woman from Nepal visits for weight loss regimen

By Julie Brown
Observer Staff Writer

Northville Township resident Ken Pumford is proud of his niece's weight loss — through diet and exercise.

"Oh, my gosh, yes," said Pumford, whose niece, Asha Chhantyal, 21, came to visit from Nepal to lose weight through Weight Watchers and Lifetime Fitness. "She's come a long ways. She's done amazing things since she came here."

He tried arranging it over six years, trying for visas at the U.S. Embassy in Nepal. "She was rejected three times and finally got it last year," Pumford said.

her 5-foot frame. "Obviously, soup for the rest of your life isn't sustainable. Now she knows how to eat. This is something she can do for the rest of her life."

Chhantyal came in April 2011 on a one-year visa and couldn't walk the distance of the Meijer on Haggerty to get milk — but she just ran the Shamrock 10K in Plymouth without stopping.

She weighs just over 200 now. "She wants to lose about another 70 pounds. She knows what to do and she knows how to do it," Pumford said.

Weight Watchers doesn't require a special diet. "You watch your portion size, so it can work with any diet. It works with any food, any diet," meaning it will work when she returns to Nepal April 1.

Chhantyal's mom is also overweight, and she's



Asha Chhantyal, 21, of Nepal is proud of her weight loss, recently applauded by Florine Mark (left) of Weight Watchers. Chhantyal traveled to Northville Township to stay with family and lose weight through diet and exercise.

using Skype to coach her mom. "She's got her mom on the Weight Watchers program." The mom keeps a food log and her daughter reviews it.

"She's lost 25 pounds over the last three months" and wants to lose another

20, Pumford said of her mother.

Pumford's a former Peace Corps volunteer in Nepal; Chhantyal's aunt is his wife, Sirjana.

Fitness counts

Monday-Friday morning, Chhantyal is dropped off at Lifetime Fitness for workouts. She's in a boot camp program, said Pumford, an engineer for Ford Motor Co. She was lauded by Weight Watchers President and CEO Florine Mark. "I am so proud of you for everything you've accomplished, and I just know you have what it takes to get to your healthy weight goal," Mark said Feb. 27 at the Metro-Detroit Celebration of Success event, which honors WW members who have lost 50 pounds or more.

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Teacher to run Boston Marathon in colleague's memory

Northville Hillside Middle School teacher Greg Lanzi will be running the April 16 Boston Marathon in memory of his former colleague (and the school's assistant principal) Heidi Capraro who passed away last November. Lanzi, who has run the Boston once already, will be raising money for the Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge.



Greg Lanzi of Brighton, a music teacher at Hillside Middle School in Northville, is preparing for April's Boston Marathon.

Lanzi's among many who'll aspire to cross the finish line in Beantown, but his quest goes beyond personal achievement. He's running to raise money for cancer research in honor of Heidi Capraro, a Hillside assistant principal who lost her battle with cancer.

Capraro of Howell died in November of clear cell cervical cancer. Lanzi will run his second Boston Marathon and plans to raise \$4,000 for cancer research in memory of Capraro as a member of the Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge.

In training

"I'm running about five days a week, six to seven miles a day," said Lanzi, 47, of his training regimen. "On the weekends, I'll do a long run, anywhere from 10 to 16 miles."

He's been able to train outdoors more this year due to mild weather. Hillside students and colleagues are cheering him on.

"The kids seem to be pretty excited about it. They were surprised to hear I was doing the Boston Marathon. A lot of the teachers appreciate that I'm doing it in memory of Heidi."

Capraro was a sixth grade science teacher at Hillside. In 2004-05, she was selected as Michigan Teacher of the year. After fulfilling her duties in Lansing, she was appointed assistant principal at Hillside where she continued her work with students and educators before becoming ill.

'Really special'

"She was really special. She had a special rapport with the kids, she really did. She was a spectacular science teacher. She always had a great understanding of the kids and a great understanding of her subject material," Lanzi said.

"She was a great assistant principal and great mentor for the young teachers."

The Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge, in collaboration with the Boston Athletic Association, enables people to run the Boston Marathon while raising funds to benefit the Claudia Adams Barr Program in Innovative Basic Cancer Research at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. It helps scientists to achieve better cure rates and to enhance patients' quality of life. In 2012, the DFMC team aims to celebrate its 23rd year by raising \$4.8 million. To date, DFMC has raised more than \$52 million, all of which is directed to the Barr Program.

Lanzi has run the Detroit Free Press Marathon three times. In 2009, his time of 3 hours, 27 minutes was good enough to earn him a spot at the Boston Marathon.

You can support Lanzi's run by visiting runDFMC.org. Go on the website and click on "Support a runner."

Lanzi and wife Michelle have been married almost 20 years. They have two daughters, Gabriella, 16, and Sophia, 10.

"It is kind of overwhelming," he said of the Monday, April 16, Boston Marathon. "It's pretty exciting. It's a holiday there. The entire route is just lined with people. It's a pretty amazing sight."

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Annual dinner benefits club's shooting sports

By Sue Mason
Observer Staff Writer

For the last three years, the Western Wayne County Conservation Association has hosted a sellout Friends of the NRA dinner and auction in May at its Plymouth Township clubhouse.

This year organizers have decided to move it a few miles down the road to the Fox Hills Golf and Banquet Center to let more people attend.

"We're trying to increase the size and raise more money for the kids, it's only four miles from the club," said Robert Haviland, a member of the WWCCA Friends of the NRA Committee that is putting on the event. "The first three years we sold out at 160 for the dinner. By moving it to Fox Hills we can run it up to 300."

The banquet, which will be held Thursday, May 17, will raise money for the NRA Foundation. Fifty percent of the proceeds will go to the foundation while the remaining 50 percent will stay in Michigan to support boys', girls' and Women on Target shooting sports programs and range development.

The evening includes dinner, games, auctions, drawings and door prizes. Doors open at 5 p.m. to preview prizes and the silent auction. Games start at 6 p.m., followed by dinner at 7 p.m. and the live auction at 8 p.m.

Limited edition firearms, custom knives, FNRA limited edition commissioned art, spe-



The Western Wayne County Conservation Association had a large group of women turnout for its Women on Target program which helps women learn shooting skills in a safe environment.

cial ladies' merchandise and many items created for the event will be auctioned off to the highest bidder. Special raffle ticket packages also will be available.

Dinner tickets are priced at \$40 each and attendees are automatically entered in a drawing to win a .22 rifle with their dinner ticket purchase. Those who purchase dinner tickets by April 30 will be entered in a special early bird drawing.

There also are several packages available, including the \$100 Big Shooter that includes \$160 in raffle tickets and a ticket for a special drawing for "the Big Bang Handgun," along with \$200 Super Shooter with \$400 in raffle tickets and three tickets for the gun drawing. People who purchase either of the shooter packages by April 30 will get a second package free. Sponsorships ranging from \$250 to \$2,500 also are available.



Youth learn shooting skill through the WWCCA's junior rifle and shotgun programs.

"We created the special ladies table for the female shooters and guests with things that would be of interest to the girls," said Haviland. "We created the early bird to raise more mon-

ey and increase raffle ticket sales. It's all about raising money for the kids and the ladies, and we think that's the right way to go."

The WWCCA was organized in 1937 in West-

land and moved to its current location — 80 acres of land on Napier Road in Plymouth Township — in 1965. Haviland has been a member the club since the early 1990s, but has belong to

other conservation clubs since he was 19 years old.

Its members hail from such Wayne County communities as Plymouth, Canton, Livonia, Westland and Redford to as far away as St. Clair Shores and the Grosse Pointes. The club also attracts shooting enthusiasts from Farmington, South Lyon, Northville, Novi and Milford.

"We currently have 850 members, our numbers are coming back," said Haviland. "At one point, we had 1,350 members and dropped to 750. We're working our way back up."

The club has been able to get FNRA grants to support its programs. It applied last year and received three, totaling more than \$10,000. The money came in handy, supporting junior shotgun and rifle programs and a Women on Target program which has seen participation increase to the point where the club is offering two classes this year.

"We've modified the fees and rules to make the WWCCA member friendly," Haviland said. "We're offering new programs and increasing our junior and ladies programs."

For more information about

For more information about tickets and sponsorships, contact Nancy Garneau at (734) 259-3341 or the WWCCA at (734) 453-9843. Tickets also can be ordered online at www.friendsofnra.org/Events. Click on Michigan.

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Bob Stillman brings the music of John Denver and Dan Fogelberg to the Village Theater stage April 13.

Singer brings ballads to Village Theater

Bob Stillman brings back the romantic songs of the 70s when he's the featured musician in "Country Roads: The Music of John Denver and Dan Fogelberg," at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill 8 p.m. Friday, April 13.

This tribute concert features songs from two of that decade's favorite music makers — John Denver and Dan Fogelberg.

Denver's songs are often celebrations of the natural beauty of the Rockies; Fogelberg's more often tell complex stories of personal relationships. But the sound most common to both, based on acoustic guitar and featuring a soaring tenor voice, is the sound of an era that re-discovered the romance of natural America. This tribute concert will transport the audience back to a time of innocence and fun when country music filled the airwaves of every radio station around the globe.

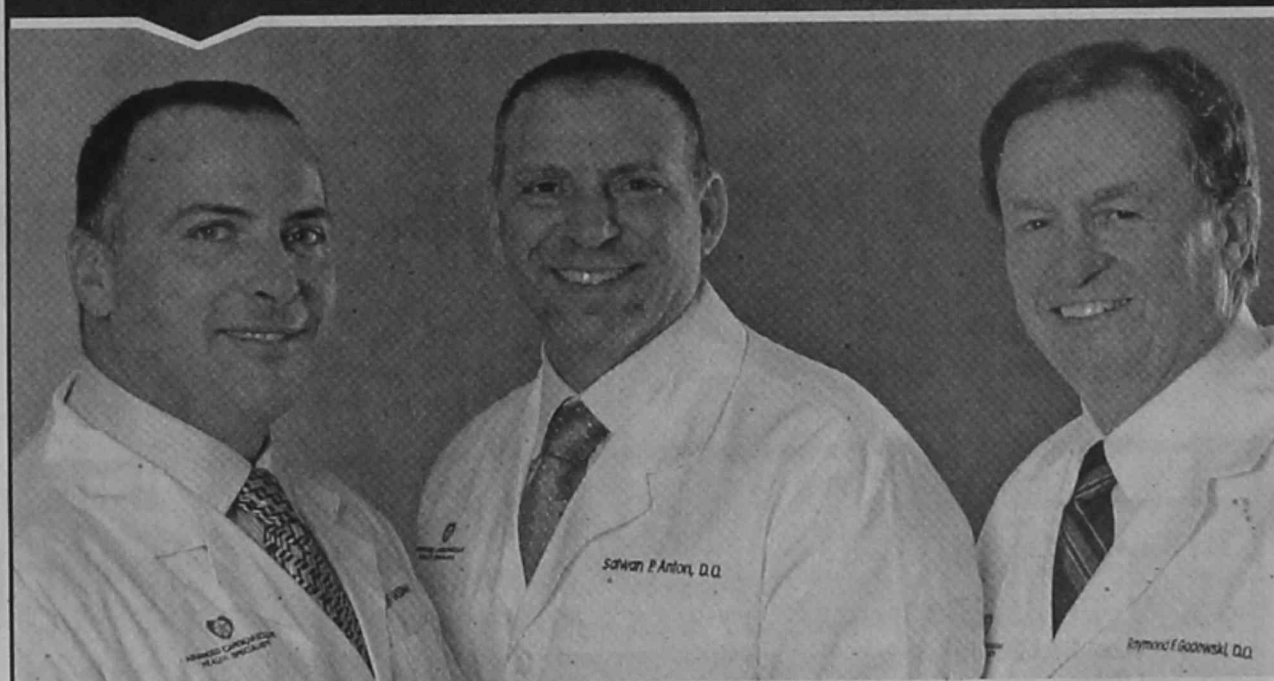
Stillman has lit up some of New York's best-known stages as writer, musician and actor, most recently on Broadway in the acclaimed "Grey Gardens." He has been nominated twice for Tony Awards and has gained a large following for his music-directed concerts featuring the songs of James Taylor, Joni Mitchell, John Denver and Dan Fogelberg. Stillman has appeared in works by such new-wave composers as Adam Guettel and Michael John LaChiusa. Stillman's TV appearances include Star Trek: Voyager, Law & Order, Guiding Light and Nickelodeon's Allegra's Window.

Tickets for this tribute concert are \$30 for adults and \$26 for seniors and youth. Get tickets online at www.cantonvillage-theater.org for \$22 with Coupon Code CRDF1 (all caps).


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CANTON CHAMBER CHAT



Grand opening

A ribbon cutting was held recently by Regency at Canton to celebrate the grand opening of their new facility. Regency at Canton is located at 45900 Geddes Road in Canton. Canton and Plymouth Chamber members were among the attendees.

After-hours mixer

The Canton Chamber of Commerce and the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce host a joint After-Hours Mixer 5-7 p.m. Wednesday, April 18, at the Red Olive Restaurant, located at 1051 Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth.

Reservations are required, and can be made by calling (734) 453-4040 or by e-mail to admin@cantonchamber.com.

Ribbon cutting

North Canton Orthodontics cuts the ribbon on its home 4 p.m. Wednesday, April 11.

The clinic is located at 44633 Joy Road, Suite 300 (on the north side of Joy east of Sheldon).

For more information, call the Canton Chamber of Commerce, (734) 453-4040.

Dinner auction

The Canton Chamber Annual Dinner Auction takes place 7 p.m. Saturday, April 28, at Burton Manor in Livonia. This year's theme is "Made in Michigan."

Chamber officials called the auction, sponsored this year by Jack Demmer Ford, a "fun night for socializing and networking with key businesses and community leaders in a social setting."

"Our chamber depends on its resources to subsidize important programming, services, educational development, as well as promote advocacy in the community," said chamber President Dianne Cojei. "Funds raised from the auction are crucial in maintaining our mission to stimulate positive business growth in the Canton community."

Area businesses have been extremely generous with their Auction donations this year, Cojei said, and "we have more than 200 raffle items, which include several restaurant packages, many gift baskets, electronics, tools, household items and jewelry."

Tickets for the auction, the chamber's largest fundraiser, are \$75 per person, which includes entrance to the event, dinner, premium bar, raffles, live & silent Auction, DJ and entertainment.

Last year's event drew a crowd of over 380 attendees and featured prizes from categories such as Jewelry,

Travel & Entertainment, Sports & Leisure, Home-style, and Electronics. This year's auction is expected to draw a similar crowd.

For more information on please contact the Chamber office at (734) 453-4040.

May luncheon

The Canton Chamber of Commerce hosts its May networking luncheon May 2 at 11:30 a.m. at the Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway in Canton. The cost for lunch is \$25 (advance member registration) or \$30 (non-member) and includes a full buffet lunch, beverages and dessert. This luncheon is open to the public.

May's Luncheon will feature guest speaker, Howard (Howdy) Homes, Chelsea Milling Company (Jiffy). Homes won championships, was "Rookie of the Year" at the Indy 500 in 1979. He competed in six Indy 500 events. When he retired in 1988, he held the best average finishing record of anyone who started more than four events.

"We are thrilled to have Howard speak at our chamber luncheon," said Dianne Cojei, President, Canton Chamber of Commerce.

May's luncheon is hosted by the Canton Chamber of Commerce and is sponsored by Curves and the Detroit Regional Chamber of Commerce. Seating is limited and reservations are needed. To make a reservation, contact the Canton Chamber of Commerce at (734) 453-4040.

First Friday

The Canton Chamber of Commerce hosts its 1st Friday Club meeting 8:30 a.m. Friday, May 4, at the chamber office, located at 45525 Hanford Road in Canton.

It's an opportunity for one-on-one networking in a small group setting. This networking event is limited to 10 separate businesses plus a sponsor. Participants should bring business cards, flyers, etc., to share with the group. Participation in this networking event is limited to once per quarter.

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Mullen

Financial planner

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Jones has worked at New England Financial since 2006 and, as a registered representative and investment advisor with New England Financial, offers personal financial planning. These marks identify those individuals who have met the rigorous experience and ethical requirements, have successfully



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completed financial planning coursework and have passed the CFP Certification Examination covering the following areas: the financial planning process, risk management, investments, tax planning and management, retirement and employee benefits, and estate planning.

Bright Side scholarships

Bright Side Dental will award two Michigan students with \$500 scholarships that can be applied toward college expenses.

Applicants must be a graduating senior with a 3.0 cumulative grade point average or higher and be involved in extracurricular activities. Qualified applicants will live within Bright Side Dental service areas: Sterling Heights, Royal Oak, Livonia, St. Clair Shores, and Canton.

Each applicant must complete a one-page essay on the topic: With social media and technology changing so rapidly,

how do you envision dentists communicating with their patients in the future?

