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### **Memorial Day**

Canton Township's annual Memorial Day celebration takes place at 1 p.m. Monday at the Veterans Memorial in Heritage Park.

The ceremony will include speeches and the laying of wreaths. Also Monday are 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. performances of a patriotic concert by the BeckRidge Chorale. Those performances take place at the Village Theater at Cherry

Canton Township offices will be closed Monday due to the holiday. They will reopen for normal business hours at 8:30 a.m.

Trash collection will be pushed back one

#### **Prom pics**

Looking forward to prom? Why not share the magic with our readers? Send in your prom pics and we'll publish them on a special photo page and a photo gallery on hometownlife.com. Simply e-mail your best shots to Canton Observer Editor Brad Kadrich at bkadrich@hometownlife.com and be sure to include names and high school of those pictured. Please limit to two-three photos and send in JPEG format only.

#### **Peppers** tickets

Enter our Facebook contest for a chance to win two tickets to the Red Hot Chili Peppers concert at 8 p.m. Friday, June 1, at the Joe. The concert will be a homecoming for drummer Chad Smith, who graduated from Lahser High and stops in for sliders at Hunter House in Birmingham. Share the contest link with a Facebook friend chances to win if they also enter the contest.



#### Lions camp

**Detroit Lions Youth** Football will be offering a football camp July 5-8 for boys and girls ages 6-14.

The camp will be at Central Middle School from 8:30 a.m. to noon each day. The cost is \$159 and includes noncontact instruction, T-shirt, contests, awards and more.

The camp is limited to the first 70 participants. Register online at www.detroitlions. com/youthfootball or call (313) 262-2248.

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# Festival features 9/11 memorial

By Brad Kadrich Observer Staff Writer

Josh Meier knows the number - 343 of firefighters who died in the collapse of the World Trade Center during the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks that leveled the twin towers.

And Meier, Canton Township's deputy fire chief, doesn't think anyone should ever forget it. That's why he loves the idea of bringing a traveling 9/11 memorial exhibit to Canton's Liberty Fest June 14-16.

The exhibit, an actual piece of structural steel that was part of an I-beam holding up one of the floors of the World Trade Center, will be at Fire Station One during the final two days of the festival.

"I think any time we can pay respect to the victims of 9/11, we should do that," said Meier. "My belief is the country should never forget it ... 9/11 for

#### PAYING RESPECTS

What: 9/11 traveling memorial Where: Canton Township Fire Station 1, 1100 Canton Center

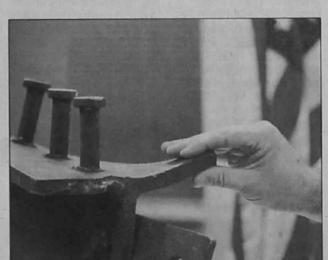
When: Canton Liberty Festival, Friday, 4-8 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Why: To pay tribute to the victims who died in the terror attacks of Sept. 11,

How: Stop by the fire station, or take available shuttles out of Heritage Park to Fire Station 1

all firefighters is something we'll never forget. For the firefighters in our department, that day is something special. Any time we can pay tribute, we should do that."

The memorial is the property of the

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WEST BLOOMFIELD FIRE DEPARTMENT

Touching the 9/11 Memorial, an actual piece of structural steel from the World Trade Center towers, often brings visitors to tears, according to West Bloomfield Fire Chief Jay Wiseman.



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Kathleen Taylor and Janet Mason are bagging groceries. Ralph Puckett delivers another pallet of onions.

# Ministry races clock to buy home

By Darrell Clem Observer Staff Writer

Open Door Ministry, a Canton-based food pantry that every week feeds 460 families across a wide swath of metro Detroit, feared its nine-year charity efforts could screech to a halt after the warehouse it leases was offered for sale for \$1.1 million.

Directors Steve and Jackie Darr believe God led them in late 2003 to the sprawling warehouse on Lilley south of Michigan Avenue where Greif, Inc., once made cardboard boxes.

"What they do here is monumental," 26-year-old volunteer Chris Levesque of Plymouth said Thursday, packing squash for hungry families who drove

up that evening to load muchneeded food into their cars. "I know what it's like to be hun-

gry. I've been in that situation." Open Door Ministry, spearheaded by Canton's Connection Church, has a chance to keep its 48,600-square-foot warehouse after signing a sales agreement to buy it for \$290,000 - far less than Greif's original asking price.

More needed

After raising \$40,000 in mere weeks, the nonprofit ministry still needs to raise \$250,000 by late June to buy the warehouse - or face long-term debt that could force Open Door to scale back the number of people it helps from Canton, Plymouth, Westland, Livonia, Garden City, Redford, Farmington, Wayne, Ypsilanti and other communi-

"I see the people lining up here to get food," 69-year-old volunteer Kathleen Taylor of Ypsilanti said, packing onions into plastic bags. "They need

this food.' Steve Darr said an appeal is being made to area churches, businesses, corporations, private donors and others to help Open Door, which this year already has collected and distributed 772,455 pounds of food it has given to 27,805 people,

most of them repeat clients. To donate, go to www.opendoorfoodministry.org or send a check payable to Open Door

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# **Motorists** face busy project season

By Darrell Clem Observer Staff Writer

Amid an already-grueling construction season, the Warren Road bridge over I-275 in Canton is expected to close as early as Wednesday morning as state work

crews start repairing the overpass. The bridge is expected to remain closed through late September as construction crews replace the driving surface, overpass approaches and barrier walls, among other repairs, Michigan Department of Transportation spokesman Rob Morosi said.

"It's going to be a tough summer over in that area," he said. "It's one thing to hit a pothole. It's another thing when you have a bridge closed."

Not far to the north, Ann Arbor Trail over I-275 is expected to close as early as Thursday for what state officials describe as an overpass rehabilitation project.

The latest orange-barrel projects come as motorists already have faced delays along I-275 as state road crews engage in numerous bridge and road repairs.

However, the Warren Road closing is one of the longest MDOT projects expected this summer in Canton.

"This will be the big one," Canton Engineering Services Manager Bill Serchak said.

MDOT has indicated Warren Road drivers will be detoured to Ford Road, already one of Canton's busiest and most accidentprone thoroughfares.

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Anthony Sewejkis was sentenced to 10-15 years in prison after being convicted of abusing his son.

## Man gets 10-15 years for abusing son

By Darrell Clem Observer Staff Writer

Sobbing and claiming remorse for brutally abusing his then 4-month-old son, Canton father Anthony Sewejkis failed to sway a judge Friday from imposing the maximum prison sentence of 10-15 years for injuries that damaged baby Hunter's brain and left him partially blind, deaf, paralyzed and unable to eat on his ownand still facing possible death.

Sewejkis, dressed in a yellow jail uni-

form, faced sentencing by Wayne County Circuit Judge Margaret Van Houten after a jury convicted him May 11 of first-degree child abuse for injuring Hunter while home alone with him last

The child's mother, Leanne Garlick, and others have said Sewejkis, 25, had shown real emotion before his sentencing.

"To say that I have no remorse is not true," Sewejkis told the judge. "Every

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# Local author helping students get published

By Brad Kadrich Observer Staff Writer

For the last several years, since the publication of her first book, Taylor Joseph of Canton has been traveling the country, touting the importance of literacy and reading and telling students and others about her story.

Now, with the publication of her latest book, Your Stories Volume 1, Joseph is letting other students tell their sto-

The book, due out June 14, is the eighth for the 2011 Salem High School graduate. It's a collection of stories written by students from across the country, as told to Joseph during her travels. The stories are written by the students themselves and are, in most cases, the

first published works for each of the students.

'Started out going to 135 schools, and every time I'd go to one students would hand me a story," said Joseph, whose book contains hundreds of stories from students in 17 states. "I decided to put a whole bunch of stories together so they could follow their dream and have their stories published at a young age.'

Central Middle School sixth-grader Kaylee Rostkowski is one of the featured authors, who said she writes a lot of stories "mostly about horses," penned a story about a horse named Oreo who gets a lot of teasing from other horses about his

In the story, Oreo gets help from his mom in stopping what Kaylee



Canton author Taylor Joseph (center) used her new book to publish stories from students including Isabella Piccinini of Troy and Kaylee Rostkowski of Plymouth (right).

thought was a definite case of bullying. She said she was inspired to make the story about bullying she's seen around her.

"There's a lot of bullying ... I wanted to explain how it's bad," said Kaylee, the daughter of Mike and

Christy Rostkowski. "I felt like (the story) kind of explained bullying. I wanted to show how you can stop it. I was excited (to see it published). I felt like I accomplished some-

That's how her fami-

ly - she also has sister Mya, 6, and brother Evan, - felt, too.

"Kids can read it ... It's not like your typical bullying story," Christy Rostkowski said. "It gets the point across. I was ecstatic and very proud. I knew she had it in her."

Isabella Piccinini, an eighth-grader at Larson Middle School in Troy, wrote a piece about a fictional detective who meets a movie star on a flight to London. The movie star ends up dead and the detective solves the murder.

The fictional plot fits right in with the kind of writing Isabella likes to

"I think fiction can take you kind of out of your real life ... You can think of anything and write it down," said Isabella, the daughter of Leslie Accar-

do of Troy and Louie Piccinini of Sterling Heights. "I was really happy (to see it in print). I love writing. It's something I want to do for the rest of my life."

Joseph is equally pleased to give a publishing avenue to young

authors. "When you read their stories, they all have a certain message," Joseph

Taylor's father, Larry Joseph, said he's proud of his daughter's writing accomplishments, but more so with her willingness to help others.

"It takes a lot of patience and motivation to help others," Larry Joseph said. "I'm more proud of what she's doing to help others."

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# Security cameras on tap for P-CEP

By Brad Kadrich Observer Staff Writer

For the first time in Plymouth-Canton Educational Park history, the interiors of all three high schools will be monitored by security cameras.

The Plymouth-Canton Board of Education this week voted unanimously to spend some \$388,000 with the project low bidder, Netech Corp., of Novi, to put security cameras in the hallways, cafeterias, gym areas and major intersections inside Plymouth, Canton and Salem High Schools.

In a related vote, the board also approved (on a 6-1 vote, with trustee Mike Maloney the lone dissenter) spending some \$108,000 to replace lighting in the parking lot at Plymouth High School.

The money will come

out of some \$829,000 remaining of the proceeds from a 2010 Qualified School Construction bond sale designed for energy-related projects.

The security cameras will supplement cameras placed earlier this spring in the cafeteria areas of all three high schools.

"We installed cameras in the cafeterias a few weeks ago," said Phil Freeman, the district's assistant superintendent for facilities and operations. "That was a high priority for us as we come down to the end of the school year."

The expenditure isn't

enough to provide camera coverage of the exterior of the park. That will have to be done - likely out of general fund or borrowed money - at a later date.

When officials do decide to cover the exterior, the system being purchased now will be adaptable to it.

"The system as designed is expandable," said William Weinrauch, senior associate/project manager for TMP Architecture, one of the companies engaged as professional representation for the project. "When the district does decide to do the outside, the system

will be able to handle it." The work will begin in

June, shortly after school gets out. Freeman said the cameras will be up and running by the time school starts again in September.

Meanwhile, McCarthy and Smith, the construction manager for the bond projects, will begin replacing the lights in the Plymouth High School parking lot with more energy efficient lighting. Freeman said this project was one left on a list put together by the district's energy committee when the bonds were issued.

"We were looking for something that would

give us a faster return on investment," Freeman

The lights at Plymouth were chosen because the replacement can be accomplished by replacing the heads on newer poles at that school.

Freeman said the district looked at replacing the lights at both Canton and Salem, but those poles are older and would have to be "replaced from the concrete up," Freeman said.

"That made that idea cost-prohibitive," he said.

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day of my life since Dec. 7 has been hell, not knowing whether or not my son is going to live or die. I carry his picture with me everywhere I go.

"This is not a show. This is real. I loved my son," Sewejkis said, adding that he tried to care for Hunter as a stay-at-home father while Garlick worked. "I do not blame anybody but myself for what happened. I no longer wish to live.'

Sewejkis' sentencing culminated a heartwrenching case that strained family relations after Garlick lost custody of Hunter to maternal grandparents Sal and Theresa Alongi, though Garlick and her father wept and hugged after Friday's sentencing.

Van Houten, in ordering Sewejkis imprisoned 10-15 years, accepted Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Lora Weingarden's request to go beyond the three- to five-year recommendation contained in a presentencing report. Van Houten said Seweikis never sought help for Hunter for hours

until Garlick came home, though he ultimately confessed he struck the child's head against a carpet-covered hardwood floor of their home on Michigan Avenue.

"He was trying to cover it up," Van Houten said. "He was trying not to let the authorities know what he did.'

Defense attorney Kelly D. Watson had sought the lesser sentence, indicating he still maintains Seweikis suffers from mental problems caused by schizoaffective disorder. Watson has indicated he will advise an appeal.

Garlick wept Friday as she addressed Van Houten, saying Hunter's injuries amount to a life sentence even though Sewejkis could leave prison after 10-15 years. She said she has "nightmares and flashbacks" of what might have happened to Hunter while she was at work for an Ann Arbor taxi service.

"There's nothing a 4month-old child could do to make someone so mad at them to do that," she said, recalling how she and others initially planned a funeral for Hunter because doctors didn't think he would survive. "We didn't think he was going to live, and I thank God that he did."

Heather Babbitt, Hunter's aunt, recalled how Hunter looked at the University of Michigan Mott Children's Hospital, where he was airlifted from Oakwood Annapolis Hospital in Wayne. Babbitt said Hunter's eyes bulged and his tongue was swollen outside of his mouth.

