

#### Mother's Day

In parenting lore, mothers and fathers are frequently heard telling their children, "Wait "til you have children one day!" And then those children inevitably find themselves channeling their own parents once they have children of their own.

#### Good example

### Happy birthday



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Plymouth residents Zane Birchler and Emily Pitcher question whether the disruptions are worth transforming Ford Road into a boulevard.

## Canton drivers weigh boulevard proposal

Lisa Beningo lives near Ford and Haggerty roads, but she has found short-cuts to get to her bartending job at Bowery Grille might are so many accidents at this intersection. "There are so many accidents at this intersection. Itry to avoid Ford Road as much as possible," Beningo, 31, said, standing behind the bar. "I live near here, and all lear are sirens." I'live near here, and bull hear are sirens." That's because police. That's because police. That's because police, ambulances are often rushing to Canton's most accident-prone intersection, called Michigan's worst by local officials. Bowery employee Katrice Haggadone, 27, described nightmarish rush-hour driving con. Westland, where she lives near Merriman and Hines Drive. "It takes me 30 minutes some days during rush hour, and it's not that far," she said.

Beningo, Haggadone and others who brave Ford Road to get to work their driving woes could ease if the Michigan Department of Transportation adopts a proposal to transform the bustling thoroughfare into a boulevard.



Gary Krone, who owns the Carvel Ice Cream shop on Ford west of Haggerty, said he has witnessed numerous accidents along Ford Road, which often occur when motorists are turning across busy lanes of traffic. On the surface, he said the boulevard concept has appeal.

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"I think if they add lanes, it could help," Hag-gadone said, as long as the boulevard doesn't encroach on bar parking or drive away customers during construction.
"That would be my only concern," she said, addition that ramp work last construction sesson at the Ford-1-25 interchange "killed our business. It was borrible."

In late 2011, local offi-

is appeal.

cials said the stretch of Ford Road from Canton Carton Canton Carton Carto

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## **Canton cops** report uptick in tax fraud

By Darrell Clem

As the tax filing deadline looms Monday, Canton police are warning that some residents
could learn they have
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cutify theft tax fraud.
Authorities here and
across the nation have
reported an increase
in crimes involving the
theft of Social Security
numbers to file fraudulear tax returns
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few months," Detective Sgt. Dave Schreiner
said. "Weve had a fair
fy noticeable number of
Canton residents who
have filed police reports
the file their taxes and they find
someone else has used
their name or Social
Security number."

The Internal Revenue
Service urges victims to
file fraud reports with
heir local police departments, though the 187

conducts the investiga-tions.

The IRS caseload —
involving victims whose
stolen Social Security numbers were used
by thieves to collect
fraudulent tax refunds
— soared to 449,809 in

2012, up more than 80 percent from the previous year, National Taxpayer Advocate Nina Olson reported to Congress earlier this year. Canton police have received a steady flow of complaints this tax season.

of complaints the season.
"I'm sure it's a terrible feeling for people who have been defrauded," Schreiner said.
The IRS in February pledged to provide swifter help to hundreds of thousands of Americans frustrated by identity-theft tax fraud.
"I want you to know."

Americans frustrate de by identity-theft tax fraud.
"I want you to know that we understand your frustration, and we re working hard to get your by a week of the state of the

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Plymouth-Canton officials will close venerable Cent Middle School if the \$114.4 million bond proposal passes May 7.

### Central question still unanswered

By Brad Kadrich

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education members and administration officials have spent time making numerous appearance as a government meetings, PTO sessions and value of the season of

ces, officials have said they will close Central and build a new middle school on district-owned property in Canton. But what they haven't said is what happens to the building and the propers in downtown Plymouth. There are factions in the community who say the building has long since passed its prime as an educational facility and should be sold. different uses for it—it does have a pool that some think would make a nice asset for the city of Plymouth — and want it preserved. "That question has still not been has the contraction of the co Please see CENTRAL, A2

#### **FORD ROAD**

ers — and will it make it safer for them," Krone said. "I think it could only improve safety."

Avoiding Ford

Like many business owners, Canton officials and the Downtown Development Authority, Krone worries that a long-term construction project remonstruction project standpoint, my immediate question, as any other business sware on Ford Road, is how long is the construction going to take," Krone said the road closest to my entrance, and how would it affect the ability of my customers to get here?" Krone often advises his customers to get here?" Krone often advises his customers to maneuver through the Willow Creek the road closest to my entrance, and how would it affect the ability of my customers to maneuver through the Willow Creek the road closest to my customers to maneuver through the Willow Creek and the special property of Lilley, rather than crossing busy lanes of Ford Road traffic. MDOT has vowed to make any construction project as painless as possible and to maintain special property of Lilley, and the substantial special property of the substantial professional property of the substantial profession whether the armount of the substantial profession whether than of coming Ford Road into a boulevard. Birchler receiled the L735 bridge and ramp work of last construction season. "That took forever," he said." I don't know if a whole year or more of the more than the control traffic would be worth." Sill, Erchler agreed. "Eve o'clock traffic is the worst," she said due to boulevard. Birchler conceded, "the traffic is pretty awful most of the day." Pitcher agreed. "Eve o'clock traffic is the worst," she said.

The All New



Lisa Beningo and Katrice Haggadone work at the Bowery Grille & Pub, which would be affected by the Ford-Road-



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Lisa Beningo said she has found shortcuts to work at the Bowery Grille & Pub because Ford Road can be

vard plan, once completed, could help ease traffic patterns. It's the lengthy process that concerns her: "I think it will make everything really messed up."

up."

Safety suggestions

Over at the Bowery.
Beningo and Haggadone.
Bestion: Install pedestrian
overpasses across Ford
Road. They recalled one
man who was killed walking across the road.
Some local officials,
such as township board
Trustee Tom Yack, have
questioned the boulemer 20-year supervisor,
and others had hoped for
new ramps allowing traffic to access Haggerty Road from the southbound 1-275 exit without
getting onto Ford Road.

MDOT officials say fed-eral authorities axed that plan.
Amid ongoing talks with MDOT, Supervisor Phil LaJoy has said he believes the boulevard proposal is most likely to happen. He has sought a solution for a decade or longer State officials, every control of the con-trol of the control of the con-trol of the control of the con-trol of the

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#### CENTRAL

Continued from page A1 addressed," said school board Trustee Mark Horvath, who has been asking it since the beginning of bond discussions. The unfortunate an answer before we negople on either side who might have bad feelings about whatever happens."
If the bond passes, the new middle school will be built on property the district bought at Canton Center and Cherry Hill. Board Vice President Judy Mardigian has said at recent meetings she is "adamant the district both of the Center and Cherry Hill."
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Board Center and Cherry Hill. Board Control Middle School, should the May "bond pass."

### Highest bidder

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Horvath and others agree. "Twe been very clear I
want that property sold as
quickly as possible and the
money returned to the general fund," Horvath said.
"And by as quickly as possible," I mean to the highest
bidder. Once the bond passbidder Once the bond passbidder Once the bond passtoder to the bond passlet immediately. We've got
to look at what option can
bring us the best financial
deal for the school district."
A variety of suggestions has been made as to
what to do with the propeerry. Some have suggested giving it to the city
to use as a recreational
facility. Others want the
athletic fields adjacent to
the school preserved.
Plymouth resident Chuck
Conn went to Central in
the 1908, and his children
went through the school in

the 2000s. In an email to the Observer, Com wrote he is "Truly saddened" by the school's demisse. "Central Middle School Central Middle School Tool and Pyrnouth recreational facility," Com said. "I do not agree with dismembering the football field as that is where the Plymouth Steelers have always and should always remain." Plymouth City Manager Paul Sincock said while the city doesn't have any express in the build like to maintain "the green spaces" adjacent to it the football field, the Miracle League baseball field for special-needs players, etc. "The city has adopted it as part of its recreational master plan," Sincock said. "Should the schools leave the green space out there, we do be very inter-There's a lor of community use on those fields."

ty use on those fields."

Top value
As far as the building itself, Sincock said, there are no specific plans, "building itself, Sincock said, there are no specific plans, "building itself, sincock said, there are to the school board to talk about it" if officials are interested. School board Trustee Mike Maloney agrees the question of Central's fate hasn't been answered and said the district has to do what it can to maximize the contral of the contral said the district has to do what it can to maximize "It hink the school district should try to get as much value as we can for that property," he said. "We have a little bit of discretion as a board as to what the use is, and I think we want to collab-

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orate as much as we can with the city to try and do something that messense for everybody. Something that messense for everybody something that the solution of the school district, "he added. "We need to maximize the value of that property. Where it's possible to create a win-win, we ought to work toward that, but our first responsibility is to the kids and the five communities that encompass the school district."

Viable options
Horvath and Mardigian agree Central has outlived its usefulness as an educational facility—"1 agreed with that years as an educational facility—"1 agreed with that years as an educational facility—"1 agreed with that years as an educational facility—"1 agreed with the 2004 bond, Central's fate was sealed,"Horvath said—and should be closed.
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### **FRAUD**

"but the incident will be followed up by the IRS." He urged local residen to protect their Social Security numbers to the best extent possible. For information on iden tity theft, go to www.irs.

gov and type in "identity theft" in the search engine More information also is available by going to www. irs.gov/localcontacts.

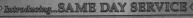


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### Pair gets probation for bank-related thefts

By Darrell Clem Staff Writer

Two Chicago men who used fraudulent credit cards at Carbon and a Carbon at Carbon at

to \$20,000 under false pretenses, according to Wayne County Circuit Court records. In return, Prothro and Collins will not face trial on that charge or two counts each of having a fraudulent financial transaction device in their possession. The county of the county of



response from Canton police.
Prothro and Collins had been accused of using fraudulent credit cards to obtain cash advances, but local authorities said some banks apparently had turned them awaretening, the men had remained out of custody with \$50,000 person about the properties of the continued to appear in court and have been described as cooperative. In sentencing the men, Chylinski also ordered hem not to violate any more laws, to report for monthly probation appointments and to parestitution and other court-related fees.