Essays will be judged by a panel of dental health professionals and will be based upon the students ability to write standard English, the quality of ideas presented, and the extent of relevant examples that are included.

"We are thrilled with the opportunity to give back to our local communities. It is these students that are going to shape our future," said Dr. Abe Gershonowicz, founder of Bright Side Dental.

Credit union offers first 'Matters' report

Community Financial Credit Union released its first "Community Matters" report highlighting its support of each of the communities it serves, including banking and philanthropic efforts.

"Community Matters" looks back at 2011 and combines both the traditional financial report typically seen in an annu-



Lawton

other community-based organizations and events. "As a community-

al report, with a deeper look into the credit union's support of nonprofits, education and other community-based organizations and events.

focused credit union, the work we do goes beyond just helping our members' with their finances," said Bill Lawton, Community Financial president/CEO.

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Two-year-old Nathan Kunka from Dearborn Heights gets a good luck hug from friend Hanna Harwood of Canton before they start their hunt for Easter eggs.



Four-year-old Belle Espinoza of Westland enjoys one of the goodies from her bag.

The Easter Bunny came to town early, much to the delight of scores of squealing, cheering youngsters Saturday at the Summit on the Park.

First it was the two-hour breakfast, where the kids (and their families) shared a meal with their favorite bunny.

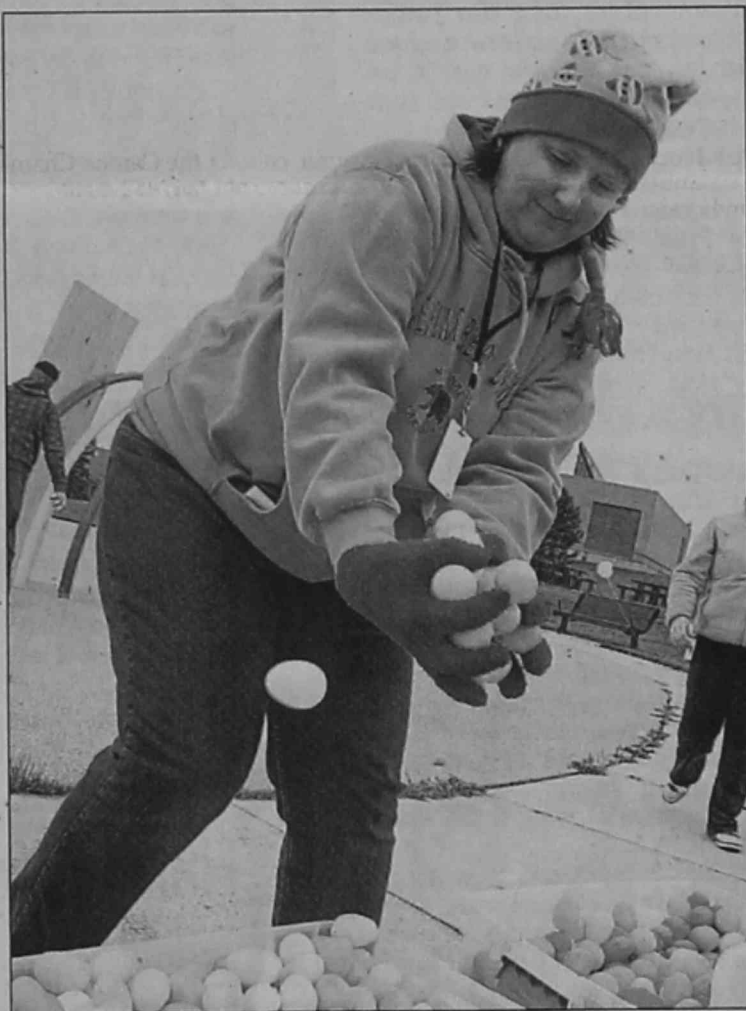
From there, the kids (at least, the ones under 11) Easter Egg hunts outside on the grounds of Heritage Park.

They hunted eggs, played games, made crafts and enjoyed a performance from a puppeteer.

An eggs-citing time was reportedly had by all.



Gabby Kaput, 4, from Garden City was all smiles at Saturday's Easter Egg hunt.



Preschool teacher Nichole Passmore grabbing a load of eggs to scatter for the 3-and-under age group.



Lynda Cunningham from the Kiwanis Club hands out goodie bags at the Easter Eggstravaganza.



Three-year-old Madison Fowler of Canton keeps her eyes on the Easter bunny at the annual Easter Bunny Pancake Breakfast.

PHOTOS BY ANN ESPINOZA

OUR VIEWS

Take the pledge

Ask teens to be safe, responsible on spring break

By week's end, scores of young people will be headed south for spring break. What began as the quintessential part of the college experience has become a similar part of the senior year for high schoolers. It's their chance to get away and spend a week hanging out with friends without mom and dad.

Spring break can be a rite of passage, a time when teens are on their own and in charge of their health, safety and well-being, or turn into a nightmare because of one bad decision. As parents, we send teens off with admonitions to be safe and make good choices, but in the backs of our minds there are those visions of college students gone wild courtesy of MTV. We can only hope - and pray - that they do the right thing and come home safe and sound.

Some have, some haven't. In 2006, a western Wayne County teenager, Jeremy Peer, was involved in a fatal hit-and-run accident in Panama City, Fla. Testimony at his trial indicated he drank beer and several shots of alcohol prior to the accident. He was convicted of leaving the scene of an accident involving death and leaving the scene of an accident involving injury, and sentenced to 12 years in prison.

The sentence was overturned on appeal and returned to circuit court because the judge had not ordered a pre-sentence investigation of the then 18-year-old's background prior to sentencing. That was done, but the judge stuck by her original sentence, and Peer remains in prison. He won't be eligible for release until he serves just over 10 years in prison.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, spring breakers should consider if what they do is the worth the risk. While "the phrase 'what happens on spring break stays on spring break' can imply that it is OK - even expected - to engage in risky behaviors that would not normally consider in daily life," teens should take healthy behaviors on vacation with them.

It may seem like a cool idea, but the CDC says skip the tattoo or piercing to prevent infections like HIV and hepatitis B. If you just have to have one, consider a temporary tattoo. It costs a lot less and is a lot safer.

It also may seem like a cool idea to drink alcohol, and if you do, do it responsibly. If you're a female, watch your drink. Don't let someone else hold it for you. Someone could try to slip a "date rape" drug in it. And never accept a drink from a stranger no matter how cute he looks.

Practice the buddy system. It worked great in elementary school and can work just as good on spring break. Always stay close to at least one friend, preferably two or three. Don't leave with someone other than your buddies. Don't leave with strangers, even if it seems like a good idea at the time. Always err on the side of caution and trust your instincts.

And never, ever go to an isolated place with a stranger or someone you do not fully trust.

Parents, before your teens head out the door for spring ask your teens to take the spring break pledge to make safe and responsible decisions. The pledge can be found online at www.SafeSpringBreak.org. The pledge asks spring breakers to consider their personal boundaries in regards to the five potential follies - travel, alcohol, drugs, sex and crime.

Teens, make this year's spring break memorable by having fun and helping yourself, your friends, and others stay safe and healthy. Act responsibly and make spring break a time to remember.

COMMUNITY VOICE

How do you think the Detroit Tigers will do this year?

We asked this question at the Canton Public Library.



"They're going to do great."

Kristin Shea
Canton



"I don't know, hopefully good."

Ben Crothers
Canton



"They're going to do great. With the new pickups, they'll do real well."

Rick Blick
Plymouth



"The baseball team? I think they're going to go .500."

Laura Cameron
Canton

LETTERS

Dealing with gas

Well, it took a week of reporting by the national media, but gas prices around town are now at or above the national average. Surprisingly I witnessed prices actually dropping 20 to 30 cents in the first couple of days but they are up there now.

And how did the media break this story? By showing businesses and consumers dealing with the increased cost. So how will the oil companies deal with increased prices of the oil product they use to make gas and diesel fuel that we all use? No doubt the same as they always do by simply charging us more. And will the national media be as quick to report the new record profits for the oil companies? (Doubtful.)

Whatever the reason for oil prices going up it means more profit for the oil companies so you have to ask why would they want them to go down?

Let's not forget the first time gas prices in the country went above \$3 and \$4 a gallon, we had two oil men in the White House (Bush and Cheney). Their response was there was nothing they could do, that it was market driven. Bush's statement that America is addicted to oil is still very evident and the dealers supplying that addiction have no intention of doing anything to ease it.

And what is driving the current increases? They say demand is at or below what it was in 2007. Market speculators again, investors who never take ownership of the oil they just bet on the price.

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

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Maybe even some of the investors that invested and bet on the failure of home mortgages that led to the crash of our financial markets. Or could it be the oil companies trying to remove a president they fear is trying to break their hold on our government?

So what can we do? As President Barack Obama has repeatedly said we must continue an "energy policy that includes all sources of energy."

We can break the addiction, ending tax subsidies and adding an excess profits tax on the oil companies. Extra taxes would be justified because the reason they are making excess profits is they are taking extra money from us and doing nothing different to

earn it. Also the extra revenue could be used to fund research and development of alternative energy sources and end our national addiction.

As gas prices are expected to continue to rise it is being said that gasoline is now our largest manufactured export. It doesn't seem like "Big Oil" is too concerned about America and our economy.

Chuck Tindall
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Questions for McCotter

I keep hearing our politicians say that the American people want Congress to get rid of entitlements. I wonder how they know what we want.

Congressman McCotter gets 18 constituent weeks a year to talk to us and discuss his votes. He has not had one town hall meeting since he was elected in 2010. I have called his three offices and been told that he is busy and has nothing scheduled. I know he voted to make Medicare a voucher system. I want more information about how changing Medicare is going to affect me. I want to know if the voucher will rise with inflation or will it rise with medical costs? What I'm looking for are facts about his votes. It is in the interest of both Republicans and Democrats to expect our elected officials to speak to us and answer our questions on a regular basis. Otherwise, the 18 weeks that Congress is not in session is just vacation time.

Terry Cannon
Livonia

STAFF COLUMN

Hair today, gone tomorrow for cancer research

I know I need a haircut.

I just didn't think I'd have to suffer through an extreme case of *deja vu* to get one.

But that's what'll happen Sunday, April 29, when I sit in a barber's chair to get my head shaved in a charity fundraiser for the St. Baldricks Foundation to benefit children's cancer research. It's the baby of Plymouth Township Deputy Clerk Eric Bacynski, on whom I will blame all the jokes and laughter at the sight of my shaved head.

St. Baldricks has been doing this since 2000, when they raised \$104,000 in a first year in which they were shooting for \$17,000.

I did this one other time, back in the late 1990s, when I made the mistake of writing in a column

that the Oxford High School girls' basketball team had little chance to beat Lapeer East in a district championship game, and that I would let them shave my head if they won.

Of course, Oxford led by a wide margin at halftime and, when I tried to sneak out the gym door, the players corralled me and put me back in my courtside seat. After the game, I sat in a chair in the middle of the gym and let

them take turns using clippers provided, at great personal joy, by my editor at the time, Gerry Frawley.

Luckily, my hair grows quickly, and the shaved look wasn't around all that long. And, truth be told, it was fun.

When Bacynski asked me about this last month, I told him I'd have to think about it. Truth is, though, I didn't really. My hair will grow back, and the sting of the barbs tossed my way in the meantime will fade.

What won't fade is the struggle for kids with cancer, and if they can suffer through that with all the grace with which they battle, I can surely do this.

Besides, St. Baldrick's does good things. Since 2005, the foundation has funded some \$79 million in research grants. Research is the only way to cure cancer, and if I can have any part in that at all, I'm happy to do it.

And, of course, I won't be alone. Nick Stonebrook, who works at the Plymouth Community United Way, and his sister, Abby, who works at the Dairy King (the best ice cream place ever), are going to be shaves and had raised more than \$3,000 as of Monday morning.

We'll all be at Claddagh's Irish Pub in Livonia, and Plymouth businesses are helping out. Sideways donated a gift basket for the raffle, Sun & Snow is selling donation

badges in their downtown Plymouth location and posters are up at Morse Dental, Panera Bread, Dairy King and the Coffee Bean.

The Plymouth Whalers allowed Bacynski to run the 50/50 raffle and "Chuck-A-Puck" sales during last Tuesday's playoff game (netting \$641 for our event). Not only that, they're donating a gift basket to the raffle and are donating \$100 toward the fundraising goal.

Plymouth resident and business owner David Keefe is donating the services of his photo-booth company for the day of the event, and the host venue, Claddagh Irish Pub, will be donating 8 percent of food sales that day toward the fundraising goal.

The local event raised \$10,000 last year and hopes to hit \$15,000 this year.

"I've been very blessed in my life and the least I can do is give back to help the less fortunate," Bacynski said. "These kids are going through far worse than I can imagine, the least I can do is give up my vanity and shave my head to help their plight."

What the heck, all I have to lose is my hair.

Brad Kadrich, the editor of the Plymouth and Canton Observers, is offering fair warning he'll be walking around with a shaved head most of May. He can be reached at bkadrich@hometownlife.com or by calling (313) 222-8899.

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Don't confuse gambling with real investing

By Rick Bloom
Guest Columnist

Last week, I did something that I haven't done in years and years — I bought a lottery ticket. Like millions of Americans, I thought, why not? I put a few dollars down and Friday night I watched the results. As expected, just like you, I lost. No big deal, the fantasy of winning the \$640 million was well worth the few dollars that I spent. However, one thing I didn't do was think of it as an investment.

People sometimes confuse gambling with investing. They think just because there is a

chance to make money, that must mean it's an investment — it is not. In fact, buying a lottery ticket isn't even gambling because with gambling you have to have at least a fair chance to win. We know when we buy a lottery ticket, there is no realistic chance of winning.

The problem many people have is that they don't know the difference between gambling and investing.

It would be easy if when you purchase a stock, you call it an investment. But when you put money down on the blackjack table, it's gambling.

While putting money on a blackjack table is clearly gambling, depending upon how you use it, the stock market can be an investment or a gamble. For example, if someone buys a stock based upon a tip or a hunch, that is gambling. On the other hand, if someone decides

to buy a stock or a mutual fund after doing research, and because it fits into their overall portfolio and strategy, they are making an investment. The gambler and the investor may be buying the same product, but the reason they are buying it is what distinguishes between an investor and a gambler.

Gamblers are thinking short term. They are looking to get in and out of investments in a relatively short period of time. An investor is generally looking longer term and is not looking at making a "killing," but rather they are focused on how their entire portfolio is performing.

Is there anything wrong with gambling? No. However, you shouldn't fool yourself into thinking that just because you're buying a stock or a mutual fund it means you are investing.

Entertainment

I've always considered gambling a form of entertainment. When I put \$10 down on the blackjack table, I assume that I will lose it. On the other hand, when I put \$10 in an investment, I expect a return on that investment.

The reason so many Americans lose when it comes to investments is that they have the gambler's mentality. Gamblers look short term and focus on how they can double their money over a short period of time. Investors also want to double their money, but they realize that it's not going to happen overnight. It will take a considerable length of time. Both gamblers and investors recognize that they can lose money. That is a fact of life. However, one of the major differences is that when you lose

money on the blackjack table, there is no hope of recovering that loss without putting more money down. When you take a loss on a stock or a mutual fund, like many people did in 2007 and 2008, with patience and discipline, that investment can come back without adding new money. A loss can turn into a gain.

There is a time and a place for gambling and a time and a place for investing. When it comes to saving for your retirement, or a child's college education, that is the time for investing, not gambling. Good luck!

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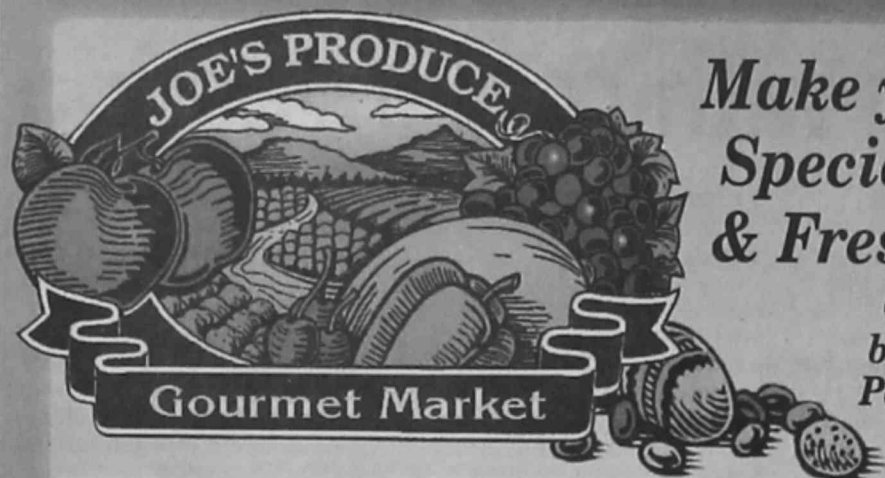
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SPORTS



Celebrating one of Plymouth's six first-period goals Saturday night are (clockwise, from left) J.T. Miller (No. 12), Rickard Rakell (No. 24), Stefan Noesen and Nick Malysa (No. 4). Noesen scored three goals and assisted on two others in the first period of Game 5 against Guelph.

