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Half-day kindergarten

While one of two sections of half-day kindergarten being offered next year by Plymouth-Canton Community Schools is filled, the other still has openings that need to be filled if the district is to offer it. The half-day kindergarten, which district officials agreed to offer after a petition drive showed there was interest, will be offered at Hoben Elementary School. A letter sent to parents announced a scheduled orientation 1:30-2:15 p.m. Tuesday, June 5, for students accepted for the morning session. According to a second letter sent the same day, the district was still five short of the 20 students deemed necessary to offer the second session. Parents interested in the program should visit Hoben's website at <http://hoben.pccs.k12.mi.us/> or call the school at (734) 981-8670.

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Dems focus on own primary

By Darrell Clem
Observer Staff Writer

Two Democrats hoping to claim U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter's seat said Wednesday they are focused on their Aug. 7 primary battle rather than McCotter's failure to collect enough signatures to get his name on the Republican 11th District ballot. Dr. Syed Taj, a Canton Township trustee, called Democrat opponent Bill Roberts of Redford a Democratic imposter who wants to impeach President Obama and steer the country to policies supported by political activist Lyndon LaRouche.

McCotter a write-in candidate, A2.

"I think he is a fake Democrat," Taj said. "It is time to elect a real Democrat from our district." Roberts conceded he wants to oust Obama, usher in what he considers real economic reforms and begin to address the country's financial woes partly by restoring the 1933 Glass-Steagall Act, creating what he called a separation of commercial banking from "largely fictitious banking debts of private banking houses" in places such as Wall Street and London. "I think there is an attitude sometimes coming from the

top echelons of the Democratic Party that they can decide who a Democrat is," Roberts said. "I think the people who vote can decide." News of McCotter's dilemma and his decision to launch a write-in campaign didn't sway Taj and Roberts from what they have called a crucial Democratic vote in the Aug. 7 primary. Democrats also didn't focus on Kerry Bentivolio, a retired teacher from Milford whose name will be on the Republican ballot. "I'm really more focused on my primary," Taj said Wednesday.

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Canton Township trustee Dr. Syed Taj, running for the U.S. House of Representatives in the 11th District, shrugged off the signature struggles of Republican Thaddeus McCotter, saying, "I'm really more focused on my (Democratic) primary."



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A rifle salute by the Vietnam veterans helps close out Canton's Memorial Day ceremony.

Remembering the fallen
Ceremony honors Canton's heroes

By Brad Kadrich
Observer Staff Writer

Like communities all over the country, Canton gathers to honor military servicemen and women who've given their lives in defense of their country, including those from their own community. On Monday, they added another. A brick paver for 2nd Lt.

Archie Klein, killed in action Sept. 18, 1943, has been added to the Veteran's Memorial in Heritage Park. According to information gathered by the Canton Historical Society, Klein had two brushes with death during World War II. The first time, his plane was forced down in British Guinea and he was rescued after surviving three days in the jungle.

He wasn't as lucky the second time. Just weeks later, Klein's plane crashed during a bombing training run. The youngest commissioned aerial officer in the Army, Klein — a 1941 graduate of Plymouth High School and the son of Mr. and Mrs. L.D. King of Canton — was 19 at the time of his death.

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Arts group eyes factory

By Brad Kadrich
Observer Staff Writer

Jill Engel's hopes to provide a home for an "arts cooperative" in Cherry Hill Village might be on life support, but they aren't dead yet. Organizers of an auction to sell the factory/creamery property located at Ridge and Cherry Hill roads in Canton had to delay the auction, which had been scheduled to be held Tuesday, for unspecified reasons. It likely will be rescheduled some time in the next 30 days, officials said. That gives Engel, executive director of the Canton Partnership for the Arts & Humanities, more time to convince some individual, group or organization to purchase the property and then donate it to the partnership for the betterment of the arts in the community.

Long shot

She knows it's a long shot, but points out other "long shots" — Summit on the Park, the Village Theater at Cherry Hill and even the renovation of the Bartlett House — have been accomplished. "We are looking for a partner to share in our vision," Engel said. "We are committed to expanding the arts in western Wayne and eastern Washtenaw counties. We've done our homework and know this project will take a lot of hard work and fundraising. This

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Station finding its financial footing

By Brad Kadrich
Observer Staff Writer



Former WSDP adviser, teacher and counselor John Seidelman (center) was on the air with sophomore students Joe Zylka and Archana Sondor during WSDP's recent auction fundraiser.

In saving WSDP from the budget ax in recent years, Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education decreed the station must become self-sufficient in the next five years. So far, the station is doing its part.

After a very successful auction — the student run radio station's biggest fundraiser of the year — management has raised some \$25,000 in funding this year. Nearly \$13,000 of that came from this month's auction. It's an increase over the last several years, when auction proceeds dipped to around the \$9,000 mark from a high-

water point of some \$14,000 several years ago. "We did really well," station manager Bill Keith said this week. "The alumni committee told us we really needed to push (the total) back above the \$10,000 mark, and we were able to do that."

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McCotter falls short of signatures, acknowledges some duplications

By Ken Abramczyk
Observer Staff Writer



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Thaddeus McCotter, here speaking at an event in Livonia earlier this year, said he'll run as a write-in candidate after irregularities were found in his nominating petitions.

The Secretary of State's office is investigating irregularities in duplicate signatures and photocopies turned in by campaign volunteers for U.S Rep. Thaddeus McCotter's re-election campaign.

As a result, the secretary of state's office informed McCotter, R-Livonia, Friday that he lacked enough signatures to qualify for the ballot. McCotter declared Tuesday morning he is running as a write-in candidate for the 11th District of the House of Representatives.

McCotter said Tuesday there were duplications of signatures turned in by a campaign volunteer, and a document turned in without a date, a photocopy of a 2010 petition. "That's why this is so mind-numbing," McCotter said. It was not a case where the signatures were disqualified because the signees lived outside the district, McCotter added.

Duplicate signatures are disqualified by the Secretary of State, so McCotter lacked the minimum 1,000 signatures necessary to declare his candidacy.

Gisgic Gendreau, spokesperson for the Sec-

retary of State's office, said 243 signatures out of 1,833 were valid. "There appears to be some election law violations involved," Gendreau said. Preliminary information has been submitted to the attorney general's office. "We'll be working with them in the coming days," Gendreau said.

The Bureau of Elections conducted a "face review" of the signatures when it discovered the duplications of signatures. "There may have been a cutting and pasting of a petition and we received multiple copies of originals," Gendreau said. "Duplicate names do not count."

The Bureau of Elections will be finishing its review and making a recommendation to the State

Board of Canvassers to certify the election; then the state board will vote to certify the election on June 6.

But McCotter has acknowledged the duplicate signatures and is preparing for a write-in campaign. McCotter said he never saw the signatures that were turned into the secretary of state on May 15, the deadline for candidates to declare, nor has he seen the materials yet that were turned in, but learned later from state officials about the inconsistencies.

McCotter said he trusted the campaign volunteers, and that someone "lied" to him about the signatures. The procedure of volunteers collecting signatures for this campaign was no different than from any other

campaign that McCotter has run in, he said. Prior to his five elected terms in Congress, McCotter won elections to the state Senate and Wayne County Commission.

"This isn't brain surgery," McCotter said. "You get the signatures and you sign off as a circulator." McCotter said the signatures were collected in February, and that he was told about a month before the May deadline that he had enough signatures.

"We really don't know who did what," McCotter said about the signatures. McCotter has informed the Secretary of State in a letter that he will "assist in any way they see fit" in their investigation, McCotter said.

"The buck stops with me," McCotter said. "That's why I urge the continued investigation into the petitions. Everyone deserves to know what happened regarding this filing."

Kerry Bentivolio, a retired teacher from Milford, is running as a Republican and will be on the ballot. Democrats William Roberts of Redford Township and Syed Taj of Canton will be running and are also listed on the ballot.

Bentivolio said in a prepared statement that he was "blessed to have a great team of grass-roots volunteers."



U.S. House 11th District hopeful Bill Roberts wants to oust President Barack Obama, usher in what he considers real economic reforms and begin to address the country's financial woes partly by restoring the 1933 Glass-Steagall Act.

DEMS

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Taj has cited protecting Social Security, Medicare and veterans benefits as among the top priorities of his campaign.

Taj called Roberts a "fake Democrat" supported by LaRouche activists. Taj is campaigning for the 11th District Congressional seat in the last year of his first four-year term as the only Democrat sitting on the Canton Township Board of Trustees.

Taj's campaign manager, Natalie Mosher, said she and others are fighting hard to get the word out about Roberts, considered by his critics as radical and out of touch with mainstream Democrats.

Roberts said he is focused less on McCotter's ordeal and more on issues such as pushing to reinstate the Glass-Steagall Act, which he said was repealed in 1999.

"I'm committed to the same things I was before this (McCotter snafu) happened," Roberts said.

He said the nation is facing a crisis, "and we all have to deal with it, no matter if you call yourself a Democrat or independent or Republican."

Roberts' website calls for impeaching Obama and criticizes the president's stances on numerous issues, such as his role in toppling the regime of the late Libyan leader Moammar Gaddafi.

Roberts' website also notes that "dumping Obama is the key to avoiding war." His position is that policies of Obama and some other world leaders are increasing the likelihood Russia could launch a thermonuclear strike against the United States and its NATO allies, specifically "if regime change operations like the ones planned for Syria and Iran are carried out."

For more on Taj's campaign, go to www.tajforcongress.com. Roberts' website is www.billrobertsforcongress.com.

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The seven newborn ducklings who've set up a homestead in a Canton Public Library courtyard stay pretty close to mom.

Ducklings settle in library home

By Darrell Clem
Observer Staff Writer

A mother duck and her seven newborn ducklings have made their home inside a courtyard of the Canton Public Library, creating quite a quack among patrons and employees.

The fluffy family has transformed the courtyard into a nature observatory after the mother flew into a roofless area that is otherwise enclosed. Mother and babies could be seen Tuesday morning through a large window wall of the library's Baby Nook section where Sachiko Reidy had brought her 3-year-old daughter Brigid.

"I see the little ducks," Brigid said, smiling. Laurie Golden, the library's marketing and communications manager, said the ducklings hatched last Friday after their mother landed in the courtyard decorated with greenery, patio blocks and a statue of two children reading.

"They've got first-class accommodations," Golden said.

Marian Nicholson, a business services office administrative assistant turned duck investigator, contacted the Howell Nature Center, which advised library employees



Twenty-one-month-old Nora Fultz, with mom Jill Fultz, watches the ducklings through the window in the children's area of the Canton Public Library.

to provide food and water for two weeks before freeing what Golden affectionately called "our babies." "They are just little fluff balls of cuteness," she said.

Employees keep the courtyard stocked with two shallow pans of fresh water so the duck family can drink, play and bathe. Kathie Gladden, the library's training and communications assistant, bought a bag of duck starter food.

It's not the first time the enclosed courtyard, visible from several areas of the library, has become a home to fowl in flight. The area has been visited by robins, yellow finches and a pair of cedar wingwax birds.

"They're regulars," Golden said of the latter birds. Lately, children visiting

the library have had their attention diverted from books and games to the ducklings. Tuesday morning, Laura Sawaya and daughter Kaylie, 19 months, joined mother Jill Fultz and daughter Nora, 21 months, in the Baby Nook.

When asked about the ducks, Nora said she saw "the mommy one" and the ducklings "playing."

Library employees haven't named the ducklings, though Nicholson had a possible idea.

"There are seven of them, so they could be the Seven Dwarfs," she said.

No word on whether that means mother duck would be Snow White, though her coat is brown.

In a few days, it will be time to set the family free. That's where Anna Slaughter, teen librarian, comes in handy. She had experience when ducks made a home at Pioneer Middle School, where her husband, Jason, teaches.

Nicholson said the nature center recommended gently putting a towel or cloth over the mother to catch her, then carrying her to nature along with her babies.

Golden said the family likely will be set free in a wetlands area behind the library. It will be a new home not far away.

Where they go from there, only nature knows.

STATION

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Keith acknowledged the importance of pushing those amounts as high as possible under mounting pressure from the school board to lower the expense of the radio station to the general fund budget.

Shrinking budget

Currently, the general fund budget for the station is some \$120,000. But Brodie Killian, the district's executive director of business services, said the 2012/2013 budget for the radio station is shrinking.

"In executing the agreed-upon plan to move it to self-sufficiency over a five-year period, we would be trimming the budget by about \$20,000," Killian said.

Keith called the funding mandate "an incredible challenge," saying it shifts, at least in part, some of the station's focus away from programming and teaching the students to raising money.

But both he and Frank Ruggirello, the district's director of community relations with whom responsibility for the station now lies, acknowledged most district's with radio stations are moving in that direction.

Ruggirello said part of the mission will be to find partners in the community, businesses, organizations or even individuals who want to provide financial assistance to the station.

"We're looking for year-to-year support ... A group or charitable foundation to commit to year-to-year support," Ruggirello said. "We believe the community knows and understands the value of the station. I think people would miss it if it were gone."

'Great' partners

Many of those kinds of partnerships have already been established. Kohl's and The Robert Bosch Corp., both are heavily involved in the district. The Plymouth Whalers run a benefit for the station called "Chuck a Puck." The Wilcox Foundation and Community Financial Credit Union have given financial support.

"We've started a few relationships, and those are great relationships," Ruggirello said. "We're hoping for others to step up and support the station."

The auction was a great step in the right direction. One suggestion — to ask alumni to match half-hour segments of the auction, up to \$200 — worked out pretty well, as 14 alumni agreed to do it.

And then there's the Foreigner guitar. Recently, Plymouth High School senior Kyle Linford did an interview with members of the band Foreigner. In a let-



WSDP staffer Kyle Linford with the Epiphone guitar he got from the band Foreigner for the station's annual auction. The guitar went for \$700.

ter to the band's management thanking them for the interview, Linford mentioned the auction and how nice it would be if the band would send a piece of memorabilia — a photo or a T-shirt, for example — to be auctioned off.

When the package arrived from the band, it contained an Epiphone guitar, autographed by all the members of the band. The guitar fetched \$700 at the auction.

"It was our big item," Keith said. "The first bid was \$500, and the last bid came in about the 9:30 hour."

The auction proceeds will obviously help as the radio station makes its move toward financial independence, but the \$25,000 or so the station raised with various efforts this year shows the challenge to come. Next year, the district will reduce the budget another \$20,000, meaning the station will have to come up with \$40,000 to stay on the air.

And while that responsibility forces management to adjust its priorities, it won't shake the primary function of the station — Teaching. A number of radio station alumni have moved on to successful careers, in and out of broadcasting, and all of them credit, in one way or another, the experience they gained at the station.

Even while battling the financial realities, that focus won't shift.

"(Keith) works day and night, and we want him focused on the students," Ruggirello said. "We don't compromise on that."

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FACTORY

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has an opportunity to be a Cinderella story, just like many other projects here in Canton that started as dreams."

The property, built by Ford to provide jobs for veterans, includes a creamery building that used to be a dorm for those veterans, according to Engel. The 14-acre property (fewer than three are usable) and the 50,000-square-foot factory were last used by De-Sta-Co of Auburn Hills as a cylinder factory, she said.

Part of what makes it a long shot is the expense, Engel acknowledges. The last asking price she remembers for the property was \$599,000.

She also said she met with township officials last year to determine how much it might cost to bring the building up to occupancy standards.

Township officials told her, she said, such a cost could exceed \$800,000.

"We know it's more than a \$1 million cost, and we don't want to spend our funding," Engel said. "We'd like to find a partner to purchase it and then donate it."

Lots of uses

Engel and others in the art community have several ideas of what could be done with the property, including:

- Creation of an "arts cooperative," providing inexpensive space for arts groups to create and sell their wares.
- Provide space for current and future users of the Village Theater, including storage, set construction and rehearsal space.
- Provide an after-school art magnet school or academy such as the academies Plymouth-Canton schools will offer in the fall.
- Provide office space

to art organizations such as the Detroit Institute for Arts.

• A restaurant could be located at the south end of the facility overlooking the wetland area.

"It could become one of the most significant additions not only to the Cherry Hill area, but to Canton Township as a whole," said Liz Carlson of the Canton Historical Society. "It's one more historic building it would be great to add to the district."

Engel knows it's a dream, but she sees so much potential in the property that she hopes some benevolent soul will also see.

"Does it need work? Yes, it does," Engel said.

"This and the theater could be cornerstones for the arts in Cherry Hill Village, and in the township. There are so many possibilities."

