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Training days

The Canton Police Department's records bureau will be closed to the public on Tuesday, April 30, and Wednesday, May 8, for training.

The bureau has announced the closings so that Canton residents who need to visit the office can plan accordingly.

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.

So here's what the *Canton Observer* wants to know in advance of Mother's Day: What rules, sayings, advice or other parenting methods do you channel from things your own mother said to you when you were a kid? Whether it was "Do as I say, not as I do" or "Wait 'til your father gets home!" we'd like to hear about it.

Email your examples to *Canton Observer* editor Brad Kadrich at bkadrich@hometownlife.com for a story that will appear on Mother's Day. Include a JPEG photo of you and/or your mom, if you'd like (just make sure to identify the folks in the photo). We'll use as many of the examples and photos as we can. Deadline is Tuesday, May 7.

Math wit

Shannon Price, a Republican who represents Plymouth and Canton townships on the Wayne County Board of Commissioners, took a swipe at the county's Democratic administration as he quickly recovered from a math misstatement Thursday evening.

Price was auctioneer during a brief auction at the Wayne 11th Congressional District Republican Committee's Lincoln-Reagan dinner, and when two flags that had been flown over the U.S. Capitol went for \$325 each, Price said that would be \$750 to the committee.

"When someone in the audience corrected him — the total is \$650 — Price quipped: "That's what we do in Wayne County, just round up."

Thursday's dinner was held at Laurel Manor in Livonia, and South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley was the keynote speaker.

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Emily Seruga and Monika Webster seal packages with heat. In background, Paige Demaree moves more full packages for sealing.

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Feeding frenzy

Key Club effort sends food to the hungry

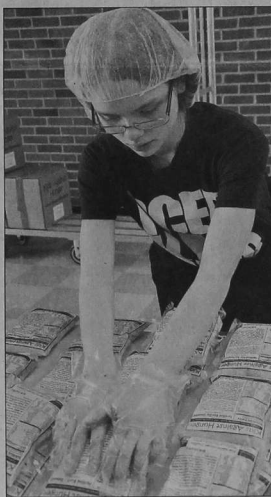
By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

When Michael Burwell clubs around the state talking to service clubs and groups about helping his Kids Against Hunger Coalition, he often uses the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Key Club as a prime example of how to help. That's because in the last seven years, the Key Club — the high school's extension of the Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth — has packaged more than 110,000 meals to help KAH, the nonprofit whose mission is to significantly reduce the number of hungry children in the United States and feed starving children throughout the world.

At Tuesday's packaging session, students added another 10,000 meals to the total. "That's amazing for a single school service club," said Burwell, KAH's executive director. "They have strong student leadership, and a strong mentoring system with the Kiwanis Club. Kiwanis understands in order to build for the future, you have to invest in your youth. You have to invest in youth who aren't as fortunate."

The Key Club has some 275 students signed up, with some 80 very active members, according to faculty adviser Lesnie Orsborn. Club members routinely raise money for Kids Against Hunger to not only package, but actually help pay for, the meal packages, which cost about \$1.68 apiece. The ability to raise the money themselves is especially impressive to Burwell.

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Sarah Shock stacks packages that are ready to be boxed.

Locals triple recycling totals

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Canton residents and employees have nearly tripled the amount of materials they recycle in just six years, far surpassing goals township officials had hoped to achieve by 2015.

Canton recycled 5,127 tons of materials in 2012, a huge spike that gained significant momentum after the township four year ago shifted to a simpler, single-stream process allowing residents to place all their recyclables in the same container.

"We simplified the rules on preparation of the materials for the residents," Municipal Services Director Tim Faas said. "They no longer had to separate, remove lids, crush things, bag this and tie that."

Canton also added items such as cardboard and plastic products alongside clear glass, tin cans and other recyclables that could be placed in curbside recycling bins.

"The less residents need to scrutinize what they put into the bins, the more apt they are to do it, especially families with children," Faas said.

Less in landfill

Canton recycled 14.35 percent of its total waste stream in 2012, compared to just 4.63 percent in 2006, as local residents and employees embraced the township's push to reduce what ends up in the local Seuk Trail Hills landfill. Treasurer Melissa McLaughlin said the landfill could reach its capacity within a decade.

"The more stuff we can keep out of the landfill, the better it will be," she said. "The single-stream recycling process has made it easier. That opened a door for people to recycle. It makes them feel that they're contributing in some small way to the betterment of the environment."

Canton had set a goal in 2008 to recycle 3,500 tons of materials by 2015 — a goal local residents surpassed in 2010.

"Our residents have blown past that goal with ease," Faas said. McLaughlin attributed the increased participation to residents she said "are well-educated, sophisticated" and "willing to do their part to recycle."

More chances

Brad Sharp, Canton Township maintenance manager, said local government has worked alongside residents to recycle more materials by placing bins inside public buildings such as the Canton Administration Building, Summit on the Park, the Village Theater

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'Titans' coach talks values, hard work

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

When sophomore linebacker Logan Luttrell joined his teammates, other football players and coaches and a host of administrators and teachers to hear coach Herman Boone talk Friday, he figured the subject was going to be football.

After all, Boone is the iconic coach who helped integrate football at T.C. Williams High School in Alexandria, Va., in the early 1970s, an accomplishment memorialized in the 2000 film *Remember the Titans*, starring Denzel Washington.

But Luttrell was wrong. Football barely came up — except for the moments before Boone's speech, when he was diagramming his favorite pass play for Canton football coach Tim Baechler —

in Boone's 40-minute speech.

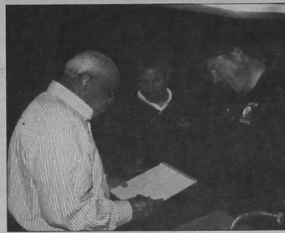
Instead, Boone talked about kids using their talents and making a difference in their world.

"I hope the kids take away, among many other things, that everyone who sits before the sound of my voice is talented," Boone said moments before beginning his speech. "The world is waiting for that talent. Those who continue to be positive, who continue to be energetic, and who continue to believe ... that belief becomes your character."

Character and values were the centerpiece of Boone's speech, one he travels the country making these days. He stressed the value of commitment and work ethic, of belief in yourself and others and of helping others.

He drew a comparison between his

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Coach Herman Boone draws up his favorite pass play for Canton High School head coach Tim Baechler (right) and assistant Tony Boucher.

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Canton sub back in plans

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

A planned Canton subdivision that faltered in 2008 amid the housing market crash has regained momentum as real estate experts cite a low inventory of homes on the market, though demand is increasing.

Developers intend during the 2013 construction season to start the first of a two-phase, 92-home subdivision, Sheldon Estates, off Sheldon Road between Palmer and Cherry Hill — flanked by the Lexington Square and Franklin-Palmer neighborhoods.

"They would really be intent on building the project sometime this year," Municipal Services Tim Faas said.

His remarks came Tuesday evening as the Canton Township Board of Trustees gave the 39-acre development a boost by approving a preliminary plat proposal — the latest among several stages toward eventual construction.

Sheldon Estates is expected to add to Canton housing permits that, as of Thursday, already had reached the 82 mark this year, Building Official John Weyer said. If trends persist, officials say,

Canton could have one of its best years in recent memory for new residential growth.

The Sheldon Estates vote by township trustees came after the development already had received support from the Canton Planning Commission. Earlier, Community Planner Jeff Goulet had said the project was similar in scope to what Canton had witnessed before the housing bubble burst.

Goulet has cited "a lot of demand" for new residential development as the housing inventory drops amid increased demand.

Realtors have made similar statements. Michael Warren, a Realtor with Keller Williams Realty, has indicated on Twitter that housing prices across the region are rising as inventory falls.

"Best time in years to sell," Warren has said in numerous tweets about communities including Canton.

Canton's home values for 2013 also inched up 3.6 percent, signaling a long-awaited turnaround that industry experts predict will be gradual but steady.

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CORRECTION

In Canton High's 3-2 soccer win Tuesday against Livonia Churchill, one of the goals was scored by Chloe Donlin with the other two netted by Maddie Lucas. It was reported in Thursday's *Observer* that Lucas scored all three goals in the contest.



Coach Herman Boone signed an autograph for Canton High School sophomore Kyle Sowels before his presentation Friday. That's Plymouth-Canton human resources chief Monica Merritt, Boone's youngest daughter, in the middle.

COACH

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T.C. Williams team and the teams at Plymouth, Canton and Salem high schools, saying his players — black and white — came together "with one heartbeat," as P-CEP players come together from three different schools to work together.

Breaking the mold

About the 1971 Titans he said, "these guys broke the mold and by saying 'enough is enough' when 'half the world was separated by race.'"

"They said, 'We are going to celebrate our differences, and not make

them a problem that has to be solved,'" Boone said. "You don't have to like each other, but you will trust each other. That trust becomes the emotional glue that binds you together the rest of your lives."

Boone, speaking without a script or notes, credited his wife of 51 years, Carol, and told a couple of jokes at the expense of his daughter, Plymouth-Canton Executive Director of Human Resources Monica Merritt, during his engaging, humorous presentation.

He extolled the virtues of values and hard work, telling the players nothing is going to be handed to them.

"Nobody is out there waiting for you to walk into their arms and give you something," Boone said. "You're going to have to work for it."

Make a difference

Boone urged the players to make a difference in their community, talking about how his father used to tell him, "When you win a race, you go back to the barn and take care of the horse you won the race on." What his dad meant, Boone learned, was that everyone gets help in becoming a success, and that it's incumbent upon them to go back and give back.

"To make a difference requires perseverance, it

requires dedication and it requires commitment," he told the players. "The world is waiting for those of you who don't mind taking the plunge for what you believe in."

"Somebody helped you — your parents, a coach, a teacher," he added. "Remember to go back and help those who are there as fortunate."

Players came away impressed. "It was a cool experience," said sophomore Jason Winslow, a receiver on the Plymouth High School team. "He made you really think about what your values are."

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'Typical' turnout expected for bond vote

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Voter turnout in Canton is expected to hover around the 18-percent mark as Plymouth-Canton school district voters decide a \$114.4 million bond proposal in a May 7 election, township Clerk Terry Bennett said Friday.

"That would be about typical for a school election," she said.

As of Friday morning, the Canton clerk's office had sent out 4,353 absentee ballots to

local voters. Of those, 2,814, or 65 percent, had been returned, Bennett said.

"We still have 1,539 (absentee) ballots out," she said. Bennett urged voters to return their ballots promptly after they have made their decision on the ballot measure.

Voters who choose to cast their ballots at polling places will have a 1.5-hour window May 7, from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Voters still may request absentee ballots. The clerk's office is located at 1150 S. Canton Center, the phone number

is (734) 394-5120.

Bennett's office also will have special hours 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, May 4, to allow voters to obtain absentee ballots.

Moreover, Bennett said voters may visit the clerk's office Monday, May 6, to get an absentee ballot, although they will have to mark their ballot on the premises and turn it in.

Bennett said voters seeking information on the ballot measure should go to the website www.pccs.k12.mi.us.

Plymouth-Canton school officials have said the \$114.4-mil-

lion bond issue will not increase the tax rate currently paid by district taxpayers because it essentially will replace an existing school debt levy of 4.1 mills is expiring.

Bond supporters have ramped up their efforts to win passage of the proposal, though opponents also have initiated a campaign to defeat it.

School officials say the proposal, if approved, will allow the district to build a new middle school to replace Central Middle School, make upgrades to other buildings, increase

spending for classroom technology, improve school security features and replace aging buses.

The new school would be built on Cherry Hill Road west of Canton Center.

Officials have said the bond money would allow for new middle school computer labs and an expansion of the district's STEM academies — Science, Technology, Engineering and Math.

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RECYCLING

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at Cherry Hill and The B.L.O.C.K., a youth and teen center.

Residents also have boosted their efforts to properly dispose of yard waste — a move Faas said has removed another 10 percent from Canton's waste stream.

Canton bolstered its single-stream recycling efforts through a public education campaign. Faas said local officials hope to continue to increase the 14.35 percent of the local waste stream that now is recycled.

"We'd still like to see that creep higher," he said. "We'll continue to work on it. I hope to see slow, steady growth."

Officials intend to explore the potential of allowing residents to place their recyclables in carts that could be picked up by truck-mounted arms on Canton Waste Recycling trucks. Those carts would be larger than the curbside bins residents now use.