RENA LAVERTY

Noes-en easy

Whaler scores first-period hat trick to spark Game 5 win

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

Stefan Noesen and the Plymouth Whalers Saturday night treated 3,207 fans — and another 15 NHL scouts — to quite a stunning playoff spectacle at Compuware Arena.

Perhaps Noesen and his teammates knew about the scouts being on hand to watch Game 5 of the Ontario Hockey League Western Conference first-round

series against Guelph because they put on one major-league display.

All Noesen did was score three goals and assist on two others in the opening 20 minutes as the Whalers rolled to a 6-2 lead after one frame against the Storm.

Plymouth went on to a 9-3 victory, sparked by four short-handed goals, to take a 3-2 lead in the series. (The Whalers went on to clinch the series Sun-

day night.)

"No I haven't, maybe in minor hockey," said Noesen about whether he'd ever scored a first-period hat trick.

The Whalers, the second seed in the conference, can clinch the series Sunday night — rallying after losing games 1-2 to the Storm.

"We weren't good enough the first two games," Noesen, an

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'We have a smaller team this year but a more focused team. I think we will be able to compete for the division championship this season.'

JON MIKOSZ
Plymouth track & field coach

Veterans to set pace

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

Derek Gielarowski enjoyed an all-state season in cross country last fall, and now he hopes to bring that level of success to Plymouth's varsity boys track and field team.



Gielarowski

The senior should again "be one of the top distance guys in the area," said Wildcats head coach Jon Mikosz.

But Plymouth also features senior sprinter

William Askew II, who the coach said "is set to have a great senior season to end out a good sprint career."

Add to the mix Max Rogowski, a returning sophomore who has all-state potential, along with a number of returnees.

Seniors Nick Eiben, Evan Johnson, Garrett Neumann, Daniel Edgerton (hurdles), juniors Lucas Bunting, Alex

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'Elite' season for St. John Neumann

Canton St. John Neumann's sensational boys basketball season came up just short of a championship in the Catholic Youth Organization, falling 45-33 to Livonia St. Mikes in the recent "elite eight" regional championship.

The loss was the only one suffered all season by the SJN eighth-graders. They finished 19-1 — shattering the parish's former record of 16-2.

Despite the defeat, SJN center Kenny Topolovec led all scorers with 20 points. Chipping in with five points was forward Trevor Molenda while Jacob Donnelly scored five.

Rockin' Rockettes

The Salem Rockette Show is scheduled for 7 p.m. Friday, April 20, in the Salem High School auditorium.

Tickets are \$5 in advance and \$7 at the door.

Euro Stars gymnast wins state vault

Erin Freier, who trains out of Euro Stars Gymnastics, Inc. in Plymouth, captured the Level 10 vault title with a score of 9.875 at the USA Gymnastics Michigan State Championships held last weekend in East Lansing.

The Livonia Churchill senior also placed sixth on beam (9.375) and was eighth in the all-around (37.650). Her other scores included a 9.35 on the uneven bars and a 9.05 on floor exercise.

Freier, who carries a 3.866 grade point average, has been a five-time state all-around champ and has captured one at least one event in each of her 10 years competing in the state meet.

She will attend the University of Arkansas on a full-ride scholarship.

Salem success pays off for MU-bound Stewart

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

Salem basketball standout Tyler Stewart Tuesday signed to play basketball at Madonna University, firming up the next four years of his life.

That the 17-year-old senior shooting guard who spearheaded Salem's recent drive to the KLAA championship will continue his basketball career after graduation is no surprise to those who know him best — parents Rob and Kristi Stewart and grandparents Russ and Kathy Kittleson.

All were on hand for



JOHN KEMSKI

Salem senior guard Tyler Stewart Tuesday morning signed his national letter of intent to play mens basketball at Madonna University. Taking part in the signing ceremony were (from left) MU assistant coach Adam Kerfoot and head coach Noel Emenhiser, Salem coach Bob Brodie, Stewart and his parents, Kristi and Rob Stewart of Canton.

Tyler Stewart's official signing ceremony at Salem High School,

as were longtime Rocks head coach Bob Brodie, PCEP co-athletic direc-

tor Sue Heinzman and Madonna head coach Noel Emenhiser (along with assistant and former MU player Adam Kerfoot).

When he was a toddler, Tyler gave pretty good clues about what his favorite sport to play was. His dad said the young boy "had a basketball from the time he was 6 months old."

"One of the first things that we remember Tyler doing was dribbling when he was probably under 2," chimed in his mom, Kristi. "And going out to the little Fisher-Price basket and going 'Shh-haaqqq!'"

He can't wait

Tyler now stands 6-5, but love of the sport hasn't wavered in the years since. Now all that the scholar athlete (3.5 grade point average) with the sweet perimeter shot wants to do is combine books and baskets.

"I'm just happy to get it done with and I'm excited to start a new season with a new team," said Stewart, an all-conference player in 2011-12, when he averaged 15 points per game. "I think it will be tougher, but just keep doing what I was doing this year and improve on it."

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BASEBALL PREVIEW

Mound trio key for Chiefs

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

The "drive for five" Class A district titles begins on the mound this spring for Canton's varsity baseball team.

Despite the graduation of six regulars from the 2011 team that finished 23-5 overall and 13-3 in the KLAA South Division (co-champions with Livonia Churchill), Canton's hopes are bolstered by having returning pitchers Ryan Bazner, Michael Stafford and David Blythe.

That trio combined to collect 20 of the Chiefs 23 wins last season. Bazner, an all-conference and all-district selection, went 9-0 with a 1.43 earned run average.

Augmenting the senior righty, who will pitch next year at Saginaw Valley State University, is lefthanded junior Stafford (6-2, 1.63, all-conference) and righthanded Smythe (4-0, 3.30).

They will have to again be at the top of their game in order for the Chiefs to contend.

"We have several gaps to fill on defense from last year at catcher, short and centerfield," veteran Canton head coach Mark Blomshield said. "But our starting pitching is very solid and should be able to give us quality innings on the mound and a chance to compete for a fifth straight district title."

There are other pitching hopefuls to help share the load. One of them is returning southpaw Nick Hazergian, who pitched 17 innings as a freshman, giving up just 1.65 runs per contest.

Sophomore Brett Mattson and juniors Alex Cole and Jake Miller also will be called upon to throw some innings.

Reinforcements

The 2011 graduates referred to by Blomshield are catcher Seth Tschetter, shortstop Chris Perkovich and centerfielder Braden Price. Looking to step into those vacancies in the lineup will be junior Chad Russell behind the dish and speedy sophomores James

Hall and Weston Price at shortstop and center, respectively.

Bazner won't just be the main man on the mound. He also batted .506 last season, earning team MVP honors. This season, when not pitching, he will play third base as well as catcher.

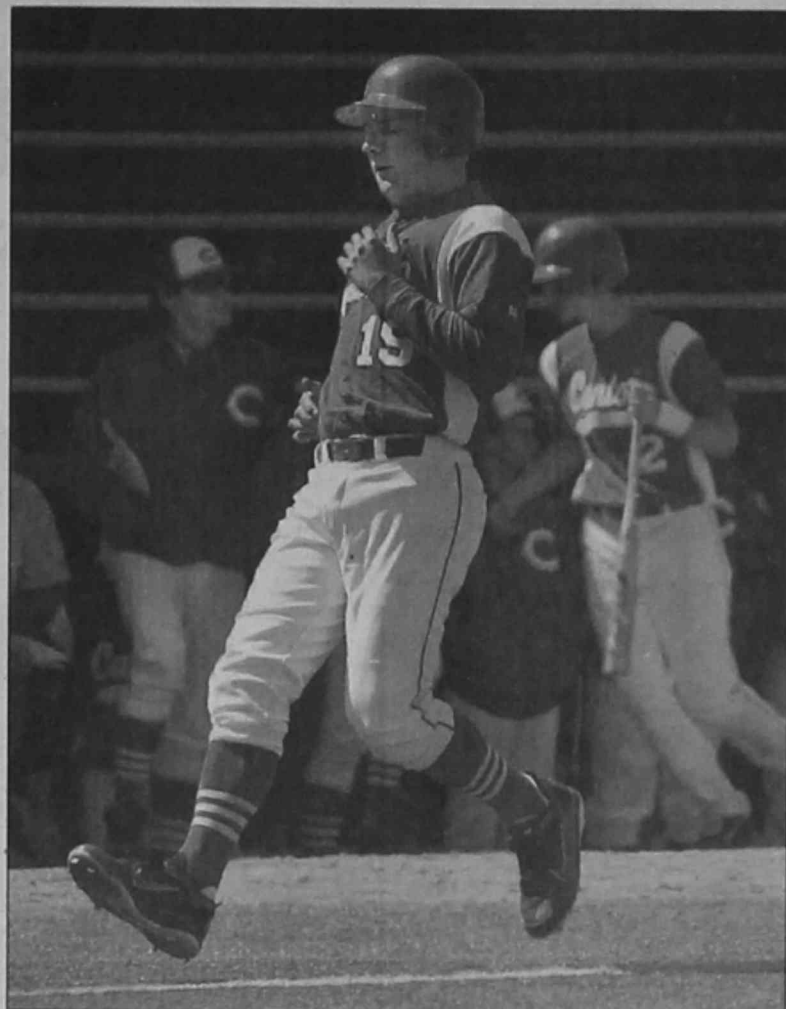
Stafford, described by Blomshield as "one of the top junior left-handed pitchers in the state," also can hit. He registered a .411 mark last season.

Another top returning starter is senior outfielder Mitch Clinton. He batted .341 in 2011 "and is a key defender for us who can also bunt and run well. He will be looked upon to contribute."

On the right side of the infield will be senior returnees Nick Tata (first base) and second baseman Greg McCurry, who missed a chunk of 2011 with a broken ankle.

There's big potential in 6-6 Mattson, also an infielder

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Ryan Bazner crosses the plate during a 2011 game for Canton. The senior will be looked upon to lead the Chiefs on the mound and at the plate.

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Tyler Stewart still has fun with a basketball, of course.

But he knows when to take things seriously, and that is something that the Madonna coaching staff noticed last summer — when Stewart enthusiastically participated in various basketball workouts at the Livonia university.

"He showed a great interest in our school, coming out to open gyms and things like that last year," Emehiser said. "And then our ability to follow him ... and watch him end his standout career here, those are all things that really contributed into our recruitment of him."

"The things we really look for in our recruits are integrity, character and work ethic. And if he has skill on top of that we've hit a home run and we know he has all of those things."

Emehiser said he expects Stewart to immediately battle for minutes.

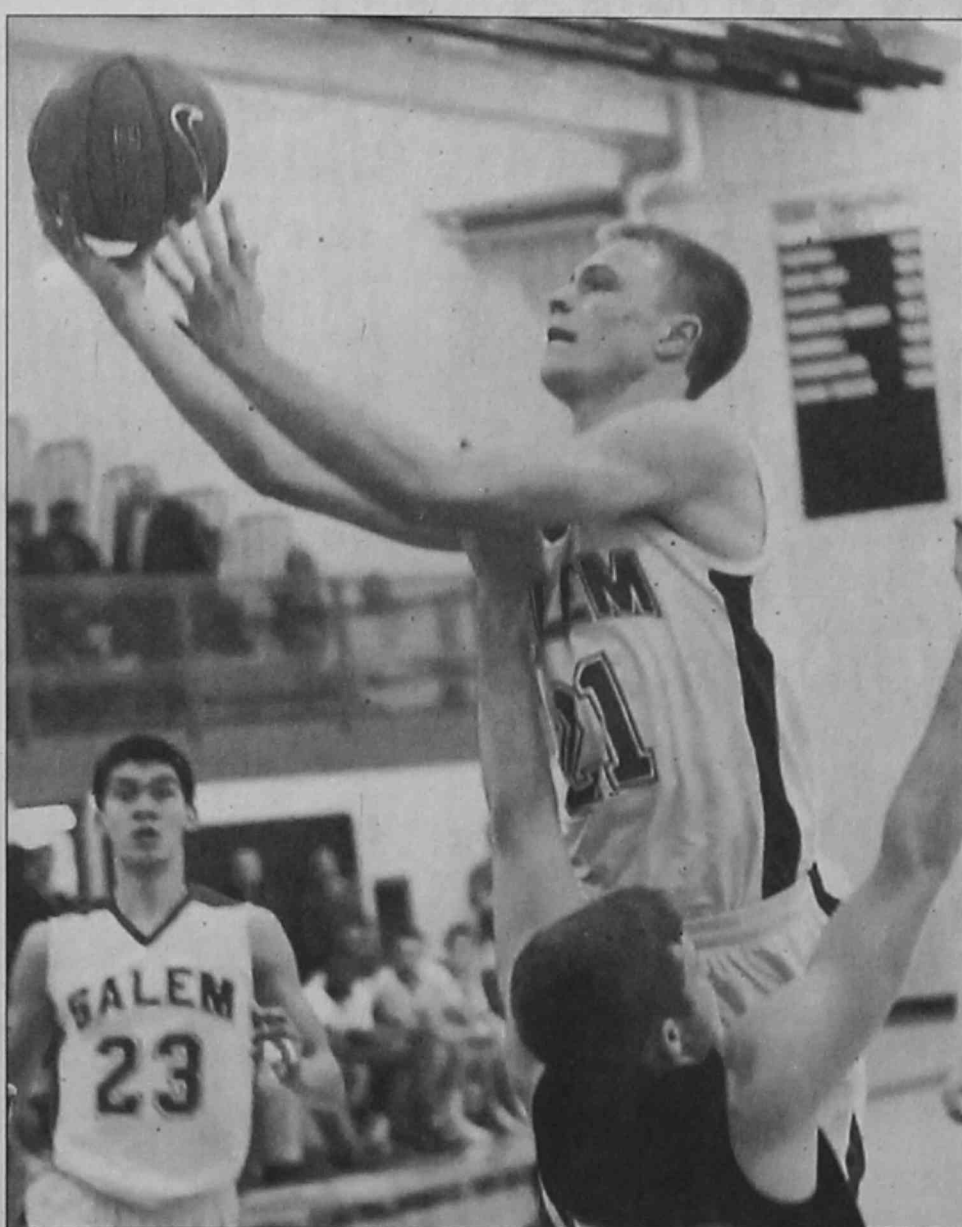
"We return a good group of players this year," he explained. "But we certainly see Tyler as giving us more depth than we've had in the past."

"So we see him coming in and competing for playing time."

Meanwhile, Emehiser said the first member of Madonna's 2012 recruiting class will have a significant amount of his college tuition the next four years funded through a combination of athletic and academic scholarships.

Family ties

That Tyler opted to play for a local college



Salem senior guard Tyler Stewart (No. 21) drives to the basket during the 2011-12 season.

team brought a smile to Kristi Stewart's face.

"We have a lot of family in Plymouth-Canton, so just the fact that he's down the road in Livonia will be a pretty neat thing for us," she said. "... His dad and I went to a small college (Alma) and that's what we wanted for him."

"The fact that it's a liberal arts college that's close is even better. So he gets to live on cam-

pus still, but I told him at any point I could drop in on him."

The Stewarts and Kittlesons live in Canton and were frequent spectators at Salem games during Tyler's career. They'll now keep attending, albeit needing to travel a few miles to the east.

Brodie said he has no doubts that Tyler Stewart will contribute pretty much from the get-go at Madonna, where he will

wear No. 24 (instead of his Salem No. 21).

"We're going to miss him a lot," Brodie noted. "His versatility is the big thing. He could play guard, he could go inside for us, play on the perimeter."

"He's definitely got the tools to play at the next level. I think this will be a good fit for him."

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Numbers game pays off for 'Cats

Plymouth's strong depth in all areas of the roster showed itself Tuesday as the Wildcats' girls track and field team pounded Canton 108-29 in the first dual meet of the season.

One of the standouts was Reagan Engstrom. She set a new Plymouth school record (and new mark for Plymouth-Canton Educational Park) with a mark of 11-feet, 2-inches in

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the pole vault.

Also reaching 10-feet in that event was teammate Jane McCurry.

Winning multiple individual events for the Wildcats were thrower Tionne Johnson (shot put, discus), Becka Knox (long jump, 200, 400) and Jada Woody (high jump, mile run).

For the Chiefs, Marina Milad was victorious in the 100 hurdles.