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Purse-snatch suspect faces trial

By Darrell Clem
 Observer Staff Writer



Case

6:30 p.m. May 9 outside the Target store on Ford Road between Morton Taylor and Sheldon, Detective Andrew Colthurst said. Authorities made an arrest due to quick action by eyewitnesses that led to Case's capture in Livonia. Charges against Case came after witnesses gave Canton police a description of a suspect who reached out the window of a red Ford Focus and grabbed a 24-year-old Westland woman's purse while she was walking to her car, Detective Sgt. Dave Schreiner said. Canton police alert-

ed area police agencies, leading to the suspect's arrest in the parking lot of the Costco store near Middlebelt and I-96. Schreiner credited witnesses outside the Target store with helping police make an arrest, and he said Livonia officers also helped by acting swiftly after spotting the alleged getaway vehicle at Costco. A not-guilty plea was entered for Case as she was arraigned May 11 by 35th District Judge Michael Gerou, who ordered the defendant jailed with a \$10,000 bond. Authorities said she still was in custody when she appeared in court Friday and waived her exam.

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A Taylor woman accused in a drive-by purse-snatching outside a Canton Target store is facing trial in Wayne County Circuit Court on charges of larceny from a person and possession of stolen property.

Sarah Elizabeth Case, 26, could face penalties ranging up to 10 years in prison if she is convicted. She was ordered to stand trial after she waived her right to a preliminary exam Friday in 35th District Court — a decision that averted testimony and sent the case to the higher court for disposition.

Case was charged following an incident that happened shortly before

Golf club offers safety reminders

With golf in full swing across the country, Pheasant Run Golf Club would like to remind outdoor enthusiasts about the dangers of walking or running on the golf course or on cart paths when not involved in the game.

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in excess of 100 miles per hour, individuals running or walking on the course could potentially be exposed to danger. Also due to safety issues, fishing on golf course ponds is not allowed. In addition, pets are not allowed on the golf course.

Walkers and runners are encouraged to utilize the Lower Rouge Trail and the I-275 Metro Bike-way as outdoor recreational destinations. The Lower Rouge Trail offers over four miles of compacted crushed stone paths that meander along the Lower Rouge River providing access to scenic foliage and abundant wildlife. Parking for this trail system can be found at the Lower Rouge Trailhead, located on Michigan Avenue at Morton

Taylor Road. The I-275 Metro Trail currently links Wayne, Oakland and Monroe counties along a 40-mile paved route that runs parallel to Interstate 275. The path begins in Northville at Meadowbrook Road, just south of I-696, and heads south, following I-275, to Canton at Michigan Avenue near US 12. Located at 46500 Summit Parkway in Canton, MI, Pheasant Run Golf Course was designed by world renowned architect Arthur Hills. The 27-hole layout covers more than 300 acres of rolling terrain, and traverses over 10.5 miles from start to finish. For more information on the Pheasant Run Golf Club, visit www.golfprgc.org or call (734) 397-6460.

CRIME WATCH

Road rage

A road rage incident that led to an accident near Michigan Avenue and I-275 prompted Canton police to cite a 23-year-old woman for reckless driving.

The incident happened around 6:40 p.m. Sunday, according to a police report.

Police went to eastbound Michigan Avenue after receiving reports that a car had struck the concrete that supports the I-275 overpass. Police found that an Oldsmobile Intrigue had heavy front-end damage and the airbags had deployed.

The 26-year-old driver had an injured upper lip and cheek. She told police she had been involved with an aggressive driver in a Pontiac Sunfire.

The crash victim told police the Sunfire turned from westbound to eastbound Michigan Avenue at a high rate of speed and pulled into oncoming traffic, cutting off vehicles and then tailgating her. She said the woman eventually passed her in another lane and made an obscene gesture which she returned. Words also were exchanged, and the injured woman said the other driver then pulled in front of her and kept slamming on her brakes, causing her to lose control of the Oldsmobile Intrigue and strike the concrete wall.

She said the Sunfire driver kept going. An independent witness corroborated her story for police. A police investigation led authorities to the other driver, a Redford woman, who tried to blame the injured woman. However, she was cited for reckless driving.

Apartment break-in

A 72-year-old man contacted police after he returned home from his girlfriend's house and noticed someone had broken into his apartment that backs up to Fellows Creek Golf Course, northeast of Michigan Avenue and I-275.

The man told police the incident happened between 5 p.m. Friday and 10:30 a.m. Saturday.

The man had gone to visit his girlfriend and returned to find his apartment had been broken into by an intruder who took items such as a ring, his passport and other personal documents.

Cocaine possession

Canton police Monday afternoon arrested a woman wanted on a felo-

ny warrant out of Milan for possession and delivery of cocaine, according to a police report. The suspect was a passenger in a vehicle stopped by police.

Police saw a woman driving erratically on Ford Road near Haggerty around 2 p.m. Monday, saying she first got into a westbound turn lane on Ford and then, without using a turn signal, crossed the road and entered the IKEA parking lot.

The driver told police she and her passenger were lost and trying to get home from a casino. Police learned the passenger had the felony warrant out of Milan and made arrangements to turn her over to authorities in that community.

Retail fraud

A 39-year-old man appears to be facing retail fraud charges out of several communities, including Canton, after he allegedly stole Dyson vacuums from Meijer stores, including the one at Ford and Canton Center.

Canton police received a call about 5:45 a.m. Saturday from Pittsfield Township authorities who had in custody a suspect believed to have stolen the Dyson vacuums, at times by placing them in garbage cans in stores.

The incidents happened in places such as Ypsilanti, but it was learned the suspect also was believed to have stolen vacuum cleaners from the Meijer store at Ford and Canton Center.

An investigation was continuing into the alleged thefts.

Woman found

A Canton police dog helped officers locate a woman who fled into a wooded area near Beck and Geddes following reports of a dispute that occurred about 10:45 p.m. Monday.

A police sergeant in the area had noticed a man and a woman arguing before they ran into the woods. Police located the man but not the woman before calling in a police canine.

Police found the woman lying face down in the woods with her hands over her head. The report didn't indicate any injuries, not was it clear why the pair had been arguing before they fled into the woods.

Compiled by Staff Writer Darrell Clem from Canton Police Department reports.

STATE OF MICHIGAN

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF WAYNE

ELIZABETH FOOTE, and all others similarly situated

Plaintiffs, Civil Action No. 11-004887-NZ
 vs. Hon. Prentis Edwards

METALTEC STEEL ABRASIVE CO.,
 a Michigan corporation

Defendant.

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NOTICE OF CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT

THIS NOTICE MAY AFFECT YOUR RIGHTS. PLEASE READ THIS ENTIRE NOTICE CAREFULLY.

TO: ANY PERSON, LEGAL OR NATURAL, WHETHER INCORPORATED OR UNINCORPORATED, WITHIN ONE MILE OF THE METALTEC STEEL ABRASIVE CO. FACILITY IN CANTON, MICHIGAN;

This Notice is given pursuant to Michigan Court Rule 3.501 and the Order of the State of Michigan Wayne County Circuit Court. The purpose of this Notice is to inform you of the settlement of the claims brought by the Class Representatives in the above titled lawsuit, on behalf of herself and all individuals or entities who own or owned property, or who reside or resided, in an area within a one mile radius of Defendant's Facility located at 41155 Joy Road, Canton, Michigan during any time from April 25, 2008, through the date of this Settlement Agreement.

The Settlement Agreement is a complete, total and final settlement and satisfaction of all claims asserted or which could have been asserted by the Plaintiff Class or Class Representatives contained within the Complaint. All Class Members must look solely to the terms of the Settlement Agreement for settlement and satisfaction of all such claims against the Defendant.

Claims asserted in this litigation or that could have been asserted in this litigation, including physical invasion of person and property, property damages, personal injuries, loss of use and enjoyment of property, and diminution in property value under theories or trespass, nuisance, negligence, gross negligence, ultrahazardous activity, strict liability and vicarious liability relating to pollutants and air contaminants, including but not limited to the alleged emission of particulate from Defendant's Facility, shall be binding on all Class members and they will be deemed to have released all Claims (as defined in the Settlement Agreement) against Defendant and will be barred from instituting or prosecuting, either directly or representatively, any other action in any court or tribunal asserting or making any Claim against Defendant or Defendant's parent, subsidiary, owners, or related corporate entities, except to enforce the terms and conditions of the Final Judgment or this Settlement Agreement, once given final approval by the Court.

Defendant has denied liability in the lawsuit and denied that its operations constitute a nuisance or have caused any harm, but has entered into the Settlement Agreement in order to resolve the matter amicably on the terms set forth in the Settlement Agreement.

THIS NOTICE IS NOT AN EXPRESSION OF ANY OPINION OF THE COURT AS TO THE MERITS OF THE PROPOSED CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT. IT IS PROVIDED FOR THE SOLE PURPOSE OF INFORMING YOU OF THE EXISTENCE OF THE TERMS OF THE PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT SO THAT YOU MAY TAKE APPROPRIATE STEPS IN RELATION TO THIS LITIGATION.

I. THE PROPOSED SETTLEMENT

The following description of the proposed Settlement Agreement is only a summary. For a full statement of its provisions you are directed to review the text of the Settlement Agreement, which is on file with the Court.

In return for the releases described below and in the Settlement Agreement, Defendant has agreed to the following terms as described in this section:

A. Improvement Measures

Defendant has conducted certain stack emissions testing and particulate collection sampling in an effort to, among other things, ensure that Defendant's Facility was and is operating in compliance with all applicable regulations and standards and Defendant's operative air emissions permit. These completed measures have been done at an

approximate cost of \$25,000. Defendant also has agreed to additional improvement measures intended to reduce alleged emissions from Defendant's Facility, including increasing the stack height on certain baghouse emissions stacks, removing roofline vents, and installing air pressure monitors. Such additional measures have an estimated cost/value of \$100,000.

B. Settlement Fund

Defendant agrees to establish a Fund (the Settlement Fund) made payable to Plaintiffs' Counsel on behalf of the Class Members. The Fund shall be deposited into an interest-bearing escrow account, the iMetaltec Settlement Fund Account, at PNC Bank (the "Settlement Fund"). Funds ultimately shall be distributed from the Settlement Fund pursuant to this Settlement Agreement. Payments shall not be made until after Final Judgment has been entered, all appeals have been exhausted and this Settlement Agreement is no longer subject to further appeal or review. The Settlement Fund shall be distributed as follows:

- Award to SubClass A members:** Sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000) of the Settlement Fund shall be set aside for the benefit of individuals who own or owned residential property, or who reside or resided, in the three residential neighborhoods of Stonebrooke Apartments, Bradbury Parkhomes Condominiums, and Carriage Cove Apartments, in Plymouth and Canton Michigan ("SubClass A Fund") and who are claiming damage to personal property and/or vehicles.
- Plaintiff Class Representative Award:** The Plaintiff Representative, Elizabeth Foote, for her diligence and participation in the advancement of the interests of the Class shall receive an award of three thousand dollars (\$3,000).
- Costs and Expenses:** Fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) of the Settlement Fund shall be disbursed to Plaintiffs' Counsel for reimbursement of their litigation expenses and costs.
- Attorney's fees:** Attorneys' fees for Plaintiffs' Counsel will be paid by Defendant to Plaintiffs' Counsel out of the Settlement Fund in the amount of Sixty Thousand dollars (\$60,000) for attorney fees.

II. YOUR RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS

A. Objections To Settlement

A hearing on the proposed Settlement Agreement is scheduled to take place on July 27, 2012 in the State of Michigan Wayne County Circuit Court at 8:30 a.m. As a Class Member, you may object to the fairness and adequacy of the terms of the Settlement Agreement by filing written objections with the Court seven (7) days before the Final Fairness Hearing or by appearing in Court at the Final Fairness Hearing to be held on July 27, 2012. In order to be heard in opposition to the Settlement Agreement at the hearing, you must file with the Court and send copies by first class mail to both Plaintiffs' Counsel and counsel for Defendant (listed below), a notice of your intention to appear at the Final Fairness Hearing and the basis for your objection(s). The notice must be filed with the Court on or before seven (7) days prior to the Final Fairness Hearing and a photocopy sent to the Parties' counsel by U.S. mail, postmarked seven (7) prior to the Fair Fairness Hearing. Attorneys to whom objections should be sent:

Plaintiffs' Counsel: Laura L. Sheets
 Macuga & Liddle & Dubin P.C.
 975 E. Jefferson
 Detroit, Michigan 48207-3101

Defense Counsel: Benjamin W. Jeffers
 Todd C. Schebor Dykema Gossett, PLLC
 400 Renaissance Center
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B. Opting Out Of The Settlement

You have the right to opt out of the Settlement. To do so, you must submit a written notice to that effect to Laura Sheets at Macuga, Liddle & Dubin P.C., 975 E. Jefferson Ave., Detroit, Michigan 48207, which notice must be postmarked or personally served no later than June 29, 2012. Each such notice must be individually signed by each person seeking to opt out of the Class. Plaintiffs' Counsel shall immediately send all such notices to counsel for Defendant by email or hand delivery. The Final Judgment and this Settlement Agreement shall be binding on all Class members who do not opt out of the Class. As set forth more fully in Section 7 of this Settlement Agreement, all members of the Class who do not opt out of the Class shall be deemed to have released all Claims against Defendant and are barred from instituting or prosecuting, either directly or representatively, any other action in any court or tribunal asserting or making any Claims against Defendant, except to enforce the terms and conditions of this Settlement Agreement.

C. Participation in the Settlement Fund Distribution

Each SubClass A Member eligible to receive payment from the SubClass A Fund shall contact Plaintiffs' Counsel to obtain the relevant Affidavit Claim Form indicating Class Membership, and each Class Member shall return the Affidavit Claim Form to Plaintiffs' Counsel by August 3, 2012.

Clerk of the Court
 State of Michigan
 In the Circuit for the County of Wayne

AROUND CANTON

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

HEISE TOWN HALL

Date/Time: Monday, June 4, 7-8:30 p.m.
Location: Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty in Plymouth

Details: Area residents can learn more about a variety of transportation issues affecting western Wayne County at a special town hall meeting sponsored by Rep. Kurt Heise. Topics will include the state budget involving transportation, Gov. Rick Snyder's statewide transportation initiative and the governor's proposal on mass transit for southeast Michigan. Heise has invited Rep. Paul Opsommer, chair of the House Transportation Committee, to attend the meeting as well as a Michigan Department of Transportation official.

Contact: Call Heise's office at 1-855-REP-KURT with any questions. There is no need to RSVP to the event.

SLAVENS COFFEE

Date/Time: Monday, June 4, and Monday, June 18, 5-6 p.m. both days
Location: Daydream Cafe, 47192 Michigan Ave., in Canton

Details: State Rep. Dian Slavens (D-Canton) invites residents to join her for a cup of coffee and conversation at one of her upcoming coffee hours. Slavens hosts regular coffee hours and town hall meetings throughout Canton Township, Belleville and Van Buren Township. Residents can sign up for Slavens' e-newsletter and take her brief community survey by visiting her website at www.slavens.house.dems.com.

Contact: Call Slavens toll free at (888) 347-8021 or send an email to DianSlavens@house.mi.gov.

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

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 before-care and after-care program exists for working parents. There are also scholarships available for families who



Dance delight

Alyssa Salloum (from left), Christina Gonzalez, Gabriela Morones and Mikaila Murphy attended Revolution Talent Competition representing Synergy Dance Academy in Plymouth. The girls took home a platinum award, the top prize, in their performance of 'Simply Irresistible' over the weekend. The dance routine was choreographed by owner Lynne Taylor-Kilgore.

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 and 2, Canton

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.

CHURCH GARAGE SALE

Date/Time: Saturday, June 9, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Location: Canton Christian Fellowship Church, 8775 Ronda Drive, Canton

Details: Great Expectations church-wide garage sale is open to the public. This event is tailored to the community and will be held in the parking lot of Canton Christian Fellowship Church. We encourage everyone to come and bring a friend. Some items which will be sold include clothing, furniture, electronics, and much more.

Contact: Call (734)404-2480 or visit www.cantoncf.org.

HEROES

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Klein was just one of the many military servicemen and women honored Monday.

"Soldiers are defenders of the same principles that made this country great," said veteran John Spencer, who organized Canton's Memorial Day event. "They stand as patriots to defend and protect the ideals and sentiments espoused in the Constitution of the United States. Remember those who gave their lives so that we may continue to live in freedom."

The event included the reading of the popular poem *In Flanders Fields*, the laying of wreaths and the honor volley from the honor guard of the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 528.