Since Hunter's threemonth hospital stay, Babbitt said, family members have pulled together to care for him, partly by using a feeding tube attached to his stomach. She said he smiles on one side of his face and his eyes aren't focused as they should be.

Sal Alongi, who has called Hunter "our little miracle baby," said the incident has forever changed the child and Alongi's family.

"He will never walk. He will never talk," Alongi told the judge. "He is blind in one eye and partially blind in the other. He is deaf in one ear and partially deaf in the other. He will never crawl. He will never be able to do anything that any normal baby or child can ever do."

Alongi said the incident nearly cost him a business he owns, and he said he has had difficulty focusing on his life and his marriage. Alongi recalled sleeping, eating and praying at the hospital where Hunter lay near

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death. "I still pray to God to take my life and give Hunter back his," Alongi

He pleaded with Van Houten for a lengthy sentence.

"I ask that you put that monster in a tiny little cage where he belongs and throw the key away," he said in court.

Though Garlick, Alongi and some others would have preferred a longer sentence, they lauded Van Houten for imposing the maximum sentence by law.

"It's still not enough," Alongi said.

However, he has now pinned his hopes on new state legislation, already passed by the House, that would make firstdegree child abuse punishable by life in prison if it becomes law.

"I hope this goes into effect for any other child that goes through what Hunter did," Alongi said.

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West Bloomfield Township Fire Department. It's a twisted piece of metal that has clearly seen the

stress and damage of the explosion.

In addition to the metal, the exhibit has four storyboards that help tell the story of 9/11, according to Jay Wiseman, West Bloomfield's fire chief. The boards depict the airplane strikes on the towers and all of the subsequent scenes of the aftermath.

The final panel, Wiseman said, contains photos of every firefighter killed in the collapse. It's an emotional experience for everyone who visits it, he said.

"People just kind of put their hands on it and sit and reflect on it," Wise-

man said. "They get all goose-bumpy and very possibly cry." Canton Leisure Servic-

es staffers heard about the memorial and suggested it to township fire officials, who contacted West Bloomfield firefighters about borrowing the memorial.

Canton fire officials

will have the memorial on display at Fire Station 1 as part of open house activities. Visitors can not only visit the memorial, but they can meet their own firefighters, tour the station and get a birds-eye look at life as a Canton fire-

Shuttles will run people from Heritage Park to Fire Station No. 1, and Meier hopes as many people as possible will take advantage.

"People are more than welcome to stop by any time during (the festival)," Meier said. "They can meet the men and women who work for the Canton Fire Department, and pay tribute to the victims of 9/11."

That's the part that will get emotional, according to Wiseman, who notes while the memorial itself isn't large in stature, it's huge in impact.

"It's not large by any stretch of the imagination, but it has significant impact," Wiseman said. "It really makes you stop and think when you look at it."

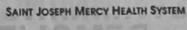
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MASPA is dedicated to the support and development of K-12 public education personnel/human resource professionals. Each year MASPA solicits funds from member groups, individuals, vendors and holds an annual raffle to fund the award.

#### Young Investors

Two Plymouth High School sophomores took second and third place in the Bloomfield Hills Financial Stock-to-Scholarship Challenge. The goal of the competition is to raise financial literacy and awareness among high school students.

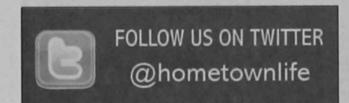
The contest began in February, 2012 and ended on April 30, 2012. Each contestant was given access to an online personal stock market account seeded with \$100,000 in play money. Over the course of the competition, contestants studied and traded stocks within their portfolios. The students who accrued the most money in their accounts were deemed winners of the

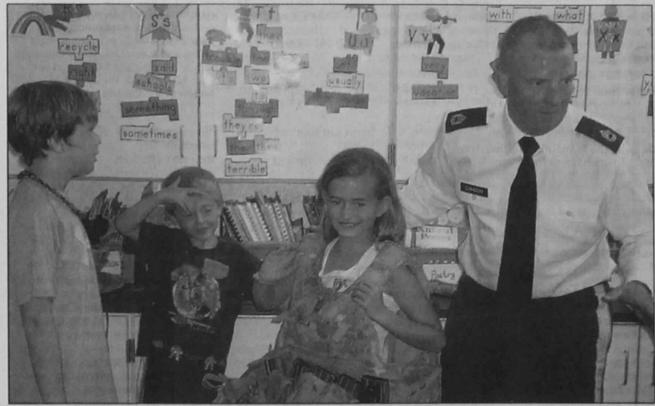
Christopher Kozler added \$41,000 to his portfolio earning him a \$2,000 college scholarship. Kyle Bone's investments netted \$34,000, which earned him a \$1,000 scholarship. 650 students from 72 area high schools competed for a total of \$8,000 in scholarship money.

#### Photo exhibit

The Plymouth Community Arts Council will host "Behind the Lens: An Interactive Journey" featuring photographs by Pioneer Middle School eighth-grade

The exhibit opens with an invitation only grand opening and awards ceremony Saturday, June 9, from 7 to 9 p.m. Many of the photos in the exhibit were taken in New York City this year on the school's annual field trip to the Big Apple. The photos will be available for public viewing through June 30 at the Plymouth Arts Council.





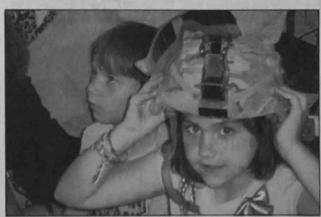
U.S. Army Sgt. 1st Class Nathan Cohoon shows third-grader Shelby Bates how heavy his body armor is, while fellow third-grader Aidan Morrocco lends a hand.

# Soldier visits as thanks for letters

By Brad Kadrich Observer Staff Writer

U.S. Army Sgt. 1st Class Nathan Cohoon has done three tours of duty in Iraq and another in Afghanistan, so he's seen some dark days during his 20year Army career.

But his days in war-torn Iraq and Afghanistan were brightened considerably by a group of third-grade students halfa-world away. Third-graders in Shannon McCarthy's class at Smith Elementary School, where Cohoon's cousin Libby Gallagher is a student, wrote letters and drew pictures and sent them to the soldier during one of



Third-grader Bella Karageanes tries on a U.S. Army helmet.

"I loved those letters," said Cohoon, who actually started his military career during his junior year at Holt High School. "I loved their imagination and the funny stories they wrote. It's inspirational.

The letter-writing effort was the brainchild of Libby's mom, Brooke Gallagher, who thought her cous-

in could use an emotional lift around the holidays. So before Christmas, she encouraged the students to write Cohoon letters and send him pictures.

"Being as he's in the military and away from his family, I thought it would be nice for the kids to write him," Gallagh-

It did the trick. Cohoon,

stationed now at Fort Wainwright and living in North Pole, Alaska, said the letters and pictures went a long way toward brightening his office,

and his days. To thank the students, Cohoon spent an hour or so with them Friday, telling them stories - "Santa and I are buddies," he told the kids - and displaying various items of military equipment, including a set of body armor and a variety of

tools and equipment. It was the least he could do for the students who'd brightened his days overseas.

"It brings some color to my office," Cohoon said of the letters and photos. "Mostly, it brings a smile to my face."

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#### TRASH AND TREASURE

Date/Time: June 1-2, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Location: Cherry Hill United Methodist Church, 321 S. Ridge in Canton

Details: Cherry Hill United Methodist Church hosts its annual "Trash and Treasure Sale" with everything from toys, kitchen, holiday and hobby

#### **AROUND CANTON**

items with some furniture. No clothes. There's a bag sale on Saturday after

Contact: Call (313) 562-7496 for more information

#### DAY CAMP

Date/Time: June 18 through Aug. 10, Monday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Location: Salvation Army of Plymouth, Main Street just south of Ann Arbor Road

Details: The Salvation Army of Plymouth still has openings for its Summer Day Camp program. Cost is \$60 per week per child. An optional beforecare and after-care program exists for working parents. There are also scholarships available for families who cannot afford the full fee.

Contact: For more information about the program, contact Cassie Hull, Program Ministries Coordinator, at (734) 453-5464 ext. 25 or e-mail cassie\_hull@ usc.salvationarmy.org.

#### **NEWCOMER PICNIC**

Date/Time: Saturday, June 2, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Location: Heritage Park Pavilion 1

**Details:** Canton Newcomers and Neighbors hosts a family picnic with grilled delights, a train ride, face painting, balloon toss, games, door prizes and fun for all. Your immediate family is encouraged to attend with your \$20 dues for the 2012 - 2013 41st season of the Canton Newcomers and Neighbors club (the community's social and charitable group where you don't have to be "New"). Visit www.cantonnewcomersandneighbors.org for all the club's offerings.

Contact: To RSVP to join the Newcomers and Neighbors club and attend its annual picnic, call Noreen at (734) 981-0486 or e-mail nrybar@yahoo.com.

#### PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Date/Time: June 17, 7-11 a.m. Location: Mettetal Airport, Canton

Details: Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 113 sponsors its annual Father's Day pancake breakfast. Proceeds help fund educational scholarships for students pursuing aviation degrees. The event includes breakfast, helicopter rides and static displays.

Contact: For more information visit www.113.eaachapter.org.

#### **MOTORISTS**

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Moreover, Haggerty and Lilley roads also have become more congested as motorists try to avoid lengthy delays along I-275.

"Lilley has gotten busier north and south as motorists try to get away from 275," Serchak said.

In what could signal some relief for Warren Road detours, Morosi said the closed Joy Road overpass over I-275 is expected to reopen as early as Friday.

State and local officials have asked motorists to remain as patient as possible as the I-275 corridor work continues this construction season.

"It's like the cliche, a temporary delay for long-term gain," Serchak said. He said most drivers find

and adapt to alternate routes to make their commutes as painless as possible.

MDOT, meanwhile, has suggested that motorists who typically use the Ann Arbor Trail overpass might consider using Ann

Arbor Road as a detour. The bridge repairs and other road projects come after MDOT officials in February rolled out an estimated \$36.8 million in construction projects along the I-275 corridor projects officials conceded would test motorists' patience in Canton, the Plymouths, Livonia, Westland, Van Buren Township

and other communities. MDOT officials told the Canton Observer during an informal meeting in February at Summit on the Park that the projects are intended to boost safety, ultimately reduce roadway congestion and improve deteriorating bridges and roads.

"We will try to minimize the frustration," Gorette Yung, MDOT development engineer, said.



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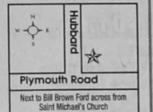
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#### **MINISTRY**

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Ministry, 4301 S. Lilley Road, Canton, MI, 48188. Darr said Open Door Ministry simply can't

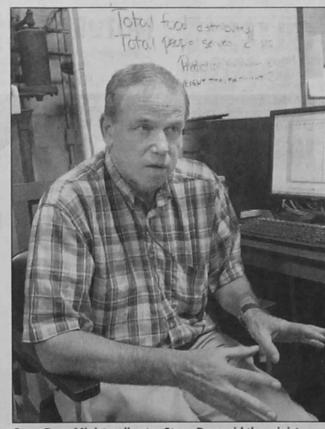
Ministry simply can't afford to move. He said the charity would have to pay at least \$9,000 a month — far more than the \$1,000 it has been paying — to lease another building large enough to accommodate its needs. Moreover, bank representatives have told him it would cost more than \$1.6 million to buy a suitable facility.

Despite reports of an improving economy, Darr said appeals for help to Open Door Ministry have steadily grown. He believes many people have simply fallen off the unemployment rolls, though they might have a chance of rebounding through a jobs bank Open Door sponsors at its warehouse.

Helping families Open Door started in November 2003 helping

80 families a week — a

number that has grown



Open Door Ministry director Steve Darr said the ministry has a chance to keep its home if it can raise some \$250,000.

to 460. Fortunately, the nonprofit agency has had room to grow at its location, where it has freezers, hi-los, pallets, computers, enough space to accommodate 100 cars at

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once and a loading dock where food donors drop off everything from meat to vegetables.

"It would be difficult if not impossible to find another place where we



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Open Door Ministry needs to buy this building.

could serve as many families as we do," Darr said.

Though initiated by the Darrs and Connection Church, Open Door Ministry has drawn other churches, schools and civic organizations into its fold.

"It's all the churches and schools and civic organizations working together," Darr said.

Open Door has named its fundraising campaign "Building a Heart of Caring." Inside the warehouse, organizers have built a large plywood heart that is colored black. As donors give money, their names are placed on the heart on red-colored aluminum tags.

Darr hopes the heart will become completely red, if Open Door can reach its fundraising goal. The heart will become a symbol that remains in the warehouse. Smiling as she packed onions into a bag, Taylor is hopeful that area communities will help their needy residents by supporting Open Door Ministry and keeping alive the dream started by Connection Church and the Darrs.

"They do a great service to humanity," she said.

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# All-Star event honors outstanding students

LOCAL NEWS

The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers honored the 27th annual Academic All-Stars Team in a breakfast awards ceremony Wednesday attended by students, parents, O&E staff, sponsors and guests at the VisTaTech Center at Schoolcraft College in Livonia.

Livonia Mayor Jack Kirksey welcomed the All-Stars and guests. He encouraged them to take advantage of business internships while they are in college and then "stay in Michigan" when they share their "great talents with the world around" them.

The All-Stars program is sponsored by the O&E in partnership with Madonna University and DMC Children's Hospi-

"Students and soon to be graduates - today is your day. Enjoy it and remember it. Your achievements in high school have been tremendous and we salute you," said Susan Rosiek, executive editor and publisher of the O&E.

This year's All-Stars Team is made up of 27 students from public and private schools in Oakland and western Wayne counties. The students were recently profiled in a special section distributed in print to O&E subscribers and online (www. hometownlife.com).