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### Canton firm partners with Diaper Bank

By Darrell Clem

Once Upon a Child, a company in Canton and company in Canton and sells gently used child, dera s clothing, toys and equipment, has chosen the Canton-based Detroit Area Diaper Bank as its first partner to receive ongoing cash Once Upon a Child has announced the first donation of around \$1,000. The diaper bank will use to help on the control of the funds of the control of the funds will be used to purchase diapers for our neighbors in need," Marybeth

hrough its "Clothing for a Cause" campaign. Once Upon a Child announced that it asked its Facebook fans to its Fac

# Circuit Judge James Chy linski. At the time of their arrest, Canton Detective Sgt. Dave Schreiner had said it was believed the pair had gone to at least three area banks. Canton police nabbed the men as they left the Bank of America branch. "We were alerted to their activity," Schrein-er said, prompting a swif Earth Week program back at library

branch on Michigan Ave-nue near Canton Center. Prothro and Collins were placed on probation during their sentencing April 5 by Wayne County Circuit Judge James Chy-linski

A popular Earth Week program series has returned to the Canton Public Library. "It's so popular, in fact, that we are really at Earth Week and-a-half, I think," said Laurie Golden, department head for community relations. This year's topics are: This year's topics are: A solid control of the community relations. This year's topics are: A solid control of the community relations of the community relations are the community relations. The program of the community relations are related to the community of the comm

- STEM Program Pop Bottle Planters , 7 p.m. April 16. It's for students in grades two through five who wan to learn to make a terrarium from a recycled bottle. \*Meatless Mondays, 7 p.m. April 22. One meat-less day per week helps take a big strain off the take a big strain off the work of the program of the \*Michigan Made, 7 p.m. April 23. Taste and expe-rience Michigan made products from Heart of

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P-CEP schools head to state Science Olympiad

By Brad Kadrich

When teams ag after at Michigan State University later this month for the state Science Olympiad, the competition is going to have a distinct Plymouth-Canton flavor.

At the high school everly and the high school even and Plymouth - Canton, Salem and Plymouth - Qualified, while Pioneer and East middle school also made the cut.

Canton, Plymouth and Salem finished 2-34 (the top four qualify) at the 29th annual Wayne/Monroe Science Olympiad tournament recently after the University of Michigan-Dearborn. At the same tournament, and the control of the control



Sean Porter, Tyler Dew, Lucas Harden, Ben Pyko, Jason Xu ar nappy campers after the Wayne/Monroe regional Science O Michigan-Dagrhorn

It's the fourth straight year the 7-year-old pro-gram at Pioneer has qual-ified for the state tourna-ment. According to Coach Barb Johnson, an eighth-grade science teacher and

the only coach the team has known, said the rig-orous season schedule on which the team embarked paid off at the regional. She said the team traveled often two hours away to

invitationals in places like Troy, Ionia and Hudson. "We compete against the top teams in the state... When you do that, the kids get a chance to prac-tice taking the test and

to practice the events,"
Johnson said. "It gives
you a chance to work out
the bugs. In the past, we
the bugs. In the past, we
also we went into the
regionals not really knowing what to expect."

The 19-member team is
smaller this year than in
past years — "We've had
up to 25 or 30 kids in the
the past of the past of the past year.

The 19-member team is
maller this year. The year than in
past years — "We've had
has to cover 23 separate
events. The events cover
the gamut from technology and biology to earth
science and physical science.

ence.
"Each student has to do
at least two events," Johnson said. "Most of them
do two to four separate
events."

High schools
It'll be the second
straight appearance at the
state meet for the Science
Olympiad team at Plymouth High School. The

team finished 14th a year ago and is hoping for a better finish this year. "It's always hard to tell (how the team will do) because every year is different; "Plymouth coach Jim Gell said. "But we're going to give it our best and try to finish at least in and try to finish at least in The team is fueled by students who've been in the program since their middle-school years, Gell said, including their captains — senior Shirley Chen and juniors Rima Das and Bob Shi. "We have a core grains." Gell said. "Potting, and they enjoy learning."
The 31st state tournament takes place April 27 at Michigan State.

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### Plymouth student earns Science Fair grand award

Plymouth resident
Mackenzie Zierau, 15,
was one of six students to
receive a grand award at
the Science and Engineering Fair of Metropolitan
Detroit, held recently at
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Ariz. At the ISEF, Mack-enzie will compete against more than 1,200 students from more than 30 coun-tries. She is also eligible for scholarship opportuni-ties from several local uni-versities.

ties from several local universities.

Mackenzie's project
"The Effect of GM-CSF
on Classical and Alternative Activation of Macrophages" was entered in the
Medicine and Health category. Mackenzie has had a
lifelong interes has had a
lifelong interes and hopes
to be a doctor one day. A
neighbor of hers recommended that she submit a
resumé to Dr. Steven Kumkel at the University of
Michigan, asking permission to do research in his

pathology lab during the summer of 2012. Dr. Kun-kel accepted her into his lab and assigned her a mentor, Dr. Beau Carson.
After spending syndrous lab techniques and doing background reading on immune cells, macrophages, and cytokines, Mackenzie developed the idea for her Science Fair research project. "The macrophages are the first level of defense for the body, so that interested me," Mackenzie said. "Then I learned that there was a cytokine known as GM-CSF (Granulocyte-Macrophage Colony-Stimulating-Factor) that many cells have the ability to

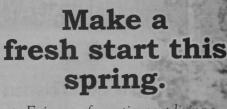
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produce. I found that very
little research has been
done on how GM-CSF
affects mature macrophages, so that became the
subject of my research:
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trady in the lab around
2-30 pm. Then, her mother,
Christine Zierau, reports,
"Mackenzie would call and
say pick me up at 3 pm...
then 5... then 6." "And she
would keep working on
her research when she got
home at night," added her
father, Ken Zierau.
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Plymouth resident Mackenzie Zie High School in Farmington Hills, to receive a grand award at the Fair of Metropolitan Detroit.

treatment of arthritis" is the conclusion on Mack-enzie's project display board. She also found GM-CSF may be used as a new-method to make a type of

white blood cell (which may be used for patients deficient in these white blood cells). Mackenzie plans to continue her wo this summer.



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Photographs Jack Kenny, who currently resides in Ann Arbor, MI, made

his first trip to Cuba in April 1996 and fell in love with everything about the island and the people. That same year, Kenny returned three more times to capture Cuban life in still-photography and has continued to revisit the island more than 40 times in the past 13 years. When in Cuba, Kenny is based in Hawana, but strives to visit new locations on each trip, sometimes returning to old favorites to update his work.

In 2005, Kenny's award winning book for the control of the contr

### Local GOP adds second bond forum

Plymouth Republicans have added a second public forum that will give Plymouth-Canton Community Schools of Circlais a chance to explain their \$1.13.4 \*\*million bond proposal, set for a star and the second forum takes place 7 pm. Thursday, April 18, at the Pilgrim Vilage Apartments Clubhouse, 7655 Balmoral in Canton. The complex is located off Lilley on the west side and north of Warren.

It will be the second forum of the week. The first is in Plymouth 7 pm. Monday, April 15, at Praise Baptist Church, which is located at 45000 N. Territoria in Plymouth. Plymouth-Canton Schools has called

for a special school election on Tuesday, May 7. If approved, the bonds would finance technology improvements for classrooms, teachers, and students; replacement of school buses, a new middle school to replace Central Middle school to replace Central Middle school buildings Dr. Jeremy Hughes, the district's superintendent, will make the pitch.

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"The (district) has asked for an opportunity to share information about this election with us and we have invited (Hughes) to make a presentation to us spokesman Mark Hutchins said.

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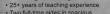
League of Women Voters hosts meet & greet

more engages that the League of Women Voters of North west Wayne County is hosting a "Meet & Greet" 5-7 p.m. Wednesday, April 17, at Claddagh's Irish Pub, 17800 Haggerty Road, in Livonia.
Find out what the League of Wom-

en Voters is all about. Members of the League have many opportunities to create a lasting impact on local, state and even national issues. Bring spouses and friends to mix and mingle. The League of Women Voters is not for women only. There will be raffle prizes, including a free membership for a new member. Or 2/41/319-1098 or visit is weldberne word.

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## McCotter files civil suit against former aides

By Ken Abramczyk

Former Congressman Thad-deus McCotter is accusing two former aides of deliberately forging peti-tion signatures to keep him off of the Repub-ballot and ulti-mately from seeking re-election. election. McCotter

McCotter McCotter McCotter Filed a civil suit Thursday in Wayne County's Third Circuit Court against Don Yowchung, a for mer deputy district director, and Dillon Breen, an intern with McCotter's complaint of the McCotter's complaint of the McCotter's complaint of the McCotter's complaint including fraudulent misrepresentation, sleen fraud, negligent misrepresentation, along the McCotter McCotte

breach of fiduciary duties, among other counts.

The complaint alleges that there are "inconsistencies" in the defendants' depositions with Michigan's Attorney General and outlines "misrepresentations" the defendants made to investigators, according the defendants of the defendants

Farmington Hills, pleaded no contest before Wayne County Creuit Court Judge Margie Braxton Nov. 27 to 10 counts of forgery, a five-year felony, and six counts of falsely signing a nominating petition as circulator, a misdemeanor. Yowchuang was sentenced by Braxton Jan. 18 to three years' probation.

uang was sentenced by braxton An. 18t other years' proBotton dismissed a chargeagainst Yowchuang of conspiragy to commit a legal act in an
illegal manner, a five-year felony filed against both defendants. That dismissal was
appealed by the Attorney General's office. Both sides await
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tures on his nominating ballots, which made him fall short of the minimum 1,000 signatures. McCotter quit Congress in July.