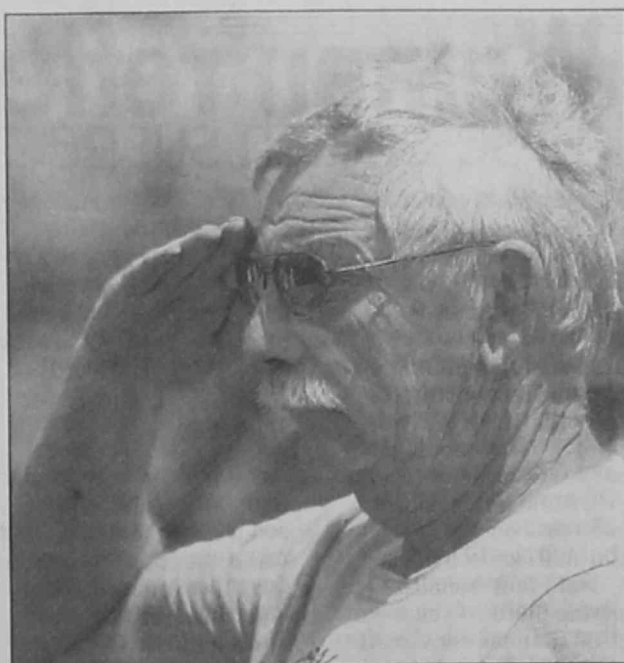
It was a time for reflection, and U.S. Air Force veteran Al Kerbyson couldn't help but think about those with whom he served who never made it home.

Kerbyson, a 1965 graduate of Thurston High School in Redford who now lives in Westland, was a security policeman who served in Thailand during the Vietnam conflict. He said he never saw combat duty, but several friends "are now on the (Vietnam Memorial) wall."

"They trained me to do combat, and I never got into combat," Kerbyson said. "I feel a guilt trip (thinking about friends who died). I figured I didn't do enough."

Spencer said those who've served — including those who died and those who survived — stand as a beacon for what the holiday means.

"They came from all walks of life and all



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Terry Blumberg is the father of fallen soldier Army Sgt. Trevor Blumberg, who died in Iraq on Sept. 14, 2003. Terry and wife Janet Blumberg founded and built Blum's Landing, a place in northern Michigan for soldiers to relax and recover.



John Spencer, at right, leads the ceremony, with help from fellow vets Larry Frayer, Rich Popa, and Jerry Thomason. In the foreground, Vietnam vet Al Kerbyson of Westland.

regions of our country with one thing in common ... love of and loyalty to our country," Spencer said. "Memorial Day seeks to stir the patriotic feelings of every American citizen and remind us

that we owe our freedom and liberty to the finest of young men and women who laid down their lives for us."

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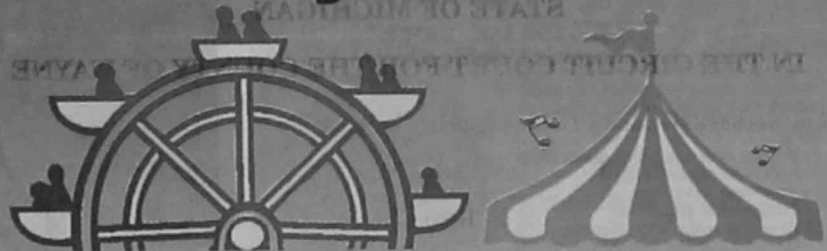
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Woman reflects on century of memories

By Matt Jachman
Observer Staff Writer

Katherine Thompson remembers a Detroit now seen only in history books, newsreels and antique photographs: Gas lights, streetcars, and the field at McGraw and Grand River where Olympia Stadium, gone 25 years already, was built in the 1920s.

She's witnessed, and lived, many of the events that defined the U.S. during the last century — world wars, the Great Depression, jet travel, the space age and the growth of the suburbs.

"When the man walked on the moon, that was something," said Mrs. Thompson on Tuesday. Mrs. Thompson, of Plymouth Township, will



Thompson

mark her 100th birthday on Sunday, June 10. As she eagerly anticipates a birthday luncheon with family members and friends — son George said she's had more energy in recent days than she's had in a long time — she paused Tuesday to reflect on her extraordinarily long life.

"I don't know what keeps you going," she said Tuesday on the backyard deck of the house she shares with her son. "There's got to be something — I have no clue."

"She's very, very tough," said George A. Thompson, 64, who also

attributed his mother's longevity in part to her Irish heritage. "She can be very stubborn."

Mrs. Thompson was born to Daniel and Sarah McNamara at their house at 310 National, which is no longer on the Detroit map. Her father, who had immigrated from Ireland, was a widower with two young sons, Mervin and John, when he met her mother at the restaurant on Elizabeth Street where she worked; the former Sarah Batten had come from Canada to help an aunt with the restaurant.

Daniel McNamara was a painter and decorator who worked at the Book Cadillac Hotel in its early days, at the former General Motors Corp. headquarters on Grand Boulevard, and for a build-

er putting up homes in Detroit.

She has some strong memories of her girlhood: the gas lights flickering at the house on National, spending time with her maternal grandparents in Port Carling, Ont., during the summers ("I had a lot of fun there"), attending sporting events at the field at Northwestern High School, just up the street from where Olympia was built. The family later moved to Hudson Avenue, in the area of Grand River and Grand Boulevard.

Katherine McNamara graduated from Detroit's High School of Commerce in 1930, having completed a business program there, and went to work downtown at Provident Loan & Savings on

Griswold. She was secretary to the general manager.

The Great Depression was taking root across the country. "It was hard times, but my dad was working," she said.

A classmate and friend, Margaret, "always talked about her two cousins" from Coldwater, Mich., and Katherine persuaded her to finally introduce them. She ended up marrying one, George L. Thompson, in 1941.

Her husband was also a painter and decorator, then worked as head of shipping for an automobile parts supplier and later as a maintenance man for a dental supply manufacturer.

Their son was born in 1947, and the family moved to Mettetal Street,

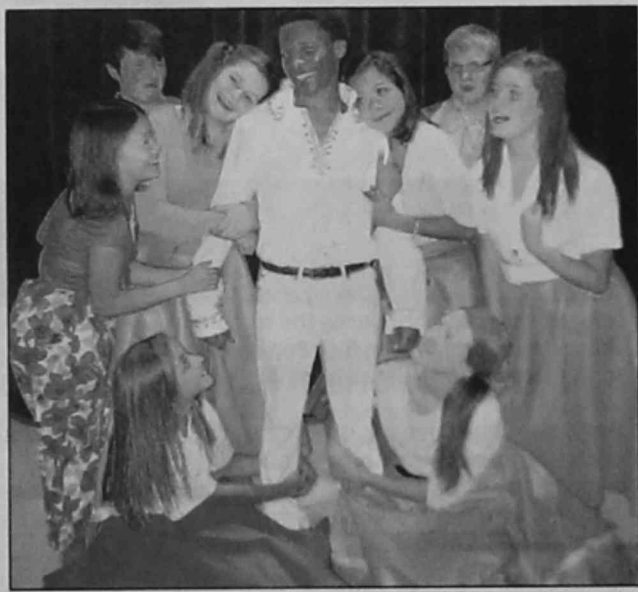
on the west side, in 1951.

Son George attended Wilbur Wright Cooperative High School, a technical school that offered internships that gave students real-world experience. His internship with Detroit Edison led to a 42-year career with the company (later DTE Energy); he retired in 2005.

George L. Thompson died in 1969 at age 58, and Katherine Thompson and her son moved to their current home in the township in 1977.

Until her mobility became limited, the two would go out often to dinner, vacation regularly in Harbor Springs, Mich., and travel frequently for Kiwanis International conventions. George A. Thompson is an active Kiwanian.

Spotlight on Youth troupe brings 'Birdie' to stage



Spotlight on Youth brings 'Bye, Bye Birdie!' to the Village Theater stage this weekend.

Conrad Birdie is coming to Canton.

The Army draftee and the rest of the characters from "Bye, Bye Birdie!" will be brought to life May 31 to June 31 when Spotlight on Youth brings its production of the light-hearted musical to the stage at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill.

The play tells the story of Conrad Birdie being drafted into the army in the late 1950s. His agent, Albert, and his secretary/sweetheart, Rose, come up with a plan to have Conrad kiss a loyal fan and launch a hit record.

Full of well known songs such as "Put on a Happy Face" and "Kids,"

BIRDIE WATCHING

What: Spotlight on Youth production of "Bye, Bye Birdie!"

When: 7 p.m. Thursday, May 31, and Friday, June 1; 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. June 2-3

Where: Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill in Canton

Tickets: \$15; call (734) 394-5300

Birdie harkens back to a time when life was much simpler and technology was yet to be developed, Spotlight officials said.

Novi resident and Director Barbara Bloom says, "What a treat to do this show with kids the actual age of the characters," said director Barbara Bloom of Novi. "I have done the show sev-

eral times and this is the first time that so many of the roles are being played by the very talented youth of Spotlight on Youth who are the actual ages of the characters. These are teen-agers playing teen-agers."

The show uses actors from around the Plymouth-Canton and surrounding areas. Evan

Phillips gets the title role as Conrad Birdie, while Connor Keliikuli will play the agent, Albert Peterson. Cordelia Dessert takes a turn as Albert's girlfriend, Rose Alvarez, and Rachel Curtis plays the lucky girl set to get the kiss, Kim MacAfee.

Tickets (\$15) are available by phone at the Village Theater box office at (734) 394-5300 or (734) 394-5460 or online at www.canton-mi.org/village-theater or www.spotlightplayersmi.org. They can also be purchased at The Summit on the Park or at the door. The Village Theater at Cherry Hill is located at 50400 Cherry Hill in Canton.

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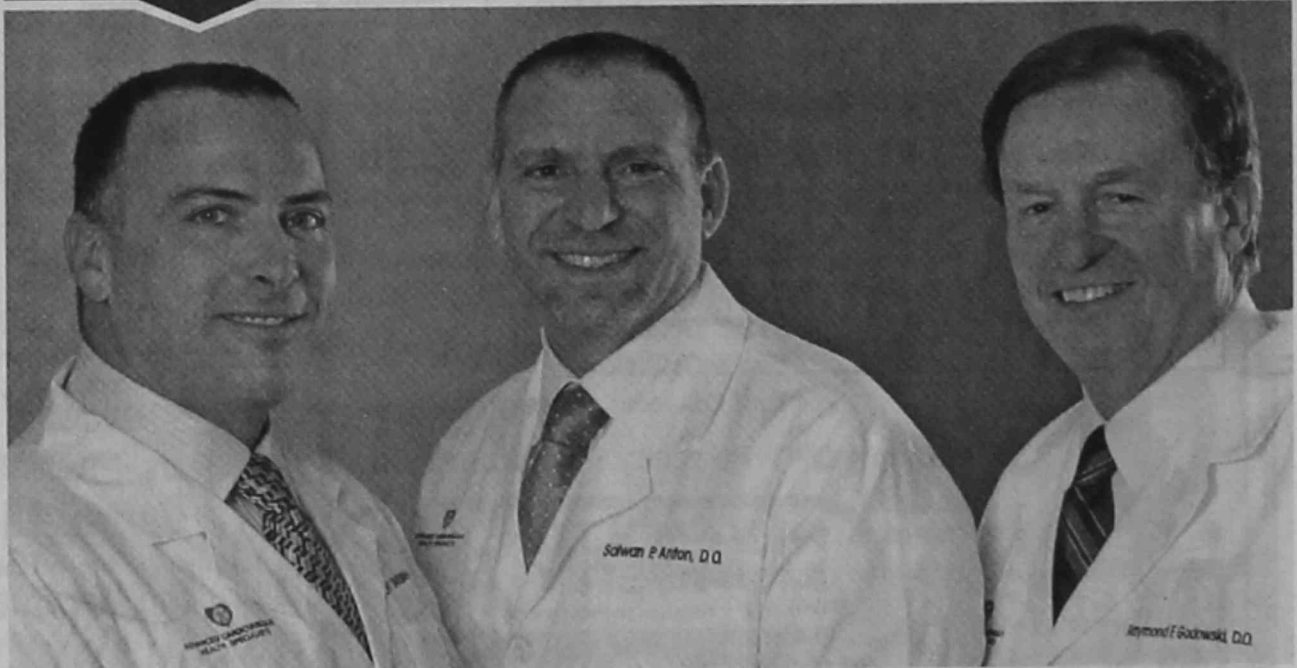
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Amy Zinn was the Canton Idol 2011. Auditions for the 2012 Canton Idol competition are Sunday and Monday.

Canton Idol auditions near

Singers who want to be the next Canton Idol should be getting ready.

The BeckRidge Chorale and Cherry Hill Singers will be holding auditions for the 2012 edition of Canton Idol 3-6 p.m. Sunday, June 3, and 6-9 p.m. Monday, June 4.

Auditions take place at the organization headquarters located at 47943 Michigan Avenue in Canton (located behind Devon Storage). The singing competition is open to all middle and high school students in Michigan.

This marks the third year of the competition. Performances include

a preliminary round on Aug. 27, with the final round of competition set for Aug. 29. Canton Idol is sponsored in part by the Partnership for the Arts and Humanities in Canton.

Performances of Canton Idol 2012 will be held at the Village Theater, located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road in Canton. Students interested in participating in Canton Idol should go to www.beckridgechorale.org and download the audition packet prior to their audition.

For more information contact the BeckRidge Chorale at (888) 459-4887.

By Rick Bloom
Guest Columnist

I was sitting at my desk when an urgent, confidential e-mail came my way. The e-mail was from a woman in the Democratic Republic of Congo. She needed a U.S. bank account to send \$10.6 million. In return for the use of my bank account, I would get to keep a little over \$2 million. The letter provided a contact name, phone number and, of course, it also stated how reliable and trustworthy she was. I read the e-mail then deleted it just as everyone should do when they receive such an e-mail.



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

I can't tell you how many of these letters I've received over the years. I've received letters from Nigeria, Jordan, and Lebanon as well as other countries. They all tell the same story; only the names and the dollar amounts are different. The bottom line, they are scams and the sole purpose is to swindle your money. Unfortunately, there are those who fall for these gimmicks and end up losing a substantial amount of money.

After reading the letter, the question you ask is how could anyone fall for this scam? I sometimes shake my head too, but the reality is people do. Some people are curious and they'll either return the e-mail or actually give them a call. That is a mistake. Remember, you're dealing with crooks that are good at what they do and there's no reason to give them an in-road. When you receive a solicitation like the one I received, the only prudent course of action is to delete it.

Scams have been around since the beginning of time. The reason for that is because they work. People are always

falling for get-rich-fast schemes and it's not just uninformed, naive people. Even smart people fall for scams. After all, look at the Madoff situation. There were some very smart and sophisticated people that let their guard down and were ripped off. The bottom line is we can never afford to let our guard down; when we do, there is a good chance we will be separated from our hard-earned money.

One of the things that make detecting scams so difficult is the constant changing nature of them. That is why it is always important to never forget that if something sounds too good to be true, it is. When it comes to investing or turning your money over to someone, always make sure you do independent research. If you cannot check out an investment or anything, independently it's probably a good sign that you ought to avoid it. Probably some of the best investments I've ever

made are investments that I've walked away from. I am sure the woman in the Congo will be disappointed that she doesn't hear from me — oh, well, that's life. However, I'm sure that she sent out thousands of these e-mails hoping that a handful of people will contact her. I feel sorry for those people because the result will be they won't receive 20 percent of \$10.6 million; rather, they will find that they will have a lot less money in their pocket.

Remember, take your time, ask questions and do your homework. By following these three rules, you will find that you have more money in your pocket; and that is exactly where it belongs. Good luck!

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The color guard marches to the Veteran's Memorial in Heritage Park as Canton's Memorial Day ceremony begins.

The respect they deserve



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Various scouting troops took part in Monday's Memorial Day parade down Main Street in Plymouth.



Plymouth's Memorial Day ceremony featured a flyover by the Yankee Warrior, a B-25 Mitchell bomber delivered to the USAAF in 1943.



Veteran Al Kerbyson of Westland served in Thailand during the Vietnam war.



Plymouth Community Veterans Memorial Park is full for the Memorial Day ceremony.



Amelia Fraser, 7 years old, Greg, 10 years, and Lydia, 5 years, can hear the parade coming. Mom and Dad, Amanda and John Fraser, and the kids are from Plymouth.

IT'S YOUR BUSINESS Q&A



Susan Richardson gave up a 30-year retail career and started Timeless Images earlier this month. Her grand-opening promotion starts Friday.

Photographer shoots for studio success

Observer: Tell us about your business, including the types of services and/or products you feature?

Timeless Images: I offer portrait sessions for Families, Kids, High School Seniors, Beauty, Executives and non-wedding events. Clients can choose from a studio session or we can shoot at a location of their choosing. I offer a wide variety of quality products to display their photographic art including mounted and framed prints, gallery wrapped canvas, leather albums, luxe wood frames and more specialty items.