"We knew we were deep and I think today just showed some of that depth," Plymouth head coach Ricky Styes said. "The people who did well we expected to do well, but we had a lot of freshmen surprise us, which is good, because we have a lot of seniors on this team that have been trying to pull those girls pretty hard."

Kavulich back to spark Rocks

This year's Salem varsity girls track and field team will be taken over by interim coach Dave DeSilvio in mid-April, after head coach Dale Maskill leaves on hiatus.

But DeSilvio said the team has solid returnees, led by sophomore distance runner Kayla Kavulich — who is back after recovering from a knee injury suffered last summer.

Kavulich missed the cross country season, but she's already in top flight running everything from the 400 dash to two-mile run.

She finished first in the 1,600- and 3,200-meter

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runs Tuesday against Livonia Stevenson.

Other top returnees include senior captain Adrianna Beltran (400, 800); junior Dana Blankenship (throwing events), junior Nancy Krutty (pole vault, high jump, sprints) and sophomore Katie Binsfeld, who runs middle-distance events.

Salem is looking to continue last year's success. The Rocks went 4-1 in the KLAA Central Division to finish second.



JOHN KEMSKI

Salem sophomore Kayla Kavulich runs a distance event during Tuesday's KLAA Central Division dual meet against Livonia Stevenson. She won both the mile- and two-mile runs.

Canton draws first blood

By Tim Smith

Observer Staff Writer

The best is yet to come, vowed Canton varsity boys track and field coach Bob Richardson.

But Tuesday's 88-49 victory over Plymouth in the KLAA South Division opener for both squads showed that the present is pretty good, too.

"They're going to get better, that's the nice thing to think about," said Richardson, following the dual meet at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park junior varsity football stadium. "It was a good meet, but it's not going to be our best meet of the season, believe me."

The Chiefs really put the hammer down early, rolling up a 43-2 score after five field events.

Firsters were turned in by Jamal Dixon (long jump, high jump), Stephen Schacht (discus), Devante Watkins (shot put) and Mitch Nickert (pole vault).

"We also scored well in some of the other events, we won two sprint relays (400, 800)," Richardson said. "But it was, overall, a nice team effort and hopefully we can build on it and get ready for Churchill (April 17) because that will be another division meet."

New contributors
He said several of the team's newer members came up big, including long jumper Andrew Stephens, high jumper Akil Wade and thrower Schacht.

"Colby Morris probably had the meet of his career so far," Richardson said. "He took a second in the 100 meters, won the 200 and he was on the two first-place sprint relays."

Shean Krolicki (first in the 300 hurdles) and Miles Felton (first in the 1,600 run) also chipped in.

According to Plymouth head coach Jon Mikosz, the outcome was disappointing — especially because only the distance runners made an impact (scoring 29 of the team's 49 points).

"We just got to work on being a team better," Mikosz said. "Our distance guys are doing what they do and they've done it over the years."

"We just got to get the rest of the team to have the same mentality that they do and have the same hard drive that they do."

Mikosz added that the team as a whole has talent, "it's just a matter of getting them to realize it and take it seriously."

Senior Derek Gielarowski scored first-place points in the two-mile run (10:21) and with the 3,200- and 1,600-meter relays.

Tallying a pair of firsts was senior sprinter William Askew II (100 dash, 11.0; 400 dash, 53.2) while Daniel Edgerton

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(110 hurdles, 16.6) and Max Rogowski (800 run, 2:01.08) also won events.

Plymouth had two sprint relay teams disqualified for running out of order, to the dismay of Mikosz.

"I knew our field events aren't our strong point," he said. "But we knew we should have won at least one of those sprint relays."

DUAL MEET RESULTS

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April 3 at Plymouth

Shot put: 1. Devante Watkins (Canton), 38 feet, 7 inches; 2. Olaniyi Owagbemi (C), 37-0.5; 3. Stephen Schacht (C), 36-8.

Discus: 1. S. Schacht (C), 103-6; 2. Dev Karn Sandhu (C), 100-6; 3. Will Harrington (Plymouth), 96-0.

High jump: 1. Jamal Dixon (C), 6-4; 2. Akil Wade (C), 5-10; 3. Matt Schacht (C), 5-8.

Long jump: 1. Dixon (C), 19-3; 2. Andrew Stephens (C), 18-0.5; 3. Alex Teasdale (P), 17-5.5.

Pole vault: 1. Mitch Nickert (C), 11-0; 2. Kyle Zander (C), 10-0; 3. James Hildreth (C), 10-0.

110-meter hurdles: 1. Daniel Edgerton (P), 16.6 seconds; 2. Mitch Pepper (C), 16.9; 3. Hildreth (C), 18.8.

300 hurdles: 1. Shean Krolicki (C), 44.1; 2. Edgerton (P), 44.6; 3. Pepper (C), 45.4.

100 dash: 1. William Askew II (P), 11.0; 2. Colby Morris (C), 11.2; 3. Kendall Scott (C), 11.3.

200: 1. Morris (C), 23.3; 2. Kevin Buford (C), 23.5; 3. Ryan Darish (C), 24.2.

400: 1. Askew (P), 53.2; 2. Charlie Steslick (C), 53.5; 3. William Nicholson (C), 55.3.

800: 1. Max Rogowski (P), 2:01.8; 2. Miles Felton (C), 2:07.0; 3. Jonny Dalton (P), 2:08.2.

1,600: 1. Felton (C), 4:38.1; 2. Derek Gielarowski (P), 4:39.9; 3. Nick Eiben (P), 4:45.0.

3,200: 1. Gielarowski (P), 10:21.0; 2. Zane Berlanga (P), 10:35.2; 3. Eiben (P), 10:35.5.

400 relay: 1. Canton (Morris, Zach Smilo, Demetre Lopez, Scott), 45.0; 2. Plymouth, disqualified;

800 relay: 1. Canton (Morris, Anthony Tillman, Smilo, Scott), 1:34.7; 2. Plymouth, disqualified;

1,600 relay: 1. Plymouth (Gielarowski, Rogowski, J. Dalton, Evan Johnson), 3:37.5; 2. Canton (M. Schacht, Krolicki, Stephens, Nicholson), 3:45.2;

3,200 relay: 1. Plymouth (Gielarowski, B. Dalton, Rogowski, Eiben), 8:48.5; 2. Canton (Jackson Lytle, Evan Dunklee, Uchenna Ogbonna, Alexander Krul), 9:01.03.

Dual meet records: Canton, 1-0 overall, 1-0 KLAA South Division; Plymouth, 0-1 overall, 0-1 KLAA South.

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Rogers, Brandon Dalton and Josh Dennard are others back to help Plymouth improve upon last year's 1-4 record in the KLAA South Division.

Throwing the shot put and discus will be senior Will Harrington while junior Alex Teasdale will compete in the pole vault.

Promising freshmen include distance runner Jonny Dalton and

Nathan Harris (high jump, distance).

"We have a smaller team this year but a more focused team," Mikosz noted. "I think we will be able to compete for the division championship this season."

"I am looking forward to getting into dual meets to see how training translates into the meets."

The Wildcats lost 88-49 to Canton in Tuesday's KLAA season opener.

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Ottawa Senators prospect, said following the game. "So it's nice to get things going and get things going the way we know how to play."

Plymouth head coach and general manager Mike Vellucci said it took a while, but his team woke up in time to take over the series.

"We took them too lightly for sure, our players did and I kept trying to remind them that you can't take these games lightly," Vellucci said. "They (Storm) work hard. We didn't play the right kind of game, either. We were trying to make plays up the middle instead of using the boards."

"We were making plays at their blueline instead of putting it behind their D."

The recurring theme of the night began just 2:11 into the contest when Noesen scored a short-handed goal.

Defenseman Austin Levi (Canton) cleared the puck out of the Whalers' zone and Noesen collected it, skated into the Guelph zone and ripped a shot high inside the left post past starting goalie Garret Sparks.

Trapper Scott

Guelph evened things up with 12:48 left in the frame when forward Francis Menard scored and the Storm nearly went up by a goal a minute later.

A cross-crease feed to Zack Mitchell was one-timed at the right post, but Plymouth goaltender Scott Wedgewood (31 saves) sprawled and flashed his glove to snag the shot.

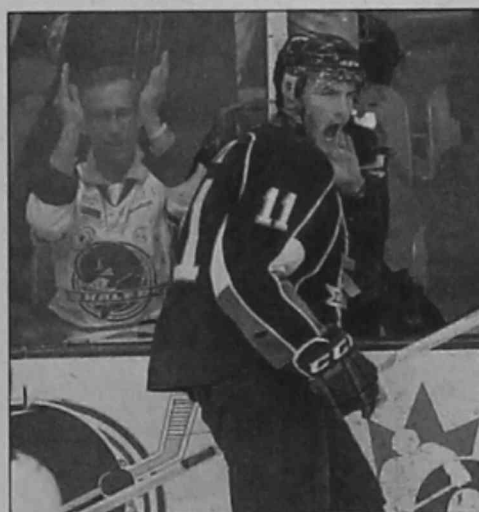
"It's huge on the 2-on-1, it (Wedgewood's save) was awesome," Vellucci said. "He's got to make those saves and he usually does."

Just two minutes later, the Whalers tallied their second shorthanded goal when Noesen sent a pass right into the wheelhouse of linemate Rickard Rakell on the right wing.

Rakell (one goal, one assist) snapped it under the crossbar for a 2-1 Plymouth edge.

The Storm tied things up again on a goal by Kyle Pereira, on a screen shot that got past Wedgewood, but once again Plymouth responded.

With 6:08 left, Sparks gave up a juicy rebound on Rakell's routine shot from below the right circle that Noesen buried. Linemate J.T. Miller (two



RENA LAVERTY

All fired up after scoring one of three first-period goals Saturday is Plymouth Whalers forward Stefan Noesen (No. 11).

WHALERS CLINCH

The Plymouth Whalers defeated Guelph 2-1 in overtime Sunday night to win their OHL Western Conference first-round series four games to two.

Forward J.T. Miller tapped in a rebound at 5:58 of overtime to finish Plymouth's fourth straight win, which followed two series-opening losses.

Assisting on the series winner were defenseman Dario Trutmann and forward Stefan Noesen, with the latter tying for the OHL playoff scoring lead with 14 points. Also scoring for the Whalers was forward Tom Wilson (PCEP) who tipped in a blueline blast by defenseman Austin Levi (Canton) at 10:06 of the second period. With the Game 6 victory, the Whalers advanced to the second round. They will host Kitchener, with the first game set for 7 p.m. Friday at Compuware. Call (734) 453-8400 for ticket information.

assists) also earned a helper on the tally.

"I think one of the papers called us some dynamic duo, or something silly like that," said Noesen with a chuckle, about his red-hot play with Rakell. "It's just working. And we really know each other on the ice and that's a big thing in hockey."

Scoring surge

The Whalers struck for three more goals in the next four minutes to make it 6-2 and really blow the game open.

Forward Mitchell Heard (two goals) scored on the power play, with assists going to defenseman Dario Trutmann (three assists) and Noesen.

At 17:29, Noesen registered his third of the night and seventh of the series

(he has 13 points through five games). Center Alex Aleardi (Farmington Hills) forced a turnover, then threaded a pass to Noesen just in front of the blue ice.

From a ridiculous angle, Noesen roofed the shot, signalling time for a Guelph goalie switch (to Brandon Foote).

Guelph scored on the power play to slice the lead to 6-3 with 8:12 to play in the second period. Mitchell tapped in a goal-mouth pass by Cody McNaughton.

But Plymouth forward Jamie Devane's shot from the short side eluded Foote with 5:08 to play to make it 7-3.

The Whalers' third shorthanded marker came on a breakaway by center Andy Bathgate at 17:45.

Bathgate stretched to poke the puck out of the Plymouth zone, and then saw a big opening in front of him. He raced down the ice, and slipped the puck through the goalie's five hole after a forehand/backhand deke.

Finishing the scoring with about eight minutes to play in the third was Devane. It was Plymouth's fourth shorthanded goal.

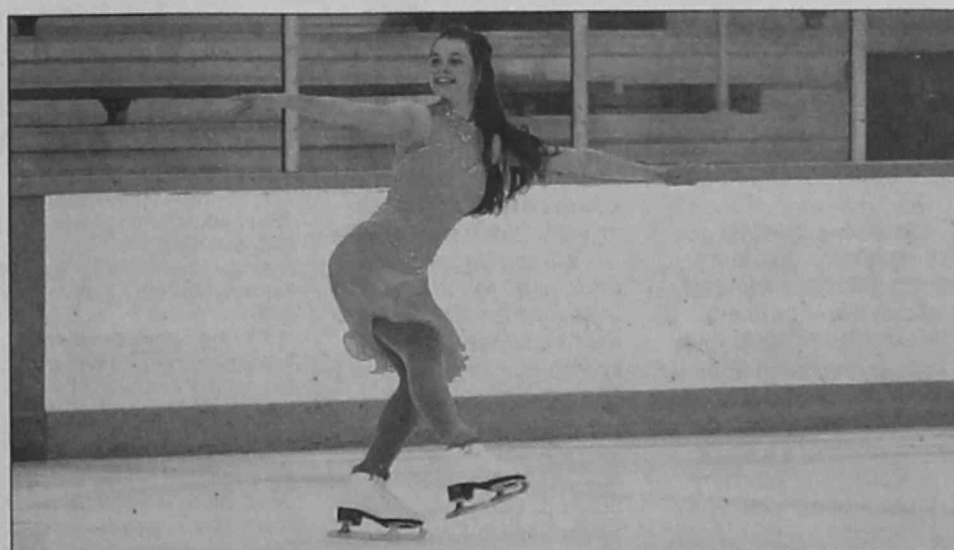
Vellucci wasn't sure if that set a new team record, but he thought it might be close to one.

"That's pretty wild, but I've seen wild things this whole series," Vellucci continued. "A couple of them were fluke plays, bounces."

Although the game was a big one for Noesen and his team, he emphasized that there's a lot of work to be done if the Whalers are to get to the OHL finals and, hopefully, beyond.

"I mean, this is just one game and many to come," Noesen said. "To get to the finals it's like 20 more games or something like that. We're just going to go for the next one and go from there."

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Natalie Puckett gracefully and confidently skates during her gold-medal routine at the state individual competition.

Good as gold

Plymouth figure skater cut above competition in Traverse City

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

When Natalie Puckett steps out onto the ice ready to do a figure skating routine, life is golden.

Now it literally is golden. The Plymouth High School junior on March 25 won a Michigan High School Gold Medal as ice dance champion at the Traverse City-hosted state individual competition.

"Being on the ice is unlike any other feeling," Puckett said. "And it has almost become an addiction. Instead of becoming tired, skating energizes me and leaves me feeling on top of the world."

Puckett, also on the Plymouth girls track and field team, competed last weekend as an individual representing the Plymouth-Canton high school team. She won the gold medal for the Viennese Waltz ice dance, which



Plymouth junior Natalie Puckett is all smiles after winning a Michigan High School Gold Medal for ice dancing in Traverse City.

all other skaters competed in.

To be eligible, she passed over 23 test levels in ice dance.

According to the United States Figure Skating Association, less than 1 percent of its skaters pass the gold test among the "best of the best."

One reason for her success is her love of the sport.

"Figure skating has been a passion my whole life, ever since I started at the age of 4," Puckett said. "I have had other accomplishments with figure skating and synchronized skating, but winning this award was truly an honor."

"I definitely see myself skating or coaching for the rest of my life, because it's a part of me that I will always make time for."

She trains out of Compuware Sports Arena in Plymouth Township and is coached by Sheral Voelker.

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Ladywood sweeps tourney

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

Livonia Ladywood proved to be dominant team Saturday winning all three games handily in its own invitational tournament hosted by Madonna University.

The Blazers defeated Trenton (7-0), Riverview (7-0) and Madison Heights Lamphere (7-2) to improve to 5-0 overall on the season.

Lamphere (2-2) downed Riverview, 3-0, and Trenton, 2-1, to finish second overall, while third-place Trenton (3-2) defeated last place Riverview (1-4) for its only victory, 1-0.

Ladywood boasted four all-tournament picks led by senior midfielder Paige Brennan (six assists), senior forward Kelly Capoccia (four goals, four assists); junior forwards Dominique Sarnecky (four goals, two assists) and DeYana Walker (five goals, three assists).

The Blazers enjoyed wide shot margin totals over Trenton (17-1), Riverview (46-0) and Lamphere (17-6) en route to the title.

"We were extremely

sharp from the very first minute today," Ladywood coach Ken Shingledecker said. "We were unselfish in our attack and did a fantastic job getting everyone involved. We're excited about the quality minutes we are getting from our bench."

Also getting into the scoring act for the Blazers were Emily Huddleston (two goals, two assists); Erin Cronyn (two goals, one assist); Abby Pelon (two goals); Brenna Wright (one goal); Shelby Walsh (one goal); Catherine Garber, Sara Even and Liz Danger (one assist each).