"One of the main complaints we get is that those aren't big enough," said McLaughlin, whose office sells the bins for \$10 each to recoup expenses. "They can get more than one."

Residents also may buy clear plastic bags at places such as ACO Hardware or Target and place recyclables in those for curbside pickup, she said. That's an option she said can be appealing for special events such as graduation parties.

Longer life

Canton's recyclables are taken to ReCommunity Recycling — formerly Great Lakes Recycling — in New Boston.

To be sure, Canton has reaped financial benefits from the local landfill. The township avoids so-called tipping fees for garbage taken to Sauk Trail Hills of Lilley Road south of Michigan Avenue. Canton also has received certain landfill revenues to pay for improvements to roads, parks and other



Source: Canton Municipal Services Department

amenities. With heightened recycling efforts, local officials say the landfill can have a longer life span and forestall the weighty decisions Canton will eventually face: Where will Canton eventually send its garbage? What

will it cost taxpayers? For more on Canton's recycling program, go to www.canton-mi.org and look under the Government tab for Municipal Services and then Recycling. Information also is available at www.canton-wasterecycling.com.

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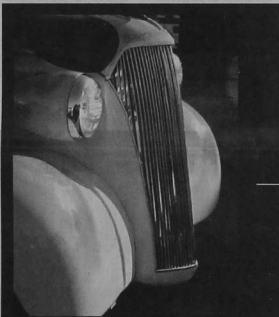
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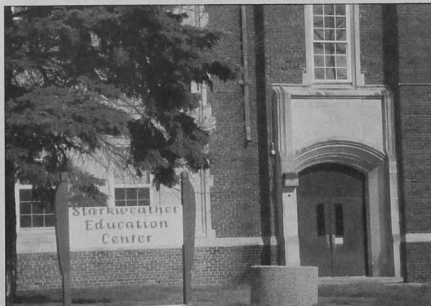
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Plymouth-Canton's Board of Education has agreed to sign a purchase agreement selling the old Starkweather Education Center property on Holbrook for just over \$1 million.

District sells Starkweather

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

While the debate about what will be done with Central Middle School continues as the May 7 election to decide the fate of Plymouth-Canton's \$114.4 million bond proposal approaches, district officials this week quietly got what it wanted for another of its assets.

The district's Board of Education Tuesday voted 6-0 (trustee Kim Crouch was absent) to sign a purchase agreement with Holbrook Development LLC to sell the old Starkweather Education Center property on Holbrook for \$1,050,000.

The 27,000-square-foot building on 5.48 acres had housed the district's alternative high school program until this year, when the program was moved to the former Fie-

gel Elementary School, which the district closed last summer.

The district used a Request for Proposal process to determine interest in the property, according to Phil Freeman, the district's assistant superintendent for facilities and operations.

"We wanted to know not only what the price was, but what (buyers) might be planning to do with the property," Freeman said. "We wanted to know how it would benefit the district and benefit the community."

The district received two proposals for the Starkweather property. A proposal from The CIG Group, LLC, came in for \$1.1 million, but after fees and commissions were deducted, it's final total value was \$897,500, according to Freeman, while the final total value

of Holbrook's offer was \$913,500.

Freeman said Holbrook's plan is to build houses and condominiums, renovating the 27,000-square-foot building in the process.

"That has the potential to help the district in terms of bringing in families with children," Freeman said.

At a town hall meeting on the bond proposal Thursday at the Plymouth Cultural Center, board vice president Judy Mardigian hailed the sale as beneficial to the district.

"We got fair market value, and (Holbrook's plan) is going to bring families into the district," Mardigian said. "We really think we protected that asset."

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Plymouth junior wins trip to science fair

Plymouth High School junior Madhurima Das won a first-place award at the Science and Engineering Fair of Metropolitan Detroit, held recently at Cobo Center in Detroit.

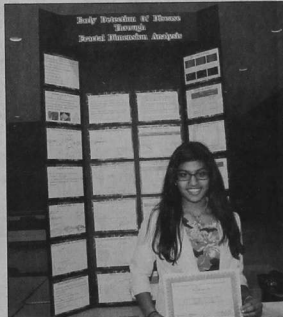
More than 1,500 students from schools in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties competed at the SEFMD, one of the longest running and largest fairs in the world.

As a result, Das earned a trip to the INTEL International Science and Engineering Fair in May in Phoenix, Ariz. At the ISEF, Das will compete against more than 1,200 students from more than 30 countries. She is also eligible for scholarship opportunities from several local universities.

It's the second time in two tries Das has earned attendance at the ISEF. This time, she said, she knows better what it means.

"Last year was my first time doing the science fair, so I was extremely surprised to make it to ISEF," she said. "However, I didn't realize what an honor it really was until I was at ISEF itself. It was one of the best weeks of my life and I knew I wanted to come back, but I also realized just how difficult it would be. I had met people whose passions coincided with mine, had spoken with Nobel Laureates, and had been around the nation's top science and engineering students."

Das' project, titled "Early Detection of Dis-



With her project "Early Detection of Disease Through Fractal Dimension Analysis," Plymouth High School junior Madhurima Das earned a trip to the INTEL International Science and Engineering Fair in Phoenix, Ariz.

ease Through Fractal Dimension Analysis," combines mathematical techniques with biology and medicine. In this project, she said, a mathematical method is being explored as an innovative tool for early detection of diseases. Researchers have noted that shapes of healthy human organs such as the lungs and the brain are irregular; time dependent responses of many healthy organs such as the human heart rate are irregular as well. The degree of these irregularities can be quantified through fractal dimension analysis and the fractal dimension is affected by disease.

Going back to ISEF a second time, Das now knows what to expect—and how special it can be.

"The whole experience was so inspiring and refreshing... There was so much to learn and so many friends to make," she said. "This year, I didn't qualify for ISEF until the state fair, so I didn't expect to qualify again. I had looked at the other projects at the state fair and everything seemed incredibly impressive. When I heard my name called for ISEF, I was ecstatic. This year I know what the experience is like, so I am looking forward to it even more."

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Fourth-grade student council members Ashley Avant and Valerie Itzell show the boxes they are using to collect pennies for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.

Students' penny drive helps cancer patients

Students at Plymouth Scholars Charter Academy are collecting pennies to benefit the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. Student council members at the school, located on N. Territorial in Plymouth Township, are organizing the Pasta for Pennies fundraiser.

The original goal of the three week fundraiser,

which runs through May 2, was \$1,500, but students have already surpassed that amount.

On May 3, all of the pennies will be tallied and the classroom with the highest amount donated will earn a pasta lunch from Olive Garden.

The LLS works to provide lifesaving research and patient services to peo-

ple with blood cancer. This month, Plymouth Scholars is focusing on compassion as its monthly virtue and school officials said the fundraiser is "a perfect way for students to show their compassion to people who are battling cancer."

Plymouth Scholars Charter Academy is located at 48484 N. Territorial in Plymouth Township.

Biggest Loser contestant to join in AAA Race for Life

Buddy Shuh, a Biggest Loser contestant from Season 13 (2012), is inviting participants at all fitness levels to join him at the AAA Race for Life hosted on May 18 by the AAA Pregnancy Resource Center in Livonia.

The race will begin at the Nankin Mills Picnic Shelter in Hines Park. Both 5k and 10k chip-timed races along with a 1-mile walk are available. The races begin at 9:15

a.m., and the walk will begin at 10:30 a.m. Packet pick-up will be 8-9 a.m. Registration fees are \$25 for the 5K and \$35 for the 10K.

Pledge forms are available for walkers who wish to collect pledges to help support the AAA Pregnancy Resource Center, which helps women and families during an unexpected pregnancy by offering free services such as pregnancy tests, limit-

ed ultrasounds and baby supplies.

Through an incentive program, more than 80 women each month receive help with items they need for their babies. The only eligibility requirement is that they must be pregnant.

For more information and to view photos and winners from last year's race, visit www.AAARace4Life.com. To speak to the Race Coordinator, call (734) 335-0338.

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Buses small, but key, part of bond plan

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

The building of a new middle school and improvements in the use of technology throughout the district are getting the most attention as Plymouth-Canton Community Schools officials push for approval of a \$114.4 million bond in a May 7 election. But district officials are also hopeful the bond passes and gives them

the funding they need to push a replacement plan for the district's aging 130-vehicle bus fleet.

At \$15.6 million, it isn't one of the biggest pieces of the bond pie. Administrators say the shelf life of a bus is about 10 years and 150,000 miles. At the start of the 2012-13 school year, 17 of Plymouth-Canton's buses should have been replaced using that standard.

Still safe
More than two doz-

en of the district's buses are already more than 10 years old, and others are nearing that mark. The fleet is still safe — the district passed its recent state inspection and all vehicles were green-tagged — but it is getting old.

Since district buses move some 10,000 students some one million miles a year, it could have a major impact on how the district serves those students.

"We're running a safe fleet... Our buses are not falling apart," said Phil Freeman, the district's assistant superintendent for facilities and operations. "But it's an aging fleet. And it's just like families with their cars — when it's time to get a new car, it's time to get a new car."

If the bond passes, the district would put its 10-year replacement plan into play, including starting with its original plan for 2012-13. As vehicles hit that 10-year/150,000-mile mark, new buses would be planned, at a cost of some \$90,000 to



More than two dozen of Plymouth-Canton's school buses have passed the 10-year mark, when they'd usually be replaced.

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\$100,000 apiece.

No down time

At the 10-year mark, Freeman said, the cost of maintenance and the amount of time off the road "changes significantly."

"At 10 years we also start to see structural

changes," he said. "We don't want down time on our buses."

Freeman also pointed out statistics show new buses help in terms of fuel economy, though he's not trying to convince anyone buses are at all fuel-efficient.

However, according to the Michigan School Business Officials, while

older buses get some 5.72 miles to the gallon, that number rises to 8 mpg in a new bus.

"Our buses use about 2,000 gallons apiece in a school year," Freeman pointed out. "We could see some savings there, as well."

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The New Hope Center for Grief Support will recognize John and Betty

Baird, two of the organization's co-founders, at its annual Spring Appreciation Dinner May 17. The fundraising dinner and auction takes place at the St. Mary Cultural & Banquet Center in Livonia from 6-11 p.m.

The Bairds, along with former executive director Cathy Clough, formed New Hope in 2000 and have served in active leadership roles at New Hope. John Baird has served as New Hope's Chairman of the Board for 12 of the last 13 years.

Mark Bostic, writer and producer at WMUZ-103.5-FM, will serve as the emcee for the evening. Auction items available to bid on include:

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Students celebrate May Day

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer



Salem High School senior Scott Davison signaled the beginning and end of May Day events on his tuba.

builds on the (creative) shoulders of giants."

The celebration couldn't end, of course without the crowning of a May Day Queen (Canton High School senior Shannon Guo) and her King (Canton senior Nick Lazich).

"It was my last May Day, and it was the best May Day ever," said the popular Welker, who is retiring at the end of the school year. "The kids have been incredible."

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It said April 26 on the calendar, but Friday was May Day at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

The traditional celebration, organized and run by committees of humanities students at The Park, ushered in Spring for the dozens of students who took part in it.

The event featured a catapult, a Maypole dance, and wheelchair jousting. While jousting is a traditional event, humanities teacher Sue Welker said this year's wheelchair version was a first, following upon other versions such as grocery-cart jousting and office-chair-on-wheels jousting.

"We should make it always wheelchair jousting," Welker told excited students. "That was fun."

She said the celebration was marked by items — such as signs and Coats of Arms — passed down from previous classes. The Maypole, for instance, was built "by a father about 10 or 15 years ago," Welker said. This year's group created a new ballista catapult, designed by a student.

"There's always a great deal of new creativity," Welker said. "But it also



May Day participants shouted a hearty "Huzzah!" to each announcement.



May Day Queen Shannon Guo and her King, Nick Lazich. Both are Canton High School seniors.

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MU students spend spring break in Mississippi

For 16 Madonna University students, a visit to Mississippi during spring break was about paying it forward.

"I wanted to give back to communities that were struggling and needed my help. So many have helped me to get where I am now... that motivated me to take the trip," said Brandon Anderson, a criminal justice major from Detroit.

Anderson and the other students who went south attend Madonna Univer-

sity through scholarships from Real Life 101, which helps young African American men from the inner city pay for and succeed in college. They also are members of Madonna's Bridging Lost Gaps program, an extension of the mentoring and support that was initially provided by Real Life 101.