Observer: How did you decide to open your business?

Timeless Images: I made the decision to leave my 30-year retail management career and open my business due to several reasons, but primarily a family crisis. I actually began considering starting my professional photography business several years ago. During that time my family urged me to do so, including my uncle, whom I was close to. In May 2010, we lost my uncle to cancer, and I began to rethink my career and my life and decided that it was time to make the change.

Observer: Why did you choose Canton?

Timeless Images: Although my business is not in Canton, I will be serving the areas surrounding Belleville, including Canton, Plymouth, Livonia, Northville, Ypsilanti, Ann Arbor, Westland and other areas. My husband and I lived in Canton when we were first engaged and still shop, dine and partake in cultural events there frequently.

Observer: What makes your business unique?

Timeless Images: While there are numerous photographers in the market, my focus will be on service. Having 30 years in

TIMELESS IMAGES

Business name and address: Timeless Images by Susan, 13745 Milton Drive, Belleville
Your name: Susan Richardson, owner
Your hometown: Born in Detroit, raised in Livonia
Business opened: I conducted the soft opening May 2012; grand opening promotion kicks off June 1.
Number of employees: Just me for now
Hours of operation: The business is open Tuesday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., however appointments for sessions are available at any time that is convenient for my clients.
Your business specialty: I maintain a "Customer first" approach to my business. My goal is to ensure that we take our time together, enjoy the process, don't rush and ensure that we get it right. Not only do I want my clients to love their final images, but I want them to look back and have fond memories of the experience they had the day we captured the images.
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retail, management and human resources gives me an advantage. My personal customer service standards are extremely high. In addition, I too, am a mom. I have been to those commercial portrait studios where they herd you through like cattle, rush your session, fire off a few shots, take your money and then call "next!"

Observer: Do you have a story to share with readers about your experience as a small business owner?

Timeless Images: My previous job was very demanding and often required long days. When I resigned my husband commented that he was happy that I would no longer have to work so many 10 to 11 hour days. Unfortunately, to his dismay, in the months following he has seen less of me, in our own home! Starting up a new business requires an immense amount of dedication and time.

Observer: How has the recent economy affected your business?

Timeless Images: At this point it is too soon to tell if the current economic conditions will bear any effect on my grand opening market-

ing efforts. I am doing everything I can to maximize my opportunities for brand awareness with the minimal budget that I have at this point. It is definitely challenging. I do know that an online presence is necessary and that is something I am working to develop.

Observer: Any advice for other business owners?

Timeless Images: When it comes to starting a new business, planning and research is the key. I had been researching this potential venture for several years. I had taken a lot of notes and researched many aspects of my industry prior to making the decision to move forward. That was highly beneficial to me from a financial standpoint.

Observer: What's in store for the future of your business?

Timeless Images: I am hoping that within 18-24 months I will have established a solid base of new clientele in my market and be able to add at least one staff member. For now, I am very optimistic about the future and look forward to meeting new clients and doing my best to exceed their expectations.

CANTON CHAMBER CHAT

June luncheon

The Canton Chamber of Commerce hosts its June Networking Luncheon 11:30 a.m., Wednesday, June 6, at the Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton. The cost for lunch is \$25 (advance member registration) \$30 (Non-member) and includes a full buffet lunch, beverages and dessert. This luncheon is open to the public.

June's Luncheon will feature guest speaker Jacob Cohen, vice president of Detroit Venture Partners, a seed and early stage venture capital fund formed by partners Josh Linkner, Dan Gilbert, Brian Hermelin and Earvin "Magic" Johnson. Cohen currently sits on the boards of various DVP portfolio companies, including Are You A Human?, ShopWith.It, Detroit Labs, FLUD, and OWN Point of Sale.

"We are thrilled to have Jacob speak at our chamber luncheon," said Thomas Paden, President, Canton Chamber of Commerce.

June's Luncheon is hosted by the Canton Chamber of Commerce and is sponsored by Tammy Brown Agency - Farm Bureau Insurance. Seating is limited and reservations are needed. To make a reservation, contact the Canton Chamber of Commerce at (734) 453-4040.

First Friday

The Canton Chamber's 1st Friday Club meets 8:30 a.m. Friday, June 1, at the chamber office, 45525 Hanford.

This is an opportunity for one on one networking in a small group setting. This networking event is limited to 10 separate businesses plus a sponsor. Participants should bring business cards, flyers, etc., to share with the group. Participation in this networking event is limited to once per quarter. The meeting is sponsored by Showroom of Elegance.

To make a reservation, call (734) 453-4040 or e-mail admin@cantonchamber.com.

Mobile payment systems gaining some traction

By Jon Gunnells
Guest Columnist

Digital shoppers have been using online payment systems such as PayPal and Google payments for years to pay retailers, or reimburse friends for small everyday transactions.

Online payment systems have provided a convenient way of paying just about anyone in seconds. With online payment systems consumers no longer have to write checks or even find cash in their wallet to pay back the guy who spotted them \$10 for the office pool.

Now digital payments are about to get even easier for online shoppers and small business with the recent push by companies to offer mobile payment.

It started with PayPal Here®, a mobile device that small retailers such as taco trucks and street vendors can plug into their smartphone phone to accept credit cards, debit cards, checks and PayPal payments at any time. PayPal Here® charges retailers a small transaction fee similar to what's charged at brick and mortar retailers. Payments are tracked and managed using an accompanying PayPal Here® app.

Next, Square came along with an almost identical system. Retailers can plug the square reader into their smartphone and receive payments from card hold-



Tech Savvy

Jon Gunnells

ers. A 2.75 percent fee applies, but it allows retailers to accept more types of payments which can

increase business. If two mobile payment systems weren't enough, it was recently reported daily deal site, Groupon is working on a mobile payment system of their own. Groupon's operation will focus on providing lower fees than the competition.

If you are a vendor without complicated registers and card readers, Square, PayPal Here® and the unnamed Groupon system could offer a cost-effective, space-efficient way to accept more payments.

Lastly, if you are consumer, mobile payment options will give you more ways to pay digitally — a preference of those who don't like to carry a lot of cash or hit the ATM every few days.

Consumers can also sign up to receive PayPal Here or Square as I did. I don't know if I will ever use the system, but it certainly would be convenient for group functions or work lunches where some people only have credit cards. A person with a reader could just swipe their friend's card eliminating the awkwardness of an I

owe you.

For those who don't want to hassle with card readers and extra applications, they can still send payments to friends or pay people back for services using PayPal or Google Offers.

Many banks also offer online payment systems. Chase, for example, allows person-to-person quick pay where Chase users can send money to one another instantly using the Chase website or mobile app.

Comerica Bank and other financial institutions also let you add your friends as payees and pay them like you would pay a bill. For example, if I owed a friend \$50 for widgets, I could pay them through the online bill pay center. A check would be sent to their address. The service is free and it makes the bank go through the process of cutting the check, finding an envelope, getting a stamp and remembering to mail.

Some of these processes may sound time consuming to set up, but in actuality they are easy. Each of these online and mobile payments can save consumers time and money — they also offer convenience and sometimes savings for retailers.

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OUR VIEWS

Safety first

Camera system makes students a priority

It's been a long time coming, and the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education did the right thing by approving the installation of security cameras through the three-school Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

The \$388,000 the board voted to spend will cover nearly all of the interior of Canton, Plymouth and Salem High Schools. Cafeteria areas have been covered the last few weeks by cameras already installed to quell year-end problems, and now all hallway intersections, common areas and gym areas will also be under the watchful eye of the system.

It's a project that's been talked about at length for at least the last couple of years, but paying for it had always been a stumbling block. A district that was struggling with projected deficits in the millions simply couldn't seem to pull the trigger on such a large expense, despite the fact everyone agreed it was a needed improvement at The Park.

But officials came up with a creative way to pay for the cameras — they'll use remaining proceeds from a Qualified School Construction Bond. The bond was created to perform work related to energy savings, but the district's bond attorney advised them since the cameras were being installed inside the buildings, where energy conservation work had already been done, the cameras were a related expense and therefore eligible for the QSCB funding.

However, it was too large a stretch to pay for exterior cameras, so that improvement will have to wait for general fund money to become available, or a decision made to borrow the money. When that decision is made, the system the district is buying will be ready: It's expandable to accommodate exterior cameras.

We hope the exterior system comes soon; with more than 6,000 students passing between the three buildings several times a day, the outdoor areas are ripe for problems, including potential drug sale and use, bullying, fighting and other incidents.

For now, though, the interior cameras, which will be installed over the summer and up and running when school starts again in September, are a good first step. District officials and board members have been saying for a long time that the safety of the students is a top priority.

This is a good way to back those words with action.

Buckle up on roads

Whether driving through town or jumping on the expressway for your morning commute, cars are a way of life for local residents.

And if the daily grind isn't enough, summer vacations are right around the corner and plenty of families will be heading to other parts of our state and beyond.

We hope everyone who sits behind the wheel reaches their destination. A great first step to do that is to fasten your seat belt whenever you get in a vehicle.

Michigan State Police officials say seat belts are the most effective way to save your life in a traffic crash.

It's also the law. Getting caught without your seat belt could cost you a \$65 ticket.

Utilizing federal funds, about 160 law enforcement agencies across the state ramped up enforcement of seat belt violations, including the metro Detroit counties, during the Click It or Ticket campaign that runs through June 3.

According to the Office of Highway Safety Planning, research shows when seat belts are used properly, the risk of being killed in a crash is reduced by nearly 50 percent.

Michigan law requires all drivers, front seat passengers and passengers 15 and younger in any position to be buckled up.

Most crash deaths occur within 25 miles of home and at speeds of less than 40 miles per hour, according to the Michigan State Police. Officials state that one out of three people will be seriously injured in a car crash some time during their lives.

During last year's Click It or Ticket enforcement, 9,013 seat belt and child seat violation tickets were written.

Don't be a statistic. Whether you're going to the corner market or heading out on a family vacation -- buckle up every time you get in your car.

COMMUNITY VOICE

Why do you come to Summit on the Park?

We asked this question at Summit on the Park.



"For my heart."
David Britz
Canton



"To get exercise and improve my health."
Tom Burba
Canton



"I like the exercise classes — and I like one instructor in particular — and it's more economical than other options."
Yavonkia Jenkins
Canton



"The free membership (through my parents) while I'm home from New York."
Dustin Belfiore
New York City

LETTERS

End deficit spending

Mitt Romney's first day as president, like that of Barack Obama's, will see Romney facing an inherited deficit in excess of \$1 trillion that will require massive change in current law and policy to ever be significantly reduced.

To eliminate deficit spending as Romney has promised beginning on day one, he must address the current drivers of deficit and debt. Among those identified by economists are the Bush Tax Cuts, Medicare Part D, two wars of dubious necessity and reduced tax revenues due to unemployment and a stagnant economy, curiously all products of the Bush administration.

To complete the picture add the increased costs of "automatic stabilizers" brought on by the Bush recession; programs like TANF, UI, SNAP and Medicare, none of which was passed by Obama. Each of these has many more recipients now because the ravages of the Bush recession have caused many more to fall into or very near to poverty by losing income or seeing an increase in family size.

Addressing Obama spending within the deficit, however, will

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be only a tiny part of the entire puzzle, since a recent article in the Wall Street Journal-Market Watch revealed President Obama has achieved the lowest increase in new spending over the last 60 years (1.4% over 3+ years) for a presidential administration, laying to rest the Republican myth of an out-of-control "spending spree." To be clear, almost all of the deficit and much of the accrued corresponding debt have as their origin the legislation and policies of the Bush administration.

Romney's plans to deal with the deficits and the economy is TADA, increasing tax cuts for the wealthy by a whopping 20 percent and increasing already bloated defense spending. Neither has been shown to stimulate the economy, increase jobs or cut deficits as demonstrated during the Bush years.

Application of unspecified, nebulous cuts that Romney says he will make to offset costs won't be anywhere near enough to ward off a dramatic increase in the deficit and debt, many economists say. However, his proposed Draconian cuts in specific areas according to some experts may cost an additional 2 million jobs by further driving middle-class demand into the ditch.

For one who touts himself as an "expert" in business affairs, I certainly expected at least an upgrade in the quality of the debate but it appears, tragically, Mitt Romney thinks the solutions are the causes. Mitt's evaluation of the state of affairs and his proposed remedies demonstrate he is either incompetent and his Bain experiences did little to prepare him to run a national economy, or he is disingenuous, or both.

Mitch Smith
Canton

STAFF COLUMN

Ceremonies spark range of emotion

By Brad Kadrich
Observer Staff Writer

It's impossible to get through Memorial Day in Plymouth and Canton without being touched.

Touched by dedication, moved by sacrifice, impressed by pride — all emotions that ran through Veterans Memorial Park in downtown Plymouth and again at the Veterans Memorial in Canton's Heritage Park.

Both communities paid homage to veterans Monday — Plymouth with its expansive parade and ceremony, Canton with its classy, understated ceremony.

Both ceremonies honored veterans who've given the ultimate sacrifice, who've died in the service of their country so we can revel in the freedoms we now enjoy.

I heard things you expect to hear at those ceremonies. I talked to Richard Kluk, swelling with pride after returning from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, where he watched his granddaughter, Gina Rotondo, be commissioned a second lieutenant after her graduation from the nation's best-known military academy.

But Gina's graduation wasn't the only thing about which Kluk could be proud. A veteran of the Korean Conflict, Kluk is also the son of a World War I soldier, and his brothers also served in World War II.

Al Crowley is a twin, and he

had another set of brothers, also twins. All four of them served in World War II, and one brother became one of those who gave the ultimate sacrifice when his plane was shot down over Germany. Crowley's voice quivered a little, understandably so, when he told the story as the keynote speaker at Plymouth's ceremony.

The Plymouth ceremony again featured Michael Gross' interpretation of the poem *In Flanders' Field*, and the melodious voices of the BeckRidge Chorale singing *God Bless America*. It featured the traditional firing of the salute by the Honor Guard of the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 528, who repeated the salute at Canton's ceremony.

In Plymouth, they gave surviving World War II veterans a place on the dais, and it seemed like there might have been fewer, though that could be my imagination. If there are, that's sad, and worth stopping to ponder, all by itself.

As I always do, I placed my hand over my heart during the pledge and the National Anthem, rather than render the salute I'm entitled (obligated?) to render as a 15-year veteran of the U.S. Air Force. People who know occasionally thank me for my service, though I'm often unsure what they're thanking me for. At any rate, this day is about them, not me, and I'm humbled and honored to stand among them.

I was honored to meet Al Kerbyson of Westland, who served in the U.S. Air Force during Vietnam. Kerbyson, a 1965 graduate of Thurston High School in Redford. Kerbyson went into the Air

Force as a security policeman and, after suffering a medical condition, was shifted to supply. He did three tours in Thailand, but never saw combat.

It was Kerbyson who delivered the most surprising, thought-provoking answer to any question I've asked in 12 years of covering these events. He said he often thinks of the group of veterans "who aren't here any more," including Thurston classmates whose names are now etched in the Vietnam Memorial Wall.

When I asked him what emotion ran through him when he thought of them, it was his one-word answer that threw me. "Guilt."

Kerbyson, who never saw combat through no fault of his own, said he feels guilty, like he "never did enough." The emotion wrenched through him as he talked. It was as honest an answer to a question as you're likely to hear, and it made me a little sad, and a little proud.

Here's a veteran, sitting in a wheelchair now, with a guilt complex, largely because he didn't die, too. You run across characters in this job who sometimes affect your life, and Al Kerbyson will be one of them. My response to him — and to all veterans who survived and made it home — is this:

You did plenty.

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Artists earn Damaris scholarships

A pair of local artists will find paying for college a little easier after winning awards in the 2012 Damaris Fine Arts Award Scholarship program.

Kyle Slavin won the \$500 Starkweather Artist Award, given to a Starkweather senior whose artistic talent is matched by his/her dedication to art and the desire to continue education in this field.

Because Slavin is headed to Schoolcraft College, the scholarship will be matched by the Schoolcraft College Foundation.

Slavin is hoping to land a full-time job with interests including music, radio broadcasting and fine arts.

Juror Dennis Jones of Plymouth, an architect and artist who designed the Sandra Sagear Wall of Courage at Plymouth High School, said the decision was an easy one.

"I enjoyed the simplicity, directness, honesty, highly personal and expressive qualities of your pencil drawings," Jones said. "The copper piece is particularly well done, which displays sim-

ilar qualities."