On Aug. 9, Schuette annual of the results of an emerging on by the Attorney General's Public Integrity Unit into the alleged fraud surrounding the nominating petitions. At that announcement Schuette explained the former congressman was "asleep at the switch" and that staff members were to face criminating the staff of th

before Braxton to nine counts of falsely signing a nominating pettition as circulator, a misdemeanor punishable by up to 93 days in jall. Seewald was sentenced by Braxton Jan. 18 bours of community service, and repayment of all court costs and fees. On Sept. 18, Lorianne O'Brady of Livonia, who worked as a scheduler to the former congressman, pleaded no contest in Wayne County's 16th District Court before a community of the petition as well as the counts of falsely signing a nominating petition as Account of the counts of falsely signing a nominating petition as a consistence of the counts of the petition as a community and the counts of the counts of



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Two families from Belleville and Royal Oak, who established Quarters for Kids, will hold a benefit "Quarter Auction" to help children and adults with disabilities served by the Macomb-Oakland Regional Center (MORC) at 10:30 am. Sturday, April 20, at Mama Min Italian Cuisine, 2770 Plymouth Road, Livonia. The event proceeds will fund food, clothing and furniture few polose With March Country and Francisco Country of the Coun

counts for people who are struggling to have enough to eat or a bed to sleep on." The families behind Quarters for Kids, John and Shelly Papineau of Belleville, John and Carol Shelburne of Royal Oak, have made it their mission to help local nonprofits through a bi-monthly series of "Quarter Auctions" held at different venues in the tri-county area. Their first event raised funds for Judson Center.

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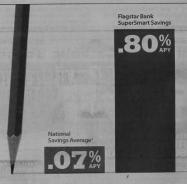
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### Honor a special woman

Salute the special woman in your life during the month of May. Send us a ploto of you and your mom, grandmother, stepmom, aunt, godmother or that special "mom-like" woman who has made a difference in your life. Send the photo (jpeg format only, as large as possible) to bkadrichéhometownifie.com. Be sure to identify (first and last names please) you and your mom and where you live (e. bl. Birming mom and where you live (e. bl. Birming two sentences or less why your mom, grandmother, aunt or other person is special to you.

Look for a photo gallery of all submissions during the month of May at home-townlife.com.
This Salute to Woman photo gallery is sponsored by Indigo Salon and Day Spa in Canton.
Five lucky winners will receive a \$20 gift card to Kohl's or Meijer in a randor drawing of all rames and photos submit ted. The photo gallery will be on display to the condition of the photo submit ted. The photo gallery will be on display to the photo gallery will be on the photo submit photos and names for the random drawing is midnight. Sunday, April 28.

### Lions set for White Cane Week

The Canton Lions will be raising funds needed throughout the communities of Belleville and Canton during their annual "White Can Week" April 26 to May S. The club will be working at the L. George's Cong's Island on Michigan Ave. George's Cong's Island on Michigan Ave. White Cane Week and The Lions are saled to the Lions and Liong Lions White Cane Week for the blind.

The Lions are assisting people in both communities during these tough economy times. The Lions are called upon to purchase many pairs of eyeglasses for kids who parent cannot afford to buy them. They also sponsor a scholarship program which allows for the sight-impaired to attend college. These programs, along with Penrickton Center for Blind and Handicapped Children, Michigan Eye Bank, Leader Dog School for the Blind

or Seedlings (which writes Braile books) are just a few that the club contribute to According to Lion Larry Wegrzyn, president of the Canton Lions Club, it takes many fund-raising events for the club holds fund-raising events such as a Euchre tournament, parcake breadfast at the Canton Liberty Fest, corn rost it have been considered to the contribution of complete all these worthy projects, Wegrzyn said. "We encourage the public to support our The Canton Lions Club features are of men and women who identify needs within the community and work together to fulfill those needs. For more information or to get involved contact Lion Bill Van Winkle (734) 225-9404 or email govbill(@wowway.com.

### SEMCOG reports on public's view of infrastructure

SEMCOG, the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, has released the results of an extensive regional survey conducted to understand what the public thinks about southeast Michigan's infrastructure network - roads, bridges, transit systems, rail, airports, and recreational trails and pathways. Overail, the vast majority of residents feel that the region's infrastructure condition is deteriorating, while perceptions of the region's infrastructure condition is deteriorating, while perceptions with the region's infrastructure condition is deteriorating, while perceptions with the resident of the region of the residents rate that the region's infrastructure condition is good/excellent. One exception is the City of Detroit, where fewer than half of residents rate these systems as good/excellent. Water and sewer conditions also are expected to stay the same or get better, according to the survey. The survey also shows that - 1 he outlook for the transportation system is much more pessimistic. The condition is the same or get even worse in the future.

1 Pay a ratio of 2.1, residents rate the current transit system as fauch rate the current transit system as fairfupor ws. excellent/good, and nearly half expect the transit system condition to stay the same.

2 While most residents believe they

the transit system condition to stay the same.

\* While most residents believe they understand how infrastructure is funded, about 25 percent of residents answered "not sure" or "don't know" for all specific funding questions. Furthermore, one third to one half of respondents gave incorrect answers to specific funding questions. Of particular note, 51 percent mistakenly believe lar note, 51 percent mistakenly believe lar note, 51 percent mistakenly believe lar note, 51 percent mistakenly believe fine large stay of particular note, 51 percent mistakenly believe fine size of the stay of the size of th

number of miles they drive rather than the current method based on the amount of fuel they use. The survey reveals that the public is willing to take some personal actions to reduce costs rather than pay more for eservices. The most popular options are:

• Occasionally working from home (81 percent).

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 Using a less congested route (80 percent).

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• Using a less congested route (80 percent),

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• Cardicing the amount of water used each day (78 percent),

• Traveling earlier/alter to avoid the rush hour (76 percent).

The survey also reveals the public's willingness to engage in action when presented with either/or choices:

• Most would rather live with current levels of traffic congestion (35 percent).

And the state of the congestion of the congestion (35 percent) and pay more to reduce traffic congestion (35 percent).

The vast majority of residents (80 percent) also believe "we must reinvest in the region's infrastructure so we can prosper economically," residents agreed that to prosper economically requires reinvestment in infrastructure and they understand that this will save morey in the long run.

summer of the company of the congestion (45 percent) also shout the road system, with most strongly agreeing that "better roads will extend the life of a vehicle" and that "the condition of our road system directly impacts each one of us."

SEMCOG will use the results of the survey to complement a myriad of planing activities, most notably development of the 2640 regional transportation plan and to inform its policies and such as a survey of the congestion of the co

#### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH NOTICE OF BID FOR SIDEWALK REPAIR PROGRAM

Sealed proposals will be received for the construction of the 2013 SIDEWALK REPAIR PROGRAM by Charter Township of Plymouth as Owner, until 10:00 A.M. Official Local Time on Tuesday, April 30, 2013 at the office of the Clerk, Plymouth Charter Township, 9955 North Haggerty Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170, at which time they will be publicly opened and

Copies of plans and specifications may be obtained at the Office of the Clerk, Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N Haggerty Rd, Plymouth, MI 48170 on or after April 11, 2013. Bid documents may be mailed for a charge of \$10.00.

igan State Act PA 517 of 2012, Iran Economic Sanctions Act, requires notifica linked businesses may not bid on this Contract. Successful bidders will be re-ide certification that they are not an Iran-linked business.

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PRICE HOURS

PRICE HOURS
Date/Time: Monday, April
15, 11 am. to 1 pm.
Location: Canton Public Library, 1200 S. Canton Center
Details: Wayne County
Commissioner Sharon
Berger Sharon

MILLER WOODS TOURS

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Location: Miller Woods
(Powell Road, east of Ridge
between N. Territorial and
Ann Arbor Road)
Details: Free, guided tours
will occur in April to see the
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the website at millerwoods.
Cartes: Tours start every half
hour. Park on side of road.
Sorry, no dogs allowed in
the nature preserve.

ROAD RALLY





Everything will be pink at the Plymouth Historical Museum during its "Pink Delicious Tea" set for Sunday, May. The event is the pictoric Tea" set for Sunday, May. The event is the pictor Tea Mids, their during the set of the set of

bors Road Rally. Competing teams race around the city solving puzzles, performing activities, and enjoying an evening on the town. The

registration ends April 1, but participants can still register (for \$25) until April 7. Contact: Pete and Eileen Ganster at (734) 718–4589

OUR CAMP OPEN HOUSE

OUR CAMP OPEN
HOUSE
Date/Time: Saturday, April
21, noon to 2 p.m.
Location: O.U.R. Camp,
Northville Christian Academy, 41355 Six Mile.
Details: O.U.R. Camp, Inc.
(www.ourcampin.comp. ungchildren with developmental needs, will have an open
house. At the event, parents
can register their children
for camp, meet the counselcamp facilities. This event is
free and open to the public.
Contact: For more information, contact Claudia
Pietron, (734) 718-5734.
CALLING ALL CRAFT-

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Date/Time: Saturday, Oct. 19, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

19, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Location: West Middle
School, Ann Arbor Trail and
Sheldon, Plymouth
Details: Crafters wanted
for Detai Kappa Gamma's
25th Annual Craft Show,
Proceeds from the show
will be used to support college scholarships for local
students focusing on careers
in education.

in education.

Contact: Call or email
Judy at (734) 347-1001 or
jbstone716@comcast.net
or Alice at 248-348-9610 or
dachrenko@hotmail.com

MOM 2 MOM

4, 8:30 a.m.
Location: St. Edith Church,
15089 Newburgh in Livonia
Details: St. Edith Church
hosts its Mom-2-Mom.Sale,
with 74 tables of gentlyused maternity, baby, and
kids' items, a bake sale and

refreshments. Proceeds benefit St. Edith/St. Kenneth MOPS.

Contact: www.stekmops org or on Facebook at St. Edith/St. Kenneth Mom-t

CRAFTERS WANTED

CRAFERS WANTED
Date/Time: Sept. 6-8, during fall Festival hours
Location: Plymouth
Details: Organizers say it's
not to early to send in an
application for a booth in
the Plymouth Fall Festival
Craft Show. The spaces are
limited and are filling up
quickly. Applications are
available on the Craft Show
page at www.plymouthfallfestival.com.
Contact: For more informs.

I p.m.

Location: First Presbyterian
Church, 701 Church Street
Pymouth

Details: This Plymouth-Canton neighborhood group is
open to sewists of all levels.

The Feb. 7 meeting feartures "Machine Embroidery
Primer," followed by 20
March 7; "Charity auction"
Agni 11 (note date change),
and "Machine or Hand
Applique Quill Block-hands
on" on May 2.