Whitney Bauriedl and Even shared time in goal for the Blazers as the pair combined on the two shutouts.

Other all-tourney picks included from Lamphere included junior defender Chelsea Thompson, junior midfielder Alexis Hilliard, junior midfielder Bri Smith and junior forward Kelsey Madigan.

Trenton's junior defender Megan Benoist and junior forward Natalie Reghetti also made the team along with senior goalkeeper Meaghan Bonadies of Riverview.

LADYWOOD 1, MERCY 0:

Jenna Urso scored her first goal of the year off a cross from DeYana Walker in the 23rd minute to give Livonia Ladywood (6-0, 2-0) a Catholic League Central Division win at Farmington Hills Mercy (1-2, 0-1).

Ladywood goalkeeper Sara Even made two saves to post her second shutout of the year, while Monica Mackie had five stops for the Marlins. "This was a huge league win for us on the road against a good Mercy team," Ladywood coach Ken Shingledecker said. "Mercy is as good defensively as any team we will see this season. I thought the field conditions made it tough for us to connect passes and do the things we are accustomed to doing. I was very pleased with the play of our two centerbacks Lauren Wandzel and Catherine Garber."

LUTHERAN WESTLAND 5, HARPER WOODS 0: Senior Taylor Wiemer, along with freshmen Allie Lange and Sabrina Morrison, each tallied a goal and assist Monday as Lutheran High Westland (1-0-1) blanked the Pioneers (0-2) in a non-conference match. Junior Angela Morrison and freshman Michelle Greening rounded out the goal scorers for the Warriors, who led 3-0 at halftime.

Angela Morrison (first half) and freshman Sadie Schlitz (second half) combined for the shutout in goal.

"The team showed improvement from the last game," Lutheran Westland coach Sara Schafer said.



The Salem varsity girls tennis team is shown after winning Saturday's quad meet at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

Rocks win Salem Quad

Home cooking proved quite tasty for Salem's varsity girls tennis team, finishing first at Saturday's Salem Quad meet.

The Rocks and Plymouth were deadlocked with one match left to play at No. 3 doubles and Salem prevailed in a third set tiebreaker to capture the match and tournament.

Salem tallied 19 points, followed by Plymouth (18), Hartland (12) and Canton (11).

For Salem, earning wins were Morgan Spencer (No. 1 singles, 2-1), Ashley Walker (No. 2 singles, 3-0), Sushmi Diraviam (No. 3 singles, 3-0), Sarah Bellaire-Kathy Kemp (No. 2 doubles, 3-0), Meghan Barry-Monica Topolovec (No. 3 doubles,

GIRLS TENNIS

3-0) and Kaaia Gavlas-Tiffany Chan (No. 6 doubles, 2-1).

Gold medals were first place were won by Salem at No. 2-3 singles and No. 2-3 doubles.

DUAL MATCH RESULTS LIVONIA CHURCHILL 5 PLYMOUTH 4

April 2 at Plymouth
No. 1 singles: Nicole Kruse (LC) defeated Lindsay Stemberger, 6-1, 6-1; **No. 2:** Quincy Banini (LC) def. Keerthi Chekuri, 6-0, 6-1; **No. 3:** Rylie Fallu (LC) def. Krithi Duraiswamy, 6-4, 6-2; **No. 4:** Mara Karageozian (LC) def. Sarah Gamble, 6-3, 7-5.

No. 1 doubles: Krisi Fata-Rujuta Patil (LC) def. Erin MacKenzie-Marlowe Susselman, 6-3, 2-6, 6-2; **No. 2:** Lauren Chipman-Sarah Dillon (P) def. Sneha Patil-Becky Snyder, 6-1, 6-4; **No. 3:** Carly Curvin-Lindsey

Dean (P) def. Claire Rose-Erin Strayhorn, 6-4, 6-2; **No. 4:** Ellie Anderson-Callie Kiehlner (P) def. Allison Hill-Kelly Snyder, 6-1, 6-3; **No. 5:** Nisha Gopal-Nisha Patel (P) def. Maggie Trinka-Lexi Fata, 6-3, 6-4.

CANTON 9 WAYNE MEMORIAL 0

April 2 at Wayne
No. 1 singles: Janani Shanmuga (C) defeated Stephanie Tomlin, 7-6 (8-6), 6-1; **No. 2:** Hanna Ferree (C) def. Lil Reid, 6-4, 6-0; **No. 3:** Hayley Cook (C) def. Janae Strickland, 6-3, 6-0; **No. 4:** Maddison Johnson (C) def. Destiny Bullock, 6-3, 6-1.

No. 1 doubles: Sydney Liedel-Erin Fowler (C) def. Angelia Baker-Kaise Macairan, 6-2, 6-1; **No. 2:** Claire Babala-Jennifer Ghandour (C) def. Sarah Shurge-Jennifer Tyson, 6-3, 6-0; **No. 3:** Kristen Hollingsworth-Emily Erley (C) def. Kara Burton-Michelle Hunt, 6-0 6-0; **No. 4:** Jamie Emens-Kinari Shah (C) def. Breanna Pate-Rosebelle Silvera, 6-0, 6-0; **No. 5:** Jasmine Henry-Alexis Madau (C) def. Sarah Marshall-Korinn Pintar, 6-2, 6-0.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Tin Cup time

The inaugural "Train with Tami Tin Cup" is planned for Saturday, April 28 at Hickory Creek Golf Club. Formerly known as the Tin Cup since its debut in 1999, the 2012 tournament is scheduled for an 8 a.m. shotgun start.

PGA pro Tami Bealart, working out of Hickory Creek GC, has agreed to sponsor the Tin Cup starting in 2012 — thus the name change. The tournament is an 18-hole, stroke-play, net-score event for Mulligan Tour members that have a handicap established.

Guests are welcomed and are encouraged to register to play in the tournament in the same way as tour members. They can mail in the entry fee or use the PayPal option on the tour's website (www.themulligantour.com), where they can also learn about the tour's origins and purpose. The entry fee is \$45 and includes a cart. The deadline to sign up is April 19.

Also in the works is a pre-tournament party at the Greenside Tavern (the restaurant inside Hickory Creek) on Friday, April 27.

Hickory Creek Golf Club is located just west of Canton at 3625 Napier Road in Superior Township. Call (734) 731-0238 for more information.

Hole in ones

Fox Hills Golf & Banquet Center in Plymouth already is announcing that several hole-in-ones have been registered.

• The first came on March 16, when Reggie Mock of Bloomfield aced the 198-yard No. 12 hole at the Golden course.

Mock, 46, used a 5-iron and Titleist and went on to score 81 for the round.

• On March 21, Livonia's Bob Johnson used a 7-iron and Nike golf ball to shoot a hole-in-one on the 114-yard No. 14 hole, also at the Golden course.

Johnson, 74, shot a 97 for the round.

Canton football camps

Football players of all ages have something they can benefit from thanks to a trio of camps being run in mid-late June by the Canton High School football program. All of the camps will take place at the varsity turf stadium at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park. All participants will receive Chiefs football T-shirts.

• Kicking it off from June 11-14 is the "Football Skills Camp," for youngsters entering grades seven-nine. Prospective participants must pre-register by May 21

(\$45), although latecomers to sign up will owe \$55.

Sessions will run from 5-7:30 p.m. and focus on improving fundamentals while learning the Chiefs' football philosophy.

• Next up, June 18-21, is the "Wing T/3-4 Camp" for those going into grades 10-12.

Times are 2-5 p.m. June 18 and 5-8 p.m. June 19-21 with registration fees \$25 (if pre-registered by May 21) and \$30 (for latecomers).

On the agenda will be become a "tough and agile back or an efficient passing and throwing quarterback."

• Wrapping things off June 25-28 is the "Fundamental Football Camp," for kids entering grades three-six. Times are 9 a.m. to noon all four days. Fees to sign up are \$75 (if signed up by June 1) and \$100 for those who register after that date.

Campers will learn about blocking, running, throwing and catching on offense and "proper footwork and techniques" on defense.

For more information, e-mail Enza Lanava of the Canton Chiefs Booster Club at elanava@wowway.com or call her at (313) 300-1173. All checks must be made payable to the Canton Chiefs Football Boosters Club.

Play GCYBSA ball

Registrations are now under way for the Greater Canton Youth Baseball Softball Association's baseball and softball programs.

The GCYBSA offers progressively developmental recreational baseball and softball programs for players age 4-18 from Plymouth and Canton. GCYBSA is also home to a Competitive League and travel programs (Boys Cardinals, Girls Pride Fast Pitch).

For more information, go to www.gcybsa.com or contact Coralee Ott at (734), 394-5358, via e-mail at cott@cantonmi.org.

YMCA spring leagues

The Plymouth Family YMCA is accepting registrations for spring co-ed soccer and girls volleyball leagues.

Both leagues run from April 16 through June 9. There will be one practice and one game each week. The cost is \$84 for program members or \$115 for community members. The registration deadline is March 30.

If interested in participating or coaching your child's team, call the YMCA at (734) 453-2904 or visit www.ymcadeloit.org.

PCA ready to make noise

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

Several key players from last year's 18-6 team are back for Plymouth Christian Academy's varsity baseball team.

And that qualifies as good news for head coach Joe Bottorff, who would like to see the 2012 Eagles build on last season's runnerup in the Michigan Independent Athletics Conference Blue Division.

It means Bottorff, whose squad starts the '12 season this week, can again throw their top pitcher (senior Daniel Slater) and feature a lineup with 2011 hits leader Daniel Jipping, among other returnees.

Slater, a tri-captain, not only got it done on the mound (5-1, 3.75, 62 strikeouts in 52 innings), he batted .440 with 12 doubles and two homers.

One of the other tri-captains is sophomore Jipping, who will bat in the clean-up spot. When he isn't playing shortstop, he will spend time behind the plate and on the bump.

"He's been putting on quite a display of power in practice, even with the new (BBCOR aluminum) bats," the coach said.

PCA's third captain is junior catcher and third baseman Matt Read, slated to bat fifth.

"Matt has improved each year and is much more aggressive at the plate this season," Bottorff noted.

Versatility abounds

Helping set the table at the lead-off spot will be sophomore John Lauch,



whose versatility will see him play infield, outfield and be the team's No. 2 pitcher.

In the 2-hole will be freshman first baseman Michael Slater. He also can pitch and play third if needed.

Sophomore Ben Cockrum and junior Trevor Gogola will play second base and outfield, respectively.

Anchoring the outfield will be senior Jon Beauchemin, slated for centerfield.

"This is only Jon's second year playing baseball, but he really has a feel for center," Bottorff said. "At the plate, I expect a lot of improvement with significantly more playing time."

Rounding out the team are juniors Brandon Marker, Reuben Galang, sophomore Josh Fitzpatrick and freshmen Torre Crown, Tanner Hay, Jordan Talbott and Lucas Albrecht.

Two seniors who Bottorff might not have this season due to injuries are 6-7 first baseman Eric Jipping and outfielder Dillon Rahill.

"With such a young team, it would be nice to have their leadership," Bottorff said.

After visiting Oakland Christian Tuesday, PCA opens the home season 4:30 p.m. Thursday against Lutheran High South.

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when not pitching. "Brent has been showing he will be able to contribute on the mound and offensively this season as he continues to improve," Blomshield said.

Other players include junior Bill Adams (first base), Andrew Stafford (second), sophomore Jake Boucher (utility) and junior Riley Regner (infield).

Although the Chiefs will be young, with five sophomores candidates to be in the starting lineup, strong pitching and team

speed will hopefully help during any transition.

Canton opens the regular season with a double-header Saturday at Dexter (11 a.m.) followed by a home twinbill 3:30 p.m. Tuesday against Orchard Lake St. Mary's.

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Youngsters scramble for eggs at local hunts

By Sharon Dargay
O&E Staff Writer

Nine hundred bags of candy, thousands of eggs and the Easter Bunny await youngsters Saturday, April 7 at Rotary Park in Livonia.

The annual egg hunt, sponsored by Livonia Rotary Club, Livonia Parks and Recreation and Busch's Fresh Food Market in Livonia, will start at noon, with registration from 10:30-11:30 a.m. at the park, located at Six Mile and Hubbard. The Easter Bunny will be on hand to greet youngsters and pose for photos.

"The kids get so excited and antsy," said Amy Walker, recreation supervisor. "The hunt itself doesn't take that long. Once you say 'go' it isn't long. But it's fair. Everyone gets the same bag of candy at the end."

Last year, organizers counted more than 500 registrations but figured at least 800 egg-hunters actually showed up for the free event, which is aimed at children, age 10 and under.

Rotary Club members gather a week before the hunt to bag candies and pitch in on site with crowd control and egg distribution. Busch's Fresh Food donates hot chocolate and doughnuts.

"Every egg hunt is different, but the way we run ours is that we use the same eggs every year. We separate the kids by age divisions," Walker said. "We flag off sections (by age) and put the eggs out. It's a time-sensitive way



of doing things but it seems to work."

Children trade in their collected eggs for candy.

"If you promise a reward at the end, kids will pick up anything," Walker said, adding that participants manage to find and retrieve all scattered eggs every year.

Here's a sampling of other local hunts:

- Egg-hunters will meet both Smokey Bear and the Easter Bunny Saturday, April 7 at Maybury State Park in Northville. The action starts at 11 a.m. on the soccer field at the park, 20145 Beck. Friends of Maybury State Park and the Department of Natural Resources co-sponsor the free event, which will include games and

other activities in the Concession Building. Admission to the park is a \$10 annual recreation pass, which can be purchased at the park; (248) 349-8390

- Collect eggs and see Farmer Brown and The Barnyard Express animal show at "The Great Egg Hunt," Saturday, April 7 at Maple Beach in Kensington

Metropark, off I-96 near Milford. Animal shows start at 10:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. with egg hunting at 11 a.m. The Easter Bunny will be on hand to pose for photos, too. Bring your own camera and arrive early. Cost is \$3 per child, payable at the event. Admission to the park is \$5 or \$25 for an annual permit; (248) 685-1561

- If you prefer marshmallows to eggs, head to Nankin Mills in Westland. The annual Marshmallow Drop starts at 11 a.m. Friday, April 6 when a helicopter distributes more than 20,000 marshmallows over the park, 33175 Ann Arbor Trail. Kids trade their finds for a prize; (734) 261-1990

- Don't forget to bring used eyeglasses, hearing aids and cell phones to the annual Easter Egg Hunt at 10 a.m., Saturday, April 7 at Plymouth Township Park, located at Ann Arbor Trail and McClumpha. The Plymouth Lions Club sponsors the event and will have collection boxes on hand. Monetary donations will be accepted, too. Youngsters will bring their own baskets to search for thousands of candy-filled eggs. The Easter Bunny will be on hand and hunting will be conducted by age group.

- Redford Township is still registering youngsters for its annual Bunny Brunch that will include refreshments, crafts and the Easter Bunny. The emphasis will be on spring at the event, which runs 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Saturday, April 14 at the Redford Community Center. Tickets are \$6 per person — free for age 2 and under — and must be purchased before the event. They're available at the Leisure Services Department inside the Redford Community Center, 12121 Hemingway. The Redford Jaycees egg hunt starts after the brunch in nearby Handy Park. The annual event is free and open to all.