All-Stars received a gift bag with copies of the section, along with movie tickets to Emagine Theater, Buddy's pizza vouchers, a gift card, a flash drive, a special certificate naming them a 2012 All-Star and other items.

Joining in the ceremony Karen Sanborn, director of marketing at Madonna University and Anika T. Corbett Director, public relations and marketing at Children's Hospital of Michigan.

The All-Stars are selected based solely on academic credentials (gradepoint average in academic subjects and ACT and/ or SAT scores). A panel of high school principals -Carolyn Witte of Mercy High, Charlie Hollerith of Lahser High School and Dan Willenborg of Franklin High School - verified test scores and nominations in March.

All public, private and parochial schools in the O&E circulation are invited to nominate two students for the All-Stars competition.

New to this year's All-Stars program was a \$500 scholarship awarded by Parkside Credit Union to Steven Marion, an All-Star from Canton High School. Heather Gatewood, marketing specialist, and Connie Gladki, accounting manager, represented Parkside Credit Union at the event.

Members of the All-Stars Team were invited to write an essay about financial responsibility. Marion's essay will be published in a future edition of the O&E. All of the essays will be posted online at hometownlife. com beginning June 1.



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Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Academic All-Stars honored last Wednesday at the awards ceremony are Peter Su of Salem, Brett Jia of Plymouth, Todd Maslyk of Plymouth, Scott Su of Salem and Emily Southern of Canton.



Karen Sanborn hands Kathryn Jarvis of Churchill High School her O&E bag filled with gifts.



Shruthi Subramaniam of North Farmington High School receives a gift bag from Karen Sanborn of Madonna University.



Mike Marion accepts the scholarship award on behalf of his son, Steven Marion of Canton High School, from Heather Gatewood, of Parkside Credit Union.



Lillian McGill of Harrison High School receives her all-star gift bag at Wednesday's awards



Anika Corbett presents a certificate of achievement to Daye Kim of North Farmington



Observer & Eccentric Executive Editor/Publisher Susan Rosiek welcomes the 2012 Academic All-Stars, parents and guests.



The 2012 Academic All-Stars attending the event are, left to right, sitting; **Andrew Sun of Detroit Country** Day, Shruthi Subramaniam of North Farmington, Molly Pantelic of Roeper, Vic Sun of Andover. Standing, middle row; Daye Kim of North Farmington, Lillian McGill of Harrison, Erik Burbulla of Roeper, Larissa Sambel of Cranbrook Kingswood, Emily Southern of Canton, Scott Suh of Salem, Katherine Lobaza of Seaholm, Brett Jia of Plymouth. Back row; Pete Suh of Salem, Zachary Prebay of Andover, Imran Nahin of Lahser, Kathryn Jarvis of Churchill, Stephen McShane of Groves, David Bender of Seaholm, Jessica Turner of Groves and Todd Maslyk of Plymouth.

# **NASCAR** racing comes to Canton

By Darrell Clem Observer Staff Writer

NASCAR racing is coming to Ford

Road in Canton. It's not as though race cars will be zipping along the already-accident-prone

thoroughfare, however. Rather, a replica of a NASCAR Ford Mustang and a race car simulator that offers the thrill of speeding around a track are coming to the Willow Creek Plaza, next to Buffalo Wild Wings on Ford Road between Haggerty and Lil-

It happens 1-7 p.m. Wednesday, June 13, sponsored by NASCAR sponsor Nationwide Insurance and its Cantonbased Heidi Kussurelis Agency. And it's

"We just want people to come out and check it out," said Lori Ott, operations manager and associate agent for the Heidi Kussurelis Agency, 5918 N. Lilley,

Nationwide has had ties to NASCAR drivers such as Dale Earnhardt Jr., and Ott said the Ford Mustang show car



A replica of this NASCAR race car is coming to Canton along with a race car simulator.

that's coming to Canton is similar to one used in actual races.

"It's not the actual vehicle that goes around the track, but it will be a replica of it," she said. "People who come out also can take a spin around the track in

a race car simulator."

It's a way for Nationwide to promote its insurance agencies and ties to NAS-CAR — the National Association for Stock Car Auto Racing - while bringing a little NASCAR excitement to local communities, Ott said.

Those attending can spin a prize wheel for a chance to win NASCAR prizes. such as key chains, pens, hats and Tshirts, she said.

Local officials see the event as a way to draw potential new customers to the Ford Road shopping district along Canton's Downtown Development Authority strip.

"Oftentimes these events do bring people here who may not have been in the community, or they may not have been to that shopping center," DDA Coordinator Kathleen Salla said.

Even those who shop along Ford Road might find businesses they didn't know existed along the busy shopping strip, which offers color-coded banners to help customers find their way. The NASCAR event occurs along a stretch Salla called "the blue color block."

The NASCAR event is among events along Ford Road that also include the summer jazz concert series, which Salla said returns in July.

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The cookout, with bratwurst, hot dogs, hamburgers, chips and pop, is 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at the Picnic Basket Market, 49471 Ann Arbor Road at

Ridge. There is no admission price, but donations will be welcomed.

It will be the fourth annual fireworks and picnic fundraiser at the Picnic Basket; last year's cookout raised nearly \$3,200. Picnic Basket owner Al Jonna is donating much of the food for the event, as he has in the

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# Pawlenty stumps for Romney at GOP dinner

By Ken Abramczyk Observer Staff Writer

Former Republican presidential candidate Tim Pawlenty joked about his presidential run, and discussed conservatives' opportunities and challenges coming up in the 2012 elections in his speech Thursday night to the Wayne 11th Congressional District at the Italian American Club in Livonia.

Several Republican lawmakers, candidates, business owners and activists were in the audience and met with Pawlenty, a former governor of Minnesota, during a VIP session before the speech and the group's annual Lincoln Reagan dinner.

As expected, Pawlenty stumped for Mitt Romney, the front-runner for the Republican presidential nomination.

Pawlenty said the United States was the greatest country in the world because it had the "freest people the world has ever

known. But the U.S. faces a challenge of weakening itself with the expanded government of President Barack Obama, Pawlenty said. "The federal government is expanding in our lives," Pawlenty said. Services once provided



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County Commissioner Laura Cox presents Carl Berry, former police chief in Plymouth and GOP activist, with a resolution.

by philanthropic groups, nonprofits and private enterprise are now provided by government, he

"Not only is government expanding its footprint, it begins to weigh down and destroy our incremental freedoms," he said. Pawlenty encouraged members of the audience to work hard in the upcoming presidential, Congressional, state

and local elections.

"We need to be willing to fight and say 'no more,' that we have had enough," he said.

Pawlenty said Obama "promised to cut the budget deficit in half, but instead he's tripled it."

Pawlenty commended Romney and his track record of leadership. "People want stuff to

get done," Pawlenty said. "(Romney) was spectacularly successful as a governor of Massachusetts. If you look at his record in Massachusetts, he cut spending and cut the state workforce. He was spectacularly successful in turning around the

Pawlenty earlier had joked about his own pres-

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idential campaign. He opened the speech talking about famous Minnesotans, including Kris Humphries, an NBA basketball player, who Pawlenty called "Mr. Kim Kardashian" in reference to his ex-wife and their short marriage.

"Everybody in Minnesota likes him." Pawlenty said. "They feel sorry for him because his marriage only lasted 72

"Don't feel sorry for him," Pawlenty told the crowd. "His marriage lasted longer than my presidential campaign."

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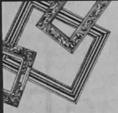
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# School's out!

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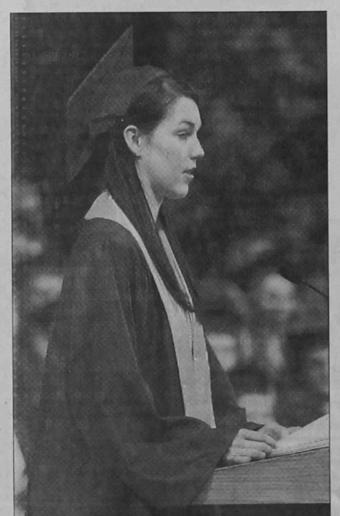
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Joshua David Witkowski gives Mom, Lorri Witkowski, a big hug after presenting her with a flower.



Kristin Elizabeth Malcolm is salutatorian.



Valedictorian is Lindsey Michelle Davidson.



Amy Zinn sings 'You Will Never Walk Alone,' by Point Of Grace.



Jonathan Douglass Cook and Superintendent/Principal Dr. Mark Wood.



Nathaniel Aaron Bortz is followed by Brianna Lynn Byers and Alexander James Jin Chapman during PCA's graduation ceremony Thursday.

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## Don't leave yourself short of retirement income

By Rick Bloom Guest Columnist

I was asked the following question May 22 at the Observer & Eccentric Senior

Q: I'm in a situation where I am forced to retire from my place of employment. I'm in good health and I wanted to work for a few more years, but it wasn't meant to be. I'm 69 years old, but by the time I finish my severance pay I will be 70. I guesstimate that in addition to mine and my wife's Social Security, I will need about \$2,000 a month to cover my living expenses. I have no debt and my house, which is free and clear, is worth in today's market around \$150,000. Between my wife and me, our IRA has about \$300,000. In addition, we have about \$50,000 outside of the IRA. My question is do you think I can afford to retire or do you think I should get a part-time job?

A: In reviewing your situation and considering that to cover living expenses you will need about \$24,000 from your portfolio, I would recommend that you consider a part-time job. After factoring in a variety of issues, including the need for a rising income and the fact that you will likely be around many years from now, I believe that working for a few more years would provide you a cushion that would be very helpful in the future. By working a few years to use that money to help cover your living expens-



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throughout your lifetime. My thought is that I'd rather be safe than sorry

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In determining whether someone can afford to retire, the first thing I look at is what they will need from their portfolio to cover their living expenses. Generally, when someone is retiring in their 60s, I want to make sure they have 20 to 25 times their income needs. This will ensure a rising income throughout their lifetime. After all, if it takes you \$24,000 to currently cover your living expenses today, that amount will never go down. I've always believed that in retirement you need to ensure a rising income, not a fixed income or a shrinking income.

The fact that you will be retiring at 70 means that instead of 20 to 25 times of income needed, 15 to 20 times would be acceptable. Based upon that, it does appear you were right at the limit you set as to whether you could safely retire or not.

One of the most difficult aspects of retirement planning is how many years could someone live in retirement. When

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I first got involved in this business, the general consensus was that at most you'd have a 10-year retirement. Fast forward to today and you realize that, at a minimum, you have to plan for a 20-plusyear retirement. In fact, I always try to tell people that if they retire in their mid-60s, they should have a strategy that lasts at least 30 years. I recognize that a 30-year retirement seems long today, however, just think about how many strides we've made when it comes to health care over the last decade. I have no doubt that in the next number of years, we are going to see even more changes that will increase the quality and the length of our life.

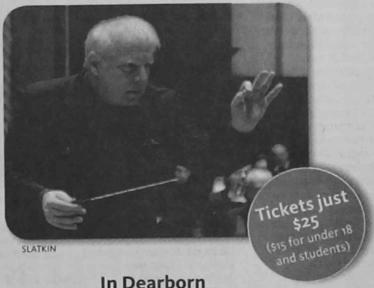
It used to be that someone either retired or they continued to work. In today's world, many people are going to have to take a hybrid approach, which means they'll have to work part time to help cover their needs. It is much more preferable to have to work part time for a few years when you're in your 60s or even early 70s, as opposed to having no options and running out of money when you're in your 80s. Good luck!

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

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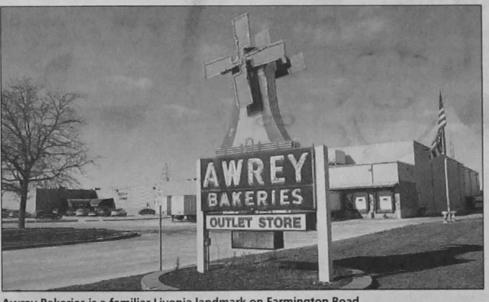
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# Awrey union to meet Tuesday; plant closed

By Karen Smith Observer Staff Writer

The future of Awrey Bakeries remains in lim-

The 160-member union that rejected a contract Wednesday afternoon calling for a \$2-per-hour wage concession and the layoff of 26 employees is supposed to meet at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Elks Lodge in Livonia, said Brian Corrigan, a union steward from Garden City who has worked at Awrey for 33 years. He said he doesn't know if there will be another contract to vote on or if members will be given Information about unemployment. "Anything is possible," he said.



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Members of Council 30 voted against the proposal 73-63. It was the second time they voted down a contract within one week. In the meantime, the

plant was closed Thursday and Friday on what would have been normal work days. "The parking lot is empty," Corrigan said, adding employees were told not to come in. "They've got a guard out there and he's not letting anybody in.'

The store, however, remained open for busi-

Jim Pallarito, lead security officer, said Thursday there were no updates to report. "There is no change in the status right now. When there is, they'll be happy to make it public," he said.

Bob Wallace, CEO of Awrey Bakeries, could not be reached for comment Thursday or Friday.

Barry Kasoff, the president of Realization Services and a turnaround specialist, according to Realization Services' website, who met with the union members Wednesday to try to convince them to ratify the agreement, was at a funeral Thursday and unavailable for comment. A message left Friday was not returned.

After the rejection,



The Awrey Thrift store is a favorite place to shop for many local residents.

Kasoff was meeting with union leaders, presumably to discuss liquidation.

According to employees, the company is \$5 million in the hole despite previous concessions from the union.