The students volunteered in areas devastated by Hurricane Katrina. Eight years after the disaster, there is still a lot of work that needs to be

done for the communities ravaged by the storm.

"The goal was to provide service to a community in need, while also motivating our students to complete their four-year degree here at Madonna," said Bryant George, an admissions officer at Madonna University and founder of the BLG program.

"The Mississippi spring break trip was very humbling. The people in Mississippi that we interviewed lost everything,



The Madonna students volunteered during spring break to clean up areas devastated by Hurricane Katrina.

and the experience from that just showed how every little thing counts, and that we should enjoy life to the fullest because you never know when it is your time to go," Anderson said.

"It also shows that the

[Detroit] neighborhood where I grew up isn't the only place where people are struggling," Anderson added.

The students provided a total of 256 volunteer hours to the Bethesda Free Medical Clinic, the Gulf

Coast Christian Ministry, and to local residents in Ocean Springs, and Biloxi. Students conducted landscaping projects, bagged up and passed out food to those in need, and organized donated clothes for the homeless.



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YAGD holds annual Spring Yoga Day



Katherine Schaefer of Farmington Hills will be among 26 yoga teachers at the Spring Yoga Day. She began practicing yoga in 1993 and has been teaching since 1996.

The Yoga Association of Greater Detroit will present its 30th annual Spring Yoga Day Saturday, May 4, at the Mercy Center in Farmington Hills.

The Mercy Center is on the north side of Eleven Mile Road between Middlebelt and Inkster.

Teachers from the Detroit Metro area have volunteered their time and talents to present 16 different classes throughout the day at this annual event. The teachers do the event every year to increase awareness of the benefits of yoga.

The 16 different teachers include YAGD president Lynda Herman of Garden City and Katherine Schaefer of Farmington Hills.

The proceeds go toward the continuing education of YAGD members. Members have at their disposal an ongoing anatomy study group, essential to the practice of yoga. This event, and two other yoga days, also help to offset the cost of an annual fall retreat.

"The Yoga Association of Greater Detroit is the longest established group of its kind anywhere in the United States," Herman said. "We hold this event every year, and while it is a lot of work, it is a lot of fun and very rewarding to hear the students give us their feedback at the end of the day."

"YAGD is a non-profit group and the three yoga days help us to fund the day-to-day expenses that we incur. We go on an annual fall retreat held on Lake Huron and these events help to subsidize our trip," she said.

People can register for Yoga Day by calling Herman at (313) 204-1509. They also can register at the door on the morning of the event.

Check-in begins at 8:30 a.m. There will be a brief introduction of teachers and an orientation at 9:15 a.m. The first session begins at 9:45 a.m., and classes run until 5 p.m. Download the day's schedule and more details at the YAGD website at www.yagd.org.

The cost for the whole day is \$64. Half-day sessions are \$36. Lunch must be pre-ordered or participants can bring a lunch. Maps of area restaurants will be provided.

Another event is set for Saturday, Aug. 24. The second annual Summer Yoga Day, called "Peace, Love And Yoga, Day," will be held at the Livonia Senior Center on Farmington Road and Five Mile. YAGD and the Livonia-based, non-profit Citizens for Peace will sponsor the day jointly. For more information, call YAGD at (248) 773-7432.

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'America did not reject conservatism,' South Carolina guy tells local GOP

By Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

Promising the Affordable Care Act will "fall under its own weight" and urging Republicans to propose policy alternatives instead of just attacking President Barack Obama's record, South Carolina's governor led a pep rally for the local party faithful Thursday.

Gov. Nikki Haley, in a speech during the Wayne 11th Congressional District Republican Committee's Lincoln-Reagan dinner, contrasted her administration to what she said is a lack of progress in Washington, D.C. Haley spoke to about 200 people at Laurel Manor in Livonia.

"We're making tough decisions. We're doing things in spite of what's happening in D.C.," said Haley, a former businesswoman and South Carolina legislator who won the governorship in 2010 with strong Tea Party support. "We're telling people that we're open for business."

Standing ovation
Haley listed accomplishments in her time as governor, job creation, raising the retirement age for state employees to save \$300 million a year, moving 16,000 people from welfare to work since last fall, and instituting greater transparency in state government.

"They can't even so much as balance their budget," she said of federal lawmakers. She got a standing ovation when she said South Carolina would resist the health-insurance exchanges and expansion of Medicare offered under the ACA. "Obamacare will fall under its own weight," she said. "They don't have a plan. They don't



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South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley and Wayne 11th Congressional District Republican Committee member Carl Berry, the retired Plymouth Township police chief, meet at the committee's Lincoln-Reagan dinner Thursday evening.

have the money." In any health-insurance plan, Haley said, there should be consequences for behavior, like smoking, that can hurt one's health. "Personal responsibility matters," she said. Haley said Republicans need to do some soul-searching after losing the presidential race last fall, and that, in her analysis, "America did not reject conservatism," but that Republicans, including herself, thought attacking Obama's record would be enough to defeat him. "We were wrong, because we never said what we were for," she said.

'Right-to-work club'

Haley opened her speech by congratulating Republicans on the so-called right to work law that was passed during a lame-duck session in December. The law, which took effect last month, allows employees in unionized workplaces to not pay union dues, though the union is required to represent them. "Welcome to the right to work club," said Haley.

"You made history in this country. You made this country proud." Also speaking Thursday was state GOP chairman Bobby Schostak, who said Republican policies — Gov. Rick Snyder is a Republican, and the party controls the Michigan Legislature — have led the state to an economic turnaround. "Democrats led our state from one crisis to another, refusing to make decisions and kicking the can down the road," Schostak said. Schostak said the state party is develop-



Cantor Township resident and Wayne 11th Congressional District Republican Committee secretary Mark Hutchins (left); Abe Munafik, a former Plymouth Township trustee; Cantor resident and committee board member Deloris Newell; and Michigan Attorney General Bill Schuette gathered to hear South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley Thursday evening.

ing "a new political game plan" that will defend the state's Republican majorities in the 2014 elections.

"We are on the right side of the issues, and we need to communicate those better and manage those better," he said.

GOP who's who
Dinner attendees Thursday included a VIP list of western Wayne County Republicans, including state Sen. Patrick Colbeck of Canton Township, Livonia Mayor

Jack Kirksey, Livonia City Council members Laura Toy and John Pastor, Plymouth Township Board of Trustees members Chuck Curmi and Bob Doroshewitz, Wayne County Commissioner Laura Cox and her husband, Mike Cox, a former state attorney general, and freshman county Commissioner Shannon Price. Rep. John Walsh of Livonia, the speaker pro tem in the Michigan House of Representatives, kicked off the eve-

ning's speeches by celebrating state Republicans' victories — Walsh mentioned welfare reform, tax reform, regulatory reform and right to work — and saying the party will continue to work hard. "Our encore moving forward ... is just keeping our noses to the grindstone, making Michigan a great place to work, live and play in," Walsh said.

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U-M, MSU ADs bring rivalry to chamber event

By Kurt Kuban
Staff Writer

Dave Brandon and Mark Hollis know a thing or two about the word rivalry. They've been locked in a pretty intense one with each other ever since Brandon took over as athletic director at the University of Michigan in 2010. Hollis, who has been athletic director at Michigan State University since 2008, knows how important it is that his Spartans do well against Brandon's Wolverines — and vice versa.

Despite that rivalry, Brandon and Hollis have developed a friendship, born of mutual respect and the common experience of running big-time athletic departments in the highly competitive Big Ten Conference. That friendship was on full display Friday afternoon at the Laurel Manor in Livonia when the two headlined a luncheon put together by the chambers of commerce from Livonia, Northville, Plymouth and Westland.

With more than 400 people in attendance, the two athletic directors traded barbs, discussed their philosophies about running big-time athletic departments and developing student athletes, and also the pressures they feel from alumni to produce winning teams.

After both men made brief remarks, there was an entertaining question and answer period, as they fielded questions from those in attendance.

In one of the more humorous moments, Brandon shot down a rumor that he was considering a run for Carl Levin's U.S. Senate seat. He said he was more worried about beating Michi-



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Plymouth Chamber President Wes Graff fires questions at Dave Brandon and Mark Hollis.



Listening to the ADs' friendly rivalry.

gan State. "You'd have a better chance of running for U.S. Senate," Hollis shot back in jest.

Brandon, who is Michigan's 11th athletic director, talked about all the recent success of the various programs, most notably the basketball team's recent Final Four run that ended in a loss in

the NCAA championship game. But he also mentioned the women's volleyball final four run, and national championships by the men's swimming/diving, men's gymnastics and cheerleading teams. At the same time, he stressed the academic achievements of the school's student athletes. "It's been our best academic year," he said.

All of the recent success has led to double-digit increases in ticket sales, which he said are very important to the department's \$130 million annual budget. The football program produces 75 percent of the revenue, with men's basketball producing a small profit, and the men's hockey team breaking even. The rest of the 28 sports programs lose money, he said.

Hollis, who is the 18th athletic director in MSU history, said his budget is only \$80 million. He talked about the difficulties of operating winning programs, while at the same time trying to keep the focus on turning out future community leaders.

"We are creating opportunities for hundreds of student athletes, and teaching them how to be leaders. That is very important to us," Hollis said.

While they agreed on much, Hollis and Brandon seemed to have opposite views when asked their opinions on the new playoff format for Division I football. Hollis said



MSU Athletic Director Mark Hollis.



U-M Athletic Director David Brandon.

he was in favor of a playoff system, saying the four-team format was "a move in the right direction." Brandon said he was supporting the new format, but wasn't necessarily in favor of it. He called himself a "reluctant participant."

"I don't know where this process ends," he said. "I worry about these young guys having to play 15 games. I know the last couple years at the end of our bowl games, the plane ride home looked like a Medicare."

Despite their rivalry, both men said they had mutual respect for one another and understand the pressures they both endure.

"We both want to beat the crap out of each other on certain days, but we are also both in a stewardship role trying to make our schools better, our conference better and our state better," Hollis said.

There were many U-M and MSU alumni in attendance, and they were encouraged by Livonia Mayor Jack Kirksey and Wes Graff, president of the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce, to voice their loyalties by shouting "Go Blue" or "Go Green."

"I liked Brandon more than I thought I would."

He was pretty funny," said the MSU grad.

Not everyone in the audience was a MSU or U-M fan. Some, like Plymouth's Fred Hill, were a bit indifferent to the whole Spartan-Wolverine rivalry thing. Hill's loyalties are with his alma mater, Ohio State University, a noted foe of both schools.

Despite that Hill said he really enjoyed the event, especially the good-natured banter between Brandon and Hollis.

"They were very funny, especially the way they were picking on each other. That's what everyone wanted to hear," he said. Livonia Chamber President Dan West said the event was a big success, and attributed it not only to the fact that the two athletic directors are a big draw, but also because the various chambers were able to partner together. He can definitely see similar partnerships in the future.

"We're really happy with the turnout. It's good to be able to put multiple chambers together, because you are then able to attract big speakers like this," West said. "It's also good for the various chamber members because of the new networking opportunities. It offers the chance to bring in some new faces, and meet some new people."

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Long-term care policy needn't involve life insurance

By Rick Bloom
Guest Columnist



Money Matters
Rick Bloom

Investment, but a means of covering risk. I am familiar with products that combine life insurance and long-term care. However, unlike the salesperson that said you get the best of both worlds, I look at it the exact opposite. I believe when you combine different types of coverage, you end up with the worst of both worlds — very expensive insurance and not very good coverage. An individual is better off separating policies and buying each individually. In this way, you don't have to compromise. You can get the best policies available.

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A: Whether it's life insurance, long-term care or any other type of insurance, the first issue I consider is whether a person needs coverage. The issue isn't whether the event will occur, but rather, when it does, is insurance needed to cover the costs involved. In your situation, you do not need long-term care insurance. You have resources so that if something happens and you need assistance, you can afford to hire someone to assist you. Remember, insurance is not an

You may ask, if these policies are so bad, why do they sell them? The answer is simple — because they can. There are lots of insurance products sold that are not beneficial to the purchaser. Companies package different types of policies, not because they're good in the end for the customer, but rather, because they're easier to sell.