This year's \$1,000 Damaris Fine Arts Award went to Alyssa Downs, whose focus on helping others includes a mission trip, tutoring, Mott's Children Hospital, assembling food packages and volunteering for the Miracle League of Plymouth.

Teacher Barrie Lincourt met Downs in a graphic arts courser and was "immediately impressed."

"She immediately impressed me with her creativity and dedication she put into the projects I assigned," Lincourt said. "For each assignment the students wrote a self reflective analysis of their work. Alyssa was very articulate in the analysis of her own work. Her writings were very details specific and made me appreciate her work even more after reading what her intentions were with her work."

The Damaris Award was established in memory of Damaris (Dee) Schulte by her family: husband, Dick, sons, Philip and Mike, and grandson, Peter, along with Nan Cooper and Deb Madon-

Cruisers swim for Epilepsy research

Staff and supporters of the Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan stood poolside May 24 in Canton and accepted a generous donation from the Plymouth-Canton Cruisers competitive swim team, totaling more than \$7,000.

The team took part in a USA Swimming Swim-A-Thon on April 28 and decided to pledge the funds to the Foundation.

"We can't thank them enough," said Arlene Gorelick, President of the Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan. "It's efforts like this one, where young people come together and raise both funding and awareness for epilepsy, that really drives home the message that we can provide programs and services to those in Michigan who continue to battle this condition."

Dan Kish, lead assistant coach of the Cruisers, said the Foundation was the obvious choice for the team.

"One of our swimmers,



Members of the Plymouth-Canton Cruisers and their coaches presented Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan President Arlene Gorelick with a \$7,000 donation from their swim fundraiser.

Laura Weisz, lives with epilepsy, and she has taught us all that you can achieve so much, despite obstacles," Kish said. "We all understand epilepsy and realize her struggles, but we also know that so much needs to be done so that others can live a full

life. We hope these funds will help the Epilepsy

Foundation of Michigan with their programming."

Six swimmers on the team were honored as the top fundraisers.

PCC Swimming is a year-round competitive swim team affiliated with USA Swimming and Michigan Swimming. The goal of the team is to provide every member an opportunity to improve swimming skills and achieve success at his or her level of ability, from novice to international competition.

For more information on the Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan, log onto www.epilepsymichigan.org or call (800) 377-6226. For more information on the Plymouth-Canton Cruisers, log onto www.cruiserswimming.com/Home.jsp?team=mipcc.

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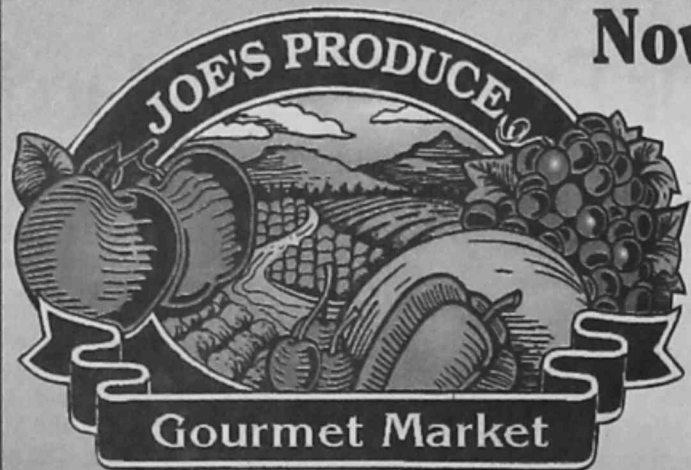
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She's back on track

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

Just a few weeks after finishing a record-breaking freshman season in two sports at Salem, Kayla Kavulich collided with a player during a summer basketball game.

She abruptly stopped and her right knee buckled. "I was trying to steal the ball, it was a collision," Kavulich said. "My foot was planted in front of a girl and she kept running and she ran through my knee."

The diagnosis: a torn right anterior cruciate ligament and lateral meniscus. Entering her sophomore year, the dynamite distance runner knew she'd miss cross country and basketball.

"I was disappointed at first, but at the same time you can't let that really hold you back," the 15-year-old said about missing the 2011 cross country season. "The more you have grief about it, it's



just going to make you feel worse."

Full-speed ahead

But nothing was going to keep her from returning for the track and field season and getting back to the Division 1 state meet.

On Saturday, Kavulich — who finished first in the 1,600- and 3,200-meter runs at the recent regionals — will shoot for a top-eight finish and the all-state designation that comes with it.

Completely healthy and

hungry for success, Kavulich said being an all-state runner is "one of my things."

In 2011, she placed 10th in the 1,600, two spots away from the coveted status. Her personal best was 5:07.8, the mark listed next to her name on the PCEP leader board.

She's almost all the way back. At the May 18 regionals, she won the 1,600 with a time of 5:10.01.

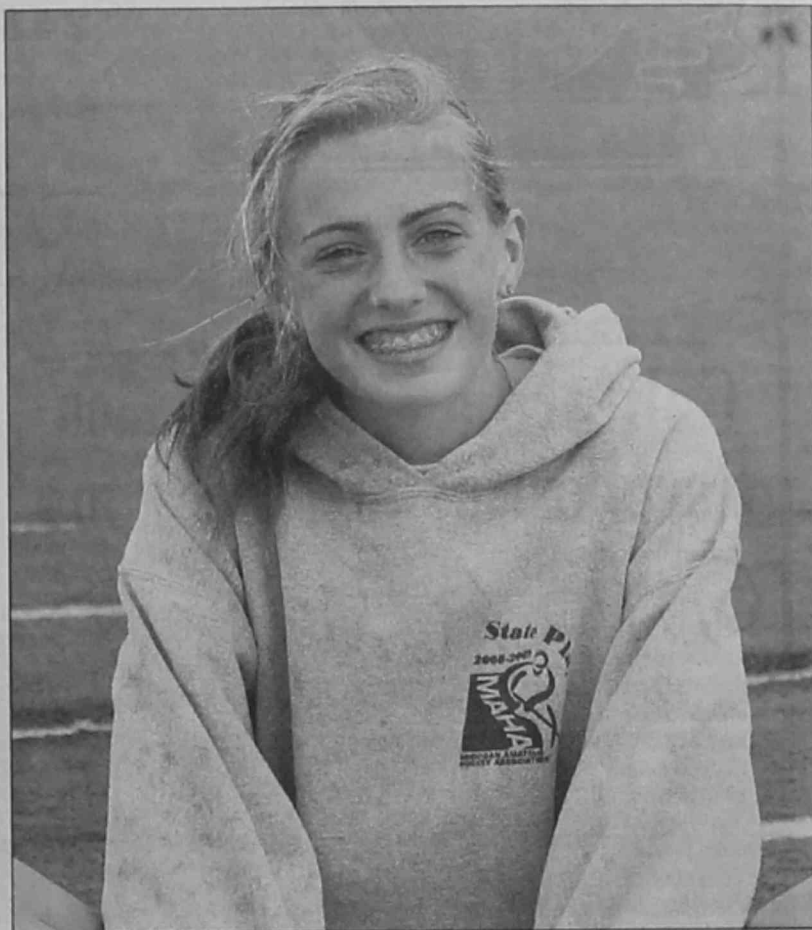
"Knowing that I've come back only (several) seconds slower than my PR last year," she said, "it's more of a mental boost, like I can come back. I'm going to be fine."

Of course, Kavulich probably would have been just as devoted to rehabbing without the lure of records and lofty plateaus. That's because the sheer joy of running tops it all.

Asked whether she enjoys cross country or track better, she tried to be diplomatic.

"Between those two, prob-

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Salem sophomore Kayla Kavulich is smiling more than usual these days, thanks to coming back from a serious knee injury and qualifying for Saturday's state girls track and field meet.

BASEBALL-SOFTBALL PRE-DISTRICTS



Finishing a clutch at bat, Plymouth senior Tyler Goble (No. 14) connects on a sacrifice fly during Tuesday's pre-district baseball game. Northville's catcher is Brett MacDonald.

Victory slips away

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

Two outstanding baseball teams met Tuesday in a Division 1 pre-district encounter at Salem.

One of those teams, Plymouth, could not overcome late miscues or extend a seventh-inning rally and Northville came away with a hard-fought 5-4 win.

The Mustangs now will face district host Salem at 1 p.m. Friday, while the Wildcats wonder what might have been.

"It's a tough spot to be in, but everybody's got the same opportunity to play in this game," Plymouth head coach Bryan Boyd said. "You've got two state-ranked teams playing in the pre-district game, but that's the chance you take."

A moment later, he talked about how the winningest team in school history (27-9) had its season prematurely end.

"We had a great season," Boyd said. "I'm disappointed it's over, but that's one of the difficulties with a one-and-done tournament."

For a while, it looked like the gutsy pitching effort of senior Justin Thompson might just help Plymouth fight to play another game. He blanked the Mustangs on no hits through five innings, helped by some stellar defense.

- A sliding grab by center fielder Jamarl Eiland in the second robbed Northville starting (and winning) pitcher Matt Stojkov of an extra-base hit.
- Senior catcher Rich Guglielmi threw out a would-be base stealer in

the first.

- A hot shot to third baseman Brian Schmid turned into an inning-ending double play in the fifth.

Spoiler alert

Plymouth finally broke a scoreless tie in the fifth, when senior first baseman Tyler Goble — who will play college football at Navy — showed some of his gridiron passion during a gritty, 11-pitch at-bat.

After walks to Brandon Waack and Matt Janke, an infield error loaded the bases.

Goble wasn't going to be denied, as he spoiled several two-strike pitches before lofting a sacrifice fly to center, scoring Waack.

"He (Goble) fouled out seven or eight pitches,"

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Pre-district defeat is cruel fate for 'Cats

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

The shame of it all was one state-ranked softball team would be eliminated in Tuesday's Division 1 pre-district at Salem.

It turned out to be Plymouth, falling 5-3 to Northville thanks to a two-run seventh by the Mustangs.

As was the case all day, Northville senior Jen Buckingham proved a major thorn in the side of the Wildcats.

She led off the game with an inside-the-park home run down the right-field line and wound up

with a 4-for-4 day and four runs against Plymouth freshman pitcher Mikayela Marciniak.

"(Buckingham) did set the tone," Plymouth head coach Val Canfield said. "She set us back, but we rebounded. I knew it was going to be a nail-biter to the end. I told them it was anybody's game, a do-or-die situation."

With the game deadlocked 3-3 entering the seventh, the first four Mustangs singled, with RBI hits by Meredith Williams and Allie Chapekis (3-for-3, two RBI) providing the final two-run cushion.

And Buckingham was part of that surge, with a bunt single.

The KLAA South Division and Kensington Conference champion Wildcats (29-8) went out in order in the bottom half against pitcher Laura Pond, although Bri Giordano made a bid to keep the game going.

Her drive to the fence in center was caught for the final out.

Starting point

"I told the girls we win

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Plymouth's Cassidy Hewitt (No. 7) and Brooke Senkbeil encourage each other during Tuesday's pre-district softball game.

Salem's Katelynn Krause (right) goes to work against Plymouth's Madi Lewis (No. 14) during Tuesday's district contest.



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Plymouth off to winning start

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

In 2010, strong team defense and the daring goalkeeping of Marissa Williams carried Plymouth to the Division 1 girls soccer finals.

Although this year's Wildcats potentially could go just as far, the recipe is much different — plenty of speed and offensive creativity in the mix.

Exhibit A was Tuesday's 5-2 victory over Salem in a D1 district opener at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park. Tallying two goals each were forward Madi Lewis and midfielder Jillian Aguirre, with forward Stephanie Sheridan also scoring. Scoring for the Rocks (10-7-

GIRLS SOCCER DISTRICT

1) were Sarah Martin and Kylie Knight.

The Wildcats (14-2-3) now face Canton at 5 p.m. Thursday at Northville following the Chiefs' 2-1 victory Tuesday over Livonia Stevenson.

"It's nice to have a threat up there," Plymouth head coach Jeff Neschich said following the match. "It makes teams play you honestly ... it allows you to play a different style and do a few different things."

Quick offense

Plymouth's primary threat is Lewis, but she has plenty of company in the way the Wildcats stretch the field and zip

through defenders toward opposing goalkeepers.

Her 23rd goal of the season was one of three scored by Plymouth in the first half, with Aguirre and Sheridan helping the Wildcats break out to a 3-0 lead.

"We had to show up and play hard and we did," Neschich said. "We got three quick goals and kind of took charge of the game, which was nice."

"We were able to play a lot of people, so we'll be fresh for the next game."

Before halftime, Salem answered when Martin converted a feed from Taylor Jaaska to make it 3-1.

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PREP GOLF

KLAA KENSINGTON CONFERENCE BOYS GOLF TOURNAMENT RESULTS May 29 at Pheasant Run
TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Novi, 295 strokes; 2. Plymouth, 299; 3. South Lyon, 305; 4. Northville, 306; 5. Livonia Stevenson, 309; 6. Livonia Churchill, 312; 7. Salem, 312; 8. Canton, 313; 9. South Lyon East, 324; 10. Westland John Glenn, 347; 11. Livonia Franklin, 360; 12. Wayne Memorial, 383.
Individual medalist: Garrett Buckley (Novi), 70.
TEAM-BY-TEAM SCORING
Novi (295): Garrett Buckley, 70; Jason Carless, 73; Johnny Walker, 74; Brad Kozinski, 78; Bryan Fegert, 79; Mike Wenzel, 82.
Plymouth (299): Josh Heinze, 71; Kyle Rodes, 73; John Tatti, 77; Evan Chipman, 78; Craig What-

ley and Ryan Rieckhoff, 79 each.
South Lyon (305): Gavin Garris, 73; Mitchell Stump, 74; Kyle Koehler, 76; Zach Deline, 82; Derek Knauss, 83; Derek Sawle, 88.
Northville (306): Matt Evasic, 72; Andrew Sarokin and Matt Trumbore, 75 each; Brad Minnear, 84; Alec Latta, 85; Trevor Page, 86.
Stevenson (309): Dante Cicchelli, 76; Austin Harris, 77; Nick Marsh and Connor Humitz, 78 each; Eric Attard, 79; Mike Blaesser, 80.
Churchill (312): Ben Proben, 73; Andrew Ioanou, 76; Cory Dare, 79; Eric Hill, 84; Nick Proben and Doug Simpson, 85 each.
Salem (312): Eric Duprey, 72; Brian Patterson, 78; Connor Cole, Brandon Duprey and Nick Danis,

81 each; Brady Cole, 86.
Canton (313): Donnie Trosper, 71; Brent Perry, 78; Alex Champagne, 81; Tyler McMahan, 83; Josh Maxam, 84; Carter Schenk, 88.
S.L. East (324): Spencer Fleissner, 74; Matt Sherry, 75; Alec Adgate, 93; Conner Kivisto, 94; Zach Wellmer, 95; Mike Sadowski, no card.
John Glenn (347): Nick Doupe, 85; Mitch Dean and Austin Valentine, 87 each; Tim Moran, 88; Josh Wakeford, 102; Andy Snyder, disqualified.
Franklin (360): Brian Roulier, 85; Brian Bekkala, 90; Greg Bo, 92; Alex Regish, 93; Dan Butler, 95; Chad Tweedy, 101.
Wayne (383): Zach Williamson, 82; Jarret Williams, 93; Austin St. Peter, 101; Ken McKay, 107; Chris Schmidt, no card.

Plymouth edged at KLAA golf tournament

By Tim Smith
 Observer Staff Writer

Plymouth finally has a blemish on its record thanks to the Garret Buckley-led Novi varsity boys golf team. After winning the KLAA South Division with a 10-0 record along with three tournament victories, Plymouth's Wildcats were defeated by Novi's Wildcats 295-299 at Tuesday's KLAA conference meet.

It was a very competitive tourney at par-72 Pheasant Run Golf Club in Canton, with eight strokes the difference between third and eighth place. South Lyon finished third with 305, followed by Northville (306), Livonia Stevenson (309), Livonia Churchill (311), Salem (312) and Canton (313).

Individually, Buckley was medalist with a two under par 70. "We have a few things to work on," said Plymouth head coach Chris Moore, whose team now gears up for Thursday's Division 1 district tournament at Whispering Willows in Livonia. "I'm proud of the guys though, they all shot in the 70s.

"Every single one of them. 299's a great score. Novi did play really well today." Buckley led Novi's balanced lineup, with five golfers breaking 80 for the day. "They've been playing great the last three events," Novi head coach Brad Huss said. "They won Oakland County, and finished off winning the (KLAA Central) division and this tournament."