Contact: For more information e-mail aspro@comcast.
net

MASTERING MEDITA-

TION
Date/Time: Saturday,
March 23, 1:30-3:30 p.m.
Location: The Center - Mas
sage, Yoga Wellness Studio,
1200 Ann Arbor Road in Details: Dr. Kapila Castoldi offers a free introductory

series on mastering medita-tion. Topics include con-centration, relaxation and meditation techniques; cre-ating a meditative lifestyle; self-awareness through meditation. Castol di han meditation. Castol di han meditation. Castol di han topic meditation castol di han tibul teacher si ri chimony for 77 years. It is offered free of charge by the Sri Chimnoy Centre of Ann Arbor as a community service. Contact: For information call (734) 994-7114.

BIPOLAR SUPPORT

BIPOLAR SUPPORT
Date/Time: Second and
fourth Tuesday of the
month, 6-7:30 p.m.
Location: Lincoin Behavioral Services Center, 14500
Sheldon, Surie 1608 in
Plymouth.
Details: The Depression
Bipolar Support Alliance is a
sifering from depression
and bipolar disorders. Meetings are open also to family
members. All DBSA leaders
are professionally trained
and attend two trainings for
every year to update their
skills in leading the group.
Contact: Call Nancy at (734)
536-3457 for directions.

HOSPICE SUPPORT Date/Time: Third Saturday of the month, 10-11:30 a.m Location: Compassionate Care Hospice, 5730 Lilley,

care Hospice, 5730 Lilley, Canton

Details: Compassionate
Care Hospice conducts
a grief support group,
"Compassionate Words,"
"Compassionate Words,"
"Compassionate Words,"
port to any adult grieving
the loss of a loved one.
The group focuses on the
various stages of grief, and
incorporates basic journal
writing as a way to express
feelings, The program is free
Contact: To register, contact
Ann Christensen, Compassionate Care Hospice
Bereavement Coordinator
at (1883) 983–9950, or email a
christensen@chnet.net.
MOPS MEETINGS

MOPS MEETINGS
Date/Time: First-third Fridays, 9:15-1130 a.m.
Location: St. Kenneth
Catholic Church, 14951 Haggerty, Plymouth
Details: The St. Edith'St.
Kenneth Catholic Parishes'
Mothers of Preschoolers
(MOFS) group invites all
mothers with children aged
garten to join. The group
provides the encouragement, nurturing, and support and features a schedule
of activities that include
speakers, crafts, and group
discussions.
Contact: Heather at (734)

DIABETES SUPPORT
Dataffirms: 2011 Thursday of
the month, 23:30 p.m.
Locations Plymouth District
Library, 223 S. Main
Details: The Plymouth
Lions Club is sponsoring a
new Adult Diabetes Support Group. Fern Vinling, a
diabetes educator and
Plymouth Lion, will be the
group facilitator. There is
no charge to attend. Topics
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## 'Heyyy!' Glenn brings back those 'Happy Days'

Richie Cunningham. Pertise Weber, Rahph Majph and The Foraz will light up the stage of John Glem High School this week, as students present Happy Days A New Miscal Thursday, April 18-20, in the high Miscal Thursday, Sharph 18-20, in the high Happy Days that aired for 11 years on ABC. But the miscal air a continuation of the TV and the miscal fair a continuation of the TV and the miscal sind a continuation of the TV and the miscal sind a continuation of the TV and the miscal sind a continuation of the TV and the miscal sind a continuation of the TV and the miscal sind a continuation of the TV and the miscal sind a continuation of the TV and the miscal sind and the miscal sind and the si

magnam Deing the grand poobah of the Leopard Lodge."
The cast includes Arnold Delvecchio, the affable owner of Arnold, a hybrid of arnold, the original owner of Arnold, the original owner of Arnold, the original owner of the owner of Arnold, the original owner of the owner of the owner of the owner owner

mis added.

Wide appeal
Gidley selected the
show for two reasons. It can be done without live
music and the wide appeal
of Happy Days. However, the music technology has been the liggest challenge. Gidley had thought be would get the music not
CDs, instead it came "very "
"On bave to download it, it can be started and stopped and customized,"
Gidley said. "It has a very specific app. This is one of the first shows to do that stopped and customized,"
Gidley said. "It has a very specific app. This is one of the first shows to do that said Greace." With both the mid-winter and spring break falling during rehearsal time, Gidley had to get some special licensing to download songs to phones or 10'S devices.

Without that, they didn't have the about the control of the control of



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Olivia Junk (from left), Marcus Allen Jr. and Morgan Gratwick rehearse a scene from t John Glenn High School Theater Guild's production of "Happy Days the New Musical.

ferent homes on the weekends and during the week's
walakonis said, "With midwith read Easter breaks,
it made it hard, but they
didn't miss a beat."
Also serving as o-director is Glenn grad Steven
Goldberg. He had been
school in Chicago last
show the community collegethe form the community collegethe familiar with the
directing responsibilities.
As a Glenn student, he was
an assistant director last
year.

"This is very different, a new perspective While you're acting on stage, you see the directors talking between themselves, but when you're back here, you enalize what's going on." "To have him come back is a testament to the pro-graph of the pro-graph of the pro-graph of the pro-graph of the pro-tage of th

base."
Johnny Pesnecker has been cast as Richie, with Korey Corona playing Potsie and Steven Mirabi-tur as Ralph. Playing the

leather-jacketed Arthur Fonzarelli is Marcus Allen Jr. Playing Richie's parents Howard and Marion Cun-ningham are Morgan Grat-wick and Matthew Kar-puik, with Alyssa Weeks as Joanie.

Double duty
Olivia Junk is pulling
double duty for the show
as a one of the student
directors and one of Pinky Tuscaderv's Pinkettes.
A junion; this is her second
time as an assistant director. She's always loved the
opportunity to assume a
leadership role.



Richie (Johnny Pesenecker) meets up his girlfriend Lori Beth (Bethany Lilygren) in the show.

#### **OH, HAPPY DAYS**

OH, HAPPY DAY

"Ime(Date: 7 pm. Thursday-Saturday, April 18-20
Location: John Glen

High School Auditorium,
36 105 Marquette, west
of Wayne Road

Details: Based on the hit
television series Happy
Days, the musical reintroduces one of America's
best loved families, the
Cunninghams, and the
days of 1958 Milwaukee.

Arnold's, the famed drive-in mait shop and No. 1 hangout, is in danger of being demolished so the gang teams up to save it with a dance contest and TV-worthy wrestling match. Available at the door or in advance by contacting Kevin Gidley at (734) 419-2342.

"I'm able to push my limits and learn the other side of the business," she said. "A Pinkette is a little part and that makes it a lot easier to a be a director."

As an assistant director, Junk isn't there to tell her fellow cast members what to do, but more as another set of eyes for the official directors.

"I'give my opinion, but

I'm there to look out for the whole group," she said. This is Junk's fifth production at Glenn and loves everything about Happy Days.

"I really enjoy it. As a kid, I watched Happy Days with my parents," she said.
"The feeling people will get from this show is great, a happy, laughter thing that people forget to do."

Hubbard



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### For the Winders of Livonia, performing is all in the family

When people head to the Village Theatre in Canton April 19-28 for the unique musical theatre show Barnum, they're going to see a lot of Winders listed in the

program.
The Livonia family is well-represented in the Spotlight Players production. Mom Rebecca, a classically trained operatic singer with a long list of the lating and the single with a long list of the lating and the lating and the lating and lating lat



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self: Adam, James, Johnson, Ship of their characters and the process of doing a show," she said. Eric will also be costumed as a mine, but his role in Barnum will large by to to help shepherd the children. "With young kids, you never know exactly when they make the property of the prop

As Bradley.

Hamlet and recently, the opera Glami Schicci at Madoma University, she's not the only finder with a contine only finder with a contine only finder with the only finder with the notion of Barnum, all four children acted in Amal and the Night Visitors and Children of Eden at Madoma University.

Eric and two of her sons (Adam and Daniel) joined her in the cast of the Spotential of the Spotential

ence of all was The Music
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felt like date night three
nights a week for two
morths!" said Rebecca
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become a little more seir-conscious."

The Winders went to the first night of audi-tions so they had to wait a few days to hear wheth-er they'd gotten east in the show. "The children were so anxious to hear the results that they had trouble sleeping for two nights," recalled Rebecce When the call finally cam

one night, the children had already been put to bed Because they were not yet asleep (too excited). Rebecause with over not yet asleep (too excited). Rebecause with to their rooms to tell them they do playing little mimes. "They were thrilled and started jumping up and down on their beds, cheering. Finally, Bradley paused in his jumping and looked at me and asked, "Watt! What's a mime?"

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of unicyclists, sittlwalkers, jugglers, tumblers,
mimes and clowns creates
a spectacle unique to this
show.

forward to most? The cast party!
The casts of Spotlight
Players traditionally
exchange inexpensive but fun gifts after each show - something the Winders learned about with Music Man. "It really brings the cast members together

and provides a wonderful closure to each product of the closure to be closured to be closured

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A public accuracy test of the M-100 Optic Scan Voting System will take place at 1:00 p.m., on April 17, 2013 at the Charter Township of Plymouth Clerk's Office, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, MI 43170, for the May 7, 2013 Special Election.

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Nancy Conzelma Township Clerk

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By Rick Bloom

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with aggressive salespeople and I do whatever I can to avoid them. In 31 attons where I'm forced to deal with them, I make sure I let them know that I'm not happy with their aggressive tactics and that they won't work on me. Does this always get them to back down? No, but at least it puts them on poirs.

mem on notice.

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missions.
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the 1 to 2 percent area. Why would
anyone want to lock into such low
rates? If the guaranteed rate was 7
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are going to buy an annuity, make
sure you keep it short term, which
will give you greater flexibility when
income the control of the control of the control
Good luck!

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Battling for the puck Friday night are Plymouth Whalers forward Stefan Noesen (No. 11) and Owen Sound's Cody

# **Whalers romp in Game 5**

By Tim Smith

Not in the Plymouth Whalers' house — no way would Owen Sound have even a sniff of going up in the OHL Western Conference semifi-

nal.

That proved to be the undeniable theme Priday night in Game 5 of the best of seven series at Compuware Arena.

Led by forward Stefan Noesen, Plymouth took it to Owen Sound for 60 minutes en route to a 5-0 victory before just over 3,000 fans.