It would be nice if the insurance industry only sold policies that were good for the customer. However, we all know the reality. In too many situations, companies intro-

duce new types of policies, not because they're better policies, but rather, because they want market share. We saw the same thing back in the '90s with mutual funds. It seems that every day another 10 mutual funds were hitting the market. These funds were not being introduced because they had a better way of managing your money, but rather, because they wanted market share. As consumers and investors, we have an obligation to ourselves not to fall for their tricks.

My advice is that if you're looking for a long-term care policy, look for a long-term care policy and don't get involved with hybrid products. Life insurance can be a valuable financial tool, however, not everyone needs life insurance nor does everyone need long-term care. The bottom line is you should only buy these products if there is a financial need. One last note, before you buy any type of insurance product, always make sure you shop it around and get competitive bids. Take your time, don't let anyone pressure you and don't fall for any sales double talk. Good luck!

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial advisor. His website is www.bloomassetmanagement.com. If you would like him to respond to your questions, email rick@bloomassetmanagement.com.

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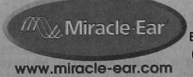
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KEY CLUB

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'Kids are hungry'

"Some schools can't handle the funding part of this particular project," Burwell said. "Those kids actually get out there and raise the money to help kids in need."

Kids Against Hunger has long been a beneficiary of the good works of the Kiwanis Club. And the reason is simple.

"It's a worldwide project," said Jim Walk, a Kiwanis Club board member. "Most of it is just the fact kids are hungry."

Volunteering with the PBJ Outreach group at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, Salem High School senior Patrick Kretschmer knows such an effort can make a difference in a community locally and globally.

"I've witnessed firsthand starving families who need food," said Kretschmer, the Key Club co-vice president in his third year with the club. "We need to be more supportive."

Immediate impact

Plymouth High School senior Lian Le has been in Key Club throughout high school, and likes the fact it provides an opportunity for anyone to help.

"It's important now especially with Detroit's economy," Le said. "It's important for kids to see they can make a difference. Hunger is a really widespread problem, and this helps feed the people we can reach."

It's that giving attitude that makes the club special, according to its faculty adviser.

"This is really a great group of kids, and this is one of our best outreach efforts," Orsborn said. "The kids can see the immediate impact they're having."

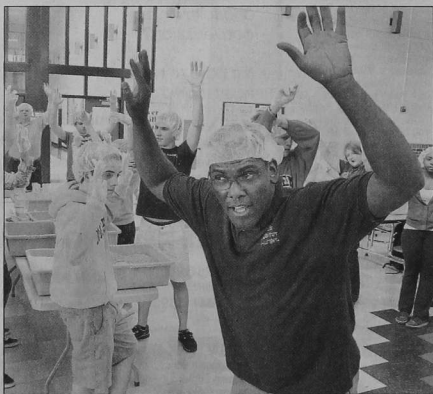
Burwell knows how important efforts like the Key Club's are to the coalition's success.

"If we're going to keep

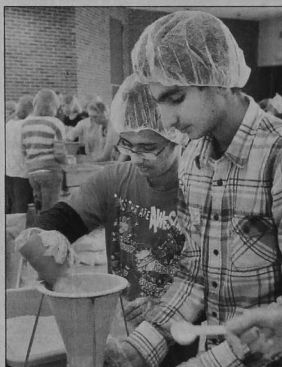


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Sixty-three kids and 10 Kiwanis members gathered to prepare food packets for hungry people.



Director Mike Burwell has the group take a short break.



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ARTIST BUILDER CREATES TOTAL ENVIRONMENTS

By Denis Zelazny
Contributing Writer

As an artist and builder with many hats, Anthony J. Bellomo offers his skills as a resource when asked by clients to help them with their life improvement project. He believes the entire space inside and outside the building should be considered; as "it's all good living space". Generally when a homeowner invites him to build a specific project, they usually have the concept pretty well thought out.

He listens as their stories reveal their spirit and preferences to all of the art elements. Listening for descriptive words in the discussion like contemporary, modern, traditional, eclectic, simple, spartan, busy, Victorian, early American, or country all help to direct the design's light, colors, textures, shapes, forms, and lines allowing him to create an idea specific to the client. Then, when their thoughts and words are spoken and they have no more to say, he takes this communion of dreams, prayers and stories, spills them out, and makes his unique art.

After receiving a degree in education from Wayne State University and becoming a member of The National Teachers Association, Bellomo began his teaching career in 1970. He believed his role, as an art educator, was to lead his students to the brink of their own creativity. This is exactly the approach he uses in building for a client who wants something more than a box.

The spirit filled Cursillo weekend (DeColores), organizations like Form / Reform, The National Association of Home Builders and Remodelers, The Michigan Landscape Association, and the Association of Consultants for Liturgical Space (ACLS) have been

sources of continued education, inspiration and information over the years. The message the artist ascribes to as a consultant is to share his gifts with others.

As a general contractor and developer of shopping centers and day care centers, Bellomo researches deeply the demographics of the adults and children who will use those spaces he designs and builds for them. The Reggio Emilia philosophy and approach to education and learning has inspired his buildings and art career a great deal. Bellomo wants people to grow interact, explore and discover the spaces he builds.

As a liturgical artist, Bellomo offers himself to a faith community as an empty vessel when invited. He walks with them, prays with them, share dreams and listens to their stories as they fill his empty common cup with their faith. In becoming a member of the Society for the Arts in Health Care, Bellomo found a haven of like-minded people. This coalition of artists and medical professionals are documenting empirical data on art experiences in a health care setting and the positive effects art has on all involved. The synergy created in sharing his ideals and ideas with hospital staff, patients and their families, is in itself a hopeful and a spirit healing process for all.

This past year Bellomo's son asked him to build his house with him and his grandchildren. A fter

jumping on the Internet and researching tree house safety concerns they began. Three generations sharing this tree house dream. As the structure grew high into the oak tree canopy, careful not to damage a leaf or a child, another sanctuary emerged.

Becoming a senior citizen, Bellomo realizes that all his life he's been part of building many sanctuaries and Cathedrals and Temples, Mosques and Synagogues. Holy places all, in the homes, schools and gardens, hospitals, malls and the tree house with all the precious people. By listening to others and helping them build their dreams, he has come to realize his own. Curiosity has been his favorite tool. The grain of life's wood has shaped him as an artist. Each convulsion in this endless flow of experiences moving his chisel, guiding it as it pleases. Trusting in his faith and people, this art and building career is only a part of something far greater. Long after t h e

spaces and objects he has created are gone, the sharing of the spirits that created them will live beyond the boundaries of time and space.

Bellomo believes that "by sharing the crayons, a healthy talking paper conversation will lead to dreams, desires and disagreements revealing personalities and helping me design and build a specific Life Improvement Project."



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Adam Powlus (left) and his dad, Scott Powlus, are shown after finishing a race last year. The Canton residents are combining enthusiasm for running with helping those in need with the first annual Miles for Mankind Run.

Stepping out for humanity

PCA junior spearheads run to help poverty-stricken children

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Adam Powlus couldn't believe the abject poverty he saw during a mission trip to Guatemala in 2011. Then just 15 years old, the Canton teen — along with parents Scott and Peggy and older sister Megan — traveled there to help Plymouth dentist Dr. James McHenry provide dental care for kids struggling in the mountain village of Pinalito.

"They just set a tent up on a mountain and started to work," Scott Powlus said.

Two years later, having seen so many helpless children living in



stick houses with their clothes stuffed in plastic bags, 17-year-old Adam Powlus is taking action to bring them love, dignity and education.

First, he and his family established a nonprofit organization, Miles for Mankind.

On Saturday, May 11, the first ever Miles for Mankind Run at Hines Park in Westland will give socially minded runners an opportunity to follow his philanthropic lead. The race kicks off at 8:30 a.m. out of the park's historic Nankin Mills site.

The venture is looking to funnel thousands of dollars into a Guatemalan education endowment fund operated by Faith in Action in the valley of Zacapa, where the Powluses have worked on mission trips the past two summers.

Please see MILES, B3

Chiefs, 'Cats split twinbill

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

When the Canton Chiefs need a big game from their starting pitcher, they turn to Mike Stafford and he didn't disappoint Friday against cross-campus rival Plymouth.

Stafford pitched six shutout innings, allowing just two hits (a single by Matt Janke and a double by Casey Sudz) and struck out 10 to help the Chiefs win 8-0 and overcome a 6-1 loss in Game 1 of the doubleheader.

"Mike was great today," said Plymouth head varsity baseball coach Bryan Boyd, tipping his cap to the senior lefty. "He was as good as I've ever seen him. Our swings did get better at the end."

"We're going to see him again. We drew them for the first round of districts and we're going to have to be ready for him. We're going to have to be better."

According to Canton assistant coach Jim Wisniewski (who took over after head coach Mark Blomshield was ejected in the opener), Stafford again showed why he is such an elite pitcher.

"He had good stuff, he threw a lot of strikes, got ahead of the hitters and had a good curveball going," Wisniewski said. "When he throws strikes he's tough. He's as good as anybody in the state."

Stafford helped his cause with an RBI single in the first against Plymouth pitcher Brian Schmidt, and the Chiefs (7-2 overall, 1-2 in the KLAAs South) didn't stop there.

With the bases loaded, Chris Ferrill lined a grand slam to left to make it a quick 5-0 lead before the Wildcats (4-4, 2-2) even got to the plate.

A towering, three-run homer to right by Nick Hazerjian (scoring Tom Parrelly and Nick Schnur, who singled and walked, respectively) blew the game wide open in the fifth.

Boyd said it is tough for players to get into any rhythm at the plate due to the rainy spring, which has kept his team indoors for all but two days in a three-week stretch.

Please see BASEBALL, B3

'Cats claw back to tie Chiefs

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Plymouth's juggernaut of a varsity girls soccer team hadn't given up a goal since the first game against Novi.

That is, until Thursday night, when Canton freshman phenom Maddie Lucas smacked a 25-yard shot from the right side of the pitch that bounced over Plymouth junior goalkeeper Kylie Robb early in the first half.

That goal, assisted by sophomore Cristen Pederson, nearly held up for the rest of the night at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park's varsity soccer stadium.

But a constant wave of Plymouth pressure finally resulted in the tying goal by senior forward Zoe Foster with 8:50 remaining. Foster's was the final goal of the 1-1 contest, played on Breast Cancer Awareness Night. Players from both teams sported pink headbands,



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Looking to break away from Canton defender Taylor Dalian (No. 19) is Plymouth's Zoe Foster (No. 10) during Thursday's game.

wristbands and socks.

"The first half was really rough for us," said Foster, whose clutch goal gave her four this season. "But after we knew what we had to do we just put a lot of pressure on them."

"We knew the goal was

coming, it was just a matter of if we could get another one."

On the play, senior forward Madi Lewis sent a corner kick into the 18-yard box where it was chipped down low by junior midfielder Alyssa Dillon.

Persistence pays off

With a pile of bodies along the goal line near Canton senior goalkeeper Kaitlyn Jatzczyk — who was outstanding — Foster finally nudged the ball into the cage.

"We had a lot of good opportunities but it was good that we knocked that one in," Foster said.

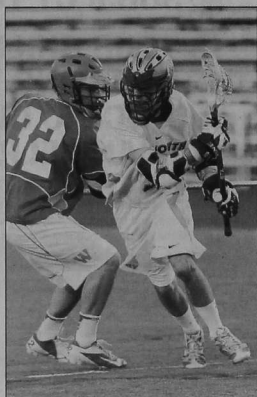
"At the end of the day, you just got to get the ball in the net. Keep the pressure up."

The view from where Jatzczyk stood was a bit different.

"There was a bunch of us in a group, and I swear my hand was on it," said Jatzczyk, whose best save was a lateral dive to block a header at the end of senior midfielder Stephanie Dillon's free kick from 30 yards out. "They just kept hacking me and I don't know, it just slipped by. It was unfortunate."

Jatzczyk admirably held the fort for the Chiefs (2-


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On the attack

Plymouth's Isaac Bessey (No. 3) moves around Walled Lake Western defender Matt Carroll (No. 32) during Friday night's KLAAs boys lacrosse match. For the story, please turn to page B4.



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This was a common sight throughout Thursday's girls soccer game between Canton and Plymouth: Chiefs' defender Gabby Epelman shadows Wildcats' forward Madi Lewis (No. 14).

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anie Dillon, from about 25 yards, hit the crossbar.