Awrey Bakeries, in business for 102 years, has called Livonia home since 1967, when it relocated from Detroit to its current plant on Farmington Road. Awrey Bakeries got its start in 1910 in the home of Fletcher and Elizabeth Awrey, who were living in Detroit after moving there from Canada. Awrey Bakeries makes

a number of items including cakes, cookies, Danish pastries, doughnuts and croissants, which

are used by restaurants, hotels, schools, hospitals and other institutional customers. About 10 percent of the firm's business comes from retail sales of its own branded goods, which are available only in Michigan.

The Awrey family no longer owns the company, The company was sold in 2005 to Hilco Equity of Chicago and Monomoy Capital to help the company emerge from Chapter 11 bankruptcy. In June 2009, Awrey's purchased Athens Elegant Dessert in Noblesville, Ind., which specializes in the company's cheesecake and highend desserts.

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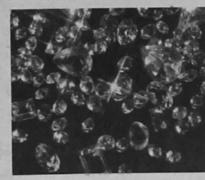
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By Tim Smith Observer Staff Writer

Getting clutch hits late in ball games has been one of the few shortcomings for this year's Plymouth's varsity baseball

But the Wildcats erased that off their to-do list and also set a new school record for victories in

the process with BASEBALL Wednes-

4 victory at Walled Lake Central.

Plymouth improved to 24-7 with the KLAA association crossover contest, surpassing 23-win totals amassed by the 2008 and 2011 teams.

'We got some big hits late in this game when we really needed them," Plymouth head coach Bryan Boyd said. "That's an area we have struggled with at times this

"To win 24 games is a testament to how dedicated these guys have been. They have a lot to be proud of."

The KLAA South Division champions also hope the beat continues with Tuesday's Division 1 predistrict game against Northville (at Salem). The contest begins at 4 p.m. and the winner will advance to play Friday, June 1.

Plymouth overcame a 2-1 deficit against the Vikings with a six-run sixth inning.

With one out, Brian Schmid singled, winning pitcher Justin Thompson (complete game) walked and Brandon Waack singled.

An error allowed two runs to score and Matt Janke drove in another with a base hit. After Casey Sudz (two hits) singled, Tyler Goble ripped a two-run triple. Goble trotted home on

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The only Canton baseball player to go yard with the BBCOR bats this season is sophomore Nick Hazergian, shown from a recent game.

# Unplugged

### Power disappears as prep baseball players adjust to new bats

By Tim Smith Observer Staff Writer

Mighty is now middling thanks to the old bat switcheroo.

All spring, Michigan's high school baseball players are adjusting to an MHSAA-mandated switch from high-octane BESR to less-springy BBCOR-certified non-wood bats

Effective with the 2012 season, all prep teams in the state were required to overhaul their bat

Gone are the old models, where batted balls took off like a rocket regardless of point of impact. They have been replaced by bats that feature a smaller "sweet spot" and lesser "trampoline effect" - enhancing player safety, but putting a drag on power

"I don't even think we have five home runs in batting practice this year, where usually we'd have two or three a day," Canton head base-ball coach Mark Blomshield said about the newfangled bats.

Gap power

He said one of his top players, senior third baseman and pitcher Ryan Bazner, has slammed a



A look at the new BBCOR bats Michigan high school teams must use. A smaller 'sweet spot' and lesser 'trampoline effect' on these nonwood bats enhances safety, but puts a drag on power numbers.

handful of triples this year that last year "probably would have been home runs.'

"We play a lot of small ball and everybody else is, too," Blomshield added. "We haven't played for too many big innings."

The only Canton player to clear the fence during game action has been sophomore Nick Hazergian. He has all four of the team's homers, although one was an insidethe-park job.

Plymouth head baseball coach Bryan Boyd told a similar tale.

"You notice a difference on balls that are driven, because balls that were clearing the fence last year are sometimes dropping on the warning track," Boyd said. "Brandon Waack hit a ball the first game (of a May 12 twinbill against Salem) that last year would have been out, but this year it was a 285-foot fly ball.

"My understanding is they've minimized the trampoline effect. That's what they're trying to do."

According to Plymouth players Brendan Swanson and Rich Guglielmi, the adjustment period continues even as the state tournament begins with Tuesday's Division 1 pre-district game against

Northville (4 p.m. at Salem). Swanson actually slammed two homers in the second game May 12, but that doesn't mean he's figured out the BBCOR bats.

"I learned you have to use all

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#### **Blazers** post lacrosse win

Senior Emma Ellswood pumped in seven goals Wednesday as Livonia Ladywood opened MHSAA Division 2 regional play with a 16-3 girls lacrosse victory at Temperance Bedford.

Goalie Stephanie Mackley had to make only one save for the Blazers, who improved to 13-5 overall.

**Emily Davis scored** two goals and goalie Ashley Pasko made six saves for the winless Kicking Mules.

Ladywood returns to regional semifinal action 5:30 p.m. Wednesday at Farmington High against Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard.

#### MU's Barley All-American

Madonna University junior shortstop Jackie Barley recently earned NAIA Softball honorable mention All-America honors.

Barley, the 2012 Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Player of the Year, led MU in nearly every offensive category, posting a team-best .394 batting average with 63 hits including 16 doubles, six home runs and 43 runs batted in.

She was also named to the National Fastpitch Coaches Association 2012 NAIA All-Great Lake Region first-team joining sophomore first baseman Erin Mayes (Ida), who had six homers, 30 RBI and a .350 average.

Named to the All-Great Lakes second team was junior outfielder Arielle Cox (Monroe Jefferson), who hit .358, and freshman pitcher Angela Pavilanis (Flat Rock), who went 17-3 with a 1.32 earned run average in 134.2 innings

MU, an NAIA National Tournament qualifier, finished 34-14 this season winning both the WHAC regular season and playoff titles.

### Game on!



The 30th annual Canton Cup Tournament opened Friday evening with soccer matches all across the township, including at Independence Park. Here, 10-year-old Morgan Gooden (right) of the U11 Canton Celtic White girls team battles for the ball against a member of the Ann Arbor United Soccer Club. For more on Day 1 of the tournament, please turn to page B2.

### Young 'Cats play like veterans

By Tim Smith Observer Staff Writer

It used to be that ninth-graders played on the freshman or junior varsity teams and if part of the big team they'd only

be there for spot duty at best.
Not so with Plymouth High School's varsity softball team, where year after year features incoming freshmen who pay immediate dividends for head coach Val Canfield.

Past years have seen a galaxy of allstars such as Amanda Burnard, Stacey Klonowski, Lauren Smith, Jessica Bondy, Brianna Giordano, Elaine Gerou, Kayla Rebain, Lindsay Lutton and Brooke Senkbeil (among others) hit the ground running as ninth-graders.

This season, the trio of pitcher Mikayela Marciniak, third baseman Brittney Miller and outfielder Alex Rakovitis have

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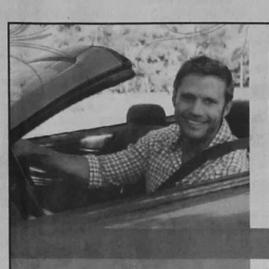
The success of this year's Plymouth varsity girls softball team has had a lot to do with the contributions of freshmen (from left) Mikayela Marciniak, Brittney Miller and Alex Rakovitis.

#### Spartan 5K race winners

Peter Walkuski, 17, of Livonia, and Kimberly Bedigian, 42, of Novi, were the overall male and female race winners May 20 in the Spartan 5-kilometer race hosted by the Livonia Stevenson High Booster club.

Walkuski covered the 3.1-mile course in 18 minutes, 15 seconds (5:53 per mile), while Bedigian was clocked in 22:03 (7:07 per mile).

Adan Gomez, 47, of Livonia, was the male masters winner in 20:44 (6:41 per mile), while Michelle Avery, 49, of Livonia, was the female masters champ in 24:43.



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# Canton Cup kicks it off

By Tim Smith Observer Staff Writer

Just like last year, umbrellas were springing up all over Independence Park for Canton Cup soccer action.

Unlike last year, however, the umbrellas were in use to protect players and spectators alike from the sun — not rain.

Under perfect conditions, boys and girls teams from all over the Midwest and Canada kicked off the 30th annual tournament, hosted by the Canton Soccer Club. Games were played at Independence Park and several other venues, including Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

Those 2011 weather woes didn't keep 'em from coming back.

"It's 100 percent better," said Brighton mom Susan Meredith, waiting for game time with her 14-year-old son Matthew of the U14 Michigan Alliance team. "There were a few puddles and everything last year, but it was still a fun tournament."

Meredith said being a Michigan soccer family means penciling Memorial Day weekend for the Canton Cup. Matthew is her fourth child to compete there.

"It's great," she said. "We enjoy coming because it's local, there's always good competition here and great fields.' On nearby fields, the Canton Celtic U15 Black



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Canton Cup time means going after 50/50 balls. Calvin McCracken (left) of the U15 Canton Celtic Black boys team vies for possession with a player from Michigan Alliance Elite Friday at Independence Park.

boys team squared off against the Michigan Alliance while the Novi Gatorcats and Ypsilanti-Lincoln Wolves U12 boys competed.

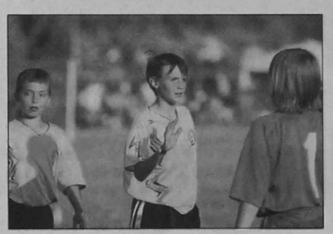
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In the latter contest, over on Independence Field No. 17, the Gatorcats came away with a 3-1 victory. Goal scorers were Cooper Wujczyk, Kevin Blossfeld and Jack McClure.

"It was exciting and it was fun," Cooper said, describing his goal as a mid-field shot that the goalie lost in the sun.

They love it

Gatorcats head coach Brian McClure said this is the third year he's brought his team to the Canton Cup. He also



Players from the U12 Novi Gatorcats (green jerseys, left) and Ypsilanti-Lincoln Wolves demonstrate good sportsmanship, congratulating each other Friday evening at Independence Park following their Canton Cup match.

remembers the trials and tribulations of 2011.

"Last year wasn't so nice, it rained the whole weekend and was muddy," McClure said. "But they (players) had fun playing in the mud. ... They always love it, they have a great time."



Sprinting after the ball Friday is Alexa Saval of the U11 Canton Celtic White girls team.

McClure added that it's always a blast coming to Independence Park.

"I just like coming here, it's a lot of fun," he said. "There's good competition, the fields are nice."

With the win Friday, if the Gatorcats won both games Saturday they would return Sunday for a division final.

One of the evening's early games pitted the Canton Celtic U11 White girls team against the Ann Arbor United Soccer Club.

Unfortunately, the game (won 3-1 by Canton) was cut short late in the second half when a Celtic player was knocked hard to the grass and needed medical attention.

Still, players were happy to be playing in one of the Midwest's largest club-based tournaments.

"We love versing other teams, especially from different states," said 10year-old Morgan Gooden of the Celtic team. "We don't say anything rude, we don't talk dirty, we don't play dirty. We just want to have fun."

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# PCEP soccer squads win finales

Canton's varsity girls soccer team finished the regular season with a pair of 1-0 victories this week, as the Chiefs look to keep rolling right into Tuesday's Division 1 district opener at Livonia Stevenson.

After defeating Novi 1-0 Monday in a KLAA Kensington Conference crossover, the Chiefs did the same Wednesday in an association crossover against Brighton. With the victories, Canton carries a 10-2-3 record into the districts.

Against Brighton (10-4-1), Megan Trapp headed a corner kick from Rachel Winters into the Bulldogs goal late in the first half.

That edge held up thanks to solid defensive play and

enough offense to keep Brighton from mounting too much of an attack.

"We played very composed and moved the ball around very well," Chiefs head coach Jeannine Reddy said. "... the defense played smart and moved up to support our offensive attack."

Against Novi, a late marker by Ally Krause proved to be enough as the Chiefs nipped the Wildcats (11-1-5).

The ball bounced past a Novi defender and Krause corralled it, then broke through the middle of the field before sending a shot into the goal.

"It was a good game back and forth," Reddy noted. "Our defense worked well together

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and stopped the Novi attack. "The girls played with inten-

sity and it paid off."

Rocks prevail Wednesday's final game of the regular season was a winning one for Salem, as the Rocks blanked Lakeland 2-0.

Opening the scoring for Salem (10-6-1) was Claire Huddas, finishing a play set up by senior Katelynn Krause. On the goal Krause split the defense witha nice slotted pass to Huddas who buried her shot into the far corner from 15 yards out.

The Rocks padded that lead in the second half. Kylie Knight took a feed from Hayley Rogers and ripped it home.

Making the lead stand up was

goalkeeper Ali Eggenberger, who stopped four shots for her seventh shutout of the season.

"We've been on a nice roll winning our last five games of the regular season," Salem head coach Joe Nora said. "It's been a goal of ours to keep improving for the state tournament and I'm proud of how we are continuing

to work hard and improve. "We have to be at our best for

the tough challenges ahead." Salem will square off 6 p.m. Tuesday against KLAA South Division champion Plymouth.

Krause - recently named Salem's top female athlete for 2011-12 - also made All-KLAA first team. Joining her were teammates Emily Lundh, Nancy Krutty and Olivia Kaye.

On the All-KLAA second team were Emily Barfuss, Knight and Rogers.

PLYMOUTH 4, MOTT 0: On Wednesday in a KLAA associ-

ation crossover, the Plymouth Wildcats wrapped up the regular season with this convincing

Alyssa Dillon, Stephanie Dillon, Abby Livingston and Zoe Foster were the goal scorers. Goalkeeper Kylie Robb earned the shutout.