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Art

CITY GALLERY

Time/Date: 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, through April 13

Location: In the Costick Center, 28600 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: Unique, edgy paper dress creations made of entirely recycled materials by artist Matt Richmond. Richmond's materials vary from plastic Kroger bags to Target holiday wrapping paper. The exhibit also features a wide array of fashion images by various photographers, starring Richmond's designs

Contact: (248) 473-1856

DETROIT INSTITUTE

OF ARTS

Time/Dates: 2 p.m. Sundays

Location: 5200 Woodward, Detroit

Details: Target Family Sundays, storytelling, performances, free with admission

Exhibits: Detroit Revealed: Photographs 2000-2010, an exhibit of 50 photos through April 8

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

FARMINGTON ART FOUNDATION

Time/Date: 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Thursday-Friday, April 19-20 and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, April 21; opening reception, 6 p.m. Thursday, April 19

Location: William M. Costick Activities Center, 28600 11 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: Spring exhibit and sale; free admission

Contact: (248) 473-1800

NORTHVILLE ART HOUSE

Time/Date: April 6-21

Location: 215 W. Cady, Northville

Details: All-media, juried show from the Ann Arbor Women Artists kicks off with an artist reception 6-9 p.m. Friday, April 6

Contact: (248) 344-0497 or e-mail to arthouseoffice@northvillearts.org

STARRING "THE GALLERY"

Time/Date: Artist reception, 6-9 p.m. Friday, April 6; exhibit runs

through April

Location: 118 W. Main St. in Northville

Details: "Titanic: A Century To Remember" features photos by Philip Dattilo of Plymouth. The photographs depict scenes related to R.M.S. Titanic's inception, construction and the epilogue of its short life

Contact: (248) 347-1642; www.starringthegallery.com

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, noon-5 p.m. Sunday, through May 20

Location: University of Michigan Museum of Art, 525 S. State, Ann Arbor

Details: "Fluxus and the Essential

Questions of Life," includes more than 100 works by major artists, such as Yoko Ono, Nam June Paik and George Maciunas; admission is free

Contact: (734) 764-0395

Benefit

C.S. MOTT CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Friday, April 6

Location: Hill Auditorium, 825 N. University, Ann Arbor

Details: J. Cole, 2012 Grammy-nominee for Best New Artist performs a high-energy hip hop show to benefit C.S. Mott

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Location: Livonia Civic Center, 15218 Farmington Road, Livonia
Details: Singles and couples; free refreshments. Dance lessons cost \$6; dance and lessons are \$11; dance only is \$7 for guests, \$6.50 for associates and \$6 for Moon Dusters members

Contact: Joe Castrodale, club president, (248) 968-5197

POLKA BOOSTERS

Time/Date: Doors open at 1 p.m.; dancing from 2-6 p.m. Sunday, April 22

Location: Msgr. Hunt K of C Hall, 7080 Garling, Dearborn Heights

Details: Admission is \$15 and includes beer, wine and pop. Food will be available for purchase. Music by Squeezebox Band with Mollie and Ted Lange and Bobbie Earl

Contact: Terry at (734) 422-1901 or Joanna at (313) 561-8389

Film

PENN THEATRE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. and 9:15 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 6-7; and "The Artist," 7 p.m. and 9:10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 13-14 and 4:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, April 15

Location: 760 Penniman Ave., Plymouth

Details: "Joyful Noise," \$3

Coming up: "The Artist," 7 p.m. and 9:10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 13-14 and 4:30 and 7 p.m. Sunday, April 15; "One For the Money," 7 p.m. Friday, April 20, 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Saturday, April 21, and 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, April 22; "Secret World of Arrietty," 7 p.m. Friday, April 27; 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, April 28-29; "Albert Nobbs," 7 p.m. and 9:10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 4-5 and 4:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, May 6; "Safe House," 7 p.m. and 9:15 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 11-12 and 4:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, May 13

Thursday classics: "Pride of the Yankees," April 5; "Field of Dreams," April 12; "Bull Durham," April 19; and "For the Love of the Game," April 26. Box office opens at 6:30 p.m., with screenings at 7 p.m. All seats \$3

Contact: (734) 453-0870; www.penntheatre.com

REDFORD THEATRE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Saturday, April 21

Location: 17360 Lahser, just north of Grand River Ave., in Detroit

Details: Mary Pickford in "Suds," a silent film accompanied live by Dave Calendine," tickets \$12 for adults and \$8 for children 12 and under

Coming up: James Cagney double feature includes "The Public Enemy" and Angels with Dirty Faces," 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, April 28; tickets \$5

Contact: (313) 537-2560

Museums

CHARLES H. WRIGHT

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday and 1-5 p.m. Sunday

Location: 315 E. Warren Road, Detroit

Details: Regular museum admission is \$8 for adults, 13-61; and \$5 for youth, 3-12, and seniors, 62 and over. Members and children 2 and under are admitted free.

Exhibits: "Mixing Metaphors: The Aesthetic, Social and Political in African American Art includes more than 90 works by 36 artists, through June 3; "Moving to His Own Beat - Fela: The Man, the Movement, the Music," celebrates the life and music of Fela Anikulapo-Kuti, through June 17; "The Chris Webber Collection: Exceptional People During Extraordinary Times, 1755-Present," includes rare artifacts collected by Detroit native Chris Webber, through September; "Witness: The Art of Jerry Pinkney," through Sept. 9

Contact: (313) 494-5800

PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL MUSEUM

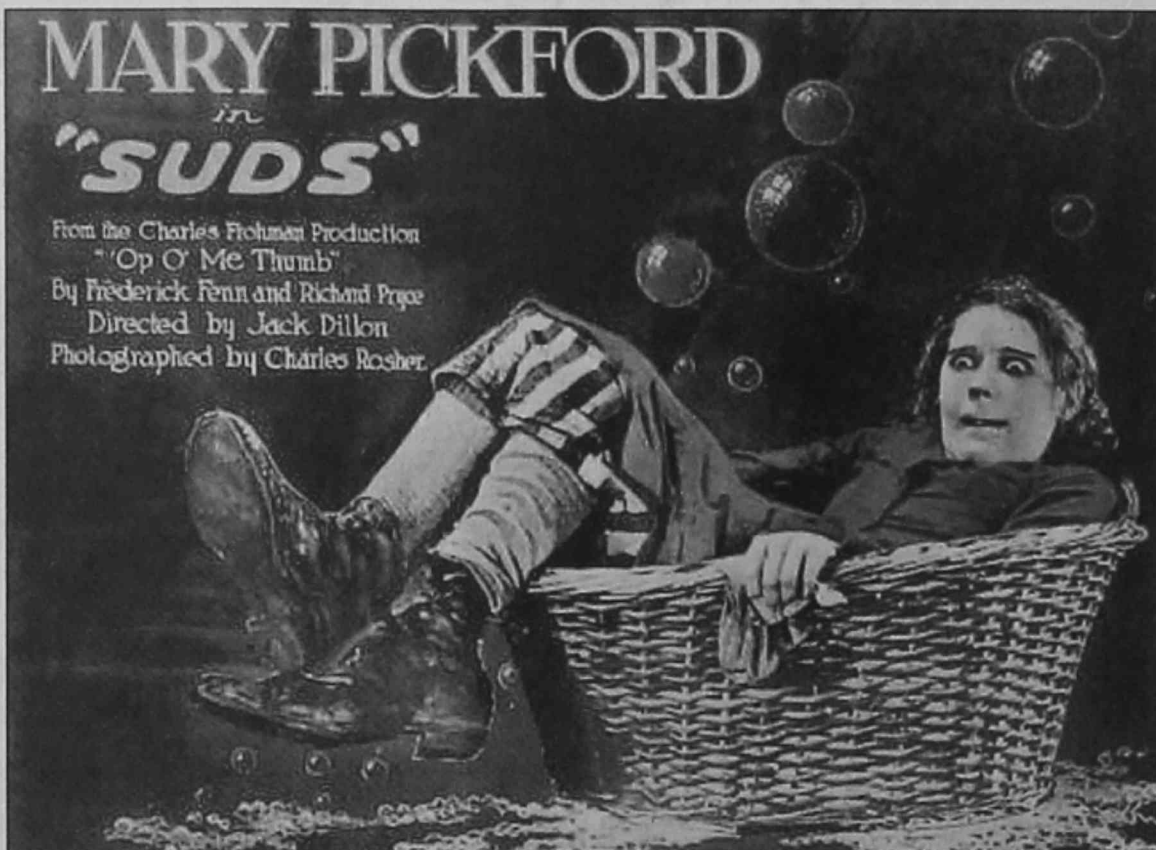
Time/Date: 1-4 p.m. Wednesday and Friday-Sunday; current exhibit runs through June 17

Location: 155 S. Main, Plymouth

Details: "Ration Stamps & Bombers, WWII at Home" is the current exhibit. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$2 for students, 6-17

Antique Appraisal: Ernest DuMouchelle of DuMouchelle Art Galleries will appraise antique furniture, art and small items by appointment only, from 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 18. No jewelry will be appraised. Oral evaluations will be given for \$10 per item; written evaluations will cost \$15 per item. There is a maximum of four items to be appraised per 15-minute time slot. Call (734) 455-8940 or sign up at <http://www.plymouthhistory.org/events/dumouchelle-evaluation-clinic.html>.

Contact: (734) 455-8940



The Redford Theatre presents this silent film, with live organ accompaniment, on Saturday, April 21.



Mia Heard (left) plays the Scarecrow, Gabrielle Kosiba is the Wicked Witch and Lauren Kelly plays Dorothy in the Farmington Hills Youth Theatre production of "The Wonderful Wizard of Oz," this month at the Costick Center in Farmington Hills.



"Wetlands" by Gayle S. Sanchirico, is among the art on display by Ann Arbor Women Artists April 6-21 at Northville Art House.



Bob Stillman plays a tribute concert to John Denver and Dan Fogelberg April 13 at the Village Theater in Canton

U-M KELSEY MUSEUM OF ARCHAEOLOGY

Time/Date: The museum is open 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Tuesday-Friday, and 1-4 p.m., Saturday and Sunday; exhibit runs through May 6

Location: 434 S. State, Ann Arbor

Details: Part II of the Kelsey Museum of Archaeology's special exhibition - "Karanis Revealed: Discovering the Past and Present of a Michigan Excavation in Egypt" - explores the story of the site's excavation, which was initiated by the University of Michigan in the 1920s and 1930s

Contact: www.lsa.umich.edu/kelsey; (734) 764-9304

Music

THE ARK

Time/Date: Peggy Seeger, April 5; Ralph Stanley and the Clinch Mountain Boys, April 6; Seth Glier and Stolen Silver, April 7; Big Bad Voodoo Daddy, April 9; Mississippi Heat, April 10; Galant tu perds ton temps, April 12; Mr. B's Piano Celebration, April 14-15; Shape Note Singing, April 15; The Tannahill Weavers, April 16; Good Old War and The Belle Brigade, April 17; The Guggenheim Grotto, April 18; Anais Mitchell and Cuddle Magic, April 19; Loudon Wainwright III, April 20; The Elders, April 21; James Hunter, April 22; Lambchop and Kelly Jean Caldwell, April 23; Johnny Winter, April 25; Dougie MacLean, April 26; Horse Feathers, April 27; Heywood Banks, April 28; Caroline Herring, April 29

Location: 316 South Main, Ann Arbor

Contact: (734) 763-8587; www.theark.org

BASELINE FOLK SOCIETY

Time/Date: 7-9:30 p.m. the third Saturday of the month; sign up for open mic from 6:15-6:45 p.m.

Location: JWH Center for the Arts, Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth

Details: The show includes open mic performances and a featured performer. Admission is \$5. Annual memberships are \$25 for individuals and \$50 for families. Members may attend monthly concerts free of charge.

Contact: Mike Mullen at (248) 719-3464 or e-mail to mjmmullen@yahoo.com

JAZZ AT THE ELKS

Time/Date: 7-10 p.m. last Tuesday of the month

Location: Plymouth Elks Lodge #1780, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth

Details: There is a \$10 donation at the door which includes hors d'oeuvres.

Contact: (734) 453-1780 or e-mail to plymouthelks1780@yahoo.com

MICHIGAN PHILHARMONIC

Time/Date: 7 p.m. April 30

Location: The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton

Details: "Celebrates the music and dance of China. Tickets are \$8 adults; \$4 for youth

Contact: (734) 451-2112; (734) 394-5300, ext. 3; www.michigan-phil.org; www.canton-mi.org/village-theater/

PLYMOUTH COFFEE BEAN

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Monday, Friday, Saturday

Location: 884 Penniman, Plymouth

Details: Open mic on Monday; live music Friday-Saturday. Americana, folk, rock, pop, country and soul by solo singers, duos and bands

Contact: (734) 454-0178

TRINITY HOUSE THEATRE

Time/Date: Most shows start at 8 p.m., doors open at 7:30 p.m.

Location: 38840 W. Six Mile, Livonia; Benefit concert on April 20 is at Trinity Church, 34500 Six Mile, Livonia

Details: Chris Trapper, April 13; Grievous Angel, April 14; Trinity House Benefit Concert featuring Jill Jack and Mary Seelhorst, John Latini and Jamie-Sue Seal and the Potter's Field, April 20; Tracy Kash Thomas Trio, April 21; The Choir featuring Derri Daugherty and Steve Hindalong, April 22; Wayward Roots with Adam Plomaritas, April 27. Most shows tickets are \$15, and \$12 for subscribers. Only cash and checks are accepted

Contact: (734) 464-6302

VILLAGE THEATER

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Friday, April 13

Location: 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton

Details: Bob Stillman plays the music of John Denver and Dan Fogelberg. Tickets are \$30 for adults and \$26 for seniors and youth

Contact: (734) 394-5460; www.cantonvillagetheater.org

VIVACE MUSIC SERIES

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Saturday, April 21

Location: The Birmingham Temple, 28611 12 Mile, between Inkster Road and Middlebelt, Farmington Hills

Details: University of Michigan Gilbert and Sullivan Society perform songs and scenes from Gilbert and Sullivan favorites, such as "The Mikado," "Pirates of Penzance" and "HMS Pinafore." Tickets are \$23 general admission and \$20 for seniors

Contact: Joyce Cheresch at (248) 788-9338 or Ann Sipher at (248) 661-1348

Something different

DETROIT ZOO

Time/Date: 10 a.m.-4 p.m. daily

Location: I-696 service drive and Woodward, Royal Oak

Details: Admission is \$11 for adults 15 to 61, \$9 for senior citizens 62 and older, and \$7 for children ages 2 to 14; children under 2 are free

Exhibit: The Wildlife Photographer of the Year exhibit runs through June 17 and includes 108 photographs chosen from more than 40,000 entries by aspiring amateurs and established professional photographers; free with Zoo admission

Contact: (248) 541-5717

STORY SLAM

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 11

Location: 316 South Main, Ann Arbor

Details: The Moth GrandSLAM Championship features winners from the last 10 Michigan StorySLAMs in a battle of wits and words; tickets \$16 available at www.themoth.org

Contact: (734) 763-8587; www.theark.org

Theater

FARMINGTON HILLS YOUTH THEATRE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday-Friday, April 26-27 and 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, April 28-29

Location: The Costick Center, 28600 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: "The Wonderful Wizard of Oz" features more than 170 children in two casts. Tickets are \$10; children 3 and under are admitted without charge

Contact: (877) 785-7763; <https://recreg.fhgoe.com>

INSPIRE THEATRE

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. April 20-21, 27-28 and 3 p.m. April 22 and 29

Location: 33445 Wayne Road, Westland

Details: Neil Simon's "Rumors;" tickets, \$12

Contact: (734) 751-7057; inspiretheatre.com

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE

Time/Date: 8 p.m. April 13-14

Location: Liberal Arts Theatre, Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia

Details: "Romeo and Juliet" with tickets available at the campus bookstore or by calling (734) 462-4596. Cost is \$12

Contact: The college theater department at (734) 462-4400, ext. 5270

SPOTLIGHT PLAYERS

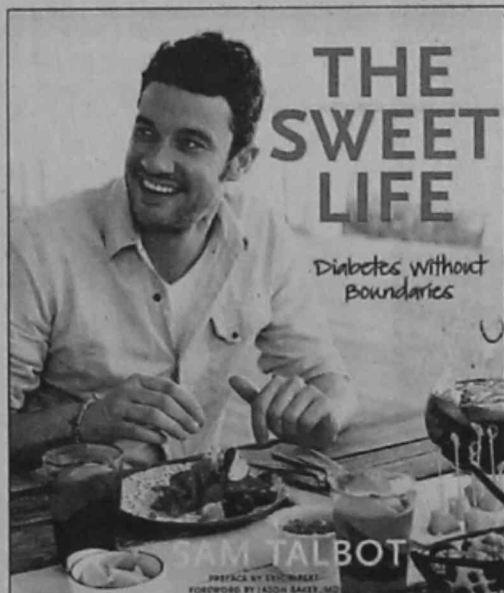
Time/Date: 8 p.m. April 20-21, 27-28 and 2 p.m. April 21-22, 28-29

Location: Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill, Canton

Details: "Into the Woods," a Stephen Sondheim musical fairy tale; tickets are \$15-\$18

Contact: (734) 394-5300; www.spotlightplayersmi.org

Pear Perfection



SARAH KEHOE

Chef Sam Talbot's new cookbook offers recipes that diabetics and nondiabetics alike can enjoy.

For the more than 25 million Americans living with diabetes, food choices are critical to maintaining their health.

Chef Sam Talbot, who was diagnosed with type 1 diabetes when he was 12 years old, understands those challenges. But with his new cookbook he proves that diabetics don't have to sacrifice flavor in order to follow a healthy eating plan.

Talbot is the executive chef at the Surf Lodge in Montauk, N.Y., and earned national recognition as the runner-up in Season 2 of Bravo's hit TV show *Top Chef*. In his new book, *The Sweet Life: Diabetes without Boundaries*, he shares how diabetes has affected — but has not compromised — his life and career, and offers 75 fresh, all-natural recipes that can be enjoyed by both diabetics and non-diabetics.

Cooking to manage diabetes

Doctors recommend that people with diabetes follow a healthy, well balanced diet that includes plenty of fiber-rich fruits and vegetables and carbohydrates that rank lower on the glycemic index (GI). One medium pear provides 24 percent of your day's fiber, and 10 percent of your day's vitamin C — for only 100 calories.