The Whalers started fast and never wavered, scoring five times in 20 shots over the first 24-plus minutes and wound up with a 43-19

edge in shots on goal.
Plymouth now holds a 3-2 series
lead entering Sunday's Game 6 in
Ontario with a chance to clinch.
"I think we played a very good
game tonight," said Noesen, who
scored twice and assisted on another. "In Owen Sound (a 4-3 loss
Wednesday in Game 4) we didn't
come out ready to play, we only
played half a game.
"With a team like that, they're
very fast, very competitive and we
can't get down that early."

Full speed
Plymouth head coach Mike Vellucci noted how on task his team played, unlike the previous game.
He stressed that's how things must

continue for the Whalers to finish off the Attack in the series.

When we're focused, we're good, "Vehtoca's aid." I thought the puck and we had a lot of jump." Exhibit A was Noesen, who came out flying Friday, although he had plenty of company. With 13:19 left in the period. Noesen collected a bouncing puck in the low slot in front of Owen Sound goalle Jordan Binnington after it was misplayed by an Attack defenseman. The Ottawa Senators prospect didn't waste any time ripping a low shot into the left conner. It was Plymouth's first of

Please see WHALERS, B3

#### GIRLS SOFTBALL PREVIEW - PT. 2

# Power ball

'Cats feature pitching duo, college-bound talent

By Tim Smith

An interesting thing happened during the 2012 softball season for the ventual KLAb Go Hymouth Wildeats. The ace pitch of the property of the 100 softball season for the ventual KLAb Go Hymouth Wildeats. The ace pitcher from 2011, Elaine Gerou, injured her shoulder and had to give up the circ cle to freshman Milayela Marciniak. Instead of derailing the team, Marciniak was outstanding, And now, for the rest of the story. Gertanding, and now, for the rest of the story. Gertanding, and name of the story in the story is the story in the story is the story is the story is the story is the story in the story is the story is the story is the story is the story in the story is the story is the story is the story is the story in the story is the story is the story is the story is the story in the story is the story is the story is the story is the story in the story is the story is the story is the story is the story in the story is the story is the story is the story is the story in the story is the story is the story in the story is the story in the story is the story is the story in the story is the story in the story is the story is the story in the story in the story is the story in the story in the story in the story is the story in the

cinial isn't going any-where.
With that 1-2 pitching
punch, first-year head
coach Bev McManus can
olly smile about what
2013 might bring.
Suddo to Marcinside of the stance last year? McManus wrote in a preview
overview emailed to the
Observer. "But this season together, this duo
packs a punch that will
knock out our opponents."



Plymouth's Bri Giordano connects for another line drive during a 2012 contest. She is one of a number of key returnees for a team expected to contend in the KLAA South Division.

### **Nucleus back for Chiefs**

Canton varsity girls softball coach Jim Arnold is pretty optimistic that the 2013 season will be a successful one for the Chiefs.

The fact that senior co-captains Sarah Wag-co-captains Sarah Wag-co-captain Sarah Wag-co-captain Sarah Wag-co-captain Sarah Wag-co-captain Sarah Wag-co-captain Sarah S

2012. "Win the last gumbe said.

Canton will bank on the pitching of returners and Hanna Shuler to keep opponents at bay.

They will pitch to power-hitting catcher Porter, who recently signed a national letter of intent



JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO Canton shortstop Paige Aresco (No. 14) rips into a pitch during a 2012 KLAA softball contest. Aresco is one of the team's top all-around players entering the 2013 season.

with Trine University (Division III). Aresco will anchor the infield, although the Chiefs boast solid return-ees at other positions in Jessica Webster (third base), Kendyl Richter

Please see CHIEFS, B3

### Zuzo follows Brindza's D-I lead

By Tim Smith

Brenton Zuzo will play college football next season in the scorching-hot desert, for the University to the Conting-hot desert, for the University But where the Plymouth High School senior and all-stater is coming from also is blazing hot — especially when it comes to developing Division I kickers.

Zuzo last month became the second Plymouth kicker to sign an NCAA national letter of intent with a D-1 program, following Kyle and now kicking at Notre Dame).

"He saw (Brindza's) pressure kicks, a pretty good mentor to have." Pyrnowith head cook a Mike Sawchuk said about Zuo having Brindza as a role model.

Can Zuzo step right in and handle he kicking and punting duties on the D-I stage the way Brindza aid with the Irish beginning in 2011?

"I don't know what their circumstances are, where they're at with kickers," Sawchuk said. "But the kid certainly has a strong leg. He's not too far behind Brindza in leg strength. He's pretty powerful, he's done a lot of work (to get stronger). "We require the kickers to do everything all the position play-

ers do as far as being in the weight room and conditioning."

Vonder his wing
Zuzo also benefited from keeping
Zuzo also benefited from keeping
Luso on his friend and teammate.
"He (Zuzo) was very interested. "because he saw what kind of
opportunity he could have as far
as getting a sholarship kicking
after he saw Kyle, "Sawchuk said."
"And Kyle kind of took him under
"And Kyle kind of took him under
give them a chance, they kind of do
everything on their own."

According to Zuzo — also a team-

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# Chiefs fall short; 'Cats, Rocks open with victories

By Tim Smith

Despite several top-notch individual performances, Canton could not match the overall BOYS TRACK AND FIELD depth Livonia Franklin brought to the track for Tuesday's regular season

for Thesday's regular season opener.
The visiting Chiefs dropped a 71-66 decision to the Patriots, in a KLAA South Division varsity boys track and field dual met. "In some areas we came through stronger than we thought," Canton head coach Bob Richardson said. "In other areas we just couldn't match what they were able to put on the track, especially their sprint groups.

"They did well in the 100, 200 and the two sprint relays which piled up quite a few points for them."

them."

Alex Perelli and Dan Dun-

can sparked the Patriots with wins in the 100- and 200-meter dash, respectively (11.4, 24.1) and teamed up with Spencer Opie and Jordan Bickham to with the 400-meter relay in 45.1 section of the control of the contro

Zander and Ryan Jimenez, 10-6
each) and Evan Dunklee had a
real nice race in the open 3,200
(first, 10-18).
Canton senior co-captain
Andrew Stephens chipped in
with a first-place finish in the
300 hurdles with a mark of 43-92
winning 1,600-meter relay
(353.9) "so he had a really nice
meet for us."
Other Chiefs to score points
in open events included high
jumpers Akli Wade (second, 5-6), dosh Richards and Brett Lee
(tied for third, no marks availignumper (18-11.75), Bryan Eastman, second in the 300 hurdles (18.8), James Hildreth
second in the 300 hurdles (44.6),
Colby Morris, third in the 100
dash (11.8), Alan Jones, third
in the 200 dash (24.7), Bryant
(Chen and Josh Joy, second and
third, respectively, in the 800
run (2-11.7 2.170), Thur Walinshaw and Ammar Chishit, sec-

ond and third, respectively, in the mile run (5:02.06, 5:08); and Billy Toth, third in the two-mile run (11:15.8).

online at hometownlife.com

(A00, 53.38) and Caton Hacker (300 hundred, 64.31) also poted individual wan for the Wildrats.

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From the Wildrats of the Wildrats

# Rocks top Northville, make statement

Central Division up.
"It thought it was a great way to start off the season, with a big victory against a great team in Northville," said Gerelach, familiar with a number of the athletes as Salem's varsity girls cross country coach.

"They (Mustangs) have some standout athletes, some great hurdlers, a couple very good sprinters and obviously a very talented distance team.

"We're trying to change this year, and for us to come out with a win off the bar, gets us knowing that we're taking a step in the right direction." Across the board, the Rocks were strong, For example, senior Nancy Krutty set a new school record in the pole vault, finishing with a mark of 11-feet, 0-inches. Returning junior all-stater Kayla Kavulich picked up right where she left off last year, with victories in three events. Kavulich won the

1,600-meter run with a time of 5:19.13 and also captured the 800 and 400 with times of 2:19.66 and 1:01.03. Senior Khyli Ray and sophomore Sheikina Johnson "showd time mendous speed going 1-2 in the 100 and 200" dash-es.

in the 100 and 200° dash.

Ray's finish of 12.84
seconds earned her first seconds to the first second first second first in the long feet, 625 inches white sophomore Jamyra Wilson tied for the top spot in the high jump (4-6).

DUAL MEET RESULTS
SALEM 80
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et, 4.25 inches; 2. Dana Blan-enship (S), 31-55; 3. Rebecca
alzon (S), 27-7.5.
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Falzon (S), 85-4; 3. Que Evelline
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2. Salem (Binsfeld, Natasha Stevenson, Patterson, Elizabeth Tripp), 10:48. Dual meet



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**ZUZO** 

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Plymouth's warsty boys
soccer team — It was
Brindza who inspired him
to get serious about kickmeanwhite. Ziuo credited his dad. Gary Zuzo.
for paving the way for
him to get such top-notch
instruction as received at
Komblue Kicking Camp
in Ann Arbor and other
camps around the country.

camps around try.

"Back in my sophomore year, Kyle invited me to join him in a Kornblue Kicking Camp," Zuzo wrote in an email to the Observer. "Up until then, my kicking was mostly booting the soccer ball from deep in the defensive end.

y rooming the society may be compared to the form of t

On target
In 2011 and 2012, Zuzo
demonstrated he could
deliver the goods the way
Brindza did before him.
"Brenton hit some good
field goals for us," Sawchuk said. "He hit a really important one against
(Livonia) Churchill."



Plymouth's Brenton Zuzo (No. 18) launches one of many clutch field goals during his career with the Wildcats. Setting up the kick for Zuzo is Nate Emminger (No. 3).

career with the Wildcats. See
According to Zuzo, one
of his personal highlights
came in 2011, when his
40 yard field good with
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craft.
"Every day, the kick ers not only worked or our drill work, but the

ing up the kick for Zuzo is Mateam gathered at times to practice against the stop watch for speed accuracy. Zuzo sand accuracy. Zuzo sand. "Credit to the coaches and accuracy and accuracy and accuracy and accuracy accuracy and accuracy and accuracy. Zuzo sand I couldn't have had my the skilled long snapping of Matt Janke, as well as the sure-handed holding of Nate Emminger." Sawchuk sadi it is a feather in the program's cap to have athletes such as Brindza and Zuzo continue to earn high-profile football scholarships. Another Plymouth alum, linebacker Brennan Beyer, is playing at the University of Michigan.