State-ranked Plymouth (11-2-3) rebounded from Monday's 7-2 loss to Northville in the KLAA Kensington Conference title matchup.

The Wildcats now gear up for the state tournament, facing cross-campus rival Salem at 6 p.m. Tuesday.



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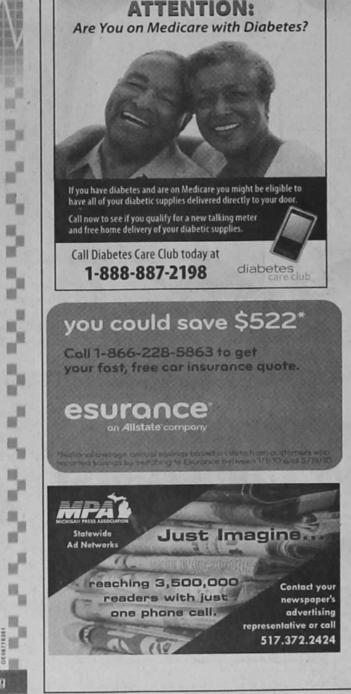
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been cogs in a wheel that keeps rolling over opponents.

Going into Tuesday's Division 1 pre-district game against Northville, the Wildcats are 29-7 and have captured the KLAA South Division as well as their first-ever Kensington Conference crown.

"Freshmen just come together in good packs," Canfield said. "I think that has a lot to do with it, people want to be part of something special.

That seems to be the case

All three of the 2012 freshmen said the camaraderie on the Wildcats is something they'd never experienced with other teams and that they were immediately welcomed and energized to excel right off the hop.

"They're really good at supporting me and you always know they got your back," Miller said. "They push you to go as hard as you can. If you make a mistake they're on you and they push you to do better."

#### No worries

According to Marciniak, now the team's ace pitcher, "Everyone picks each other up when you're down. Let's say I walk somebody and they say, 'It's okay, we got your back."

"It's been really good, a lot better than I thought it would be," chimed in Rakovitis. "On my travel team (Clarkston Ice), when someone gets down sometimes we're kind of all down.

But not here, like Mikayela said, when someone's down everybody picks you back up."

Of course, the fact players such as Marciniak, Miller and Rakovitis join the Plymouth varsity with plenty of travel softball experience enables them to be plugged into the regular lineup without Canfield worrying whether they can get it

"I just think they're



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Trying to tag out Livonia Stevenson's Deanna Kluka (10) during a recent game is Plymouth third baseman Brittney Miller.



Plymouth freshman Alex Rakovitis completes a catch in the outfield.

well-rounded players," said Canfield following Thursday's practice. "To have some experience coming in gives them an advantage.

"But when they're on my field it's the Plymouth way. I just feel a closeness, a togetherness with the team with those three. So they're fitting in nice."

Miller, described by the coach as "just a stud, a brick house," has been all that and more all season at third base.



A teammate's injury opened the door for Plymouth freshman pitcher Mikayela Marciniak, and she seized the chance.

"Rarely do people ever hit it by her," Canfield said. "And with her being 5-11, she has that good extension for the line shots that travel over her head. She just snags it."

She's a big-time hitter, too. Her average is .396, she leads the team with 20 extra base hits and has driven in 27 runs (one behind team leader Gior-

**Promotions** earned Before the season started, Marciniak was behind junior starting pitcher Elaine Gerou on the depth chart (although the coach planned on playing her often either at first base or in the outfield).

But Gerou's subsequent arm injury gave Marciniak (25-5, 1.84) the top job in the circle for the rest of 2012

Canfield said it's Marciniak's job to lose as Gerou is still regaining her arm strength.

"The kid (Marciniak)

#### FEISTY FRESHMEN

Here's a look at three ninth graders who have been key contributors to the 2012 Plymouth softball team: Mikayela Marciniak: The 15-year-old Marciniak, a lefthanded pitcher who also can play first base and the outfield, took over in the circle during the season after an injury to Elaine Gerou. She's responded by posting a 25-5 record while giving up under two runs per game. She is a member of the Finesse club team when high school season is over. Her parents are Diana and Brian Marciniak of Canton.

Brittney Miller: The third baseman, 15, is one of the Wildcats' heavy hitters (.396, 14 doubles, four triples, two homers) and an excellent fielder and thrower. A veteran of the PC Pride and Michigan Bulldogs travel team, her parents are Rhonda and Bob Miller of Canton.

Alex Rakovitis: Just 14, Rakovitis is earning her stripes as a solid outfielder (.971 fielding percentage) in her rookie season. A member of the Clarkston Ice fast-pitch travel team, her parents are Van and Eleni Rakovitis of Canton.

is talented, she can play anywhere," Canfield said. "She's actually an excellent first baseman. Obviously, she's deserved the starting role here at Plymouth for pitching."

The lefty also has shown she is very durable. Entering districts, Marciniak has logged 198 1/3 innings and has struck out 149 batters.

Meanwhile, when tryouts began, Rakovitis thought she'd be a backup player. "I was hoping to play the outfield, because that's my favorite place to be," Rakovitis noted. "But there was a lot of older people.'

Rakovitis (.971 fielding percenttage) has been sturdy and dependable, making just one error in 155 innings logged in the outfield.

Injuries did give her a chance to play a number of games in the starting lineup, although now she is a platoon outfielder because Kayla Rebain is healthy again.

#### Eager to shine

The young players concurred that knowing they were going to a quality program with ample opportunity for regular playing time provided extra oomph to their confidence.

"You want to show the coach that you can play," Marciniak said. "Ninthgraders have a chance to step up, it lets me feel that 'Oh, I have this

chance.'

"It's not just all the upperclassmen that get to play. Ninth-graders can step up and step in and play."

That doesn't mean the freshmen walked in knowing this year was going to be a slam dunk.

Was Miller surprised to get the starting nod as a ninth-grader?

"Yeah, I was a little bit." Miller said. "I knew there was an open spot for third base, but I just tried to work my hardest.'

And the fact she got the gig doesn't take away from her respect of those players who joined the Wildcats as impact freshmen in 2009, '10 or '11.

"I'm really thankful and I'm glad I could work with all these girls that have the experience,' Miller said. "And I'm glad I made it as a freshman."

So is Canfield, who said the pipeline of future talent is hardly dry. "We don't do a lot of

scouting, but I do hear of kids coming up and how talented they are," she emphasized. "We had the draw yesterday, so I know we have about two or three talented players coming in (who are) sixth-graders.

"These kids are excited when they draw Plymouth, so that tells me I'm doing something right."

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the power you can get," Swanson said. "The bat's not going to give you any extra power like last year. You have to hit it on the barrel. ... It's like wood now. You just have to swing and hit the ball on the barrel. You don't get any cheap hits now.'

Guglielmi said it comes down to proper swing technique and a change in approach and expectations of what kind of results they'll get.

"You really don't make adjustments in your swing," he said. "You kind of keep the same swing you had, the same basics and motion.

"But the fly balls that are caught on the warning track or hit the fence were 15 feet over the fence last year. I kept my same swing and focused on hitting line drives. If they go out, they go out."

#### **Need to compensate**

Boyd chimed in, stressing that batters need to get stronger (particularly the legs) and sharpen their swing. Solid contact rules the day.

"If you don't have a good swing, you're not going to be able to compensate with raw power anymore," he said, "because of the fact these bats have changed the way they have.

"You need to incorporate your legs more and, honestly, it's changed the way some coaches manage a little bit. You're seeing a lot more bunts, a lot more bunt defense. Things like that.'

Blomshield has his players swinging heavier bats to hopefully offset the loss of power.

Over at Plymouth Christian Academy, soph-



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Eyeing one of the new BBCOR-certified bats during a recent game is Plymouth senior catcher Rich Guglielmi. He says he just tries to make solid contact without worrying about power.

omore Daniel Jipping is making the most of the switch. He has seven homers, although one clubbed with a wood bat went the farthest. 370 feet over the center field fence into a stand of trees.

"You still got to put good swings on the ball," Jipping said. "With either bat (BBCOR, wood) it will still go far. It's a little bit of a hindrance on how far it will go and how hard it will go. You just got to

practice a lot more and get used to it." His coach, Joe Bottorff,



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In this file photo, PCA's Daniel Jipping needs to slide headfirst into home plate. But he's managed to enjoy a home run trot seven times in 2012, despite the switch to BBCOR bats.

noticed that players are dinking the ball instead of driving it. Defenses also

are making adjustments. "A couple kids I didn't expect to do a lot this

year have gotten quite a few hits," Bottorff said. "They're just dropping the ball over the infield and in front of the out-

fielders. "Probably with the old bats those would have been caught, so it's actually working for us."

#### Safe and sound

Home run totals might be going down. But so is the number of players being injured, which was the objective of the change in the first place. Players now have more time to react after a ball is struck.

A 26-year study of college and high school athletics by the National Center for Catastrophic Sports Injury Research reported that 49 high school baseball players sustained severe injuries between 1982-2008.

The following year, the NCAA got on board with BBCOR bats and the National Federation of State High School Associations did the same in 2010.

In 2011, NCAA Division I programs experienced the lowest batting average (.282) and home run levels since the mid-1970s. Teams averaged 0.52 homers per game.

State associations then were given a two-year window to follow through with the switch from BESR (ball speed exit ratio).

As predicted, offense at the high school level has lost some pizzazz.

But lack of fence-clearing blasts aside, the fact high school and college players now use the same bat technology should only help athletes as they continue their baseball careers.

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## Eagles down Plymouth, 12-4

Plymouth's quest to win the overall KLAA softball championship came unraveled in the fourth inning of Wednesday's association title matchup against Lakeland.

The Wildcats led 4-1 (courtesy of a two-run homer by Bri Giordano and tworun double by Brooke Senkbeil) and needed just one out to retire the Eagles in the fourth. By the time they got that third out, Lakeland had an 8-4 advantage and never let up to win 12-4.

After the disappointing loss, the next challenge for Plymouth (29-7) begins 4 p.m. Tuesday in a pre-district contest against Northville at Salem's varsity softball field in a rematch of last week's conference championship game (won 5-1 by Plymouth).

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Rich Guglielmi's single to make it a 7-2 game.

After Central (23-9) scored twice in the bottom of the sixth, Brendan Swanson (two hits, three RBI) doubled to score Schmid (two hits, two runs).

Plymouth opened the scoring in the second. Swanson singled to bring home Jamarl Eiland.

The Vikings nearly tied the game in the third, but a perfect relay from Eiland to Swanson to catcher Guglielmi (two hits) cut down the attempt.

Central did score twice in the fifth, briefly taking the lead on a sacrifice fly off Thompson, who earned his fifth victory of the season.

### **Tourney winners**



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The Michigan Jaguars '98 Green, coached by Mike Scobie, captured the 2012 Jaguars Invitational Tournament on Mother's Day with a 2-0-1 pool play record followed by a 2-0 victory in the finals over FC Nova. Members of the Jaguars include (front row, from left): Brayden Stephan, Highland; Nick Harder, Novi; Joey Carn, Novi; Sam Sheeran, Novi; David Schulte, Novi; Kiah Finley, Holly; Alan Xiao, Novi; (back row, from left) Ammar Chishti, Canton; Brandon Sebou, Bloomfield Hills; Mason Accetturo, White Lake; Roland Gibson, Milford; Nate Giese, Novi; Val Qejvani, Livonia; Garret Weaver, Northville; Takaki Okamoto, Novi; and Matt Netter, Novi. (Not pictured is Parker Neal.)

## Big playoff win for Salem boys

Salem's varsity boys lacrosse team entered the playoffs on a roll and the momentum continued beating Farmington-North-Harrison 18-6.

"The team played a complete game - offensively and defensively,' Salem head coach Eric Hoffman said. "We had great momentum with a three game win streak coming into the game and the offense continued to click.'

The Rocks were dominant right from the opening whistle jumping all over the Flyers to 7-0 by the end of the first quarter. Salem never looked back.

Salem controlled the ball all night with Brandon Lee, Nick Giannini and Joey Krause winning 20 of 27 faceoffs.

Likewise, it seemed every ground ball ended up with a Salem player. Mason Amin (four), Joe Stephan (four) and Brandon Lee (five) were the standouts but nearly every player chipped in as the team picked up 44 in total.

Salem scored early and often, led by Pat-



Salem's Joe Stephan and Josh Howell team up for a ground ball during the Rocks' big playoff victory over Farmington-North-Harrison.

rick Kretschmer's fourgoal outing. Contributing three each were Lee and Jason Newell while two goals each were tallied by Jake Perkins, PJ Rodgers and freshman Noah Willer. Single goals were scored by Joe Stephan and Kody Duhl.

In the assist department, Duhl and Rodgers led with three each, while Amin helped out

The defense was stout all night, led by Phil Sutfin. Jack Vida, Kody

Hutchinson and Josh Howell. Goalie Justin Oldani was made nine stops while long stick middies Chris Contos and Nick Troher added strong support.

The game enabled a number of younger players to take part in their first playoff game. Those included freshman Noah Willer, sophomore Justin Katulski, Joey Krause, Vince Troher, Paul Sommerville, Adam Cousineau and Mack Baker.

### Whalers sign draft pick Bratina

Plymouth Whalers general manager and head coach Mike Vellucci announced the signing 16year-old left wing Zach Bratina, who was taken by the Whalers in the first round (19th overall) of the 2012 Ontario Hockey League Priority Selec-

Bratina will attend high school at Plymouth-Canton Education Park next

"It's definitely a relief in signing the contract," Bratina said. "I'm excited to start the season and couldn't be happier with any other team.