"Pears are one of my favorite fruits to use in recipes," says Talbot. "They are a low GI fruit, they're high in fiber, and the flavor of a ripe pear is just out of this world. They are incredibly versatile in sweet and savory recipes in all types of world cuisines. They can be part of any meal of the day."

There are ten different varieties of USA Pears, each with its own color, flavor and texture. More than 80 percent of the fresh pears grown in the U.S. are from the Pacific Northwest states of Washington and Oregon. USA Pears are in season from early fall through early summer.

Ripeness is the key to enjoying pears at their sweetest and juiciest. To judge a pear's ripeness, USA Pear growers advise you to "check the neck." Press the neck, or stem end, of the pear. If it yields to gentle pressure, it's ripe, sweet and juicy. If it feels firm, simply leave the pear at room temperature to ripen within a few days. Don't refrigerate your pears unless you want to slow their ripening.

Celebrate spring with three recipes from www.usapears.org. Two other recipes here are from Talbot's book, and showcase the fresh, sweet flavor of Anjou and Bosc pears. For more information, visit www.SamTalbot.com, and for additional pear recipes visit www.usapears.org.



Yogurt with Pear and Coconut



TARA DONNE

THE GLYCEMIC INDEX

The glycemic index (GI) rates carbohydrates on a scale of 1 to 100 based on how rapidly a food item raises blood sugar levels after eating. Foods that rank high on the glycemic index are digested rapidly, which produces marked fluctuations in blood sugar and insulin levels. Foods with a low glycemic index are digested slowly and raise blood sugar and insulin levels gradually.

Source: University of Sydney Glycemic Index Group, Human Nutrition Unit, School of Molecular Biosciences.

Lavender Poached Pears

Lavender Poached Pears

From Chef Sam Talbot
Makes 4 servings

- 2 large ripe pears, such as Bosc or Anjou, slightly firm to the touch
- 3 tablespoons granulated stevia extract, or to taste
- 1 tablespoon dried lavender
- 2 blossoms dried hibiscus
- 1 chamomile tea bag
- ½ cup loosely packed fresh mint leaves

Peel, halve and core pears using a melon baller to scoop out seeds.

In large pot, combine 3 cups water, sweetener, lavender, hibiscus, chamomile tea and mint. Bring to a boil over medium-high heat, then reduce heat to medium-low. Add pears and simmer until you can easily pierce pears with the tip of a knife, about 20 minutes.

To serve, transfer pear halves to 4 individual bowls and ladle some of the cooking liquid over the top.

Per Serving: 72 calories, 1 g protein, 19 g carbohydrates, 0 g total fat (0 g saturated), 0 mg cholesterol, 4 g fiber, 2 mg sodium

Yogurt with Pear and Coconut

From Chef Sam Talbot
Makes 4 servings

- Juice of 1 lemon
- ½ cup unsweetened shredded coconut
- 2 tablespoons graham cracker crumbs
- ½ cup Grape-Nuts or granola cereal
- 1 tablespoon granulated stevia extract, or to taste
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 2 ripe pears, such as Anjou or Bosc, slightly firm to the touch

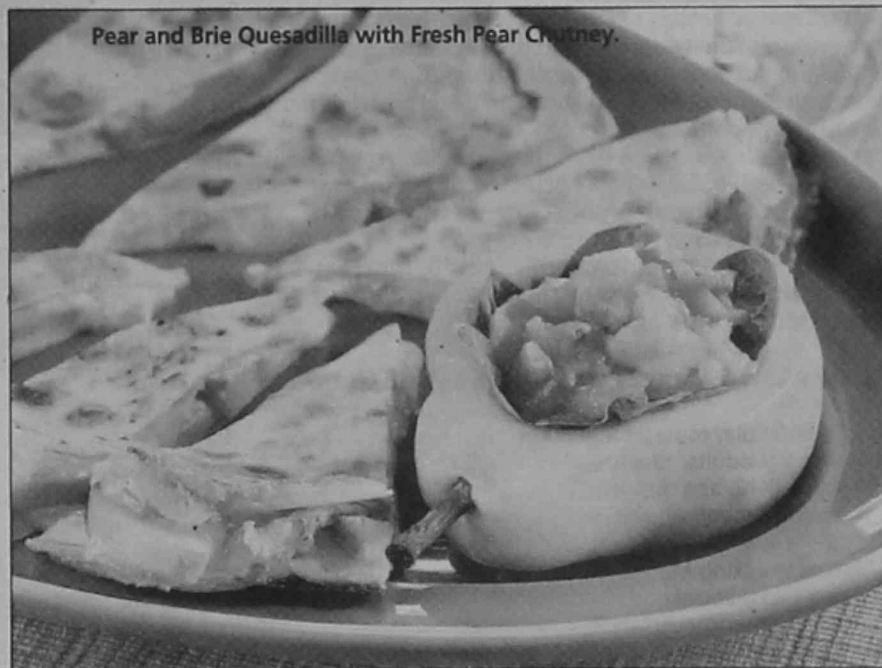
In medium bowl, combine lemon juice, coconut, graham cracker crumbs, cereal, sweetener and cinnamon.

Peel, core and finely chop pears. Spoon yogurt into 4 bowls and top with fruit and coconut mixture, or sprinkle directly onto each individual container of yogurt.

Note: This recipe can do double duty as a dessert if you serve it up parfait style. Spoon 1/8 of the pears into the bottom of each of 4 bowls or parfait glasses. Add 1/8 of the cereal mixture, then ½ cup of yogurt. Repeat with the remaining pears, cereal mixture, and yogurt.

Per Serving: 265 calories, 15 g protein, 38 g carbohydrates, 8 g total fat (6 g saturated), 8 mg cholesterol, 6 g fiber, 157 mg sodium

Pear and Brie Quesadilla with Fresh Pear Chutney.



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From usapears.org
Serves 6 as an appetizer

Pear Chutney:

- ¼ cup dry white wine
- ½-inch wedge of red onion, sliced thin
- 2 tablespoons chopped red bell pepper
- 1 tablespoon dark brown sugar
- 1 Bartlett USA Pear, peeled, cored, and cut into 1-inch chunks
- 2 tablespoons of water, or more if needed

Red pepper flakes

Quesadilla:

- 1 12-inch flour tortilla
- ½ of an Anjou USA Pear, cored and cut into ¼-inch slices
- 6 ¼-inch slices of Brie cheese
- 2 tablespoons shredded mozzarella cheese

For chutney: Place all ingredients in a small saucepan. Cook over medium heat, stirring frequently, until pear is crisp-tender and most of the liquid has evaporated. You may add water if liquid completely evaporates before pear is cooked. Transfer mixture to a blender or food processor and add water. Pulse quickly, just until chopped together as a chunky mixture, with ¼-inch chunks of pear, onion, and pepper. Add more water if necessary to achieve the consistency you desire. Place pear mixture in a bowl, and stir in pepper flakes to taste. Let chutney cool completely before serving. Chutney can be stored in the refrigerator, covered, for up to 3 days.

For quesadilla: Heat oven to 425 degrees. Lay tortilla on a flat surface. Spread pear slices across half of the tortilla. Lay Brie across the top of the pear slices. Sprinkle mozzarella over the Brie. Fold other half of the tortilla over the pear and cheese mixture. Transfer tortilla to a lightly greased or parchment-lined cookie sheet and bake until cheese melts and bubbles, about 3–5 minutes. Remove tortilla from oven, cool slightly, and cut into 6 wedges. Serve on a plate or platter with a small bowl of chutney on the side.

Soyfoods help families step up healthy eating

If you're looking for ways to make meal times healthier while still keeping your family happy, why not try soyfoods? April is National Soyfoods Month and the perfect time to try these great tasting and great for you foods.

Packed with high quality protein, soyfoods are an excellent option to keep your family energized and satisfied all day long. Besides being delicious, you'll enjoy fewer calories, less saturated fat, and low to no cholesterol. Luckily, incorporating soyfoods into your daily diet is easy. The Soyfoods Association recommends a simple way to start is to serve soyfoods alongside traditional foods. From snacks like whole soy nutrition bars, soy yogurts, or soymilk smoothies, to great meals like Parmesan mustard soy burgers, tofu hummus wraps, and shelled edamame salads, the options are endless. Have fun experimenting to see which products and recipes work best for your family.

Soyfoods 101

With companies offering discounts all month long, finding delicious soyfoods at affordable prices will be easier than ever before. Get familiar with where soyfoods are stocked in your grocery store and you'll be sure to find a bargain.

- **Soymilk:** Soymilk comes in two forms; one can be found in the refrigerated section and the shelf-stable soymilk can be found in the health food section, the

cereal aisle, or near other shelf-stable beverages.

- **Soy Yogurt:** Soy yogurt is generally found alongside traditional dairy yogurts and is offered in similar flavors and sizes as well.
- **Tofu:** Firm, silken-style, sprouted, high protein and baked tofu can be found in the refrigerated meat section, produce section or natural foods section. Shelf-stable silken tofu can be found in the Asian food section or in the natural food aisles.
- **Meat Alternatives:** Veggie burgers, soy sausage, soy crumbles and edamame can be found in the freezer section. Edamame may also be found in the fresh produce section.
- **Whole Soy Nutrition Bars:** You can find these protein packed bars in the health and energy bar section of the store.

This recipe for a Beef Salad with Ginger Soy Dressing is full of healthy vegetables, edamame and lean, flavorful beef. It's topped with a tangy ginger soy dressing that will make it a family favorite in no time.

For easy ways to add soy to your diet, information about National Soyfoods Month, and more delicious recipes to help you step up your family's healthy eating, visit www.soyfoodsmoonh.org.



Beef Salad with Ginger Soy Dressing

From United Soybean Board

Ginger Soy Dressing:
½ cup soybean oil (often labeled 'vegetable oil')
¼ cup rice vinegar
¼ cup water
2 tablespoons reduced sodium soy sauce
¼ cup fresh green onion, chopped
1 ½ teaspoons fresh ginger, minced
1 teaspoon fresh garlic, minced

Beef Salad:
8 cups baby salad greens
1 cup shredded carrots
1 cup frozen edamame (shelled), cooked according to package directions
1 cup cherry tomatoes, halved
1 pound flat iron or flank steak, grilled and sliced
½ cup ginger soy dressing, divided

Place all dressing ingredients in food processor or blender. Process until smooth; cover and refrigerate. Combine greens, carrots, edamame and tomatoes in large bowl. Drizzle with ¼ cup dressing; toss lightly. Divide onto 4 serving plates; top with sliced beef and remaining dressing.

Nutrition information for 2 tablespoons of Ginger Soy Dressing: 130 calories, 0g protein, 1g carbohydrate, 0g fiber, 14g fat, 2g sat. fat, 0g trans fat, 0mg cholesterol, 150mg sodium

Per serving of 2 tablespoons of Beef Salad: 420 calories, 37g protein, 13g carbohydrate, 5g fiber, 24g fat, 5g sat. fat, 0g trans fat, 55mg cholesterol, 290mg sodium



Beef Salad with Ginger Soy Dressing

Veggie Taco Salad

From MorningStar Farms
Makes 4 servings

- 2 cups MorningStar Farms Meal Starters Grillers Recipe Crumbles™
- ¼ cup salsa
- 5 cups shredded lettuce
- 1 cup corn kernels
- 1 cup black beans
- ¼ cup sliced green onions
- ¼ cup shredded reduced-fat cheddar cheese
- 2 tablespoons sliced ripe olives
- 2 tablespoons fat free sour cream

In large nonstick skillet coated with cooking spray cook MorningStar Farms Grillers Burger-Style Veggie Recipe Crumbles and salsa over medium heat about 5 minutes or until heated through, stirring frequently. In large bowl toss together lettuce, corn and black beans. Arrange on 4 serving plates. Top with Crumbles mixture. Sprinkle with green onions, cheese and olives. Spoon dollops of sour cream on top.

Nutrition Information: calories 180, total fat 4 g, sodium 600 mg, total carbohydrates 26 g, fiber 8 g, protein 14 g

Henry Ford Chocolate Chip Soynut Cookies

- 3 cups light brown sugar, firmly packed
- 2 cups vegetable shortening or margarine
- 4 large eggs
- 3 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 cup soy flour
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 2 teaspoon baking soda
- 2 tablespoon vanilla soymilk
- 2 teaspoon vanilla
- 2 cups roasted soynuts, coarsely chopped
- 4 cups semi-sweet chocolate morsels

Preheat oven to 375°F. Beat shortening and sugar in a large bowl. Add eggs one at a time, beating well after each addition. Mix in baking soda, salt and soy flour. Add all-purpose flour gradually along with soymilk and vanilla. Stir in soynuts and chocolate morsels. Drop rounded teaspoonfuls onto ungreased baking sheets. Bake for 8 to 10 minutes or until golden brown. Cool 1 minute and remove to wire rack to cool completely.

Bar cookie version: Prepare dough as above. Spread into two greased 15- by 10-inch jelly-roll pans. Bake in preheated 375°F oven for 20 to 25 minutes or until golden brown. Cool in pan on



Henry Ford Chocolate Chip Soynut Cookies

wire rack before cutting. Cut into 36 bars. Nutrition facts per bar will be double one drop cookie.

Nutrition information per 1 cookie serving size: 83 calories, 4 g fat (0.05 g sat fat), 1 g protein (0.75 g soy protein), 10 g carbohydrate, 73 mg sodium, 6 mg cholesterol, 0.5 g dietary fiber.

Cinnamon Rolls with Cinnamon Tofu Frosting

From Michigan Soybean Promotion Committee
Makes 16 rolls

Cinnamon Rolls:
3 cups unbleached white flour
1 cup soy flour
2 tablespoons wheat gluten
4 teaspoons (2 packages) active dry yeast
1 ¼ tablespoon sugar
1 teaspoon salt
4 ounces firm tofu
1 ½ cups warm water
½ cup brown sugar, lightly packed
1 cup raisins

Cinnamon
Cooking spray

Cinnamon Tofu Frosting:
¼ cup (about 2 ounce) firm tofu
2 tablespoons margarine
2 teaspoons vanilla
3 tablespoons vanilla soymilk
1 ½ teaspoons cinnamon

2 cups powdered sugar or more as needed

Cinnamon Roll directions:
Stir together both flours, gluten, yeast, sugar and salt in a large mixing bowl. In a small bowl, mash tofu with a fork and whisk together with water. A few small lumps are okay. Make a well in the center of the dry ingredients and pour in water/tofu mixture. Stir together quickly to mix. Combine ingredients well with spoon or fork so that all of the flour is moistened. Place dough on counter very lightly dusted with flour and knead five times. Transfer to a plastic container or bowl with a tight fitting lid and enough room for rising. Refrigerate overnight. (You can let dough rise the traditional way at room temperature. Simply place in large bowl and cover with a towel. It may take several hours for proper rising).

In the morning, lightly coat a baking sheet with cooking spray. On a very lightly floured surface, roll half of the dough into a 10 ½ inch square. Sprinkle with half of the brown sugar and raisins, leaving a margin of ½ inch along the edges. Then sprinkle with cinnamon – as much or little as desired. Starting with the near edge, roll up tightly, then pinch along the far edge to secure the roll. Repeat with the second half of the dough and filling ingredients. With seam side down, slice each roll into 8 equal pieces. Place on prepared baking sheet with spiral side up. For single rolls, place about 3 inches apart on baking sheet; for pull-apart rolls, place about ½ inch apart. Cover with a cloth and set aside to rise in a warm place about 45 minutes. Preheat oven to 400°F and bake about 20 minutes, until golden brown on edges and bottom. Transfer rolls to a cooling rack and cool before frosting.

Frosting directions:
In a medium bowl, mix tofu, margarine, soymilk and vanilla with electric mixer. Add cinnamon and half the powdered sugar slowly and mix well. Add remaining sugar and mix until good spreading consistency. Add more powdered sugar if necessary.

Nutrition information per roll without icing: 187 calories, 7 g protein, 35 g carbohydrate, 2 g fat (0.3 g sat fat), 141 mg sodium, 0 mg cholesterol.

Nutrition information per roll with icing: 264 calories, 8 g protein, 50 g carbohydrate, 3.5 g fat (0.6 g sat fat), 160 mg sodium, 0 mg cholesterol.

— Family Features

Tea and hats

PLYMOUTH — Got a crazy hat? Wear it to the Plymouth Historical Museum's Mad Hatter Tea, 2-4 p.m. Sunday, April 15, at the museum, 155 S. Main, Plymouth. Sue Paulin, a Master Gardener, will present "Contain Yourself: Container Gardening Basics," the museum's signature "Mary's Blend" tea will be served, along with delicacies from Fancy Food Catering. Tickets are \$20 for Friends of the Plymouth Historical Museum members and \$25 for non-members, if purchased by April 6. Ticket prices go up \$5 after that date. Buy tickets

at the museum or on its website at www.plymouthhistory.org/Events.html using PayPal. For more information call (734) 455-8940.