"We've been fortunate enough to have kids that, one, have the talent, two, have the grades," Saw-chuk said. "And three, have the desire to work hard. That's the name of the game, to buy in to what we're trying to offer them. They've done it and hopefully we can continue."

ue.
"Brenton's just a great character kid, great support from his family (par ents Cheryl and Gary). It doesn't surprise me that he got what he got."

More to come Now Sawchuk will be looking for the next great



JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO Brenton Zuzo (right) and Plymouth varsity head football coach Mike Sawchuk are in a mood to smile after the senior kicker signed with Division I Nevada.

He already has junior Viet Nguyen in the pipe ine. Like Brindza and Zuzo before him, Nguyen is a Plymouth soccer player, too.

"One of the first things I did when I got there (Plymouth) was talk to our soccer coach (Jeff Neschich), because I it is to have a kicking game," Sawchuk said, "If you can get somebody to kick it into the end zone with no returns, it's a big advanged to the pipe of the pipe

tage. Every year I ask him."
And if seems there will seems there will seems answer that to Sowchat's liking as Pyrmouth continues producing kickers with NCAA potential. Brindza, and now Zuzo, are merely starting what could be a long, upright-splitting trend at the Park.

Just like their kicks.

#### 'CATS

Continued from page B1

er team that McManus takes over from Val Canfield, who accepted an assistant coaching position with Oakland University. McManus was an assistant coach for Canfield from 2007-12.

There are 10 returning players from the team that finished an impressive 24-4 overall and 14-2 in the KLAA South, including at 14-2 in the KLAA South, including second baseman Bri Giordano and utility player Kayla Rebain (both headed to Madonna University), outfielder Linday Gryniewicz (Hope College) and Gerou.

There's a pretty talented junior class, too. Shorstop Lindaya Lutton, eatcher Brooke et al. (14-2) in the control of the control o

#### CHIEFS

University of Michigan-Dearborn. A valuable backup is utility player Kait-lyn Keys. Returnees set for the outfield, in addi-tion to Wagner, include Delainey O'Donnell, Megan Grant, Brynn Birchler and Nicole

Newcomers include catcher Brooklyn Selvers and infielders Valerie Lentine and Halee Warren.
"We feel we are strong in all positions with good backups," Arnold said. "We have two good pitchers t.at will keep us in the games, our catchers are strong and we have our infield back."
And, for good measure, Wagner is back to give the Chiefs an excellent outfield, too.

#### **WHALERS** Continued from page B1

three unassisted goals in the

three unassisted goals in the game.

The stept trying to get on the forecheck, 'Nosesn said and 'I was ready to play today and I got a lucky bounce. That's what it takes to win.''

A string of Owen Sound penalties also helped Plymouth get the offense fired up, but it took the Whalers until their fourth power play to score. For Carrick took a pass from Nosesn and sear a low shot from the left point that forward Tom Wilson tipped past Binnington.

Just 16 seconds later, the Whalers had a three-goal bulge thanks to a goal by center Mitchell Heard (two goals), who raced down the left wing before firing it home.

Insurmountable
Plymouth then chased Binnington to the bench with two more goals in the first 3-44 of the second period.

A point-blank shot by center Rickard Rakell was stopped, but not controlled. Noesen then slammed the rebound in with a wraparound stuff at the right post.

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At that point, with Plymouth holding a 20-6 edge in shots, Owen Sound coach Greg Ireland pulled Binnington and replaced him with Canton native Brandon Hope.

The Whalers did not case up on Hope, peppering him with seven shots on a five-minute power play.

Hope proved to be Owen Sound 's Dright spot, stopping all 23 shots he faced in



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Mitchell Heard (No. 15) fires the puck to give Plymouth a 3-0 lead in the first period. At left is team mate Sebastian Uvira (No. 17) while Owen Sound's Kurtis MacDermid (No. 23) gets there too late.



If there was a bright spot for Owen Sound Friday against Plymouth it was goalie Brandon Hope (No. 33), a Canton native wh stopped all 23 shots he faced after entering the game in the second period.

his first postseason action of the season. With the victory in the books, the Whalers are one win away from reaching the

conference finals.
According to Noesen,
the team knows it won't be

easy. "We're feeling pretty good

right now," Noesen said.
"But there's always a little something in there that we know they're going to come out flying.
"And I think we just need to focus on every shift. We have 60 minutes to prove ourselves there."

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OWEN SOUND 4, PLYMOUTH 3: The host Attack rolled
to an early 4-0 lead Wednesday
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the Attack the rest of the way.
Mahalak also stopped 1's shots
before the end of the second
on goals from Connor Carrick,
and Stefan Noesen, while Vince
at 17;47 of the third. Tochcickassisted on the Whalers' other
goals.

assisted on the goals. Stopping 21 of 24 shots for the win was Owen Sound netminder Jordan Binnington.

## Canton girls win back-to-back

Canton built a quick 4-0 lead Wednesday and went on to defeat Salem 9-5 in a KLAA South Division girls lacrosse match. Annelise Niermann and Kelsey Tucker each scored three goals for the Chiefs, with Kelly Harris contributing two markers. Tally-uting two markers. Tally-away and the sale and

well, scoring four unan-swered goals," Canton coach Dave Bower said. "But then we struggled to control the ball against an aggressive Salem team that constantly applied pres-sure."
In the second half, after Salem made it 5-3, the Rocks Salem team with goalie strong defense with goalie Melissa Neal (eight saves)

there when needed.
"We definitely have things
to work on as a team," Bower said. "But it was satisfying to come away with the
victory."
On Tuesday, the Chiefs
defeated perennial KLAA
conference champion
South Lyon 12-9 in a game
described by Bower as a
huge win for the Canton
program.

He said the win was the first posted by a Park team against South Lyon.
A balanced attack led the charge, with eight different players tallying at least a point.
Niermann scored three goals while Cassidy Tuck-cast and the cast of the control of the cast of the control of the

### Observerland's best swimmers, divers receive honors

his teammates along and making everybody better. It's been a pleasure to coach him the last three years, and to coach him the last three years, and year and more good things."

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Jackson O'Dowd, Stevensom: The Division 1 state finals in the 50 and 47.19 respectively.

"This is a tremendous accomplishment for any high school swimmer and being a freshmen makes it that present the second of the s

much more before he is through."

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"This relay also claims the seventh fastest time ever in the history of Michigan high Locko silvmrings," 200 freestyle. N. Lind Tondy Clarke and tilds: Lebok. The Tondy Clarke and tilds: Lebok. Brinded fifth in the D2 state meet and swam the areas's fastest time (12-502) in the final. The same fourome also was second in the OAA Red Division (122-31) and third in Calsard Courty (12-88.5). The Calsard Courty (12-88.5) and third in Calsard Courty (12-88.5). The Calsard Courty (12-88.5) and third in Calsard Courty (12-88.5). The Calsard Courty (12-88.5) and the Calsard Courty (12-88.5). The Calsard Courty (12-



BOYS GOLF PREVIEW

### Canton golfers eager to get going

Canton's varsity boys golf team can't wait to tee off, literally and figuratively, for the 2013 season. It's been dicey for 19th-year head coach from Alles and his team, due to brutal weather conditions that have put a crimp in learn tryout her chiefs will feature several top returness from the team that went he chiefs will feature several top returness from the team that went because the chiefs will feature several top returness from the team that went by the chiefs will feature several top returness from the team that went by the chiefs will feature several top returning players from last season's state dabout the quality of our returning players from last season's state familas qualifying team," Alles noted. "The experience the boys have from last year's competition will hopefully help our 2013 team

states."
Sophomore Donnie Trosper, a first-team all-state and All-Observer selection, is one of the golfers who the Chiefs will feature in their

er selection, is one of the gotters who the Chiefs will feature in their lineup.

Others include senior co-captains Alex Champagne, Brent Perry and Alex Champagne, Brent Perry and Champagne, Brent Schenk also show promise.

"As a result of our success last year we have been invited to play in numerous highly competitive tour-maments during our 2013 season," Alles added. "Hopefully doing well in these events will help to prepare us for post-season competition."

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### Cool 'Cats Weather doesn't bother

Plymouth against 'Stangs

Wet, cold, miserable weather did not bother the Plymouth Wildcats one bit in Thursday's 3-0 victory over host Northville in a KLAA crossover varsity girls soccer match.

Leading the way for the Wildcats (3-0 overall) was Madi Lewis, who scored two goals. Setting up her second goal with an outstanding play was Zoe Foster. Registering her first Plymouth goal was freshman Olivia Janke while Stephanie Dillon and Sydney Rouse "had solid games in the mid," head coach Jeff Neschich said.

He added that the Plymouth back line "really limited Northville's attack." Plymouth played Salem Saturday in a KLAA crossover that took place after this issue of the Observer went to press.

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Next for the Wildcats is Tuesday's 4 p.m. KLAA
South Division matchup at Wayne Memorial.

### Salem rally makes it three straight

A three-run rally in the bottom of the seventh Tuesday sparked host Salem to a 7-6 victory over Adrian, for the Rocks' third consecutive win to open the season. Salem went up 4-0 in the first but gave up the lead in the firth, largely due to the first but gave up the lead in the firth, largely due to give relief pitcher Jeremy St. Laurent the victory. Justin Sydlowski start-ed it off with a walk and Alex Starr was hit by a pitch. One out later, Lucas Salinas doubled hope Starr and pinch runner Derrick Vergolini to knot the score at 6-6.

Salinas came around to score the winning run on a fielder's choice and wild pitch. Freshman pitcher Alex Nicholson threw three scoreless innings in his first start for the Salem varsity.

#### **ALL-AREA**

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That will help us the next couple years."

Jake Wasko, N. Farmington: Wasko finished 10th in the butterfly at the D2 state meet, posting his best time 53:10 of the season. He also qual-fifth in the DAR Red Division (55:34) and 10th in Oakland County (64:55) he also placed eighth in the 200 free-style in the DAR finals.