Ontario native Bratina (6-foot-1, 163 pounds) scored 22 goals with 21 assists for 43 points and 60 PIM's last season for the Central Ontario Wolves minor midget

"Zach has very good individual skill and an impressive scoring touch," said Plymouth assistant general manager Brian Sommariva. "We are excited to have a player of his caliber choose the OHL and Plymouth."

Bratina, with parents Dan and Karen, attended Plymouth's rookie orientation last weekend at Compuware Arena. Bratina scored two goals in two scrimmages during the Orientation, play-



Zach Bratina, shown here during the Plymouth Whalers rookie orientatiion camp, signed with the Ontario Hockey

ing with a smooth skating stride and going to the high traffic areas of the offensive zone.

"Zach's a very smart hockey player. The puck really follows him around the ice," said Darrell Woodley, Director of Central Scouting for the OHL. "He has good vision and the ability to score, coming out of the corners or in tight around the net.'

After being selected by the Whalers in April, Bratina attended a couple of Plymouth playoff games. He was introduced to the crowd at Compuware Arena before game five of the Western Conference semi-finals against Kitchener.

"It was a good expe-

rience," Bratina said about the pre-scouting of his new team and meeting the Plymouth fans. "Plymouth looked really good last year (47-18-2-1, West Division Champions) and hopefully, we'll be really good again this year. The home crowd in Plymouth was really loud. I think I'm going to like that this year.'

Bratina patterns his game after Detroit Red Wings center Pavel Datsyuk.

Earlier this spring, the Whalers signed 17-yearold center Ryan Hartman, who was selected by Plymouth in the fifth round (95th overall) of the 2010 OHL Priority

## Another tourney win for 'Cats

The Plymouth varsity boys golf team is on a roll, both on the scorecard and in the kudos department.

On May 19 at Forest Akers East and West in East Lansing, the Wildcats won their third invitational of the season with a combined 36-hole score of 595 - topping a 40-team field.

Plymouth shot a 305 at the West Course and 290 at the East Course.

Finishing second and third overall for the tournament were Plymouth's Kyle Rodes (69-East, 72-West) and Josh Heinze

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(71-East, 72-West).

Other solid contributions were made by John Tatti (73-East), Ryan Rieckhoff (77-East, 77-West), Evan Chipman (82-West), Kyle Melnick (82-East) and Chris Kozler (84-West).

"This was a great win for our program," Wild-cats head coach Chris Moore said. "Our boys have gained the respect across the state from other coaches and players on their ability.'

Off of that high note, Plymouth will compete Tuesday at Pheasant Run Golf Club at the KLAA conference tournament followed by Thursday's state districts at Whispering Willows.

DUAL MATCH RESULTS SALEM 145 LIVONIA STEVENSON 157 May 23 at Fox Hills G.C. Salem scorers: Brian Patterson, 34 (medalist); Eric Duprey, Brandon Duprey and Brady Cole, 37 each; Connor Cole and Jake Leib, 41 each.

Stevenson scorers: Eric Attard, 35; Dante Cicchelli, 40; Cam Tetrault and Daniel Vayis, 41 each; Austin Harris, 42; Nick

Dual match records: Salem, 3-7 overall, 3-7 KLAA Central Division; Stevenson, 6-3 overall, 6-3 KLAA Central.

# PCA boys second at MIAC

A second place finish at the Michigan Independent Athletics Conference tournament May 22 is just one reason Plymouth Christian Academy track and field coach Jennifer Lemieux is beaming.

Lemieux started the PCA program in 2007, and only eight athletes came out for the coed squad.

Five years later, there are 24 team members and many of them are doing great things. The Eagles' boys team earned 98 points at the MIAC meet, trailing victorious Lutheran High WestTRACK AND FIELD

land (159). The PCA girls squad took fourth.

Taking firsts and all-MIAC honors in the process for PCA were Mick Noel (high jump), Jimmy Parks (400, 200 dashes) and the 3,200-meter relay team of Trevor Baloga, Ian Rose, Ethan Levack and Jacob Bailey.

Runner-ups for the Eagles were Eric Jipping (shot put), Noel (high hurdles), Bailey (800 run) and the 1,600-meter relay team of Rose, Parks, Bailey and Levack.

Lemieux said all-con-

ference winners from the girls side were standout Terra Crown (1,600-, 3,200-meter runs), Karen Windle (800 run) and the 3,200-meter relay unit of Rachel Smith, Sydney Carpenter, Windle and

New school records were set by Jipping (shot put, 42-feet, 11-inches), Noel (high hurdles, 16.89 seconds) and Parks (200 dash, 23.46; 400 dash, 51.76).

All told, PCA athletes have set 22 records this season, with hope of more to come at the upcoming Division 4 state meet.

Tom Janeczko

Westland

### THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP BASEBALL DISTRICT TOURNEY DRAWS **DIVISION 1** SALEM (Host)

Tuesday, May 29: (A) Plymouth vs. (B) Northville, 4 p.m. Friday, June 1: Salem vs. A-B winner, 10 a.m.; Livonia Churchill vs. Canton, 1 p.m.; Championship

**DIVISION 2** MADONNA UNIVERSTIY ILITCH BALLPARK (Host)

Saturday, June 2: South Lyon East vs. Dearborn Heights Robichaud, 10 a.m.; Livonia Clarencev-ille vs. Dearborn Divine Child, noon; Championship final: 1:30

**DIVISION 4** PLYMOUTH CHRISTIAN (Host) Saturday, June 2: (A) Plymouth Christian vs. Lutheran High Westland, 10 a.m.; Champion-ship final: Westland Huron Valley

GIRLS SOFTBALL Thursday, May 31
DCD at Huron Valley, 4:30 p.m.
DISTRICT TOURNEY DRAWS **DIVISION 1** SALEM (Host)

Tuesday, May 29: (A) Plymouth vs. (B) Northville, 4 p.m. Friday, June 1: Salem vs. A-B winner, 10 a.m.; Livonia Churchill vs. Canton, 1 p.m.; Championship final: 4 p.m.

**DIVISION 2** LIVONIA LADYWOOD (Host) Saturday, June 2: South Lyon

East vs. Dearborn Divine Child, 10 a.m.; Livonia Ladywood vs. Livonia ille, noon; Championship final: 1:30 p.m

**DIVISION 4 PLYMOUTH CHRISTIAN (Host)** Saturday, June 2: (A) Plymouth Christian vs. Lutheran High Westland, 10 a.m.; Champion-ship final: Westland Huron Valley

Lutheran vs. A-B winner, noon. GIRLS SOCCER DISTRICT TOURNEY DRAWS **DIVISION 1** 

**NORTHVILLE (Host)** Tuesday, May 29: (A) Canton at (B) Livonia Stevenson, 7 p.m.; (C) Plymouth vs. (D) Salem, 6 p.m.

at CEP; (E) Livonia Churchill at (F) Northville, 7 p.m. Thursday, May 29: A-B winner

vs. C-D winner, 5 p.m.; Novi vs. E-F Saturday, June 2: Championship final, noon.

**DIVISION 2** LIVONIA LADYWOOD (Host) Tuesday, May 29: (A) South Lyon at (B) South Lyon East, 6 p.m.; (C) Dearborn Heights Crestwood at (D) Livonia Ladywood, 5 p.m.; (E) Redford Union at (F) Redford Thurston, 5:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 29: A-B winner vs. C-D winner, 4 p.m.; Dearborn Divine Child vs. E-F winner, 6 p.m. Saturday, June 2: Championship final, 11 a.m

DIVISION 4 MADISON HEIGHTS BISHOP FOLEY (Host)

Tuesday, May 29: (A) Southfield Christian vs. (B) Madison Heights Bishop Foley, 8 p.m.; (C) Lutheran High Westland at (D) Royal Oak Shrine, 5:30 p.m.; (E) Detroit Cristo Rey vs. (F) Plymouth Christian

Thursday, May 31: Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett vs. E-F winner, 5 p.m.; A-B winner vs. C-D winner, 7 p.m. Saturday, June 2: Championship

BOYS & GIRLS TRACK MHSAA FINALS

(10 a.m. Saturday, June 2) Division 1 at E. Kentwood. Div. 2 at G. Rapids (Houseman). Division 3 at Comstock Park. GIRLS LACROSSE

(Division 2 Regional) Wednesday, May 30 Ladywood vs. A.A. Richard at Farmington, 5:30 p.m. BOYS GOLF

Tuesday, May 29 Kensington Conf. Tourney at Pheasant Run, 8:30 a.m. MHSAA DISTRICT TOURNEYS Thursday, May 31
Division 1
at Whispering Willows, 9 a.m.
at Huron Meadows, 9 a.m.

Division 4 at Leslie Park, 9 a.m. **GIRLS TENNIS** MHSAA FINAL Friday-Saturday, June 1-2 Div. 1 at Midland, 8 a.m.

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# COMMUNITY LIFE

# Wine cruise to Europe benefits Michigan Philharmonic

By Joanne Maliszewski

Correspondent

Visiting Rome and Pompeii left Westland resident Allen Leonard with so many unanswered questions that he's certain he must return. A selfdescribed "foodie," Lynn Wonn of Farmington Hills soaked up the history, culture, and of course, Italian cuisine.

Livonia residents Jeff and Cheryl Doelker enjoyed the Amalfi coast and a countryside tour overlooking the Isle of Capri. Croatia and the Adriatic coast were top-notch for Canton resident Diana Bisio, but the opera at the renowned LaScala in Milan was unbelievable.

Busy fulfilling her bucket list, Karen Schweim of Northville is already anticipating lunch at the Eiffel Tower in September when the Michigan Philharmonic sets sail to the heart of Europe on its third fundraising international cruise.

"We're always working on fun ways to introduce ourselves to donors," said Beth Stewart, Michigan Philharmonic executive director.

So much fun in fact that what started out in 2010 as a fundraising raffle - the winning prize an international cruise for two - has become a muchanticipated annual journey by increasing numbers of Philharmonic fans, donors and others who just can't resist.

The 2010 cruise traveled to ports-of-call on the western Mediterranean, including Monte Carlo in Monaco. The Philharmonic's second cruise took donors and friends to the eastern side of the Mediterranean, including Milan and Venice.

For a nonprofit organization, fundraising is just a way of

life. It's not always easy finding new ways to attract attention to your organization and its mission, Stewart said.

And then Kate Rosevear had an idea. The owner of Travel Leaders in Plymouth suggested "an outstanding cruise" for the Philharmonic's annual fundraiser. "I thought, why not look for a cool trip and make it into a raffle?" Rosevear said. "It had to be somewhere that sounded impressive so people would buy tickets. So let's go to Europe!'

After the first year's cruise drawing, however, a number of losing ticket holders still wanted to go on the cruise - at their own expense.

It was a great idea that made plenty of business and marketing sense to Stewart. What better way to generate interest in the Philharmonic than to have supporters and friends want to be involved with the former Plymouth Symphony. "It's something we can make money on, build relationships and do something our supporters can look forward to," Stewart said.

And the more people who book cabins on cruise lines, such as Royal Caribbean and Princess, the greater benefit for the Philharmonic, which receives a \$150 return on each booking. That's in addition to the \$15,000 earned on raffle ticket sales.

#### **Tickets on sale**

Armed with an itinerary, the Philharmonic now has raffle tickets for sale for its third annual cruise. Only 300 tickets will be sold and all tickets are \$50 each. The drawing is scheduled for 5 p.m. Friday,

Dubbed a 12-Night Immersive Wine Cruise, this year's



cruise, Sept. 18 to Oct. 1, sets sail from Southampton, England, and visits are planned to Spain, Portugal and France.

Europe is such a great place to have good wine, good fun and good music," said Rose-vear, who travels with guests on each of the philharmonic's

With two fundraising voyages to its credit, the Philharmonic is experiencing continued

interest from former guests who had a chance to learn more about the symphony and its work. "It's a great relationship builder for donors and

supporters," Stewart said. The 57 guests who traveled in 2010 and another 30 who cruised last October had either purchased raffle tickets, lost and decided to travel anyway,

or had heard of the cruises

from others. The Doelkers, for

example, had attended a number of Michigan Philharmonic concerts at which the cruise raffle was announced.

Yet the cruises are not built around music even though one of Stewart's goals is to take along the entire symphony sometime in the future. "No matter what town in Europe you visit, they all have concert halls," Stewart added. "Last time, we visited the LaScala and took in an opera.'

#### Camaraderie

Following an unpleasant cruise some 20 years ago, Wonn had to be talked into the Philharmonic's cruise. "I really wasn't sure if I was doing the right thing," Wonn said. But it didn't take long for her to change her mind. "It really is a great value. I did not regret a thing. It is so much easier than doing it on your own.'

Plymouth resident Jeanne Knopf DeRoche and her husband, Fred, booked a cabin on the second Philharmonic cruise. But Fred died before the trip, leaving Jeanne wondering whether to skip the voy-

DeRoche finally decided to go and took the first few days onboard to herself for emotional healing. Making new friends and sharing the trip of a lifetime with others helped DeRoche through the voyage. "It really made it a very special trip for me."

Traveling with people who are friendly, want to share their experiences and who are interested in the sights, sounds and cultures of other lands is a favorite for Schweim.

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### Cruise raffle tickets on sale

By Joanne Maliszewski Correspondent

Some would-be cruisers are busy buying raffle tickets, others are just cutting to the chase and booking their spots on the 2012 Michigan Philharmonic's annual raffle cruise through Europe's famed wine country.

The Michigan Philharmonic has kicked off ticket sales for its third annual Cruise Raffle. Only 300 tickets will be sold. Tickets are \$50 each and the winning ticket holder will earn a roundtrip cruise for two aboard the Celebrity Constellation, plus roundtrip airfare. To purchase tickets, call the Michigan Philharmonic at (734) 451-2112 or www. michiganphil.org.