As for Buckley, Huss described him as "streaky hot, a very, very good player." **On the cusp**
 Tying for second in the individual standings were Canton's Donnie Trosper and Plymouth's Josh Heinze, each shooting 71 on an afternoon where a one-hour weather delay held up proceedings. Trosper, battling a cold, came oh-so-close to top spot with lip-outs in his final two holes. "Donnie was here and also qualified on this course for the Michigan Amateur a couple weeks back," Chiefs head coach Tom Alles said. "I expected him to come in around even par today. But one under certainly was very good."

Canton's Brent Perry registered a 78 while Alex Champagne finished with an 81. "It was maybe a few shots higher than what they expected to shoot," Alles said. "But it's respectable. 313's a good score for us."

Moore praised Heinze's effort. "He knows this course like the back of his hand, so it was good for him to go out with a score under par." Also stellar for Plymouth with a 73 was Kyle Rodes, who took a tie for sixth at the tourney with Churchill's Ben Proben. Tied for 18th with a score of 77 was John Tatti while Evan Chipman (78), Ryan Rieckhoff (79) and Craig



PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
 Canton freshman Donnie Trosper follows through on a shot during a recent dual meet. He tied for second with Plymouth's Josh Heinze at Tuesday's conference meet — just one stroke behind medalist Garret Buckley of Novi.



Shown practicing a shot earlier this season is Plymouth's Josh Heinze. He tied for second place at Tuesday's KLAA boys golf meet.

Whatley (79) all eclipsed the 80-stroke mark. **Tough conference**
 Stevenson head coach Brian Gulick said the tourney meet played out was no surprise, given how strong the KLAA has been all season. He had five players finish in the 70s, with Dante Cicchelli and Austin Harris collecting all-conference medals for finishing tied for 15th and 18th, respectively, with scores of 76 and 77.

Other Spartans with solid showings were Nick Marsh and Connor Humitz (78 each) and Eric Attard (79). Gulick added that the tough field Tuesday will only help his squad at districts, where the top six teams advance for regionals. "I think it really helps," he noted. "Kids know they have to work hard and make their putts, keep the ball in play."

According to Salem head coach Ryan Nimmerguth, his young team's showing at the conference meet is a good sign of things to come. "A 312 for the team is our lowest score of the year which is good," Nimmerguth said. "The last four guys in the lineup are starting to get more consistent, shooting in the low 80s."

Senior Eric Duprey placed in a tie for fourth overall with a par 72, while junior Brian Patterson tallied a 78 (just missing the top-18 cut for all-conference medals). It bodes well for the Rocks on Thursday at Whispering Willows.

"We have a strong chance to get out of there," Nimmerguth said. "We obviously just got to keep shooting low and staying consistent, avoiding that big number. Hopefully keep advancing and extending the season."

In addition to Ben Proben, Churchill's card featured Andrew Ioanou (tied for 15th with a 76) and Cory Dare (78). Winning conference medals for Northville were Matt Evasic (fourth, 72), Andrew Sarokin and Matt Trumbore (tied-12th, 75 each). Other Observer-land teams at the tournament were Westland John Glenn (347), Livonia Franklin (360) and Wayne Memorial (383).

Several coaches said the hour-long delay midway during the tournament probably did not do golfers any favors. "They had probably nine holes played already," Alles said. "I don't imagine it helped any."

"There were a few of my guys making birdies and came back and made a bogey or double right away. So it may have had an impact. That's never a good thing to have a delay like that but you have to play through it." Moore said the delay "impacted everybody. We've talked about distractions in golf, they're always going to be some and this is a new one we haven't talked about much. It's something to learn from as we move on."

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BASEBALL

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Boyd said. "A fantastic at-bat to score that run." Guglielmi then sliced an RBI double to right, bringing home Janke. A wild pitch scored Casey Sudz for the third run.

No such luck
 But conference champion Northville (29-4) got it right back and then some. Thompson walked the leadoff batter and gave up a single to Brett MacDonal, Northville's first hit of the game.

With one out, Jeff Gertley laced a single to center. The ball skipped past Eiland and three runs (two unearned) scored on the play.

"That hasn't happened all year," Boyd said. "Jamarl's a very good defensive outfielder, he's had a great season defensively. It (error) doesn't happen with him very often, but unfortunately it happened today."

Just not enough
 Northville broke the tie with two runs against relief pitcher Austin Ebeling in the seventh. Two walks opened the inning and one run scored on Matt Satterfield's single. Another came in on a wild relay throw. That 5-3 lead held up despite Plymouth's desperate rally in the bottom of



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
 Plymouth senior Justin Thompson sends a pitch toward a Northville batter on Tuesday. Thompson threw six strong innings in his prep finale.

the seventh. Janke singled to right and, with two outs, Goble doubled to right-center for a run. That left it up to Guglielmi, who worked the count full before blasting a liner right at the shortstop to end the game. "He (Stojkov) is good, we finally got some swings on him today," Boyd said. "Unfortunately, we needed one more."

Meanwhile, the compete level of seniors Thompson, Goble and Guglielmi had Boyd smiling, even in defeat. Boyd talked about how Goble and Guglielmi weren't going to get cheated at the plate in key at-bats. And Thompson "left it all out on the field today, no doubt."

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Excelling at meets requires putting in extra work at practice, as shown here by Salem's Kayla Kavulich (left).

KAVULICH

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ably cross country just because it's nice running in a forest instead of a circular track the whole time," she said.

Extra effort

Kavulich worked harder than anybody could imagine for a chance to get back to East Kentwood, where the D1 state meet is held.

She underwent surgery and embarked on six months of grueling physical therapy — including three sessions of up to two hours per week and regular trips to run in the Salem pool at 6 a.m. under the watch of cross country coach Dave Gerlach.

"It was difficult," Kavulich said. "I'd get up at 5:30 (a.m.), my mom would drag me out of bed and drive me to the pool."

During sessions at Plymouth Physical Therapy, the workouts included "weightlifting on my quads, a lot of jumping."

Out of 60 or so visits to the facility, she estimated there were only five times where she didn't have much in the tank.

"I had a few struggles, some of those days where I just wasn't there," Kavulich said. "PT didn't go the way I wanted. I didn't push myself as hard as I could have."

Times were sometimes tough for Kavulich during the cross country season, too. She worked as a team manager.

"It was hard," Kavulich said. "I mean, seeing all the girls run, it was kind of disappointing just because every day they'd go out to practice and I'd just sit in the room and do paperwork for the team."

Back at you

Watching others do what she loves motivated her, as did her ferocious competitive nature — something belied by her happy-go-lucky facade.

"After the surgery, a lot of people told me, 'Oh, you're probably not going to be as fast,' or, 'Oh, you won't be able to do all the cutting that you want,'" Kavulich said.

Then with a laugh, she added, "I just like proving people wrong. I've always kind of had that, 'I'll show you, I'm coming back.'"

Extra motivation might have been one factor in her quick recovery. But another was maintaining

THE KAVULICH FILE

Who: Kayla Kavulich, 15-year-old Salem sophomore three-sport varsity athlete. During her freshman year with the girls track and field team, she set a Park record in the 1,600-meter run and finished 10th in that event at the Division 1 state meet.

Setback: In 2011, Kavulich injured her right knee playing summer basketball. She tore her right ACL and lateral meniscus. Dr. Brian Borden of Ann Arbor St. Joseph Mercy performed surgery on the knee and Kavulich then spent six months of rigorous physical therapy.

Strong return: After missing Salem's cross country and basketball seasons, Kavulich recovered in time to enjoy an all-state season with the Rocks' varsity girls track and field team. She will compete Saturday at East Kentwood in the 1,600- and 3,200-meter runs and 3,200-meter relay team.

Family: She drew much encouragement during her recovery from parents Julie and Mike Kavulich and older sister Kara. Mike was a college runner at Michigan State.

Misc: Kavulich carries a 3.85 grade-point average, taking classes such as advanced math and honors biology. She and her family are active at Our Lady of Good Counsel in Plymouth, where she participates in the giving tree at Christmas as well as shoe box ministries.

a keen sense of humor.

"There was this funny sign that my dad and I saw in the doctor's office," Kavulich said. "We opened the doors and the first thing we saw at my new doctor's office was a place called 'Common Sense Primary Care' and we didn't know what to think."

"Now whenever I'm running, or I'm tired, my dad will yell 'Common Sense Primary Care' and I'll start laughing."

With Kayla Kavulich, the joke's on anyone who doubted she could come back from such a devastating injury even better than before.

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SOFTBALL

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together we lose together," Canfield said. "We're just building character. We've got a young team. I told the seniors they have new horizons to see, and us being so young we're just going to build from where we left off. I think that's a win-win situation."

The loss ended Plymouth's anticipated post-season run barely after it started, ending the prep careers of Karen Rebain, Allison Raylean and Irene Poole.

"It's just somebody has to win and somebody has to lose," the veteran coach added.

After Northville (KLA Central champ with a 14-2 record) went up 1-0 on Buckingham's first-inning homer, the Wildcats did take the lead for a while.

In the second, Rebain was hit by a pitch to force in a run and sophomore Brooke Senkbeil walked to score another and put the Wildcats up 2-1.

Northville made it 2-2 in the third, when Chapekis singled home Buckingham, who led off the



A puff of dust means that Plymouth shortstop Lindsay Lutton caught the ball.

inning with a base hit.

The Wildcats answered in the bottom half. Sophomore shortstop Lindsay Lutton drove a double to right-center and scored on Giordano's subsequent single to right. Giordano went 2-for-3 to

pace Plymouth's seven-hit attack.

That 3-2 lead held up until the fifth. Once again, Buckingham got it started with a single. One out later, Chapekis doubled to score the run.

Northville advanced to

Friday's 10 a.m. district contest against Salem. The winner of that game will face either Livonia Churchill or Canton at 4 p.m. in the final.

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Canton Cup's a sizzling hit



By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

Just a few minutes earlier, 9-year-old Nick Rockafellow had celebrated with teammates after an 11-1 victory over the Royal Oak Renegades on Field 23 at Independence Park.

Nick had scored three of the goals as the Canton Soccer Club U9 Black boys team prevailed in the finals late Sunday afternoon, as the 30th annual Canton Cup wound down.

"It feels good, because it's a big tournament," said Nick with a wide smile. "It's fun."

He added that there's nothing better than doing nothing over Memorial Day weekend but play soccer.

That's just what some 690 teams did over the three-day tournament, which included 1,167 games and drew about 45,000 spectators from across the Midwest and Canada.

And other than two hour-long weather delays on Saturday, the tourney was smooth sailing — nothing like the soggy ordeal of 2011, when storms cut the event short.

"Obviously the rain was less," said Plymouth Township's Paru Patel, whose son Meehir played on Nick's team, scoring a goal and assisting on two others. "Last year they were playing in water up to their ankles, it was muddy, the fields got pretty messed up."

"But this year was much better. We got a little worried yesterday."

Another player on their team is Tyler Noel, whose dad is Canton Cup tourna-



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Genieve Mitrana (right) of the Canton Celtic 99 White team battles Becca Rush of Lakeshore Premier during Canton Cup action Saturday. For more on the annual tournament, please see Sunday's Observer.

ment director. Tyler also scored a goal in the title match.

"I would say almost 100 percent positive feedback," Darryl Noel said. "Our guests were amazed at how well the fields came back (from Saturday's rain)."

"There were a lot of comments about how smoothly everything was run and what a good, professional job my crew did."

Just perfect

And the anticipated 95-degree heat never came. That meant not needing to implement a contingency plan that would have required all

teams take water breaks each half during Sunday games.

"All in all the rain turned out to be a nice blessing," he continued. "It was perfect soccer weather."

Noel also said the action at five Canton venues heated up as the brackets boiled down to the finals.

"I know at least three of the finals came down to PKs and the excitement of those PKs was just almost unbearable," he emphasized. "The people were excited."

According to Salem alum Lauren Booth, 19, who worked one of the registration tents for some of the older age

brackets, said the rain and lightning delays on Saturday prompted tweaks to the schedule.

But by 7 p.m. Saturday everything was back on course and stayed that way.

"If the game was in 20 minutes or more of the first half, it was called," explained the Canton resident. "But if it was not in the first 20 minutes it got moved to the second half and they'd start at the second half."

"The 11-vs.-11 (player) games were shortened to 50-minute running clocks instead of two 30-minute halves."

"If I had to guess, every single at every

single park was effected because there were two rain, lightning delays that lasted about an hour each. We started games up again about 1:30 after the second delay."

One game delayed was the contest between the Michigan Bucks and Hamilton FC Rage, but it did get played before about 1,300 fans. The Bucks won 6-2.

Host with the most

The presence of the host Canton Soccer Club also was everywhere, as evidenced at Field 9 on late Sunday afternoon.

The CSC U14 Black girls team earned a 1-0 victory over the Chill

for the championship and moments later it was time for the club's U17 Gold boys team to take the pitch. Helping coach both games was Ian Jones.

"I have five total teams in the club," Jones noted. "Of which I've coached three. We all kind of help each other out because of the conflicts of game times, you end up kind of bouncing around and helping with other groups."

Jones added that CSC teams "always (have) a bit of a bulls-eye on your back when you host an event like this. All the teams coming in want to come in and knock out the home team, if you like."

"So I mean there's a little added pressure, but that goes with the territory of being involved in a competitive environment."

For the U14 Black girls team, the championship win was the third of the day. Scoring the lone goal was Katie Chipman while goalkeeper Miranda Cobbs earned the shutout.

"We had to win all three games to make it to the finals and we were tired all the time," Chipman said. "We had a 7 o'clock game and a 12 o'clock game."

Because the team is splitting up — with players ready to join high school programs (rules prohibit prep players from joining club teams for a particular season), during the same season) — the win was a swan song.

But Chipman also said she and her teammates wanted to make a good showing at the Canton Cup, too.

"It's our home tournament so I have a lot of pride," she added. "It makes me feel good that we can win our own tournament."

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Going hard after a 50/50 ball during Tuesday's Division 1 girls soccer district matchup are Plymouth's Maria Farmer (No. 5) and Salem's Nancy Krutty (No. 2).

Chiefs nip Spartans in district opener

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

Nothing is going to come easy in the highly competitive MHSAA Division 1 District 8 girls soccer tournament, which features four of the six teams getting state ranking consideration.

Tuesday's first-round match between host Livonia Stevenson and Canton was Exhibit A. And it's Canton that survives to play another day thanks to sophomore Taylor Dalian's goal with only 2:07 remaining to beat the upset-minded Spartans, 2-1.

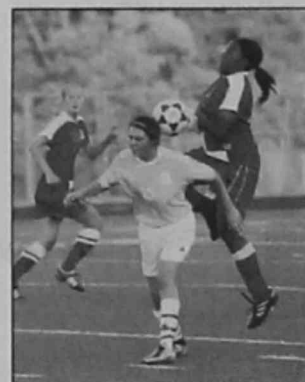
Canton, now 13-2-3 overall, gets a third crack at rival Plymouth (14-2-3), the KLAA South Division champs in Thursday's semifinal at Northville. (Game time is 5 p.m.). Meanwhile, The other match of the semifinal double-header pits No. 1 Northville against No. 9 Novi beginning at 7 p.m.

Plymouth won the two previous meetings against Canton, 2-0 and 2-1.

"It should be a good game," Canton coach Jeanine Reddy said. "It think it's their (Canton's) turn to win. I just hope they bring the intensity that they need to win the game. Plymouth's a great team."

Sophomore Gabriella Epelman's free kick initiated the game-winning goal, which landed onto senior Robyn Mack's foot. Mack calmly settled the ball and found Dalian wide-open from less than a foot out.

"It was unfortunate that we gave up that free kick where we did, but we were organized defensively,"



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Stevenson's Emily Chrzasz (13) gets tangled up with Canton's Robyn Mack during Tuesday's Division 1 predistrict match.

Stevenson coach Chris Grodzicki said. "The girl, number 17 (Mack), she got it on the back post, outside of the goal frame and she knew exactly what to do with it."

Canton took a 1-0 advantage with 7:32 left in the first half on a great individual effort by senior Ally Krause, who dribbled through three Stevenson defenders before slotting a shot past a helpless Spartan goalkeeper Rylee Jayson.

But despite the 1-0 half-time lead, Reddy didn't feel quite comfortable with her team's play.

"The whole first half we were just playing in the air," she said. "I felt we played nervous and scared, and wanted to get rid of it all the time. Our main focus was to get the ball down, find feet and connect, and move. And they did all those things. But there were breakdowns there, and I was scared."

Stevenson then made things interesting when senior Dayna Stevens

intercepted a Canton clear-out and drilled a shot from 20 yards out on left side and into the upper right corner past Chiefs' keeper Danielle Schendel to make it 1-1 with 28:30 remaining in regulation.

Reddy was forced make some second-half adjustments, but did not panic after the Spartans scored.