Jake is really starting to come into his own? "Hartot ad." Hels been a good wimmer but has the poten-starting to realize. He worked hard in the off season to get better and it showed. He carried it through to the starting to realize the two the starting to realize it the worked hard in the off season to get better and it showed. He carried it through to the state meet and had a great state meet.

























2013 ALL-OBSERVER BOYS
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**BOYS BEST SWIM TIMES** 

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HONORABLE MENTIONS
The following are additional state qualifiers who are not recognized on eithe the first or second all-area swim team:

the first of second all-area swim team: Franklin: Justin Larkins; N. Farmington: Keith Erichsen; Plymouth: Cam Earls, Ryan Heinze, Alex Johnson, Alex Wilson; Salem: Dan Lynch, Jason Basanese; Thurston: Luke Crompton.

Co-captain Bai (who won a Salem Coaches Award) and McManimon were named to the All-KLAX team for were named to the All-KLAX team for "Jerry was very competitive all four years," Olions and." Both in the pool and the classroom (3.96 GPA)." McManimon's stellar attructed and work eithic augmented his swimming was stellar attructed and work eithic augmented his swimming was well to the classroom (3.96 GPA)." McManimon's stellar attructed and whatever he could do for the team he was willing to do, "Olion said." The improvement displayed all four year mates or oxoching staff."

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# **Stories Worth Telling**

Woodcox pairs images, writing for foster kids' benefit

By Sharon Dargay Staff Writer

to raise approximate-ly \$26,000 in the next 11 days to help North-Ridge Church in Plym-outh Township send fos-ter children to camp this summer.

outh Township send foster children to camp this summer. His campaign page on Indiegogo.com, a crowd-funding website, is called Stories Worth Telling and it has earned more than \$4,000 since going live land to the send of t



This is one of the many photographs by Rob Woodcox, featured in the fundraising campaign, "Stories Worth Telling," which pairs photos with stories about foster children.



Christian Church in Novi, which offers a Roy-al Family KIDS camp. This year, Northridge will launch its own Roy-al Family KIDS camp for approximately 32 chil-dren from Wayne Coun-ty. Woodcox hopes to off-

set the church's cost for the camp and year-round mentoring through his online fundraising cam-

"He is dreaming big with great vision and heart," said Beth Harris, NorthRidge Church out-reach coordinator. "Rob participated with Bright-moor and us last year and fell in love with the pro-gram."

healthy kids," she said, adding that some may have emotional or behavioral problems. "It's challenging and you've got to know you're going in there to love on this child, which may be the only love they are going to receive. You need to go in knowing it's going to be a lot of work."

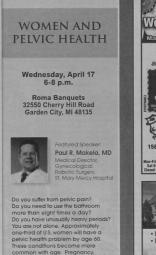
Focusing on fosters
Woodcox, who grew up
in Livonia and now lives
in Ypsilanti, said the Roy
al Family KIDS Camp is
the only summer camp
tailored to foster children.
"When I learned that,
I was drawn to it," he
said. "I think the thing
that struck me the most
right off the bat was how





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### Angelic voices will entertain at annual community breakfast

By Sharon Dargay start Winter

Jerry Smith has selected the entertainment for the Livonia Community Prayer Breakfast the past 20 years and he knows what guests like to hear.

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sings at the 8 a.m. Mass once a month, at the children's Christmas liturgy, on other holidays and for special events, such as the upcoming May Crowning, which was the upcoming May Crowning, which was the upcoming May Crowning, which was the upcoming May Crowning alongside their moms.

"We have more than 50 (children) on the roster, although you won't see all 50 at the prayer breakfast," said Cindy Stempin, church music director and a counselor at St. Michael School, "They start at third grade and go all the way to eighth." This year all of her singers also attend 51. Michael School, but that's not with the singer of the start of the singer of the si

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focused the camp is on showing these kids love. It's not about discipline or getting on the right track. You demonstrate through your actions that they are "I was abused and neglected as a child. I'm lucky that I was adopted. I was not in foster care, but what makes me so passionate about his project is if I hadn't been adopted I would have been in foster care, but what makes me so passionate about his project is if I hadn't been adopted I would have been one of the control of the work of the



includes a custom work-shop with Woodcox, who was nominated for the Best Emerging Photogra-pher award from Framed Network, an online net-work for photographers.

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"We're trying to make
sure we're standing in
the gap for kids in crisis
and raising awareness of
the foster care crisis in
Michigan," Harris said.
"According to the statistics we've (received), we have about 17,000 kids
to see the state in foster care."
Harris said the Orphan
allows
church members to
help foster children in
a variety of ways. They

can become foster parents. They can help create art comfort bags 'filled with clothing, toys and other items that children may keep as they transition from home to foster care. They can help with summer camp or tutoring. The quilt ministry at the church, for example, creates personalized quilts for each camper. Harris added that no one is pad for their involvement in the summer camp.

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# Animal groups need forever home, mystery players

By Sharon Dargay

Rufus is an 11-monthold Brittany Spaniel-American Staffordshire American Staffordshire Terrier mix who has been with the rescue "for some time" and who needs a little PR to help get him adopted. He's being fos-tered in Wixom with Kas-ey Mack and her family, which includes cats, dogs and kids. Despite a rough start in life, he is doing well.



"Rufus was rescued from a home that had chained him to a so-called doghouse, with very little food and very little food and very little human contact," Mezza said. "The people had moved and left him behind he was rescued just in time. It was freezing cold at night and he was soaking wet from the freezing rain. He wouldn't have made it

much longer."
Mack said the dog was rescued from the back-yard of an abandoned home in Detroit.
"There were some concrete quelpie in the neighborhood that got in touch with a mutual friend of my with a mutual friend of my of me and we did a temperament test," she said. Rufus is micro-chipped, neutreed and up to date on his shots. He is house-broken and crate trained. Mack said he received several inquiries about adoppies this winter, so he had to compete with little pups (for adoption) which is always hard."
Mack describes him as "very smart," and would do

well with continued train-

ing.

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well as funding for animal emergencies. Teams of four can sign up now for the fundraiser, which is set for 8 p.m. Saturday, June 8, in Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth Only 25 teams will be registered. Participants will hunt for clues, problem-solve, figure out riddles and meet actors portraying

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# Readers' questions teach us all



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stove.
Reply: I will direct this to those companies that are now doing these energy are now doing these energy are very worthwhile. The spark effect is normal on products that hold electrical current and may appear alarming to many homeowners. It is nothing to be afraid of but if you are going to tell homeowners to start unjou to tell homeowners to start unjou nay be the cause of many needless service calls. I will bet that energy consumption on major home appliances doesn't equal \$5 per year. Appliances with control boards may need to be re-programmed than 15 minutes. Hope this helps Sue and sorry you had to replace the wall outlet.
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or drain a few buckets of water from the bottom of the tank every four months. In reality, few homeowners drain theis with a gas how the water hearter, after a few years you will have a build-up of minerals that will accumulate in the bottom of the tank. This can reach a height of 4 to 6 inches and looks like a pile of shale-burner hearts the bottom of the tank it must hear the rock and water at the same time. The water rise-ess and goes through the rock admirated but in homeowner. Stay tuned but is not a danger to the homeowner. Stay tuned

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#### **Milestones**



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Jana Ruccite and manufacture of Programmer and Robert Ric-cio of Elk Grove, Ill., attended Rush University and is employed as a vascular ultrasound technologist. Her fiancé, son of Otto and Carol Dobos of Livonia, attended Churchill High School and is employed as a hospital contractor. A November 2013 wedding is planned in Chicago, Ill.



Goachee-Fine

Mrs. Carol Goachee of Garden City announces the engagement of her daughter, Kerrie Lynn, to Steve

Mrs. Carol Voucase.

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Mrs. Carol Lynn, 10 Steve Engagement of her daughter of Carol and the late Thomas Goachee. She is a graduate of John Glenn High School, attended Eastern Michigan University, Madonna University and has lived in greater Los Angeles, Calif., for he past nine years.

Her fiance is the son of Johnn Fine of Riverside, Calif., and the late Roger Fine. Steve is a graduate of Rowland High School. in Rowland Heights, Calif., and served in the United States Navy for eight years.

Their wedding will take place in July 2013 in Los Angeles, Calif. They will continue to reside in Los Angeles, and work together at a large nonprofit that serves the underprivileged of Los Angeles.



Arciero - Sparks

Carl and Kathy Arciero of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Julia Concetta, to Todd Gregory Sparks, son of Wilma and Sam Kepler of Flor ida.

Oregon y spates, sout or visua accessed to the control of the bride-to-be graduated from Churchill High School in 1999. She received a B.S. in mathematics from the University of Michigan and a Ph.D. in applied mathematics from the University of Arizona. She is an assistant professor of mathematics at Indiana University-Purdue University, in Indianapolis, Indiana Olinion in Ohio in 1986 and received a bachelor's degree from Bowling Green University. He manages a commercial credit division for PNC bank in Indianapolis, Ind. A May 2013 wedding has been planned.

#### RELIGION CALENDAR

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### Learn the latest in breast cancer care, research

University of Michigan Comprehensive Cancer Center experts will discuss breast cancer risks — and how you can reduce yours — as well as screening, treatment and research at a free Breast Cancer Summit Saturday, April 20 at Washtenaw Community Comprehensive Comprehensi

ter will discuss research advances and will outline ways to get involved in supporting research, whether as a clinical trial participant or as an advocate. In addition, the day will include an opportunity for participants to interact directly with the experts during a strolling lunch. The more that patients, survivors and women at high risk can partner with physicians and researchers, the more we can learn about this disease and take even greater leaps in reducing the burden of breast cancer on women and their families," says for Daniel and the disease and the same and their families," says for Daniel and the same and their families, says for Daniel and the same and their families, says for Daniel and the same and their families, says for Daniel and the same and their families, says for Daniel and the same and their families, says for the same and their families, says for the same and their families, says for the same and the s

### Study shows some breast cancer patients avoid endocrine therapy

Twenty-five percent of women who should take hormone-block-ing therapies as part of their faight the property of the property

The study surveyed women in the Detroit and Los angeles, Calif. areas who were diagnosed with breast cancer and reported to Surveillance, Epidemiology and End Results, or SEER, tumor registries. Women were surveyed at about nine months after their diagnosis and again about four years later with questions about four years later with questions about four years later with questions about four their diagnosis and again about four years later with questions about four their cancer recurring were more likely to complete endocrine therapy, as were women who already took medication regularly.