Philharmonic leaders know that the ship will



Bilbao, Spain, which is Basque country is home of the new Bilbao Guggenheim Museum. It's a stop on this year's cruise itinerary.

carry more symphony fans, donors and friends than just the two winners. Patrons are already booking the trip, even if they are also buying raffle tickets, said Beth Stewart, Michigan Philharmonic executive director.

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putting extra in the engine, such as five quarts, doesn't make the pistons move more efficiently. Rather, the extra amount takes up room meant to allow for piston movement. The same holds for joints in the body. The amount of fluid

present in a normal joint is what that joint needs to function efficiently. If injury or inflammation takes place and extra fluid accumulates, the joint will not function well; the excess needs

removal. If aging or wear occur and the joint produces less than adequate fluid, the individual feels pain as bone rubs against

The body, like a car, has different fluids for different jobs. The composition of shoulder joint fluid is slightly different than knee

fluid. The shoulder joint has a wide latitude of movement; the

knee joint is weight bearing and limited in its rotation. The

difference in synovial fluid reflects the difference in how each

Joint fluid also has a story to tell. Normal joint fluid contains

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analysis. If the cell count is over 1000, the doctor knows he is

dealing with a problem such as rheumatoid arthritis, gout or

infection. If the cell count is under 1000 cells then the most likely

This knowledge sets the basis for treatment.

Joints need lubrication just like pistons and wheels do. When the car manual calls for 4 quarts of engine oil, the proper amount to put in the engine is 4 quarts. If the owner puts in

the new Bilbao Guggenheim Museum

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Last year's cruise included Dubrovnik in Croatia.

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ple. It seems everyone is there to have a great adventure," she added.

Leonard didn't mind traveling alone on both of the Philharmonic's cruises. "Yes, I went solo but I also knew several people on the tour," he said. "It is always nice seeing familiar faces in unfamiliar places and nice to be part of a tour group. Just follow the tour leader and don't be late for the bus."

Guardian angel

Wonn and her fellow cruisers - on both trips - believe that Rosevear is a key to the success of the trips because of her experienced and personal knowledge of European and Mediterranean countries.

"Kate (Rosevear) travels with us. Any issue, she takes care of. She is experienced, friendly and thoughtful. She is sort

of the Guardian Angel aspect to this," Schweim said.

Despite the guidance and the planning, cruisers are free to do what interests them and no one is required to join any of the excursions, Stewart said.

Nan Washburn, Michigan Philharmonic conductor, cruised in 2011. Her interest in music led her to stay at a bed and breakfast at an old monastery where Baroque composer Antonio Vivaldi had lived and taught young unwed mothers. "Several of them became composers like him," Stewart added. "Nan walked the halls and learned more about Vivaldi."

On the first two cruises, Rosevear set up special land tours, based on her knowledge and personal ties in certain ports of call. This year, travelers will pick from the cruise line's excursions.

"For anyone who is interested in wine, this is the best cruise," Rosevear said.



Venice was a stop on 2011 cruise. Venice has played an important role in the history of symphonic and operatic music, and it is the birthplace of Antonio Vivaldi.

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By Joe Gagnon **Guest Columnist** 

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**Appliance** Doctor

Joe Gagnon

whiter. A lady named Cindy called me who had an under counter microwave delivered along with a new dishwasher. After installing the microwave she

turned it on

hair to get

and it worked for 30 seconds. That's it, one half of a minute and that was the life span of her new product. That same day the old dishwasher was pulled out and the new one slide into place and plugged in. It filled with water and began the washing action for three minutes. All of a sudden it stopped working and did nothing but make ticking sounds. She couldn't get it to come back on. Can you imagine the feeling, not even

long enough to wash a load of

The next day Cindy called the retailer and voiced her displeasure and wanted all her money back and removal from her home of these products. She insisted that she get every penny back and not be charged re-stocking fees, delivery charges or the like. She was not happy and the retailer agreed with her. They were going to make her happy and that was all there was to it. Cindy asked me what I thought about the whole situation.

I told Cindy that the retailer didn't have to give her a refund on these products. Under the terms of the warranty they are required to repair an appliance for only a one-year period. The law does not dictate any other measure, but in this case their compassion became more important in trying to appease a customer. I suggested that

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Cindy take this into consideration and instead of asking for a full refund, she might think of continuing her shopping at this very same store. Naturally her confidence in this big name brand microwave and dishwasher is shot but she could look at other brands and make another selection. The store might even be willing to give her an upgrade at the same price. I again suggested that Cindy give this retailer just one more chance to make things right. It was not their fault, but then, who was at fault?

I've given you this sermon so many times, I know it by heart. The manufacturers of appliances are at fault and until they give their quality control departments a good kick we will continue to receive expensive products that fall into the category of just plain junk. Years ago they began losing so much money doing their warranty work that they cut off completely their extended warranty of five years on major components. Now the majority offers only a full one-year warranty and if you need service after that, it's coming out of your pocket. If Cindy has a problem one year and a week from now, she will again demand satisfaction. That time might mean dealing directly with the manufacture and as many homeowners already know, that's no picnic.

My advice these days is to look seriously at the appliance plans offered by our major utilities. They may be the answer to customer satisfaction needs today. Stay tuned.

Joe Gagnon can be heard at 8 a.m., Saturdays on WAAM 1600. You can e-mail your problems and questions on appliances to appldr@

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Age 93, May 22, 2012. Retired from the Redford Twp Police Dept in 1988 after 30 years of service. Beloved wife of the late Cyril J. O'Neil and the late Harvey J. Beadle. Loving mother of Kathleen A. (James H.) Thompson and step mother of A. (Margaret J.) Beadle. Cherished grandmother of six and great-grandmother of seven. Preceded in death by brother Guy M. Paul. Funeral Arrangements were entrusted to Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 37000 Six Mile Rd., Livonia. Interment Mt. Hope Memorial Park, Livonia.



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ROBERT CARL

Was born in Wayne, Michigan February 13, 1979, the oldest son of John and Louise Boughton. He attended Livonia Churchill High as a member of the Math, Science and Computers Program. He went on to attend Michigan Tech University, where he received a Bachelor's in Computer Science and Secondary Education. Rob always enjoyed working with people. For many years he served as the Tournament Director for the American Contract Bridge League. Robert also played Bridge and had reached the status of a Bronze Life Master. He also worked for the Observer Newspapers and was an Eagle Scout. Robert enjoyed playing trivia every Thursday with his family. Robert is survived by his parents, John and Louise Boughton as well as his sister April (Clark) Smalley and brothers Ryan and Ross Boughton. He is the grandson of Robert (the late Anna) Boughton and the late Carl Arthur (the late Dorothy) Nelson. Services were entrusted to the Harry J. Will Funeral Home in Livonia and took place earlier this week. He was laid to rest at Glen Eden Memorial Park in Livonia. Memorials may be made to the Make-A-Wish Foundation in his honor. Please visit: www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com

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BOVA, CARLO J.

May 23, 2012 age 90. Dear father of Michael (Monica) Bova. Grandfather of Karen and Brian Bova. Also survived by nine brothers and sisters. Visitation Wednesday, May 30, 2012 from 1pm until 9 pm at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 South Main Street, Plymouth. Funeral Services Thursday 10am at the funeral home. Contributions suggested to Angela Hospice.





CLAY, RICHARD

May 19, 2012, age 90 of Westland, formerly of Dearborn. Beloved husband of the late Elizabeth and the late Alice. Beloved friend of June Eanes. Loving father of William (Linda) Clay, Richard Clay, Kathy (Richard) Urban, Karen Clay, Sharon Trapp, and the late Daniel Clay. Proud grandfather of seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. Gathering time Friday 9 AM until the 11 Memorial Service Vermeulen Funeral Home, 980 N. Newburgh Rd., (btwn Ford Road & Cherry Hill) Westland.

To share a memory, please visit: vermeulenfuneralhome.com

#### DEQUIN, JESSE MICHAEL

Age 33, passed away Sunday, May 20, 2012, In addition to Danielle, his beloved wife of nearly 11 years, Jesse is survived by his parents-Michael and Linda Dequin; sister Nicole (Kenneth) Martin; grandparents Marilyn & the late Joseph Hauser, Alberta & Henry Dequin; aunts & uncles Joseph (Jayne) Hauser, the late Lawrence (Lori) Christine (Alan) McDonald, the late Catherine (Tim) Moore, Gail (John) Tolson, the late Gwynn (Steven) Grist, Rebecca (Rick) Vrtis, Rachel (the late Steven) England, & Mark (Debbie) Dequin: mother-in-law Elaine Hartlieb; also his constant companion Benjamin the Schnoodle extended family & friends. Memorial Service to be held at Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witness, 47343 W. Ann Arbor Trl, Plymouth, on Monday, May 28, 2012, at 11AM. Brother Steven Carlson to officiate. Memorials encouraged to: Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. For further information, please phone Lynch & Sons, Milford at 248.684.6645 or visit ww.LynchFuneralDirectors.com



DESROCHERS, II **JOSEPH** 

Age 68 of Livonia, May 20, 2012. Beloved husband of Lois. Loving father of Joseph DesRochers III. Dear brother of Ann (Harvey) Hamel, the late Ernest, and Joseph (Carol) Santelio. Joseph leaves behind many loving nieces, nephews, family, and friends. Visitation will be held at Fred Wood Funeral Home Rice Chapel 36100 Five Mile Road (E of Levan) Livonia. Thursday May 24, 2012 from 3-9PM with a 7PM Rosary Service. Funeral services will be held at St. Edith Catholic Church 15089 Newburgh Rd Livonia, Mi. Friday instate 10:00 AM, Mass 10:30 AM.

Memorial contributions may be made to Angela Hospice Please share your memories at: Fredwoodfuneralhome.com

Age 90, of Mt. Juliet, TN, died Tuesday, May 22, 2012. Mrs. Hoffman was a member of Hoffman was a member of Newburgh United Methodist Church in Livonia, MI. She was preceded in death by her parents, George and Mary Whyte Sellar; husband, Donald K. Hoffman and daughter, Donna Holt. She is sur-vived by: Daughter Sharon (Richard) Waack of Lebanon, TN; son-in-law Phillip Holt of Atlanta son-in-law Phillip Holt of Atlanta GA; grandchildren Carine (Mark) Lutz of Ann Arbor, MI, Brian (Cheryl) Waack of Franklin, TN and Rebecca (Daniel) Nelson of Houston, TX; great-grandchildren Haley Waack, Emiley Waack, Kahlia Nelson and Danny Nelson. Memorial services will be conducted in Plymouth, MI at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memori-als may be made to the American Diabetes Association, 220 Great Circle Road, Suite 134, Nashville, TN 37228

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KENYON, RAYMOND B. Asheville, NC. Raymond Burdette Kenyon, age 86, passed away Friday, May 18, 2012 at Mission Hospital. Ray was born in

Woodland Township of Barry County in Michigan on June 3, 1925 to the late Ernest Adelbert Kenyon and Ina Mae Will Kenyon. He was also preceded in death by his wife of 54 years, Shirley Granger Kenyon. came from a large family of four brothers and three sisters. He graduated from Hastings High School in Michigan, class of 1943 and was class President. He then attended and graduated from the University of Michigan. Ray was a U.S. Army Veteran serving in Europe in 1944 and 1945. In the 1960's, he was a proud member of the Garden City School Board. Ray worked for Ford Motor Company from 1962 to 1985 in Dealer Development and was a member of Lake Lure Fairfield Chapel in Lake Lure. Ray is survived by his three children; a son Frederick Kenyon; two daughters, Pavanne Kenyon Lapham and Amy Kenyon; two sisters, Lois Finkbeiner and Jean Jowett; five grandchildren; four great-grand-children and Margy Herrmann, his close companion for seven years and her three daughters. A memo rial service was held on Tuesday, May 22, 2012 at 4:00 P.M. at Lake Lure Fairfield Mountains Chapel, 1384 Buffalo Creek Road, Lake Lure, NC 28746 with Reverend Everette Chapman officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to CarePartners Hospice in Achaville P.O. Box 25338, Asheville, P.O. Box 25338, Asheville, NC 28813.Groce Funeral Home at Lake Julian, Arden, N.C. is assisting the family and the memorial register is available online at:

www.grocefuneralhome.com



RODRIGUEZ, RANDY RAY

MAY 20, 2012 Born January 19, 1950, Age 62 Lived in Westland for over 55 years. Husband of Donna (nee Blackwell). Son of Etta (Cochran) and the late Andrew. Father of Robert, Andy, Natalie (fiance David). Brother of Caroline, Rodney, Kathelene, Andrew Dean (Sherrill). Randy left behind many Uncles, Aunts, cousins and their families, and friends who gathered in Irish Hills for family reunions. Worked with friends and his brothers from Local #412 at Detroit Diesel in Redford for over 30 years. Attended the Wayne-Westland school system and graduated as the State Champion wrestler in his weight class from Wayne Memorial High School in 1968. Visitation was held Tuesday, May 22nd at L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, 8809 Wayne Rd., Livonia, Michigan. Memories and thoughts can be made at griffinfuneralhome.com.

#### TAFT, WILLIAM D.

May 18, 2012, of Plymouth. Beloved husband of Joann. Dear father of Gregg (Ann), Susan (Gary) Matthews & William (Maggie). Loving grandfather of six & great-grandfather of four. Dear brother of Lois Simmons Memorial services will be an-nounced at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Michigan or Lapham Cemetery. For further info or to leave a memory or condolence, please visit: www.vermeulenfuneralhome.com

### **Milestones**

#### 55th wedding anniversary

Leonard and Donna (Werner) Keller celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary April 27. The couple was married in 1957 at Hope Lutheran Church in Detroit.