"After we scored the goal, we had several really quality chances," Plymouth head coach Jeff Neschich said. "We hit the crossbar, threw a couple other nice crosses in there and really created a whole lot of opportunities throughout the second half."

DONLIN SCORES: in Canton's 3-2 win Tuesday against Livonia Churchill, one of the goals was scored by Chloe Donlin with the other two netted by Maddie Lucas. It was reported in Thursday's Observer that Lucas scored all three goals in the KLAAC Central.

NOVI 3, SALEM 0: Visiting Novi (5-1, 3-0-1 in a division matchup). The Rocks fell to 6-3-1 overall and 2-2-0 in the KLAAC Central.

4-1) under intense pressure in the final 40 minutes.

She expected nothing less after still-unbeaten Plymouth (now 7-0-1) gave up a goal for the first time since the Wildcats' season opener against Novi.

"I knew they were going to come out really hard because that's how Plymouth is," she said. "They never give up. I just tried to take a deep breath and do my best, really."
The Wildcats came within an eyelash of winning the game in the final minutes. Another free kick by Steph-

Canton goalkeeper Kaitlyn Jatzzyk boots the ball out of her end of the soccer pitch Thursday night. Jatzzyk is wearing a pink T-shirt as both teams work that color to support Breast Cancer Awareness.



Drive 4 UR School

Blackwell Ford in Plymouth is partnering up with the Salem Linebackers Booster Club for the "Drive 4 UR School" program, slated to take place 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Thursday, May 16.

The goal is to raise \$6,000 for the Salem high school football program, by test driving a Ford vehicle that day. Blackwell will donate \$20 to the program per test drive, with that money earmarked to help purchase new equipment, improve football facilities and provide necessary supplies for the program.

Blackwell Ford is located at 41001 Plymouth Road. For more information, call Blackwell Ford at (734) 453-1100 or e-mail Salem Linebackers Booster Club vice president Dawn Kwiecinski (dkwiecini@ford.com) or Jim Whyte, Blackwell's new vehicle general sales manager (jimwhyte@blackwellford.com).

Wildcats skill camp set

The Plymouth Wildcats football skills camp is set to take place from Monday, June 24 through Wednesday, June 26 at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park varsity turf field.

Sessions are as follows: 5-7 p.m. for youngsters entering grades 6-9; 7-9 p.m. for those in grades 10-12 this fall.

Speaking of Plymouth football, a mandatory parent/player meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 14 in the cafeteria. Ninth graders will meet from 6-7:30 p.m. followed by players entering grades 10-12 from 7:30-9 p.m. Mandatory

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paperwork will be issued and team expectations explained.

For information on the skills camp and parent/player meetings, go to www.plymouthwildcats-football.com to download a camp brochure or for more information. Questions can be directed to Plymouth coach Mike Sawchuk at (734) 765-1766.

Meijer West ickers named

Seven area players have been selected to represent the Metro West high school hockey team in the Meijer State Games, June 21-23, in the Grand Rapids area.

Among those selected from Division 2 state champion Livonia Stevenson include junior forwards Devin Kelly, Tyler Irvine and Dominic Lutz.

Also named to the squad from Livonia Churchill are junior defenseman Drew Puaishes, junior goalie David Turel and junior forward Andrew Sparks.

Livonia Franklin junior forward C.J. Cromie also earned a spot in the squad that will be coached by Salem's Ryan Stevenson assisted by Gessenmeyer assisted by Orr Venty (Plymouth) and Dan Whittener.

MU athletes earn salutes

Madonna University's Victor Barron (Towleville), who batted .476 and led the Crusader baseball team to a perfect 6-0 record, was named Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Player of the Week.

Barron had two doubles and two triples among his 10 hits and

also made 12 putouts along with 25 assists defensively.

MU senior Andy Myers (Westland John Glenn) was the second Crusader in as many weeks to earn WHAC Player of the Week in men's golf. Myers finished the 36-hole Spring Arbor Invitational with a 1-over 73-72-145 two day total to tie for first place medalist honors before losing to Havenport's Jorge Benitez in a one-game playoff.

Golf May 5 for Miracle League of Plymouth

The 12U Canton Cardinals travel baseball team is going to bat for The Miracle League of Plymouth and community members who like to golf are invited to do the same.

On Sunday, May 5, at The Inn at St. John's, the Cardinals will host a charity golf outing. Cost is \$120 per golfer for the four-person scramble format. That fee takes care of 18 holes of golf, lunch and dinner and prizes. Cost is \$120 per golfer for the four-person scramble format. That fee takes care of 18 holes of golf, lunch and dinner and prizes.

For additional information, contact Paul Cassatta at (734) 377-1380 or paulc826@gmail.com or go to the Cardinals website to download a registration form (sites.google.com/site/cantocardinals700/).

BOYS GOLF

Two Plymouth-Canton Educational Park varsity boys golf teams got off Thursday at Hilltop Golf Course, and the final score was about as close as first-year Plymouth head coach Nick Brandon expected it to be.

Plymouth held it to a 160-163 victory over Canton, with the Wildcats paced by match medalist Kyle Rodas (38).

"It was a very good match, as always when you get two Park teams together," Brandon said. "I thought coach (Tom) Alles had his team very prepared to play and I thought Canton played really hard. A three-shot difference is typical when Plymouth plays Canton in anything."

Both teams had to deal with a course and harsh wind at times during the nine-hole match.

"We were just able to edge them out today, on a tough golf course on a very challenging day to score," Brandon said. "It was wet, it was windy, and I am proud of the way our kids battled hard to get the win."

For Plymouth (2-0 in KLAAC matches), Rodas was followed on the scorecard by Evan Chipman and Kyle Melnick (40 each) and John Tatti (42).

Canton's top performer was Alex Champagne, who registered a 39.

Finishing second for the Chiefs (0-1) was Dominic Drosper, with a 40, followed by Brent Perry and Noah Windxer, with 42s each.

Other players whose rounds did not count in the final tally included Plymouth's Ryan Rieckhoff (43), Chris Kozler (45) and Canton's Andrew Champagne (45) and Tyler McMahon (46).

BOYS TENNIS RESULTS

DUAL MATCH RESULTS	PLYMOUTH 5
CANTON 5	LIVONIA CHURCHILL 4
<p>April 22 at Canton:</p> <p>No. 1 singles: Madison Johnson (Canton) defeated Rylie Falla, 7-5, 6-3; No. 2: Mara Karageozian (C) def. Hannah Farree, 6-3, 6-4; No. 3: Treveni Avriker (LC) def. Anna Schepple, 6-3, 6-1; No. 4: Allison Hill (LC) def. Jasmine Henry, 6-1, 6-2.</p> <p>No. 1 doubles: Alexis Madou-Sasha Gill (Canton) def. Claire Rose-Rujuta Patil, 6-1, 6-3; No. 2: Jennifer Grandour-Abby Wampler (Canton) def. Sneha Patil-Erin Strayhorn, 6-3, 6-3; No. 3: Julia Stevenson-Sarah Kalkasy (Canton) def. Jessica Benini-Madison White, 6-4, 4-6, 7-6 (8-6); No. 4: Lexi Fata-Maggie Trinka (LC) def. Caitlin Orr-Army Dalton, 6-3, 6-1; No. 5: Nikki Catham-Angie Dietrich (Canton) def. Kelly Snyder-Kim McClain, 7-5, 6-4.</p> <p>Dual match records: Canton, 2-1 overall, 2-1 KLAAC South Division; Churchill, 1-3 overall, 1-2 KLAAC South.</p>	<p>April 22 at Churchill:</p> <p>No. 1 singles: Keethi Chakra (P) defeated Rylie Falla, 6-1, 6-3; No. 2: Miranda Cren (P) def. Mara Karageozian, 2-5, 2-6, 6-3; No. 3: Treveni Avriker (LC) def. Kirby Duraisivamy, 6-2, 6-2; No. 4: Marlowe Suselman (P) def. Allison Hill, 6-4, 6-1.</p> <p>No. 1 doubles: Claire Rose-Rujuta Patil (LC) def. Sarah Gamble-Sweetha Duraisivamy, 4-6, 6-4, 7-5; No. 2: Lauren Conley-Erin Hulegan (P) def. Sneha Patil-Erin Strayhorn, 7-5, 6-1; No. 3: Jessica Benini-Madison White (LC) def. Amber Tatin-Rachon Hatter, 6-2, 6-2; No. 4: Kyrin Fazio-Shannon Huff (P) def. Maggie Trinka-Lexi Fata, 6-2, 7-5; No. 5: Dallas Rohlfach-Kelly Snyder (LC) def. Amber Marcus-Alyssa Lopez, 3-6, 6-1, 7-5.</p> <p>Dual match records: Plymouth, 3-0 overall, 3-0 KLAAC South Division; Churchill, 1-2 overall, 1-1 KLAAC South.</p>

BOYS TRACK & FIELD

Chiefs lose, but several enjoy success

Despite Canton losing 76-61 Tuesday to Livonia Churchill in a KLAAC South Division varsity boys track and field dual meet, several Chiefs had strong showings.

At the top of the list were Jamal Dixon and Colby Morris, each winners of two individual events. Dixon took first in the high jump with a 6-foot, 2-inch mark and also won the long jump with his 20-6.75 performance. Morris captured the 100 and 200 dashes with times of 11.59 and 23.55 seconds, respectively.

Other wins were tallied by Olaniji Owabegbeni (shot put, 42-6) and Evan Dunkle (3,200 run, 10:19.93).

Earning second-place finishes for the Chiefs were Duranee 600 run, 4:46.26), James Hildreth (300 hurdles, 43.72), Billy Nicholson (400 dash, 54.89), Aki Wade (high jump, 6-2), Andrew Stenders (long jump, 18-8.75) and Kyle Zander (pole vault, 12-2).

Canton (0-3) posted wins in the 800- and 1,600-meter relays, with respective times of 1:33.08 and 3:40.05. Comprising the 800 relay were Morris, Jacob Mallad, Anthony Tillman and Alan Jones. The 1,600 relay team included Isiah Pennock, Hildreth, Nicholson and Stenders.

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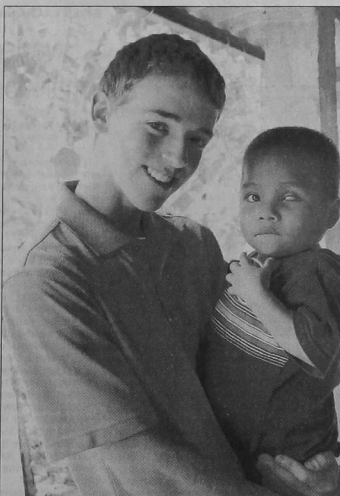
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MILES

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Adam Powluis fell in love with a Guatemalan boy, Jonny (right) during a 2011 mission trip with his family. Helping Jonny inspired Powluis to jumpstart the event Miles for Mankind venture.

Time to launch

"We're trying to generate \$30,000 and \$1,000 is enough for one kid to come down from Pinalito and be supported with food, clothing and education for one year" at an FIA dormitory, Adam said. "We're going to do it annually and we'll just keep raising the bar."

More runners are needed to get the project off the ground, however. As of last week, only 132 people had signed up for either the 10K (\$35 fee), 5K (\$30 fee) or Munchkin Mile (\$20 fee).

"This is our first attempt at it," said Scott Powluis, who is Miles for Mankind's race director. "Sometimes, it takes a year of it before people really understand what you're about."

So far, only six or seven thousand dollars has been raised through sponsorships and early registration.

"Sponsorships are a little difficult because it's a distant land," Scott said. "People will say, 'I want to help in my local community, but that I won't do.' Which is understandable."

"I think once we show the kind of quality of what we're doing, most \$Ks you don't get a medal. So we put a (Miles for Mankind Run) medal together and everyone gets one."

Because FIA is struggling to continue helping poverty-stricken children get the high school education needed to gain a foothold on hope, Scott added, "We would like to become their funding source for their high school kids, eventually. After the cost of putting the race on, every dime's going towards that cause."

Truly inspired

The family's dedication to Pinalito evolved from a request that McHenry's dental hygienist at Dental Arts in Plymouth — Peggy Powluis — help him on the 2011 visit to Guatemala.

"She was offered to go down and do a family kind of event with her," said Adam, a junior student-athlete (soccer, golf) at Plymouth Christian Academy.