"You just have to stay positive, keep them positive," she said. "Whether we had to play to the end of the game or play to overtime ... they work hard and they don't want to lose."

"... I just wanted them to play wide, use the width of the field because it's so narrow. We just play better when we connect passes."

The Chiefs did connect and it came off a restart thanks to a free kick.

PCA 6, C'VILLE 0: Martha Mullett's hat trick propelled Plymouth Christian Academy (13-3) to a victory Friday over visiting Livonia Clarenceville (5-11-2).

Lauren Paulson, Abby LeMerise and Emily Gerulis also scored for the Eagles, who tallied five second-half goals.

"I decided to switch things up a bit the second half to get some fresh perspective on our attacking line," PCA head coach Abby Lorion said. "Martha Mullett transitioned from her starting position at defense up to forward the second half. She came out strong scoring two goals for us in the first 15 minutes of the second half. She gained an assist after that."

Clarenceville freshman goalkeeper Jillian Bunker made 18 saves, while PCA counterpart Abigail Aitken had to make just two stops en route to the shutout.

Junior Ashley Murphy stood out for the Trojans at sweeper, midfield and forward along with sophomore Jeana Mariani in the midfield.

SOCCER

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Despite the halftime score, Salem head coach Joe Nora thought his team actually played much better than the two-goal deficit indicated.

"I thought we held more possession in the first half," Nora said. "They had three runs and they scored on all three."

After Nora made adjustments at halftime, the Wildcats responded when Lewis made it 4-1 at 8:08 of the second half. Lewis chipped a low shot behind Salem goalkeeper Ali Eggenberger.

Lewis had cranked a shot off the right goal post just moments earlier.

Plymouth padded its lead with 25:05 left, when Aguirre took a through-ball by senior midfielder Abigail Livingston and lofted a shot over Eggenberger into the top-right corner.

"That's just how we play," Aguirre said. "We always keep the pace up like that."

Wrapping up the scoring with 6:35 remaining was Salem's Knight, from Rodgers. Knight's against-the-grain shot sailed over Plymouth goalie Kylie Robb.

Plenty of praise

Nora praised his team's effort down the stretch despite the obvious final outcome.

He cited Knight's goal and team hustle on defense — evidenced by

senior midfielder Kate-lynn Krause's block of Zoe Foster's close-in attempt.

"Some teams would have folded it in and we kept playing until the very last whistle and that's due to the character of our seniors," Nora said, listing co-captains Krause and Emily Lundh along with Megan McCormack, Claire Huddas and Gusti Kummer.

Despite the loss, Nora added "how proud I am of my girls. We didn't get the result we wanted tonight, but this group of young ladies can hold their heads high for the effort and hard work they've played with all season."

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Time/Date: 11-11:30 a.m. registration, 1 p.m. Redford Township Unicycle Club performance, June 9
Location: First United Methodist Church of Garden City, 6443 Merriman, Garden City
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Contact: Sue at sweber2@mrr.com or Lucia at (734) 425-5863

CLOTHING BANK
Time/Date: 5-6:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 13 and 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, June 23
Location: Canton Christian Fellowship Clothing Bank, 41920 Joy, between Lilley and Haggerty, Canton
Details: Free clothing to anyone in need
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COURAGEOUS LIFE SERIES
Time/Date: June 3, 10, 17 and 24
Location: Kenwood Church of Christ, 20200 Merriman, Livonia
Details: A screening of the movie, "Courageous" at 6 p.m. June 3 kicks off the series. It also will be shown at 6 p.m. on June 10 and 24. Series topics are "Courageous Versus Complacent," June 3; "Warriors Versus Wimps," June 10; "Fighters Versus Flyers," June 17 and "Team Players Versus Lone Rangers," June 24
Contact: (248) 476-8222

GARAGE SALE
Time/Date: 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 9
Location: Canton Christian Fellowship Church, 8775 Ronda Drive, Canton
Details: "Great Expectations Church Wide Garage Sale," will include such items as clothing, furniture, electronics, and more. The sale will be held in the church parking lot
Contact: (734) 404-2480; www.cantontcf.org

GRIEF SUPPORT
Time/Date: 7-9 p.m., Tuesday, June 5 and Thursday, June 7, 14, 21 and 28

Location: Our Lady of Victory Parish, 133 Orchard Dr., Northville
Details: The "Grieving with Great Hope" workshop offers a prayerful, practical and personal approach for individuals who are mourning the loss of a loved one. Speakers will include the Rev. Denis B. Theroux, as well as John and Sandy O'Shaughnessy from Good Mourning Ministry, a local Catholic bereavement organization. Registration forms are online at www.goodmourningministry.net or call the parish office.
Contact: The church at (248) 349-2621, www.olvnorthville.org

TRASH, TREASURES
Time/Date: 9 a.m.-4 p.m., June 1-2
Location: Cherry Hill United Methodist Church, 321 S. Ridge Road, Canton
Details: Annual Trash and Treasure Sale will include toys, kitchen and holiday items, hobby-related goods and some furniture. No clothing. Bag sale is after noon Saturday
Contact: (734) 495-0035

WIDOWED FRIENDS
Time/Date: 5 p.m. social hour, 6 p.m. dinner, Wednesday, June 13
Location: Corsi's Italian Restaurant, 27910 W. Seven Mile, three blocks west of Inkster Road, in Livonia
Details: Cost is \$14 and includes dinner, beverage, dessert, tax and tip. Pay exact amount at the door. Cash bar available. After dinner enjoy cards, games, and conversation until 9:30 p.m. No walk-ins. RSVP by June 6
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Emmanuel Lutheran Church
Time/Date: 7-8 p.m., second Monday of the month
Location: 34567 Seven Mile, between Farmington and Newburgh roads, Livonia
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Contact: Pastor Scott Sessler at (734) 673-2485 or e-mail to pastorscott@emmanuel-livonia.org

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

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

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

Our Lady of Loretto
Time/Date: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday
Location: Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford
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St. Michael the Archangel
Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. the first and third Tuesday.
Location: School library, 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, Livonia
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Location: Room A101, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville
Details: Learner's Bible study is held
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Couples renew vows



Ederina and Al Utecht (left), Bernice and Frank Delewsky and Joanna and William Louiselle were among the couples who recently celebrated their anniversaries at a Jubilarian Mass at St. Aidan Catholic Church in Livonia.

Several couples celebrated their anniversaries recently at a Jubilarian Mass at St. Aidan Catholic Church in Livonia. The Rev. Edward Mitchell, St. Aidan's senior priest, blessed the couples and led them in a renewal of their wedding vows.

Ederina and Al Utecht and Bernice and Frank Delewsky celebrated 55 years of marriage. Joanna and William Louiselle and Peter and Ilene Adzema marked 50th wedding anniversaries. Other participants were Rudolph and Mary Frances Saenz, 45 years; Tony and Shirley Koritnik, 40 years; Art and Marilyn Naif, 40 years; Hank and Cindy Rosinski, 40

years; Tom and Karen Waligora, 40 years; Kenneth and Sandra May, 35 years; Fred and Marilyn Wheeler, 35 years; Mark and Sue Kubert, 30 years; Ed and Jolie Snow, 30 years; William and Suzanne Tehovnik, 30 years; David and Karen George, 25 years; Jim and Laura Herrod, 25 years; and Ken and Maureen McAlinden, 20 years.

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BARBER, ALECIA MARIE

Highland, MI. Passed away Saturday, May 26, 2012 at Harper University Hospital in Detroit from complications of recent surgery. Alecia 48, was born October 12, 1963, and lived most of her life in Plymouth, MI. She was the daughter of the late Edward and Ruth (Ivey) Barber. Born the youngest of five children, she is survived by siblings: Dianne Barber, Richard (Virginia) Barber, Margaret Carter, Gayle Nelson, sixteen nieces and nephews and many great nieces and nephews. Alecia was special, being born with Downs Syndrome. She showed friendliness and love, making friends wherever she went and was a joy to be around. Friends may meet with her family on Friday from 10am until time of the funeral service at 1pm at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 South Main Street, Plymouth. Burial will follow at Glen Eden Lutheran Memorial Park in Livonia, MI. Share a memory or sign the guestbook at: www.schrader-howell.funeralhomes.com



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May 27, 2012, age 94 of Canton. Dear Wife of the late Charles Mulè and the late Frank Costa. Loving Mother of the late Kenneth J. Costa. Dearest Grandmother of Lisa (John) Ninkovich, Carrie (Robert) Vacca, and Frank (Tamara) Costa. Beloved Great-Grandmother of Alyssa, Michael, Joey, Cara, Juliana, Jack and Madeline. Dear Sister of the late Steve, Frank, John, Sam, and Tom Gallucci. She will be deeply missed by many nieces, relatives, and very close friends. Visitation Thurs 4-9 PM with 6:30 PM Rosary at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Rd. (Btwn Sheldon & Beck) Plymouth. In state Friday 10 AM until the 11:00 AM Funeral Mass at St. Thomas a'Beckett, 555 S. Lilley Rd., Canton. Entombment Mt. Hope Memorial Park, Livonia. Memorials may be made to the National Kidney Foundation of MI, 1169 Oak Valley Drive, Ann Arbor, MI 48108. To share a memory, please visit vermeulenfuneralhome.com

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Summer festivals offer unique shows, family fun

By Sharon Dargay
 O&E Staff Writer

They run. They race. They jump hurdle after hurdle.

And with 28 shows planned for the six-day Livonia Spree next month, David Feimster's racing stars are among the hardest-working entertainers you'll find at a local festival this summer. At less than 18 weeks old, they also are the youngest.

"At six weeks old I take them and train them," said Feimster, whose New Jersey-based Hot Dog Pig Racing show will return to Livonia Spree Tuesday-Sunday, June 19-24, at Ford Field, corner of Farmington Road and Lyndon in Livonia.

The pigs learn to race around a track and jump tiny hurdles while sporting a costume. Each show consists of five races, including one with a twist involving hot dog attire.

Feimster, who created a niche entertainment business racing skunks before he got into training swine 17 years ago, will send three troupes of performing pigs on the road this summer. Most of their gigs will take them to fairs and festivals on the East Coast, although Feimster said the show travels extensively throughout the country.

Fame is short-lived for the show-biz piglets.



Fifty Amp Fuse will rock the Canton Liberty Fest Thursday, June 14.

Feimster sends them back to the farm when they are between 12-18 weeks old, weighing less than 50-60 pounds. An older, full-sized hog can weigh hundreds of pounds.

"At full size they do what THEY want," he said.

The retired performers enter a breeding program at a farm and because they have been trained "they are very friendly pigs at that point," Feimster said.

"It makes the breeding program easier."

Catch the Hot Dog Pig Racing show at 5 p.m., 6:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. Tuesday, June 19 and five times daily Wednesday-

Sunday at the festival. The annual Livonia Spree also offers a battle of the bands; live country, rock, and tribute music; clowns and magicians; dancers; martial arts demonstrations; races, contests and games, including a pie-eating contest; a charity casino tent; arts and crafts; carnival rides and more. Fireworks wrap up the fun Sunday, June 24. Visit www.livoniaspree.com for a complete schedule.

Here's a sampling of other summer community, art and specialty festivals:

• **Michigan Fun Fest**, formerly known as the Sahara Fest, runs May

31-June 1 at St. Mary's Orthodox Church, located on Merriman Road between Six Mile and Seven Mile in Livonia. Taste Middle Eastern food, play a carnival game or dance the night away to live music. The event benefits the church's proposed Mar-iam Center; www.michiganfunfest.com

• **Birmingham Village Fair**, May 31-June 3 in Shain Park, located in downtown Birmingham, includes carnival rides, games and food. Check the Birmingham Village Fair's Facebook page for more details.

• **Art on the Grand**, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Saturday,

June 2 and 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday, June 3, on Grand River Ave., near Farmington Road in downtown Farmington, features more than 100 booths with paintings, sculpture, photography, jewelry, pottery, fiber, mixed media. Entertainment, food, kids area; www.ci.farmington-hills.mi.us

• **4th Annual Lyon Township Kite Festival**, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday, June 2, at James F. Atchison Memorial Park, 58000 Grand River Ave. Professional kite demonstrations, live entertainment, a classic car display, and plenty of activities for the children including inflatables, face painting, radio

control boat races and kite decorating. Admission is free and includes free kite kits for children, while supplies last. Kites for adults will also be available for purchase; <http://www.lyontwp.org>

• **Redford Township Festival** runs Thursday-Sunday, June 7-10, with fireworks on Saturday, June 9, at Bell Creek Park, located at Five Mile and Inkster Road. Saturday also is "Kids Day" and will offer lots of children's activities. Live music and entertainment, carnival games and midway rides offered throughout the festival; www.redfordtwp.com

• **18th Annual Clay, Glass & Metal Show** runs 10 a.m. - 7 p.m., Saturday, June 9 and 11 a.m. - 5 p.m., Sunday, June 10, on Washington Ave. between Lincoln and Fourth, in downtown Royal Oak. 125 juried artists, food, music, artists' demos, hands-on projects. www.royaloakchamber.com. (248) 547-4000.

• **Seventh Annual Chaldean Festival**, June 8-10 on the Southfield Civic Center lawn, 26000 Evergreen, in Southfield. Live music, carnival rides, games, children's activities, food, merchant booths, family fun entertainment for all. Proceeds benefit Chaldean Community Foundation. Call (248) 996-8340.

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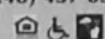
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• **Canton Liberty Fest**, Thursday-Saturday, June 14-16 in Heritage Park, located adjacent to the Canton Administration Building, west of Canton Center Road between Cherry Hill Road and Summit Parkway in Canton offers carnival games, midway rides and a petting farm. Hear rock music, country tunes, children's songs, Beatles tribute and international performances on the entertainment stage throughout the festival. Catch *The Muppets* movie at dusk on June 15 and fireworks on June 16. Paddle around the pond in a rental from Heavner Canoe and Kayak Rental and check out cars on display at America's Most Wanted Car Club Show. www.cantonlibertyfest.com.

• **Novi Heritage Festival** runs 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, June 16 at MSU Tollgate Farm, 28115 Meadowbrook, Novi. See demonstrations of many heritage crafts including beekeeping, maple syrup making, horseshoeing, basket making, and sheep herding. Event includes music, puppet shows, food, hay rides and fishing in the Tollgate pond. Call Roy Prentice at (248) 347-3860 ext 251 or prentic1@msu.edu for more information.

• **Summer Beer Fest**, 8 p.m.-midnight, Saturday, June 23, at Roy-



Hot Dog Pig Racing returns to Livonia Spree next month. They'll perform several shows every day during the six-day community festival.

al Oak Farmers Market, 316 East 11 Mile, in Royal Oak, will include samplings of more than 100 different brews, plus beer-inspired food, music and more. Proceeds benefit Camp Casey. Tickets are \$40 at www.camp-casey.org. Call (248) 705-2780.

• **Westland Summer Festival** runs Friday-Wednesday, June 29-July 4 at Westland City Hall grounds, 36601 Ford Road. Fireworks cap six days of carnival fun, food, nightly entertainment and more; www.cityofwestland.com

• **Arts and Acts**, June 22-24, offers art by more

than 85 artists, film, food, music, literature and theater in downtown Northville. Art in the Sun, the art component of the festival, includes a children's art area, musical entertainment and food. The Reel Michigan Film Festival, Short on Words Literature Contest and Sandbox Play Festival take place at the Tipping Point Theatre, 361 E. Cady; (248) 344-0497.

• **Art in the Park**, July 13-15, in downtown Plymouth, features works by more than 400 artists, entertainment, kids activities and food. Visit www.artinthepark.com.

• **Farmington Founder's Festival**, Friday-Saturday, July 20-21 includes a parade at 10 a.m. Saturday, along Grand River Ave., from Power Road to Liberty. The festival offers a crafter's marketplace and book sale, along Farmington Road in downtown Farmington; a tavern in Riley Park; a movie on Friday in Shiawassee Park and more; www.foundersfestival.com

• **4th Annual Redford Parks & Arts Conservancy IArt Festival**, runs noon-9 p.m. July 21 and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. July 22 at the Redford Township



"Sunflowers" by Kathleen Spellman will be among the art works on exhibit at Art of the Grand, June 2-3 in downtown Farmington.

Marquee, located in the Town Hall complex at 15145 Beech Daly, one block south of the Five Mile. The Interactive Art festival is a chance to explore your creativity at free arts workshops and interactive art stations around the event site. Includes music, dance, drama, street performers, a kids' art zone, art demonstrations, food and arts and crafts for sale; www.rpaconservancy.org

• **South Lyon's inaugural Blues Brews and Brats** festival runs 4-11 p.m., July 28 in downtown South Lyon. Barbara Payton and the Instigators, Those Delta Rhythm Kings, and Billy Davis will perform. Admission to the beverage tent, which will feature suds from the local Witch's Hat Brewing Company, is \$3. For more information, visit http://www.southlyonchamber.com/1/123/blues_brews_and_brats.asp.