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Women who reported receiving the more properly were less likely took medication regularly.

However, the study of the more than a medical oncologist, were also less taking it, suggesting that doctors need to address patient education before treatment starts. Women who saw a breast surgeon as their primary follow-up, rather than a medical oncologist, were also less likely to begin endocrine therapy.

"It was particularly interesting with greater adherence to endocrine therapy," says senior study author Pr. Jennifer J. Griggs, M.D., M.P.H., professor of internal medicine at the U-M Medical School and a medical oncologist who sees patients with breast cancer at the U-M Comprehensive cancer at the Judy of the property of the property of the same providing better education about the importance of staying on these medications and narriering with primary care and cancer of cotors to help patients manage symptoms."



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for the rest of my life?

Pre-diabetes means your blood sugar levels are higher than normal, but not high enough to be diabetes. Higher than normal blood sugar levels can start to damage your heart and cause problems with how your blood flows through your body. People with pre-diabetes usually develop type 2 diabetes within eight years. There are two different blood tests your physician can order which can detect pre-diabetes. The first is called a finger prick/ finger stick test. Blood sugar levels between 100 - 125 indicate you have pre-diabetes, and a blood sugar reading over 126 means you have diabetes. The second test is called a Hemoglobin A-1-c. An A-1-c between 5.7% and 6.4% means you have pre-diabetes, and an A-1-c over 6.5% means you have diabetes.

Many people with pre-diabetes and diabetes do not have symptoms. Sometimes symptoms develop slowly so you may not recognize them. Those most at risk include people who are over 45 years old and overweight, and people who are under 45 years old and:

- · Are overweight
- Have a family member with diabetes
   Have high blood pressure or high cholesterol
- Are African-American, Native-American, Hispanic, or Asian
   Women who had diabetes while pregnant
- . Women who had a baby weighing over 9 pounds

A diagnosis of pre-diabetes does not destine you to a future of having diabetes. Instead, it should be taken as a wake-up call to make healthy lifestyle changes such as eating a balanced diet, eliminating excessive sugar and carbohydrates and replacing them with fruits and vegetables, and adopting some type of exercise program. These changes can help to eliminate your pre-diabetes condition.

If you have concerns about diabetes, and would like to make an appointment with Dr. Cavell or one of his colleagues at the GCH Center for Family Medicine, please call 734.421.744. Garden City Hospital has a number of ongoing community health programs dedicated to the fight against diabetes. For more information and a complete list of upcoming events, classes and free testing, visit GCH.org.

### Follow up after an interview without being a pest

Anthony Balderrama, CareerBuilder Editor

Comparisons between job hunting and dating are common, and never are they more true than when it comes to the follow-up. After a date, you want to left the other person know you're interested, but you don't want to appear desperate. Plus, you don't want to feel foolish if he or she had no intention of contacting you again. On the other hand, what if he or she is waiting for you to make the call and if you don't, you'll miss out on a great romance? Comparisons between job

So many questions and no definite answers to any of them. Ultimately you have to use your judgment and hope for the best outcome possible.

outcome possible.

Following up after a job interview is similar. As if you weren't nervous enough, you end up asking yourself a dozen questions and imagining typothetical situations. 'If I follow up now, do I seem desperate? If I wait too long, will they think I'm lazy? What I'f I'm the frontrunner but I bug them and they cross my name of the list? What i'll mited with someone and my initiative gives me the edge?"

Ac with Adating, lob hunts?

As with dating, job hunts don't have rules set in stone. At best, you can do what feels right and see what happens.

Here are three possible methods for following up with an employer and ways to know

1. The thank-you note is The thank-you note is necessary after an interview, and no job seeker can afford to forgo it. Thank-you notes tell hiring managers that you respect their time. They have packed schedules and can af-ford to spend time interviewing only a select group of appli-cants, so your note acknowl-edges how grateful you are to get some face time.

get some tace time.

Appropriate: An e-mailed note on the same day of the interview shows that you are courteous and don't dawdle. For most employers, an e-mail is an acceptable form of thanks because e-mail is a part of everyday business life and arrives quickly. A handwritten letter can be sent as a supplement to the e-mail if you want to stress your gratitude or you know the interviewer is old-fashioned.

interviewer's old-fashioned. Overkill: If you're going to follow up with a letter after your follow-up letter, think again. You already said thank you, so what else do you need to say? Both you and the Ihring manager know that another letter is your way of asking, "Ddl get the job?" Don't clog the hiring manager's inbow with more notes unless you want to be thought of as a pest. thought of as a pest.

2. The phone call is daunting and not the right move in every job situation. In fact, many job postings specifically



you're feeling brave, you might want to skip it.

want to skip it.

Appropriate: Unless you were specifically instructed not to call the hiring manager or another contact, you can make the call after an appropriate amount of time has passed. In this case, if you were given a deadline for when a decision would be made, left it pass and wait a few extra days and then make the call. Just sonce (unless instructed to call back).

Overkill: The phone call is one Overkill: The phone call is one of the seasiest ways to substage your image. Call once, when appropriate, and don't call again unless you've been told to. Phone galls are a nuisance in a way that letters and e-mails aren't. You can decline to open a message or just read it and ignore it A phone call is harder to ignore if the requires the hiring manager to screen his or her calls once you become a repeat offender. If the company wants you, it probably won't forget to

3. The pop-in causes you 3. The pop-in causes you anxiety when your in-laws do it. Your place is a mess and suddenly you're forced to entertain people who you might not like very much anyway. Don't do that to an employer if you want to be considered for a job.

Appropriate: Stopping by to visit the company is rarely ac-ceptable. Unless you have an explicit indication that you're explict indication that you're welcome to show up uninvited, which would actually imply that you are invited, showing up in person is very inappropriate. This follow-up is one case where once is almost certainly too much.

Overkill: When you show up and the hiring manager or re-ceptionist gives you a look that says, "Why are you here?" you'll know you've crossed a line. Em-

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ployers are busy — they have schedules, meetings, clients and tasks. By showing up unan-nounced, you not only disrupt their routine but also imply that you are more important than their obligations and deserve their immediate attentiates. their immediate attention.

their immediate attention.

Of course, you're bound to meet someone who broke one of these rules and impressed the hiring manager by his or her audacity. Perhaps going against etiquete will work. Just be aware that you're risking your professional reputation and could be removing yourself from the running for a job where you were once a top candidate.

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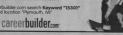
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brand is making a new play for this crowd.

To Audi customers in the U.S., Audi Connect has risen to the second-most important factor behind their decisions to purchase an Audi – in just the last year. That is why Anupam Malhotra believes the company's new data plan for Audi con-nect will prove a powerful additional lure for the brand.

With the new plan put together by Audi and 1-Mobile, Audi owners can obtain real-time news, weather and fuel prices; enjoy access to Google Earth and Google Voice Local Search; and retrieve informa-tion securely and conveniently over WiFi - all for as little as \$15 a month. The plan also includes broadband connectivity for up to eight devices in an Audi vehicle.

This maneuver is just one of many being This maneuver is just one of many being made by Audi as it continues to position itself to enjoy luxury-brand supremacy in the U.S. market, That doesn't necessarily mean that Audi aspires to out-sell Mercedes-Benz, BMW or Toyota anytime soon; Audi sales remain only about half those of those rivals in the United States.

But over time, Audi of America ex-ecutives believe that ensuring the per-

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ception of the Audi brand is tops with American consumers will translate into a challenge to its main competitors even on a volume basis.

The data plan allows new and existing owners of cars equipped with Audi con-nect - including, for the first time, Audicertified pre-owned vehicles - to receive all the services for just \$15 a month un-der a 30-month plan for \$450. Or for \$30 a month, customers can choose month-to-

"We want people to be attracted by the price and to be able to keep their con-nection [to Audi connect] alive continu nection (to Audi connect) alive continuously, "Malhotra, Senior Manager of Con-nected Vehicle for Audi of America, told Audi Progress. "We can ensure continuity of support. And people don't have to deal with reminder-of-renewal e-mails or wor-ry about whether their service is active."

Malhotra said that, in part, the intro-duction of the new plan is "a reflection of the fact that we have a younger customer segment" than some rivals "who are much more likely to be living a connected life-style and to recognize what they're get-ting in Audi connect, with the integration of Google into the car, that isn't available from anyone else.





The Audi A3 hatchback version soon will be replaced in the U.S. by a new Audi A3 sedan

At the same time, he said, the Audi clientele body overall is growing much more attached to Audi connect, and to what it attached to Audi connect, and to what it brings into the car in terms of integrated infotalment. Last year's customer surveys in the J.D. Power APEAL awards, he said, showed that in just one year? Audio, entertainment and navigation' in Audi whices became the second-most important factor for purchase, after the No. 1 figure of exterior design – but leaping ahead of what has always been a major aspect of the appeal of Audi vehicles, engine performance.

"Our customers are buying a premium vehicles, and the Audi connect solution in the vehicle is very premium," Mahotra concluded. "The new T-Mobile data plan makes it easier than ever for our customers to continue to enjoy the experience of owning one of the most advanced connected vehicles in the market."

Meanwhile, Audi's competition with BMW and Mercedes-Benz for luxuryvehicle leadership of the world, not just the U.S., is getting still more attention. Not that this is surprising. The growing focus of their battle is being fed by factors including the rivals' continuing expressions about their plans to be No. 1, by the still-escalating competition for short-term volume leadership in the U.S. between BMW and Mercedes, and by the unabated rise of the Audi brand.

And while BMW by some measures has been the most profitable of the three, Automotive News noted that Audi "did better than BMW last year in terms of operating margin," in part because of the scale benefits of being part of the large Volkswagen Group.

But there are other criteria that are important as well. "To become No. 1 requires portantas well. To become not requires a lot more than just selling more cars than your competitors." Rupert Stadler, Chairman of the Board of Management of Audi AG, told Automotive News Europe.

"It also means offering better quality, outstanding service and more. These so-called soft factors have the same impor-

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