During that mission trip, Adam met an 8-year-old boy named Jonny, who suffered from cerebral palsy and had virtually zero chance to

escape a life of poverty without intervention from outsiders.

"He must have weighed 25 or 35 pounds," Adam said. "Jonny's a boy who's been a true inspiration in my life. He just totally impacted the way I see children."

"He's impacted a future dream of mine, to open up an orphanage to take care of kids like him, because I know his family loves him but doesn't have the money to really care for him properly."

Adam knew he would not be able to bring Jonny home to America, but he vowed to do something to help him and others in similar straits.

"You can't not want to help people who literally have nothing," Adam said. "They have stick houses and they have all their clothes in one trash bag. It's terrible to see. But it impacts you so greatly that you're just moved to want to help."

Clearer vision

Determining how to help took a while longer.

In summer 2011, the Powluises were not thinking about starting up a nonprofit organization (which several other area families are involved with) and launching a charity run.

It helped to move the needle in that direction that the family already had been involved for several years with Christian-based nonprofit World Vision, sponsoring an Ethiopian child (Tsgaye).

What happened next gave it a real good push.

A group of runners at North-Ridge Church in Plymouth (where the Powluises attend) planned on joining Team World Vision for the 2012 Chicago Marathon. So Adam and Scott then became RidgeRunners for quite a cause, namely to help raise money to build clean water wells in Zambia.

TEEN AND HIS CAUSE

Who: Adam Powluis, 17, Canton resident and junior at Plymouth Christian Academy. He is on the Eagles varsity boys' golf team and also plays varsity boys' soccer at PCA. He carries a 3.88 grade-point average and is a member of the National Honor Society.

Powluis also goes to Northridge Church, where he is on the RidgeRunners. In October 2012, he and his father Scott ran the Chicago Marathon for Team World Vision, to raise funds for clean water wells to be built around the world.

What: Powluis and his family founded Miles for Mankind, a nonprofit organization focused on helping provide education and hope for poverty-stricken children around the world. In partnership with nonprofit Faith in Action, the venture is a pledge to change "dirty floors to diplomas."

Run: The first ever Miles for Mankind Run will take place at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, May 11, out of the historic Nankin Mills site of Hines Park. The run is striving to raise at least \$30,000 for an education endowment fund that will send 30 children from the remote village of Pinalito, Guatemala, to high school.

Registration: Go to <http://www.milesformankind.com> to sign up or send an email to milesformankind@gmail.com. Fees (which go up \$5 as of May 4) are as follows: 10K, \$35; 5K, \$30; Munchkin Mile, \$20.

Family: Adam's family includes parents Scott and Peggy Powluis and older sister Megan, 19.

For the record, Adam ran in the 16-19 age group for Team World Vision and finished the 26.2-mile course in 3:27.5. That was good for about 3,000th place overall (all age groups) out of 45,000.

"We all signed up, we started training about a year ago," Scott said. "I'd never run before and Adam played soccer, but none of us ran before. So we started training in April for the October Chicago Marathon."

"After we ran that came the idea to raise money for the kids down there by doing a race."

Over the winter, they came up with the Miles for Mankind moniker, formed a 501(c)(3) and drafted a mission and vision statement that states "access to education is the key to escaping the extreme poverty that grips so much of this world's population."

Still need runners

In early January, they began accepting early registrations for the race and launched their website (www.milesformankind.com) later that month.

Hoping for a late rush of entrants before May 11, more than 500 RidgeRunners will receive a mass email about the Miles for Mankind Run — which could trigger tripping words of mouth vibes to other runners.

And Buddy Shuh, of The Biggest Loser television program, is running.

"We need runners is what

it comes down to," Scott said. "We'll take whatever God gives us this year."

Their work won't be over when the race ends, either.

In late June, they and other Plymouth Christian families — as the independent mission group dubbed "Team Michigan" — will return to Guatemala to do everything from construction jobs to toiling at a landfill or reading Bible verses to kids like Jonny.

"We're going as a family and bringing other high schoolers from PCA, local high schoolers around the area are joining with us," Adam said. "It's really cool the younger generation is such an impactful and passionate generation. I can really see as we take kids down they just catch a fire."

Of course, Adam plans on finding time to train for and run this fall's Detroit Free Press Marathon while playing varsity boys' soccer for PCA. None of that will preempt his ongoing good deeds. In fact, he'll probably be looking for other endeavors to add to the impressive list.

"It's definitely all God," Adam said with a smile. "That's my inspiration. And really, when you see the need, it's not so hard to donate or give a whole lot of time to a cause."

Still, it must be said that others will soon be inspired by the way Adam Powluis rolls up his sleeves to do God's work.

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"Our pitching was excellent."

BRYAN BOYD
Plymouth baseball coach

BASEBALL

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"We've seen a lot of bats inside and only so much live pitching." Boyd continued. "It's just good to get out and play and it's good to split with a good team."

Actually, the opener started a week earlier but was halted in the second inning (with Plymouth up 4-0) due to rain.

Singles by Sudz, Brian Schmid, Jamar Eliand and Brendan Swanson keyed the two-out rally in the first.

When the game picked up Friday, the Wildcats scored in the third thanks to the baserunning of Eliand (he walked, stole two bases and scored on a passed ball).

Conner Stella scored in the sixth for Plymouth's final tally. He also drew a walk and stole second, coming home on a groundout.

Boyd said his pitchers were strong in the first game, with Schmid striking out four over two scoreless innings for the win. Janke came in and struck out three in his three-inning stint and Casey Anthony finished up with a solid two-inning effort.

"Our pitching was excellent," said Boyd, whose team will start to see a dramatic increase in game action — as will the Chiefs — now that the weather has seemed to improve.

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Rocks' Pietron blanks 'Stangs

Salem junior pitcher Colin Pietron pitched a gem Friday to blank Northville 1-0 and hand the Mustangs their first conference loss of the young baseball season.

Pietron went the distance in the nightcap of a doubleheader at Salem, allowing just two hits and striking out eight as the Rocks improved to 5-2 overall and 2-2 in the KLA.

The Rocks scratched out the only run of the game in the bottom of the seventh.

Josh Penn singled, went to second on a base hit by Brandon Gillen and came around to score on an infield error by Northville.

In the opener, Northville won 6-1.

Eagles fly, 8-6

Plymouth Christian Academy edged Huron Valley Lutheran 8-6 Wednesday in a big MIAC varsity baseball matchup.

It took a rally by the Eagles to overcome a 4-0 deficit in the top of the first.

PCA chipped away in the bottom half when Matt Read singled in Daniel Jipping, who had doubled.

With the Hawks up 5-1 in the fourth, PCA scored four times in the fourth to knot things up.

The first two runs in the frame scored on groundouts and the next two came in on a throwing error. In the bottom of the fifth, the Eagles had runners at second and third with no outs and back-to-back squeeze bunts by Trevor Gogola and Jared Cobb put PCA ahead.

Jipping homered in the sixth to give the Eagles some breathing room.

Going six innings for the win was Michael Slater, who struck out nine. Earning the save was Johnny Lauch (two Ks).



Canton senior Cassidy Tucker (No. 36) battles with Novi's Julia Zimbalatti (No. 21) during Friday's girls lacrosse contest.

Canton seniors splurge

The Canton varsity girls lacrosse team made its Senior Night one to remember with Friday's 16-7 victory over Novi.

Nine seniors, including captains Laura Murphy, Meredith White, Cassidy Tucker and Kelly Harris, came up big in the victory, said Chief head coach Dave Bower.

Also making key contribu-

tions were seniors Savannah Stahl, Nicole Farley, Krista Arrasmith, Chelsea Polydoras and Annelise Niermann.

"Seniors scored 13 of our 16 goals and had five assists," Bower said, "leading the offense was Niermann, with five goals and two assists. Adding four markers was Tucker, with Stahl, Harris and Kelsey Tucker chipping in with

two goals and an assist. Scoring the other goal for Canton (6-2 overall, 4-2 in the KLA) was Becky Lough.

"Our seniors played very well tonight," Bower said, "and we dominated the draws to maintain possession, which resulted in multiple scoring opportunities in the first half."

Canton enjoyed an 11-4 advantage at the break.

Plymouth clutch down stretch

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

It's in the way DK Kim and his Plymouth boys lacrosse teammates are wired.

When an opponent gets too close for comfort, it's go time.

Such was the case Friday night in the Wildcats' 9-6 win against Walled Lake Western at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

After the Warriors closed the gap to 7-6 with six minutes left, Kim buried a 10-yard shot after taking a nifty feed from behind the goal by David Doyle.

Kim finished things off with 46 seconds to go, also from Doyle.

"Sometimes he's just uncoverable, he just dominates," said Plymouth head coach Brian Walsh about Kim.

"When he wants to score he just goes out and scores. He's just a joy to watch sometimes."

Also scoring twice for Plymouth (6-4) was senior Kyle Durham, who also assisted on a goal in the fourth quarter by Evan Bridge.

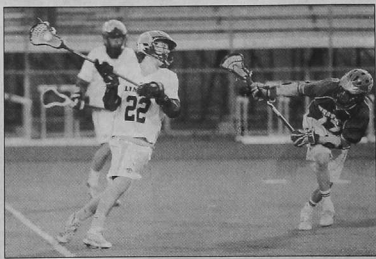
It wasn't just about offense, however. Goalkeeper Brad Conley stood tall to protect the Wildcats' lead in the late stages, blocking scoring chances by Wesley Raske and Dalton Atwater (three goals each for Western).

Seniors lead way

"I thought we had some really good senior leadership step up, like DK and Kyle Durham, that really helped settle the team down," Walsh stressed.

"And our defense really stepped up to kill some penalties in the fourth quarter and we just really finished. That's what we do preach."

About the play of Conley, the coach noted that "Brad's a senior and a two-year starter. He just really hung tough. He's played a lot of games and



Plymouth's Kyle Robertson (No. 22) carries the ball Friday while a Walled Lake Western player converges on him.

he knows lacrosse is a game of ebbs and flows."

It was a low-scoring first half, with Plymouth up 2-1 after one quarter and 3-2 at halftime. Scoring for the Wildcats (all unassisted) were Durham, Doyle and Kyle Robertson.

Plymouth padded that lead to 5-2 with two goals within a 24-second span in the third.

Conor Koviak stepped around defenders and launched a shot from 15-yards out into the goal past Western netminder Michael Schinker.

Durham then cut in from the left side and blasted a shot home.

A goal by the Warriors (3-6) before the end of the third made it 5-3 and it soon was 5-4 when Atwater found the back of the Plymouth cage at 17 seconds of the fourth for his third of the night.

But the Wildcats responded with two

goals in 1:04, scored by Bridge (from Durham) and Isaac Bessey.

"That's really our mentality, just give it all we got at the end," Kim said. "We have to come in clutch at the end. When they score we know we have to get it back."

Western capitalized on some man-up situations, however, with Raske hitting the target twice in less than a minute to close to within 7-6.

Right after that, however, Kim came up big to ensure the Plymouth victory.

Walsh said the Wildcats now go into the "meat and potatoes" of their schedule with conference games against Canton, Northville and Salem on the docket.

"So this should be a good momentum win for us," he noted.

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GIRLS LACROSSE

Swanson sets goals mark on Senior Night

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Haley Swanson literally made it a Senior Night to remember, scoring nine goals to spark Plymouth's varsity girls lacrosse team to a 15-10 win over Novi.

Swanson, a senior, established a team record with her scoring outburst Wednesday.

"Senior Night is always a special night and Haley really stepped up and played great," Wildcats' coach Bob Hill said. "It was nice to get back on the winning track after three straight losses."

Contributing two goals each were sophomores Sophie Miller and Michelle Burke, with freshman Natalie Nowicki chipping in the other marker.

"The girls really played aggressive and we were able to dominate draws and ground balls. And when you do that, you're probably going to win."

Perhaps Swanson had some extra adrenaline flowing because she had just signed her national letter of intent to play women's lacrosse at Tiffin University in Ohio.

SALEM 9, NORTHVILLE

4: The Rocks moved back into the KLA A division race with this big win, giving the team momentum into Monday's key clash against Canton.

Scoring five goals to lead the way was Rose Krasofsky, with other goals by Bridget Kerwin, Shannon Fitzpatrick and Gracie Savage.

All drew assists, too, and were complemented by Jenna Carter and Kiersten Valla (both collecting helpers).