• **Concours D'Elegance**, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday, July 29, at The Inn at St. John's, 44045 Five Mile, Plymouth, features classic cars from 1900-1970; www.concoursusa.org.

• **Fourth Annual Buy Michigan Now Festival**, Aug. 3-5, celebrates the state's annual Buy Michigan Week with sidewalk sales, street vendors, live music, and children's activities, in downtown Northville; (248) 349-0345; <http://www.buymichigannow.com/>

• **Berkley CruiseFest**, kicks off the Woodward Dream Cruise with a Classic Car Parade, music and a street dance, Friday, Aug. 17, in downtown Berkley; www.berkleymich.org.

• **15th Annual Ford Arts, Beats & Eats**, Aug. 31-Sept. 3, in downtown Royal Oak, includes 200 performances on 10 stages, 135 artists, 65 food booths. www.arts-beatsandeats.com. Call (248) 334-4600.



Spotlight on Youth actors rehearse "Bye Bye Birdie." The musical runs for one weekend only, Thursday-Sunday, May 31-June 3 at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton.

Youth actors stage musical in Canton

Spotlight on Youth will stage the feel-good, light-hearted musical, *Bye Bye Birdie* this weekend at the Village Theater at Cherry Hills in Canton.

The show tells the story of Conrad Birdie, a singer similar to Elvis Presley, who is drafted into the army in the late 1950s. His agent, Albert and his secretary/sweetheart, Rose, come up with a plan to have Conrad kiss a loyal fan and launch a hit record. Full of well known songs, like *Put on a Happy Face* and *Kids*, *Bye Bye Birdie* takes the audience to a time when life was much simpler.

Novi resident and Director Barbara Bloom said the show was "a treat" to work on because the actors portrayed characters their same age.

"I have done the show several times

and this is the first time that so many of the roles are being played by the very talented youth of Spotlight on Youth who are the actual ages of the characters," she stated in a press release. "These are teen-agers playing teen-agers."

The show times are 7 p.m. Thursday-Sunday, May 31-June 3, with 2 p.m. matinees Saturday-Sunday. The Village Theater is located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road.

Get tickets by phone at the Village Theater Box Office at (734) 394-5300 or (734) 394-5460 or online at www.canton-mi.org/villagetheater or www.spotlightplayersmi.org or in person at The Summit on the Park or at the door. Box office opens one hour prior to the show. Tickets are \$15 each.

Comedy night benefits charity

Helping Hands Charity is selling tickets to the opening night performance of *Sylvia* at the Two Muses Theater, located at Barnes & Noble, 6800 Orchard Lake Road, at Maple in West Bloomfield.

Forty percent of the proceeds from the show at 8 p.m., June 9 will go to the organization to buy shoes and mosquito nets and to build classrooms for the Venda Tribe in Mutele, South Africa. The group will get an additional 10 percent of proceeds for selling 50 tickets or more by June 6.

Sylvia is a comedy about a man who finds a dog in a park and takes it home. His wife isn't happy with his find and the dog, who has an attitude, can talk.

Buy opening night charity tickets for \$18 each from Sidney Bonvallet, Helping Hands founder. Send a check, made out to Helping Hands Charity, to Bonvallet at 27565 Spring Valley Drive, Farmington Hills, MI 48336. Questions? Call Bonvallet at (248) 514-3022.

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Roasted Lemon-Garlic Chicken

Prep Time: 20 minutes

Cook Time: 1 hour 40 minutes

Yield: 4 servings

Chicken:

Olive oil no-stick cooking spray
1 tablespoon pure olive oil or light tasting olive oil
½ teaspoon oregano
1 teaspoon minced garlic
1 (4 to 5 pound) whole chicken, rinsed with neck and giblets removed
Salt and pepper

Gravy:

½ cup cold water
½ cup milk
1 (0.87 to 1.2 ounces) package chicken gravy mix
½ teaspoon oregano
1 teaspoon minced garlic
1½ teaspoons fresh lemon juice

1. Heat oven to 400°F. Spray a shallow roasting pan with rack with no-stick cooking spray.
2. Mix oil, oregano and garlic. Brush mixture over entire chicken. Season chicken liberally with salt and pepper. Place in prepared pan, breast side down; let stand 30 minutes. Turn chicken breast side up.
3. Roast 65 to 70 minutes, basting occasionally. Chicken is done when meat thermometer registers 170°F or when juices run clear when thickest part of thigh is pricked. Transfer chicken to carving board; tent with aluminum foil. Allow to rest 10 minutes.
4. Skim grease from the pan drippings. Place ¼ cup skimmed pan drippings into small saucepan. Add water, milk, gravy mix, oregano, garlic and lemon juice to pan. Cook, stirring constantly until gravy thickens.
5. Carve chicken. Place on serving platter. Serve with warm lemon-garlic gravy.

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Lavender Olive Oil Cake with Honeyed Ricotta

Prep Time: 20 minutes

Cook Time: 55 minutes

Yield: 8 to 10 servings

Pillsbury Baking Spray with Flour
1½ cups all purpose flour
1½ teaspoons baking powder
½ teaspoon kosher salt
1 cup sugar
1 tablespoon finely grated orange peel
1 tablespoon culinary lavender, crushed, plus additional 1 to 2 tablespoons for garnish
½ teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
¾ cup plain yogurt
3 large eggs
¾ cup pure olive oil
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
½ cup heavy cream
3 tablespoons honey
½ cup ricotta cheese, at room temperature

1. Heat oven to 350°F. Spray a 9- by 5-inch loaf pan generously with baking spray; set aside.
2. Combine flour, baking powder and salt in a small bowl. Whisk together sugar, orange peel, lavender and pepper in a large mixing bowl until evenly distributed. Add yogurt, eggs and olive oil; continue whisking until smooth. Whisk in vanilla. Add flour mixture and gently whisk in until just combined. Scrape batter into prepared pan.
3. Bake 55 minutes or until a toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool in pan 5 minutes; remove from pan and cool completely.
4. Whip cream with an electric mixer until soft peaks form. Add honey and continue to whip until stiff. Add ricotta cheese, a dollop at a time, and beat until fluffy. Slice cake. Top slices with honeyed ricotta and sprinkle with lavender.

Mediterranean Linguine with Basil and Tomatoes

Prep Time: 10 minutes

Cook Time: 15 minutes

Yield: 8 servings

1 1-pound box linguine pasta
1 tablespoon salt, or to taste
½ cup extra virgin olive oil
2 pints grape tomatoes (4 cups), cut in half
1 tablespoon minced garlic
2 tablespoons red wine vinegar
1 teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes
Salt and pepper to taste
18 to 20 basil leaves, cut in thin strips
½ cup grated Parmesan cheese, plus additional for garnish

1. Heat 6 quarts water to boiling. Add pasta and salt. Cook for the minimum recommended time on package directions. While pasta cooks, prepare sauce.
2. Heat olive oil in large skillet on medium heat. Add tomatoes and garlic. Cook and stir 2 minutes or until tomatoes are soft. Remove from heat. Stir in vinegar and pepper flakes.
3. Drain cooked pasta. Add to skillet. Cook and stir 1 minute or until pasta is coated and hot. Remove from heat. Season with salt and pepper. Stir in basil and cheese. Serve with additional cheese, if desired.

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MEDITERRANEAN ESSENTIALS

Fresh and flavorful ingredients are the key to great Mediterranean cooking, so keep some of these essential ingredients on hand:

- Vegetables — tomatoes, onions, shallots, peppers, carrots, spinach, eggplant
- Grains — pasta, couscous, oats, barley, corn, rice
- Dairy — yogurt, unsalted butter
- Beans and legumes — chickpeas, cannellini beans, lentils
- Fresh herbs and spices — cumin, garlic, rosemary, fennel, oregano, basil
- Cheese — Parmigiano-Reggiano, pecorino, ricotta, Manchego, feta
- Condiments — olive oil, balsamic vinegar, olives, capers, honey

Parade of Homes provides look at range of lifestyles in region

FHA nod big help with sales

By Robert Meisner
Guest Columnist



The Silverleaf in Lyon Township is from Healy Homes.

Parade of Homes 2012, the 23rd annual exhibition of new model homes located across southeastern Michigan, will open on June 1 and run through June 30. Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA), Bank of America Home Loans, DTE Energy and WindowPRO are the sponsors of this public event.

"Homebuyers have an excellent opportunity right now to take advantage of still low interest rates and competitive home prices that will certainly increase in the coming years," said Rich Kligman of Superb Custom Homes and president of BIA. "Today's buyers are in a unique position to take advantage of the buyer's market as we begin the climb into a better economy."

The Parade of Homes offers potential homebuyers a unique opportunity to visit the area's finest model and inventory homes, including condominiums and single-family homes, affordable housing and estate-sized homes. Visitors to the homes will have an opportunity to see first-hand the latest trends in energy efficiency and green building, architecture, interior design, amenities and materials. The 34 model, under construction and pre-construction homes and condominiums range in base price from \$171,000 to \$1,600,000.

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For additional information on the Parade of Homes, visit www.BIAParadeofHomes.com beginning June 1. Also check this website for information on "Open House Parties" being held at some of the Parade models on June 9 and 10 featuring refreshments and special events. This is the only Parade



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Q: I am a new real estate agent and I am wondering what you think are the major complaints by Realtors regarding the association's failings in helping to sell condominium units.

A: Some agents say that associations contribute to the dysfunction with the real estate industry by restricting signs, charging hefty disclosure fees, failing to respond and

keeping sloppy records. However, one of the newest and biggest complaints that agents lodge is that the association doesn't get important approval from the Federal Housing Administration since the aftermath of the mortgage meltdown has not made FHA-insured loans a much more important source for buyers. The condominium buyers who want the cheaper FHA-backed loans are not limited to purchasing in an association that has been approved by the administration. Some associations do not want to bother getting that certification which, frankly, undermines the ability of people to readily liquidate their units.

Q: I have heard that some cities have passed no smoking laws which may affect condominiums and other community association common areas. Do you have any information?

A: I believe that the cities of Santa Monica and Pasadena, Calif., have passed no smoking laws which appear to affect common areas adjacent to the condominiums and at least Santa Monica's allows owners to designate theirs as a non-smoking unit for the future. It is possible to work with a multiple building condominium to pass rules wherein each building elects to go nonsmoking on an individual basis and that is something about which you should confer with a progressive community association lawyer.

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HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Feb. 20-24, 2012, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

CANTON

4278 Forest Bridge Dr	\$208,000
45929 Graystone Ln	\$139,000
45945 Graystone Ln	\$129,000
50117 Jackson Ln	\$227,000
1719 Orchard Dr	\$25,000
49732 Potomac Rd	\$192,000
3996 Sherwood Cir	\$187,000

39686 Wales St	\$125,000
41299 Westfield Cir	\$175,000
GARDEN CITY	
6845 Helen St	\$73,000
29911 Leona Ct	\$50,000
30834 Sheridan St	\$41,000
LIVONIA	
20121 Antago St	\$24,000
11409 Blackburn St	\$140,000
38063 Donald St	\$49,000
4427 Barchester Dr	\$199,000
35219 Lancashire Rd	\$115,000
32970 Martin St	\$115,000
19520 Parker St	\$98,000
20114 Saint Francis St	\$25,000
10031 Seltzer St	\$43,000
NORTHVILLE	

46665 Seven Mile Rd	\$520,000
15762 Johnson Creek Dr	\$135,000
47801 Lake View Ct	\$223,000
17322 Stonebrook Dr	\$523,000
48856 Stoneridge Dr	\$793,000
PLYMOUTH	
356 Auburn St	\$267,000
1302 Maple St	\$475,000
498 N Evergreen St	\$175,000
45500 N Turtlehead Ct	\$237,000
40858 Newport Dr	\$59,000
10994 Pinehurst Rd	\$225,000
45227 Pinetree Dr	\$296,000
REDFORD	
14041 Breakfast Dr	\$143,000
14163 Breakfast Dr	\$110,000

17673 Centralia	\$36,000
25533 Elba	\$38,000
9335 Louis	\$30,000
12038 Marion	\$60,000
12208 Nathaline	\$58,000
9217 Sarasota	\$28,000
15424 Woodbine	\$20,000
WESTLAND	
8198 August Ave	\$55,000
33540 Birchlawn	\$140,000
32787 Chapman Cir	\$90,000
29810 Lacy Dr	\$78,000
814 S Wildwood St	\$62,000
7333 Sycamore Ln	\$60,000

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Feb. 6-10, 2012, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

BEVERLY HILLS

30395 Leemoor St	\$143,000
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BINGHAM FARMS

23139 Old Orchard Trl	\$160,000
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BIRMINGHAM

852 Davis Ave	\$458,000
635 Lake Park Dr	\$1,900,000
1665 Mansfield Rd	\$164,000
593 N Old Woodward Ave	\$166,000

662 Purdy St	\$156,000
573 Smith Ave	\$518,000
BLOOMFIELD HILLS	
4427 Barchester Dr	\$295,000
1283 Greenglen Ct	\$197,000
2290 Hunt Club Dr	\$265,000
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP	
6700 Oakhills Dr	\$1,264,000
2168 Somerset Rd	\$82,000
COMMERCE TOWNSHIP	
1772 Applebrook Dr	\$50,000
1704 Lyka	\$110,000
9549 Volga Dr	\$210,000
FARMINGTON	
21384 Birchwood St	\$128,000
22724 Power Rd	\$162,000
FARMINGTON HILLS	
21232 Gill Rd	\$186,000
35165 Glengary Cir	\$195,000

30115 Mayfair Dr	\$315,000
21930 Sheffield Dr	\$230,000
29726 White Hall Dr	\$185,000
35181 White Pine Trl	\$100,000
Lathrup Village	
27320 Goldengate Dr W	\$135,000
MILFORD	
1599 Hunters Lake Ct	\$406,000
NOVI	
29341 Douglas Dr	\$185,000
21149 Dundee Dr	\$375,000
44149 Durson St	\$120,000
45437 Irvine Dr	\$378,000
25790 Lochmoor Ln	\$325,000
27101 Maxwell Ct	\$45,000
27122 Maxwell Ct	\$45,000
22177 Pondview	\$119,000
24945 Sarah Flynn	\$210,000
21580 Trent Ct	\$425,000

24062 Willowbrook	\$94,000
SOUTH LYON	
815 Huntington Dr	\$234,000
425 Pettibone St # 427	\$200,000
52815 Willowbrook Dr	\$61,000
SOUTHFIELD	
27585 Arlington Ct	\$123,000
29721 Fall River Rd	\$59,000
23407 Grayson Dr	\$40,000
23407 Grayson Dr	\$18,000
18820 Jeanette St	\$117,000
30565 Nadora St	\$99,000
18164 Onyx St	\$96,000
20771 Southome St	\$10,000
WHITE LAKE	
585 Teggedine Rd	\$61,000
1311 Waverly Dr	\$160,000

REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

New face

The multi-office Southeast Michigan real estate brokerage RE/MAX Classic welcomes aboard associate broker Betty Clark to the Novi location. The Certified Residential Specialist and Graduate Realtor Institute member specializes in residential and condominium sales,



Betty Clark

with her over 20 years of experience. Her extended education offers

waterfront properties and relocation assistance throughout Oakland County. Clark brings

assistance to distressed property owners holding such highly distinguished designations as the SFR - Short Sale and Foreclosure Resource Specialist.

"Betty's experience in the real estate industry is legendary. Her education and experience have her poised for success in every endeavor of our real estate market," said Carol

Boji, broker/owner of RE/MAX Classic.

Investors

The Real Estate Investors Association of Wayne will have an open forum. Participants will discuss what they have learned. Investors will answer questions and offer a market update.

Meetings are at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tues-

day of the month at the Red Lobster on Eureka in Southgate. Members are free, guests \$20, which will be applied to their membership. Any questions, call Wayde Koehler, (313) 277-4168.

Oakland Investors

Learn "Real Estate Basics for the Beginning

Investor." A three-hour class (9 a.m. to noon) in a series of 10 sponsored by Real Estate Investors Association of Oakland on Saturday, June 1, at the Royal Oak Senior Center, 3500 Marias, Royal Oak (north off 13 Mile, between Crooks and Main). Cost \$49, plus materials. OREIAClass@AddedValueRealty.com; (248) 787-7325.