VegFest

NOVI — Buy advance tickets for VegFest 2012 and you'll save \$3 off the regular admission price. VegFest, a vegetarian tasting and expo presented by VegMichigan, will run from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, April 29 at the Suburban Collection Showplace, 46100 Grand River Ave. Advance tickets are available until noon, Wednesday, April 25 online at vegmicahigan.org.

General admission is \$10 at the door or \$7 in advance; students pay \$5 at the door or \$3 in advance. VegMichigan members and children, 5 and under, are admitted free of charge. Speakers this year include Wayne Pacelle, president and CEO of the Humane Society of the United States; John Salley, vegan, entertainer and athlete; Dr. Richard Oppenlander, author and researcher; Dr. Joel Kahn, Wayne State School of Medicine; Jim Corcoran, co-founder of VegMichigan; and Kerrie Saunders, author and coordinator of Michigan's Engine 2 Firefighter Challenge. The

event will include food tastings, food demonstrations and exhibitors.

Gluten-free

FARMINGTON HILLS — Get the low-down on gluten-free foods at Tri-County Celiac Support Group's annual Gluten-free Food Fair, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, April 21, at Farmington First Presbyterian Church, 26165 Farmington Road, at 11 Mile, in Farmington Hills. Gluten-free product vendors and stores that carry gluten-free foods will be on hand. Admission is \$10; free for Support Group members.

Wine tasting

LIVONIA — Winemaker Alberto Erbrice from Verona, Italy will be on hand to sign bottles at a meet and greet strolling event, 1-3 p.m. Saturday, April 21 at d.vine fine wines, 17386 Haggerty. Guests will have a chance to taste the entire portfolio which includes Amarone, Valpolicella superiore, Ripasso superiore, Vigneto Panvinio, and Soave Superiore. Wines will be available for signing and purchase. They'll be paired with a variety of Italian meats and cheeses. Cost is \$25 per person. Wine Club members pay \$20. Call (734) 432-3800 for reservations.

CITY BITES

BBB: Beware of timeshare scams

It is a common scenario. Someone receives a mailer or e-mail offering a free trip or other fantastic prize and all he or she has to do is sit through a half-day seminar. Once the victim is there, the company turns on the high-pressure tactics in an attempt to sell a timeshare.

Often, the offer is legitimate, if unwanted. Other times, the offer is a scam meant to bilk honest people of thousands of dollars. Such scams have prevailed for decades, and most savvy consumers are wise to them.

So, the con artists have changed their game, prompting new warnings from the Federal Bureau of Investigations, and enforcement efforts from the Federal Trade Commission.

The Better Business Bureau received more than 2,600 complaints nationally about timeshare resell companies last year, and almost 200 more in January 2012. Some complain about available dates or other management issues, but many allege that companies collected money for fees or other charges and then disappeared.

Corpus Christi resident Thurman Huddleston complained to BBB after wiring more than \$10,000 to a Dallas company promising to sell him a timeshare in Mexico.

"The people were good," he said. "I really beat myself up, because I should have known better. It just sounded like a viable thing."

Huddleston said when he first got the call, he researched the company online and did not find any red flags. When the company asked him for a payment to cover the closing costs, he did not hesitate. He wired the money, leaving no trace for law enforcement to follow later.

Then they came back and asked for more money to cover the annual property taxes.

"So that sounded a little fishy, but I figured they probably won't (let me buy a unit without paying taxes)," he said. "That should have been the last red flag, but once you've got that much money in it, it's hard to walk away."

Soon after, the company he was dealing with became impossible to contact. Huddleston suspects the timeshare never existed to begin with.

Now that people are more



aware of scams like the one Huddleston fell for, scammers have started targeting victims that might not be as diligent: current timeshare owners.

The FTC cracked down on telemarketers claiming to have buyers lined up, then disappearing with the thousands of dollars owners paid to cover fake closing costs or as a deposit that would be later refunded.

The FBI reported a similar scam, with a con artist contacting the victim by phone or e-mail and promising to sell the victim's timeshare in a short time, often between 60 and 90 days. The scammers asked for hundreds to thousands of dollars to cover anything from closing costs to listing fees.

Sometimes, according to the FBI's warning, the victims are then contacted a second time — this time by someone claiming to be from a recovery company. The scammer, who may be connected with the original resale company, tells the victim that he can recover the lost money for a fee.

Once again, the scammers disappear after the victim pays.

Huddleston said that though he lost thousands to the con artists who contacted him, and he feels like a dupe for falling for the scam, he is just happy to have learned his lesson.

"I didn't get too angry over it. I hated to lose the money, but I learned a lot," he said. "The next time somebody calls, I've graduated from that class."

When buying or selling a timeshare, BBB offers the following tips:

- Beware of upfront fees. Though there may be closing costs or other fees associated with purchasing a timeshare, be wary of any company that pressures you to pay any such fees upfront or before reviewing any contracts.

- Read the fine print. Especially when selling a timeshare, make sure to read the contract carefully. Find out if the company is actually selling your timeshare or simply charging you to advertise the listing.

- Start with trust. Visit www.bbb.org to check out the BBB Business Review for a company before paying any money.
- Never wire cash. Credit

cards offer a certain amount of fraud protection that you cannot get if you use a wire service. Walk away from any deal that requires you to pay cash or wire money, especially to locations in other countries.

- Get it in writing. Ask the salesman for all information in writing, including all fees, timing and ways the seller plans to advertise the unit.

- Check the license. Ask for licensing information for the seller's agents, and check that information with the Real Estate Commission. Only deal with licensed brokers and ask for references.

- If it sounds too good to be true, it is. Be wary of any seller who promises a big selling price or quick turnaround. High-pressure tactics are always a red flag.

- Know where to turn. Before selling your timeshare, read the FTC's advice on selling a timeshare and report any scams to BBB or the FBI's Internet Crime Complaint Center.

To check the reliability of a company and find trustworthy businesses, visit bbb.org.

Irate plaintiff may have case

By Robert Meisner
Guest Columnist

Q: We believe that our developer knowingly sold condominium units to individuals who presented a high risk of foreclosure and abandonment of their homes, provided them with financing, and really didn't give a true story of the nature of our neighborhood. Is there anything we can do against our developer?

A: In the past, I would have said you were out of luck, but in a recent 9th Circuit federal decision, the court held that the purchaser's decreased economic value and desirability were cognizable injuries which could be pursued against

the developer, and if they can establish a sufficient causal connection between any decreased value and desirability and the developer's actions, they should be able to pursue the matter. This is certainly, now something to consider and developers should be clearly put on notice of their potential exposure for selling units to people who have no business buying these units because of economic limitations.

Q: Can you give me any ideas with respect to what it is like to purchase property in Lima, Peru, and the Galapagos Islands, which I hear are extremely beautiful?

A: Lima is a big city where there are a number of high rise apartments that are newly constructed which, like in most South American cities, are highly expensive. The Galapagos Islands are restricted to residents who are born in the Galapagos Islands, so your opportunity to live there and/or possibly develop parts of it is extremely limited because it is a National Park with many restrictions to preserve the habitat.

Peru has a better exchange rate than Brazil and Argentina, as it relates to the American dollar, so your opportunities for investment are greater in terms of getting the benefit of your dollars' worth.

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HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Dec. 19-22, 2011, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

CANTON

7320 Admiralty Dr	\$150,000
2376 Arcadia Dr	\$66,000
41697 Bedford Dr	\$45,000
4111 Berkeley Ave	\$82,000
6322 Clarendon Dr	\$176,000
41978 Coventry Way	\$130,000
6062 Fairborn Dr	\$335,000
7120 Foxridge Dr	\$198,000
50156 Grant St	\$241,000

48298 Greenwich Ln	\$228,000
49918 Hancock St	\$315,000
50140 Jackson Ln	\$190,000
44223 Richmond Ct	\$197,000
626 Sandalwood Ct	\$317,000
2839 Siever Dr	\$201,000

GARDEN CITY

31255 Marquette St	\$40,000
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LIVONIA

11307 Brookfield St	\$126,000
17300 Brookview Dr	\$180,000
12020 Cavell St	\$30,000
19513 Gary Ln	\$270,000
9402 Gillman St	\$88,000
18230 Gillman St	\$42,000
9930 Harrison St	\$125,000
33920 La Moyne St	\$150,000
17500 Lathers St	\$33,000
36062 Lyndon St	\$175,000

29726 Mason St	\$105,000
18525 Milburn St	\$125,000
10040 Seltzer St	\$65,000
36329 St Andrews Dr	\$30,000
32131 Wyoming St	\$90,000

NORTHVILLE

19644 Aqueduct Ct	\$65,000
17681 Crestbrook Dr	\$575,000
101 Hampton Ct	\$198,000
18938 Heather Ridge Dr	\$535,000
16049 Pine Valley Dr	\$466,000
42549 Ravina Ln	\$227,000

PLYMOUTH

42023 Brentwood Dr	\$127,000
12420 Concord Ct	\$215,000
40609 Newport Dr	\$72,000
1075 Sutherland St	\$81,000

REDFORD

9921 Arnold	\$40,000
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15127 Aubrey	\$18,000
15102 Fox	\$92,000
26550 Kendall Ct	\$49,000
9282 Louis	\$69,000
9640 Mercedes	\$45,000
14301 Mercedes	\$49,000
26911 Santa Maria	\$99,000
9147 Sioux	\$52,000
19397 Woodworth	\$20,000

WESTLAND

1700 Ackley Ave	\$28,000
8589 Cardwell St	\$101,000
32228 Melton St	\$57,000
8132 Perrin Ave	\$85,000
6649 Quail Run Cir	\$71,000
7812 Rivergate Dr	\$67,000
1565 S Marie St	\$67,000

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of December 12-16, 2011, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

BEVERLY HILLS

18625 Devonshire St	\$310,000
32471 Madison St	\$130,000
31699 Southview St	\$232,000

BIRMINGHAM

1116 Buckingham Ave	\$299,000
1085 Chapin Ave	\$477,000
1028 Chester St	\$315,000
232 Pilgrim Ave	\$513,000
1792 Pine St	\$444,000
400 Southfield Rd Unit 9	\$175,000

BLOOMFIELD HILLS

1687 S Hill Blvd	\$115,000
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BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP

1665 Dell Rose Dr	\$280,000
1736 Hamilton Dr	\$200,000
2905 W Hickory Grove Rd	\$98,000
984 Waddington St	\$790,000

COMMERCE TOWNSHIP

4646 Benstein Rd	\$81,000
3826 Ranya Dr	\$228,000
3613 Sleeth Ct	\$158,000
5988 Strawberry Cir	\$342,000

FARMINGTON

23941 Whittaker Dr	\$178,000
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FARMINGTON HILLS

21413 Archwood Cir	\$120,000
28226 Bellcrest St	\$160,000
37280 Chelsea Ct	\$241,000
28415 Inkster Rd	\$125,000
30024 W 12 Mile Rd	\$29,000
32311 W Wayburn St	\$102,000

2347 Carriage Way	\$211,000
1758 Hilltop Dr	\$390,000

NOVI

30732 Ardmore Ct	\$63,000
30736 Ardmore Ct	\$75,000
22539 Cranbrooke Dr	\$68,000
26250 Fieldstone Dr	\$255,000
22480 Haverdale St	\$329,000
27887 Hopkins Dr	\$122,000
24775 Reeds Pointe Dr	\$311,000
22756 Renford St	\$50,000
25810 Shoreline Dr	\$800,000
27531 Sloan Ct	\$218,000
25350 Sutton Ct	\$50,000
25428 Sutton Ct	\$250,000
26991 Victoria Rd	\$50,000
50577 W 10 Mile Rd	\$120,000

SOUTH LYON

51959 Copperwood Dr N	\$50,000
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27911 Woodstream Dr	\$425,000
28050 Brentwood St	\$25,000

SOUTHFIELD

28631 Castlegate Dr	\$152,000
19394 Coral Gables St	\$22,000
20018 Covington Pkwy	\$75,000
28066 Glasgow St	\$45,000
20955 Harvard Rd	\$80,000
28482 Marshall St	\$8,000
28482 Marshall St	\$7,000
28995 San Carlos St	\$135,000
28468 Selkirk St	\$67,000
22940 Shevington Dr	\$146,000
30228 Southfield Rd # A166	\$25,000

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8847 Arlington St	\$74,000
9245 Little Farm St	\$94,000
8045 Wildwood Ln	\$233,000
8100 Wildwood Ln	\$211,000

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ACROSS

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5 "Hot Lips" series
9 Novelist Rand
12 NYSE rival
13 Malaria symptom
14 Laugh syllable
15 Congenial
16 Rampart walls
18 — Kringle
20 Send money
21 Passport requirement
23 Baja Ms.
25 Mystic sound
26 Cairo's river
28 Lock of hair
32 Obscure corner
35 Aunt, in Madrid
36 Director Kazan
37 To be, to Brutus
38 Jane Austen novel
40 Not C.O.D.
41 Exceedingly

- 43 Old-fashioned
46 Get in shape
49 Wine served warm
50 Does ranch work (2 wds.)
53 Atahualpa, for one
56 Draw on
57 Cry of dismay (2 wds.)
58 Salad bowl wood
59 Electric fish
60 Come again?
61 "Butch Cassidy" role

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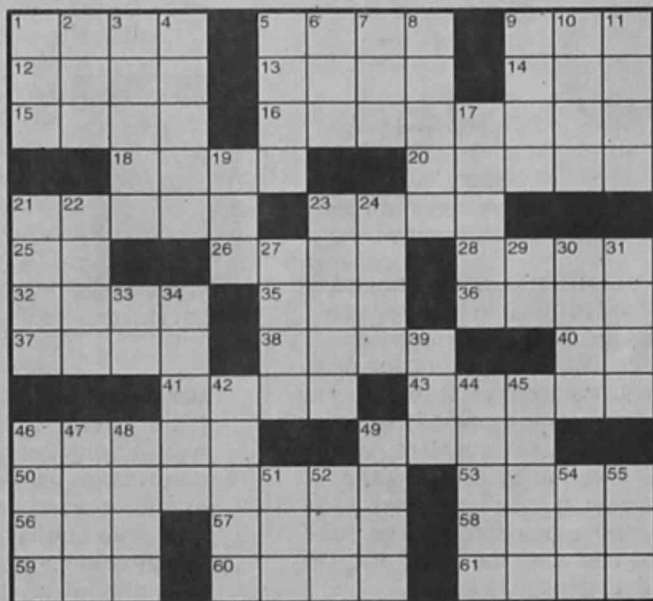
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2 Fifi's boyfriend
3 Nocturnal lizard
4 Make an effort
5 Atlas contents
6 Turkish official
7 "Big" surfing center
8 Courage

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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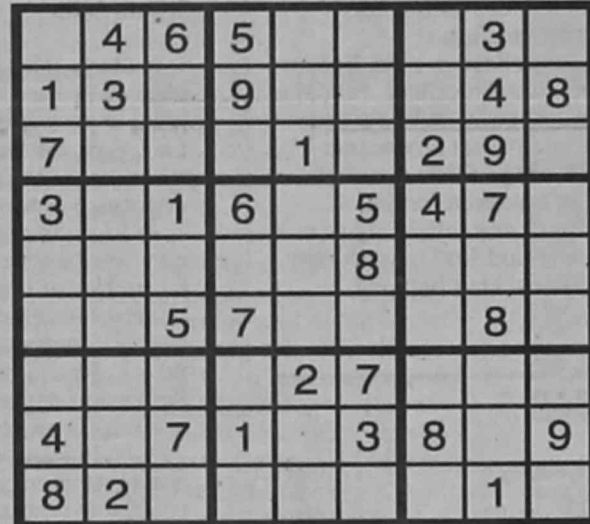
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24 500 sheets
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30 Fully matured
31 "Dragnet" org.
33 Bone, for Caesar
34 Costner or McHale
39 Oklahoma town
42 Set up a fund
44 Go fly — —!
45 Doctrine
46 Accurate
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49 Notice
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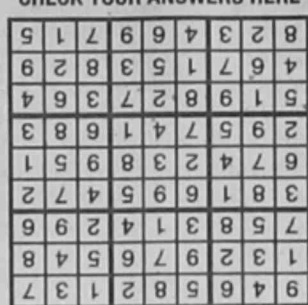
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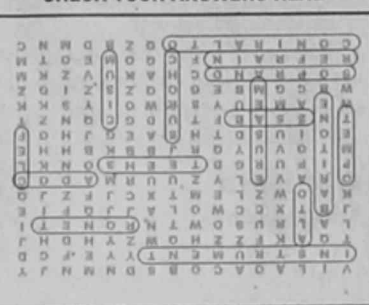
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