Salem took a 4-0 lead, had that trimmed to 4-3 but rebounded for an 8-4 halftime advantage and coasted from there.

Playing well on defense were seniors Leah Schrauben, Alissa Amell, Megan Wood and goalkeeper Sarah Bowerman.

Rocks' head coach Dave Medley said the team is growing in confidence.

"We always have had a young team and sometimes I find myself trying to convince them it is time to forget about some of our past experiences," Medley noted. "I tell them 'You have been playing this game as well as anybody, so is our time and it is here now.'"

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Resilient Rocks win again, 12-7

Swanson persevered Wednesday night to rally for a 12-7 varsity boys lacrosse win at Walled Lake Western.

A catalyst was senior attackman and captain Patrick Kretschmer, who returned after missing three games due to illness to score two goals.

Senior midfielder/captain Brandon Lee and sophomore attackman Noah Willer continued their scoring ways to contribute to the win, which upped the Rocks record to 7-2.

"We have been banged

up all year," Salem head coach Paul Nemeck said. "Injuries and illness have contributed to our slow starts. However, these have provided opportunities for others like Noah Willer and (junior midfielder) Parker Godfrey to step up, score some goals and gain valuable experience."

"We expect to have everyone back (this) week. When we are healthy we can be very dangerous. We will play our best lacrosse yet in May."

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OHL PLAYOFFS

Whalers pushed to brink

Whalers ousted in OT

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

It's desperation time now for the Plymouth Whalers.

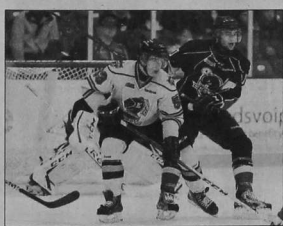
The London Knights won their second game in as many days Wednesday night at Compuware Arena by an identical 6-4 score to take a commanding 3-1 series lead in the Ontario Hockey League Western Conference finals.

The Knights, Memorial Cup runner-up from a year ago, can clinch the best-of-seven set with a win Friday at home in Budweiser Gardens. Seth Griffith's power-play goal, a shot on the doorstep following a crisp pass from Alex Broadhurst at 5:29 of the final period broke a 4-4 deadlock and proved to be the game-winner.

Griffith then put the game out of reach with an unassisted empty-netter with 1:20 remaining on a long shot from just outside his own blue line.

The Whalers lost despite outshooting London 46-28.

"I thought we played really well, we had a lot of chances and out-chanced them," Whalers coach Mike Vellucci said. "We scored four goals tonight. Their goalie played well. He made some big saves. Even going back to last night's game we were up 4-3, we had a three-on-two and he made a great save on (Tom) Wilson. You've got to give him credit he's played really well. A lot of people were negative on him before the series, but he's played really well and deserves the credit."



PHOTOS BY RENA LAVERY

The Whalers' Tom Wilson (right) fights for position against London's Bo Horvat during Wednesday's Game 4 of the OHL's Western Conference finals at Compuware Arena.

Even with their backs to the wall, the Whalers' will not make any major changes.

"I think we've got to go back to our game," Whalers left winger Stefan Noesen said. "We've got to be physical with them and force turnovers."

Ironically, the Whalers got out of the gate quickly, outshooting the Knights 19-7, but found themselves deadlocked at 2-2 after one period.

At 6:34 of the first period, Sebastian Uvira notched his third of the playoffs off a nifty, pin-point diagonal feed from Tom Wilson. (Vince Trocheck also drew an assist.)

But London tied it up at 9:10 when Broadhurst gained control of the puck behind the Whalers' net and flipped a back-hand top-shelf over Alex Nedeljkovic.

The Whalers then scored the first of two power-play goals at 16:52 of the same period when Trocheck knocked home a rebound off a shot from

the point by Connor Carrick to make it 2-1.

London, however, answered with just 1:02 remaining in the first period to make it 2-2 all when Griffith slid what appeared to be a harmless shot through Nedeljkovic's five-hole with Max Domi and Broadhurst assisting.

The Whalers' Ryan Hartman then took a penalty with no time left in the first period for unsportsmanlike conduct when he had an encounter skating along the Knights' bench.

The Whalers fought off the penalty to start the second period, but the Knights scored twice — Bo Horvat at 5:41 on a tip-in from Domi with Ryan Rupert also assisting on the power play, followed by Rupert's goal at 9:38 when he stole the puck along the boards just inside center ice and made good on a two-on-two to score unassisted.

Trailing 4-2, Whalers coach Mike Vellucci made a goalie change put-

ting in Carolina Hurricanes draftee Matt Mahalak — who had seen action in only one game (34 minutes) during the playoffs — for the 17-year-old Nedeljkovic.

"He struggled tonight, he's a 16-year-old," Vellucci said of his starting netminder. "That's only the second time all year he's had a bad game, so I wouldn't call it that bad of a game — just deflections and that. It was a little bit of both (the change) ... momentum and he didn't have his best game. And he looked a little shaken up there."

In response

After the goalie change, Plymouth's Garrett Meurs then responded with a big-time slap shot from just outside the left shot for a power play goal from Gianluca Curcuruto and Carrick to cut the deficit to 4-3 with 8:21 left in the second period.

And Wilson's ninth goal of the playoffs from Carrick with 2:44 to go evened the count at 4-4 heading into the final period as the Whalers once again held a 16-8 shot advantage.

But it wasn't to be as Griffith's goal with 14:31 put London ahead to stay and now in position to clinch on Friday.

"It's big for us to go into Compuware and obviously get this win," said Griffith, a 2012 fifth-round pick of the Boston Bruins. "It's big on the road and to put the pressure back on them and hopefully seal the win at home for us, and clinch the series."

Meanwhile, the Whalers are far from thriving in the towel despite los-

ing for the fourth straight time this season at home to London.

"You can look in their eyes and they still believe," Vellucci said. "The thing I told them before the game, and I looked around, and they still want to play. They want to win. They want to be here. They don't want to be in the American (Hockey) League and the NHL. They want to win a championship and that speaks volumes for the team. You saw tonight — never gave up. It's heart-and-soul every game. They deserve a lot of credit. They compete every night."

Vellucci also said he's sticking with his starting goaltender.

"I haven't thought about that," he said. "Ned's been great. He deserves everything he's gotten so far. He's always had bounce back games, so I'm going with Ned (Friday)."

Meanwhile, the Whalers hope to have center Mitchell Heard back in the lineup after he was suspended following Tuesday's loss after throwing a punch to the head of Broadhurst.

"We missed him a lot, more than their guy (Broadhurst) who was in supposedly hurt," Vellucci said. "He (Broadhurst) played, so ... yeah, we missed him (Mitchell Heard) quite a bit."

The Ontario Hockey League also fined the Whalers' organization \$7,500 for postgame comments Vellucci made after Tuesday night's setback.

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The Plymouth Whalers rallied in the third period Friday night at London to send Game 5 of the best-of-seven OHL Western Conference Finals to overtime.

But any hopes of extending the series and their season came to an end when Max Domi scored at 20 seconds of OT to give the Knights a 5-4 win and the series, 4-1.

Plymouth trailed at one point 4-0, but got on the board at 17:26 of the second period on a goal by Ryan Hartman.

The Whalers then scored three of seven shots in the third to make it 4-4. Those goals were collected by Garrett Meurs, Rickard Rakell and Gianluca Curcuruto.

Making 29 stops for Plymouth was rookie goalie Alex Nedeljkovic while London goalie Anthony Stolarz made 37 saves — including 24 in the middle stanza.

London now moves on to the OHL championship series against the winner of the Eastern finals between Belleville and Barrie.



The Whalers' Richad Rakell (24) celebrates after teammate Garrett Meurs' goal in Wednesday's Game 4.

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The public is welcome to walk the labyrinth at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Livonia. The church will offer directed walks on Saturday, May 4, during its 50th anniversary weekend.



The Rev. Ben Morris shows the equipment used in the "pour over" method of brewing coffee at Holy Cross Lutheran Church. The wooden structure holding the four funnels is part of a repurposed communion rail.

PHOTOS BY SHARON DARGAY

Congregation reaches out to community with labyrinth, coffee house

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

The Rev. Ben Morris knows his coffee beans. The associate pastor of youth, culture and mission at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Livonia, worked in a coffee house while attending Central Michigan University and spent hours in them during his days in the seminary.

"I lived in Germany and there's a big coffee house culture there. Every day at 4 p.m. was coffee and cake time. I loved that. Everyone would get together and

eat a good piece of German torte and talk. I like places where people congregate.

"Livonia has a lot going for it. I've spent a lot of time at the rec center and I love it there, but there aren't a lot of places to just hang out. Why not offer a place you don't have to pay to participate in it?"

When members and visitors last year began to walk the newly-installed brick labyrinth, a meditative centerpiece of the church's front lawn, Morris sought a way to make the indoors and outdoor space contiguous. An old

library room that looked out onto the church's patio, gardens and labyrinth, seemed to be the perfect spot for a gathering space for conversation, quiet contemplation, study and a good cup of coffee.

The Abbey Coffee House, a community and church members, opened last December, approximately a year after the labyrinth was installed. Both projects were built by volunteers, with church member Jeff Dudek leading the work.

Both will be featured in an open house on May 4 and will be dedicated on May 5, as a part of the church's 50th anniversary celebration week-

end that also will include a dinner and worship service.

Including the community

Jeff Schuman, church council member, said the labyrinth and coffee house are meant to "make people feel comfortable and welcome."

"It's almost like a public space, as opposed to walking into a closed, holy place, where if you don't know the rules you will feel out of place," said Schuman, describing the coffee house. "You want people who aren't accustomed to being in church to come in and use the space. You want to be open."

Schuman said the labyrinth, coffee house and associate pastor position are the first "real public" results of a transition that started when the congregation said goodbye to its former pastor and brought in a new pastor, the Rev. Dana Runestad.

He stressed that church members were committed to maintaining the integrity of the worship service — "We didn't want to be an entertainment venue" — but also wanted to reach out to the community, attract young members, families and those who don't attend church regularly.

"As we went through the transformation process with the new pastor, we started talking about

how to reach out to the community. You can't just expect people to walk in on Sunday morning and say, hey, we're looking for a church," Schuman explained. "What we were looking to do was to create an environment that is accessible and usable by the community that would invite someone to come into a haven or shelter or attractive area to experience the quiet."

The labyrinth, a winding brick path set inside a circle, serves that purpose.

Schuman said church council members walked a labyrinth at the Inn at St. John in Plymouth

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50 YEARS

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a few years ago. When they began to brainstorm ideas for Holy Cross, they remembered the experience. It took approximately a year to complete what the congregation calls the church's "front porch." It includes the labyrinth, a fire pit, fountain, landscaping, brick pathways and a patio.

Schuman noted that last June several teenagers posed for photographs on the "front porch" on prom night. He said the church may offer refreshments in the garden to prom-goers this year.

Coffee and conversation
The Abbey, open during church office hours and some evenings, regularly attracts both members and non-members. Morris said college students often stop by to study together. Saturday night is game night.

"When we were building it someone said, 'we can put in a big flat screen,' and we said nope," said Morris, explaining that the space is meant for conversation, face-to-face relationships, or quiet contemplation.

"There are a lot of neighborhoods around here. My hope is that eventually

the neighbors here will start to feel like this is a place they can come on a Saturday morning and read the paper. I'm sure people will engage with the spiritual life of the community, and that's one of the hopes. But if they don't, that's okay."

The room includes both new locally-bought items and repurposed furnishings.

A portion of the communion rail, which was removed from the sanctuary because of accessibility issues, was turned into a stand for brewing and filling coffee cups. The base of the coffee bar is from an old choir loft and The Abbey Coffee House sign that hangs on one wall in the room came from an old pallet.

A wall at the back of the space sports photographs from a local artist.

Volunteers who tend to the coffee bar brew each cup individually using a method called "pour over." They grind the beans from Great Lakes Coffee Roasting Company for each cup, then place them in a coffee filter inside a ceramic funnel, with the coffee mug stationed below, ready to catch the liquid.

Several different kinds of beans are available, along with tea and other beverages. Suggested donation is \$1.

For more information visit www.holy-crosslivonia.org.



PHOTOS BY SHARON DARGAY

The Rev. Ben Morris shows a "pour over" funnel used to make a single cup of coffee.