Leonard is retired from Recreational Leisure Corp. of Farmington and Donna retired from the insurance industry after 55 years of working in agencies representing Citizens Insurance Co. of Howell.

Donna is a member of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority and has done much charity work over the years. During their younger years the couple enjoyed bowling. Leonard used to work in a bowling alley as a pin setter to pay for practice time. Later, he bowled on two leagues. As members of Pet A



Leonard and Donna Keller

Pet, the couple took their dog, Sugar, to nursing homes. Their major hobby over the past several years was travelling. The couple has four children: The late Kenneth Keller, the late Brian Keller, Steven (Karen) of Westland

and Dawn Ziegler (Tom) of Canton. They also have six grandchildren and three great grandchil-

They celebrated a quiet anniversary this year.

#### 50th anniversary

Ken and Barbara (Listerman) Kelsey of Northville marked their 50th wedding anniversary on April 28. The couple married in 1962 at Redford Presbyterian Church, Detroit.

The couple have two children, Janice Erickson of Livonia and Karen Henry of Dexter, and four grandchildren.

Both Ken and Barbara are promotional products consultants.

They're involved in the Livonia Chamber of Commerce, Adcraft Club, Michigan Promotional Products Association, and **Promotional Products** Association. They enjoy spending time with their grandchildren, travelling and golf.



Ken and Barbara Kelsey

They celebrated their milestone anniversary

with family.



#### **Kennedy Hope Slatton**

Kennedy Hope Slatton was born May 10, 2012, at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, Livonia.

Proud parents are Lance and Tina Slatton of Westland.

Grandparents are Jan Scicluna of Farmington, Marvin Slatton of Carleton, and Ed and Merry Harshman of Westland. Great-grandparents are Virginia and Stanley Worrell of North Vernon, Ind., and William and Betty Gillette of Farmington.



**Thomas Robert Kolozsvary** 

Thomas Robert Kolozsvary was born March 12, 2012, at Providence Hospital, Southfield.

Thomas joins his parents, Andy and Michelle Kolozsvary, and siblings, Andrew, 5, and Nora, 3, at home in

Proud grandparents are Tom and Mary Ellen Lesperance of Clinton Township, Andrew Kolozsvary of Macomb Township, and Mary and Dan Mouthaan of Traverse City.



#### Gilbertson-Neale

Lisa Gilbertson and Chadd Neale announce their engagement.

Lisa, daughter of Richard and Annemarie Gilbertson of Livonia, is a graduate of the University of Michigan Ann Arbor. She received a master's degree in counseling from Wayne State University. She is the counseling department head at Divine Child High School in Dearborn.

Chadd is a graduate of Michigan State University with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in criminal justice. He is a youth specialist at Oakland County Children's Village.

A wedding is planned for September.



#### Byk-Tomczyk

Lisa Byk and Scott Tomczyk announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Joseph and Diana Byk of Howell, attended Livonia Churchill High School, Schoolcraft College in Livonia and Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti. She is employed as a creative ad designer with Livingston County Daily Press & Argus in Howell. Her fiancé, son of Hel-

en Tomczyk of Belleville, attended Crestwood High School, William D. Ford Votech School and Henry Ford Community College. He is employed as a test technician at TGR Technical Center, LLC in Plymouth.

A September 2012 wedding is planned at Pine Knob Mansion in Clarkston.

## Hot weather can be deadly for children left alone in cars

With summer weather approaching, Safe Kids Huron Valley has a message for caregivers: Never leave children alone in a vehicle.

A child left unattended in a vehicle can suffer from hyperthermia or heat stroke when temperatures are as low as the mid-50s. On an 80-degree day, the temperature inside a car can rise 20 degrees in 10 min-

Since 1998, more than 500 children have died from hyperthermia or heat stroke as a result of being left alone in a vehicle.

"We simply must get that number to zero," stated Amy Teddy, Safe Kids Huron Valley and injury prevention program manager for Mott Children's Hospital. "We want to remind parents that there is no safe way to leave a child unattended in a vehicle - even for one minute. The inside of a car acts like a greenhouse and because children's bodies heat up three to five times faster than adults, this makes them much more susceptible to heat stroke."

Here's what parents and caregivers need to know

· Lock cars and trucks. Thirty percent of the recorded heat stroke deaths in the U.S. occur because a child was playing in an unattended vehicle. These deaths can be prevented by simply locking the vehicle doors to help assure that kids don't enter the vehicles and become trapped.

· Create reminders. Many child heat stroke deaths occur because parents and caregivers become distracted and exit their vehicle without their child. To help prevent these tragedies parents can:

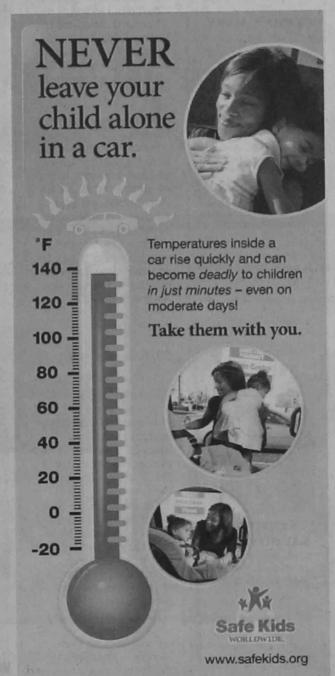
- Place a cell phone, PDA, purse, briefcase, gym bag or something that is needed at your next stop on the floor in front of a child in a backseat. This will help you see your child when you open the rear door and reach for your belongings.

- Set the alarm on your cell phone/smartphone as a reminder to you to drop your child off at day care. If you have a smartphone check out the Baby Reminder app, which was created to help prevent these tragedies. This application will automatically monitor and determine when you are driving and

Set your computer calendar program to ask, "Did you drop off at day care today?" Establish a plan with your day care that if your child fails to arrive within an agreed upon time that you will be called within a few minutes. Be especially mindful of your child if you change your routine for day

Dial 911 immediately if you see an unattended child in a car. EMS professionals are trained to determine if a child is in trouble. Check vehicles and trunks FIRST if a child is missing.

Safe Kids Huron Valley, a nonprofit organization, works to prevent unintentional childhood injury,



the leading cause of death and disability to children through age 14. Safe Kids Huron Valley is a member of Safe Kids Michigan and Safe Kids Worldwide.

For more information on preventing child heat stroke deaths, visit www.ggweather.com/heat and www.safekids.org/nlyca.

#### MEDICAL DATEBOOK

#### May

#### **GARDEN CITY HOSPITAL** A sampling of hospital's offer-

ings this month: Yoga classes run 4 p.m. May 29; 6:15 p.m. May 30 and 6:30 p.m. May 31. Call (734) 458-3242 for details and to

The hospital is located at 6245 Inkster Road, Garden

#### June

#### **ALZHEIMER'S CAMP** FOR KIDS

The Alzheimer's Association-Greater Michigan Chapter offers Camp Connections, a free, three-day education and recreational program for school age children who have a loved one with Alzheimer's disease or related dementia. Kids will learn basic information on dementia and ways to cope with the illness through interactive activities and games. The camp runs 10 a.m.-1 p.m. June 19, 21 and 26 at the Alzheimer's Association, 20300 Civic Center Drive, Suite 100, Southfield. Lunch is provided and preregistration is required. For more information or to register, call the Harry L. Nelson Helpline at (800) 272-3900. Garden City Hospital

 Diabetes Self-Management Education is at 9 a.m. June 2, 12 and 19 and 6 p.m. June 7, 14 and 21 and teaches self-care skills of nutrition, exercise, medication management, monitoring of blood sugar levels, foot and skin care, prevention of problems and psychosocial issues. The program is certified by the Michigan Department of Community Health to assure quality and compliance with State and National Diabetes Education Standards. Physician referral is required. There is a fee, but reimbursement is available by Medicare, Medicaid and most commercial insurance plans. Call (734) 458-4330 for more informa-

tion or to register. Focus on Living Cancer Support is at 7 p.m. June 14 and is designed to bring together cancer patients with a nurse facilitator who helps all share their mutual concerns. Call (734) 458-4330 for more information.

 Blood pressure and cholesterol testing runs 10 a.m.noon, June 5 in the hospital lobby. Blood pressure checks are free. Get a cholesterol test for \$5 and lipid panel for \$10. Call (734) 458-4330 for more information.

The hospital is located at 6245 Inkster Road, Garden City.

#### Ongoing

#### **AQUATIC CLASSES**

The YMCA of Metropolitan Detroit and the Arthritis Foundation have partnered to offer aquatic classes designed to ease the pain of arthritis. Classes are held 11 a.m.-noon Tuesday and Thursday at the Farmington branch; 1-1:45 p.m. Monday and Wednesday at the Livonia branch; and 2-3 p.m. Wednesday and Friday, at the Birmingham branch. All classes are offered to members and nonmembers of every age and participants do not need to know how to swim to participate. To join, interested individuals can contact their local YMCA branch or visit www.ymcadetroit.org.

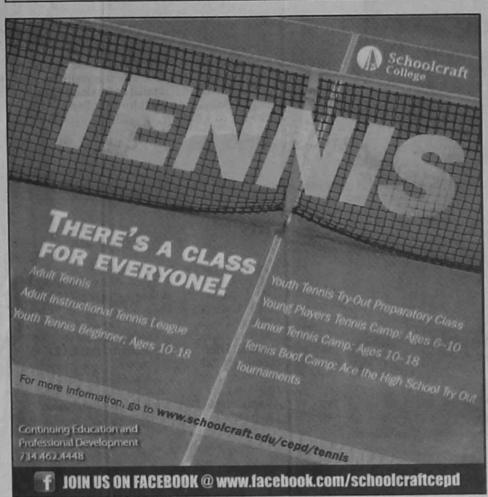
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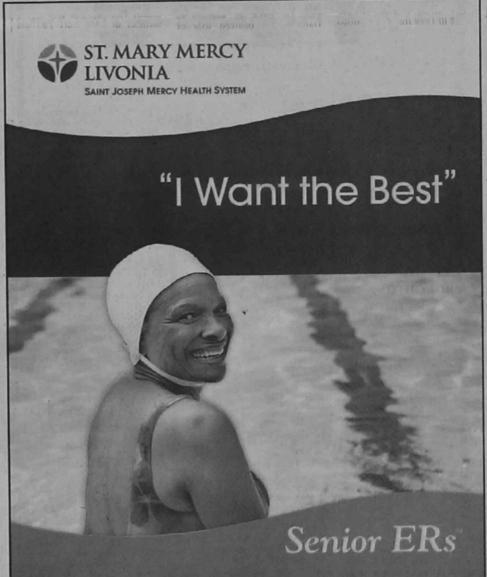
2-3:30 p.m. the third Thursday of the month at the Krieger Center, DMC Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital, 1 William Carls Drive, Commerce. Enter the building via the South Garden entrance. Registration not required.

#### **BREAST CANCER** SUPPORT GROUP

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







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These professionals work behind the scenes to install, inspect, maintain and repair medical equipment. From the large CT scanners and patient monitors to electric wheelchairs, every medical device must work properly. David Chappell, chair of the biomedical equipment technology department at Brown Mackie College - Fort Wayne offers insight into this not-so-apparent health care career option.

"Focusing on medical equipment is a way to help people without being in the OR," says Chappell. A career in biomedical equipment technology is about computers and circuit boards, hardware and specialized software, soldering irons and electronic tools. It is also about training doctors and nurses on the use of equipment. The Association for the Advancement of Medical Instrumentation (AAMI) reports an average national salary of \$43,000 for this profession.

Part computer technician, part electrician, part medical worker, the field comprises a



blend of medicine with science and technology.

"I find it exciting," Chappell adds. "Most patients take this work for granted; however, it carries huge responsibilities. Doctors, nurses and emergency medical technicians (EMT) workers depend on the equipment to work correctly, with sometimes life or death consequences." This aspect of the profession sends some people running for the doors, while others feel it adds prestige to the position.

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"Students are sometimes put off by the medical classes," says Chappell. "But it is vital in this uniquely blended industry. Professionals in the field must understand both

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The field also offers opportunities to specialize. "Every workday provides additional training on equipment," he says. "Whether a tech prefers imaging or radiology or ultrasound or laser, he or she may choose to focus on specific high-end equipment. It is not uncommon for a tech to specialize. Specialists are in demand, and can draw a higher salary."

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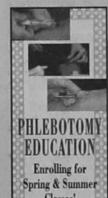
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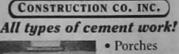
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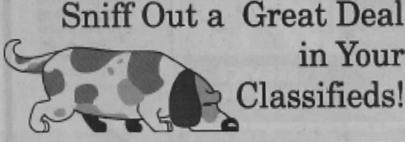
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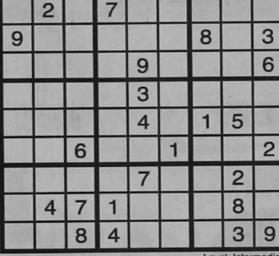
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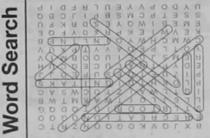
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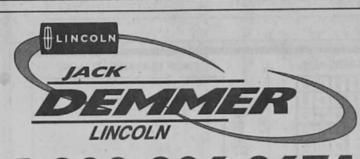
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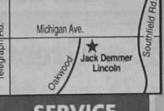




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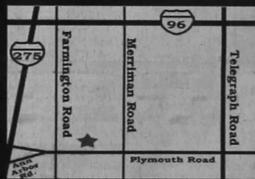
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