ANNIVERSARY EVENTS

Labyrinth and The Abbey Coffee House:

Open house from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, May 4. Celebrate Worldwide Labyrinth Day by walking the labyrinth. Directed walks will be available. Paintings from Palestinian artists will be featured in The Abbey Coffee House. The coffee house uses beans from Great Lakes Coffee Company in Bloomfield Hills, grinding them for each cup of coffee brewed by a "pour over" method.

Dinner: Doors open at 5:30 p.m. with dinner at 6 p.m., followed by a program at 7 p.m. Saturday, May 4, in the fellowship hall at the church. Tickets are \$12.50, available by calling the church office at (734) 427-1414.

Sunday worship: The 10 a.m. service on May 5 will



The "front porch" at Holy Cross Lutheran Church includes brick walkways, a bridge, landscaping, a fire pit, and fountain in addition to a labyrinth.

include the Rev. Dr. Donald P. Kreiss, Bishop Southeast Michigan Synod ELCA, who will preach; and Michael Burkhardt, organist and choir director. The 8 a.m. service will not be held.

Dedication: The labyrinth, Abbey Coffee House and

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Keeping it clean: Words about today's washer

By Joe Gagnon
Guest Columnist

I received an e-mail from Dave: We may be in the market for a new washing machine soon. My wife said she heard that in 2014, new washing machines will not come with an agitator. If that is true, maybe we should get one this year. Have you heard of this and if it's true, why?



Appliance Doctor
Joe Gagnon

I did some investigation on Dave's question and found just the opposite to be true. The talk is that agitators are going to make a big come-back in the washer industry. In the last few years many washers were produced without an

agitator and are using three raised bubbles in the bottom of the tub. I call these fluffies because I don't think they fluff the clothes worth prunes. Apparently there have been so many complaints about wash ability with these machines that manufacturers are doing a little back-tracking. Keep in mind that energy standards play a big role in how a clothes washer is made today. If you have one of these "fluffy" machines I would like you to do a full load of wash and then shut it off in mid-cycle. Open the lid and take a look at how much water is in the tub. And then you also can wonder how this machine can get clothes clean.

I wonder how many consumers have called or written me in the past 15 years about how unhappy they are with their clothes washers. I know it has to be in the thousands,

so I can imagine how many complaints are received by the manufacturers. The only nice things I hear about washers these days are the people who have an old one, love it and want to keep it running. They don't make them like they used to. When the front loader was re-invented 15 or so years ago the media and trade papers said the top loader would be completely phased out within a few years. That didn't happen even though the manufacturers barely could keep up with the demand for front loaders. With all the complaints about odors, mold, etc., and even a national recall, the front loader suffered an image problem that led to more top loaders being introduced into the market. The fact is that the front loader is not the biggie it once was and the new top loaders with the "fluffy" system are causing a whole new bunch of complaints.

Little water, longer cycle

The big movement in this country is to try and save energy in every way we can and that applies very strongly in the world of major appliances. Like a lady recently wrote, "How much energy am I saving when I have to wash the same load twice to get the clothes clean?" It appears that energy is being saved because of mandates set by the Energy Department, but there is a consequence that Americans just don't want to live with. Washing machines expected to clean clothes using only a little water with no more control of hot water temperatures given to the user and much longer cycles abusing the consumers precious time. It's no wonder why so many homeowners have made the washing machine a water cooler conversation piece. The life span of a wash-

er today is 10 years and that tells us a lot about the quality built into the product. If you do need repairs you can expect to spend big bucks because of all the electronics that are used to reduce energy consumption. It is definitely a different machine compared to the old one that ran for 20 to 30 years and was easily repaired by the do-it-yourselfer.

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Send items for this column to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com

Livonia Garden Club

Learn about fairy gardens at the club's next meeting, 7 p.m., Tuesday, May 7, at the Livonia Senior Center, located at Five Mile and Farmington Road, in Livonia. Laura Wright, president of the Gillette Nature Association at PJ Hoffmaster State Park in Muskegon, will present a brief overview of the history of fairy and explain how to add excitement and imagination to the garden; www.orgsites.com/mlivoniagardclub/

Plant sharing
Livonia Garden Club's annual plant share is 9-11 a.m. — rain or shine — Saturday, May 11, Greenmead Historical Park, 20501 Newburgh, Livonia (248) 477-7375. Divide, pot up and label plants. Include common and botanical name, (if known). Also, please indicate if it's a sun or shade plant. House plants are welcome, too.

Master Gardeners of Western Wayne County plant a plant exchange and heirloom tomato plant sale, 9-11 a.m., Saturday, May 11, in the parking lot at the News Herald, 1 Heritage Pl., Southgate. Proceeds fund grants, scholarships and special projects for local communities. www.mgwvc.org or e-mail to digitdownriver@gmail.com.

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Heirloom tomato plants

Master Gardeners of Western Wayne County will sell more than 35 varieties of heirloom tomato plants, as well as herbs, flowers and peppers, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. May 18, at the RES/MSU Extension office, 5454 Venoy, Wayne. Proceeds fund grants, scholarships and special projects for local communities. For a description of our heirloom tomato plants visit www.mgwvc.org. Questions? E-mail to mgwvcorg@gmail.com.

Fundraiser

Habitat for Humanity of Oakland County presents its third annual Mother's Day Weekend Flower & Plant Sale 3-8 p.m. May 10-11 and 9 a.m.-5 p.m. May 11 at its headquarters, 150 Osburn, in Pontiac. The event features free landscaping/gardening sessions open to the public, discounted plants and Mother's Day flowers. Master gardeners will be on hand to offer planting advice. During the second day of the event, master gardeners will conduct presentations on basic landscaping and design, curb appeal and gardening on a budget.



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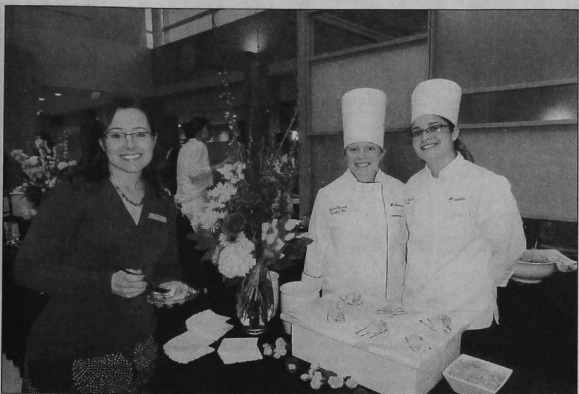


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Canton resident Andrea Oleszczak, whose daughter is in Girl Scouts Troop 40936 at Tonda Elementary, taste-tests Aramark Corporation's Chef Jessica Baggett and Alyssa Meldrum's decadent dessert creation featuring the Girl Scouts Tagalong cookie.



Canton resident Pam Paglino of presenting sponsor Ford Motor Company and Scott Moloney, owner of the recently expanded Treat Dreams in Ferndale. Treat Dreams was the Girls' Choice Winner last year in the cookie judging. This year, he created a refreshing ice cream out of the Dulce de Leche Girl Scouts cookie.

Girl Scout cookie desserts win raves, honors

By Julie Yolles
Social Scene Columnist

That's the way the cookie crumbled and caramelized and blended into the finest, tastiest works of edible art at the 2013 Girl Scouts of South-eastern Michigan (GSSEM) annual Cookie Gala which was held this year, for the first time, at the DTE Energy Headquarters in Detroit.

Ten top-area restaurants and bakeries competed for a variety of awards. A record attendance of 350 individuals, who also voted for their favorite dessert, helped

bring in close to \$85,000. The Bloomfield Hills dynamic fundraising duo of Maggie Aleese and Irma Elden once again co-chaired. And the winners are: • CEO's Choice Award — Macomb Culinary Institute (Chef Francois Faloppa) • Judge's Choice Award — Prime 29 Steakhouse in West Bloomfield (Chef Hai Ying) • Ford Motor Company Presenting Sponsor Award — Gastronomy in Southfield (Chef Emily Davis) • Girls' Choice Award — Sweet and Savory Bake Shop in Oxford

(this was the third consecutive year that the team of Pastry Chefs Debbie Meyers and Scott Eschelbach have won for their cookie creations).



• People's Choice — Henry Ford Community College's Fifty One-O-One (Chef Kristin Jablonski) Money raised from Girl Scouts cookie sales

Presenting Sponsor Ford Motor Company Fund team members Lisa Willis (left) of Redford, Joy Jones of Belleville and Yolanda Brown-McCutchen of Detroit enjoyed the Girl Scouts Cookie Gala.

help fund troop activities like service projects and camping. Last year, nearly 2,000 GSSEM participated in cookies sales and raised more than \$1.5 million.

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U.S. State issued picture ID and provide a \$40 cash, non-refundable fee for the entrance exam. If you would like more information, please contact your local chapter or go to: www.amiibw.com</p> <p>TELEPHONE SALES Local 80 Joint Apprenticeship Committee is seeking potential organization lead positions. Responsibilities include: recruitment and application of new members, color coding, and national origin.</p> <p>TEACHER JOB FAIR! Detailed brochure in English and Spanish. • Detail on hiring TEACHERS & DEDD SPECIALISTS • 30-60 CTE credits & 2-3 hrs prep. Join us Wednesday May 1st 10:00 am - 3:00 pm 66333 Southfield Drive, Dearborn, MI 48126 624-2200 ext. 2629 EOL</p> <p>VEHICLE DEMONSTRATOR Partly Sales/Partly Tech Exp. only exp. and benefits. 734-423-3121</p>	<p>Help Wanted - General</p> <p>UTILITY WORKER</p> <p>Charter Trip of Redford E.O.E. 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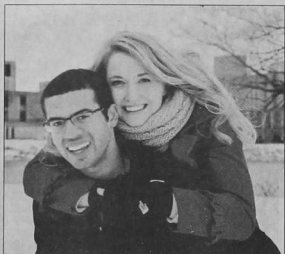
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Coughlin-Ellis

Allison Coughlin and Samuel Ellis announce their engagement. The bride-to-be, daughter of Peter and Marian Coughlin of San Francisco, Calif., is a 2008 graduate of Redmond High School in Redmond, Ore. She earned a bachelor of science degree in nursing from Gonzaga University, Spokane, Wash. in May, 2012 and is employed as a registered nurse at North-western Memorial Hos-

pital in Chicago, Ill. Her fiancé, son of Nick and Celeste Ellis of Farmington Hills, is a 2008 graduate of Brother Rice High School in Bloomfield Hills. Samuel earned a bachelor of science degree in operational research/applied statistics from the United States Military Academy, West Point, N.Y. in May, 2012 and is pursuing a PhD in industrial engineering at North-western University, Evanston, Ill. An August 2013 wedding is planned.



Falsetti-Crespie — Dillard

Pamela Falsetti-Crespie and George Dillard, both of Canton, announce their engagement. The bride-to-be, daughter of Dominick and Frances Falsetti of Dearborn Heights, graduated from Crestwood High School in Dearborn Heights. Her fiancé, son of George and Pat Dill-

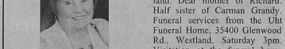
lard of Beaufort, S.C., graduated from Thomas Heyward High School in Ridgeland, S. C. and earned a bachelor's degree in military affairs and international politics at The Citadel Military College, Charleston, S. C. He is employed by The Coca-Cola Company. A wedding is planned on July 5.

Passages

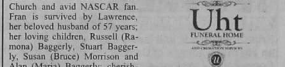
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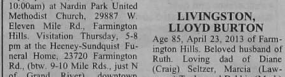
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BAGGERLY, FRAN
82, of New Hudson, April 23, 2013. A devoted wife, mother and grandmother, member of Nardin Park United Methodist Church and of NASCAR fan. Fran is survived by Lawrence, her beloved husband of 57 years, her loving children, Rosemary (Bazona) Baggerly, Stuart Baggerly, Susan (Brice) Morrison and Alan (Mama) Baggerly; cherished grandchildren, Russell, Jr., Rebecca, Collin, Brenda, Elizabeth, Orion, Nova and Benjamin; her sister and brother, Glenda (the late Donald) Eldredge and Glenn Edward (Carolyn) Keen. Sadly, Fran was preceded in death by her sister and brother-in-law, Doris Jean (Charles) Thompson. Funeral Service Friday, April 26th, 11:00am (instead 10:00am) at Nardin Park United Methodist Church, 29887 W. Eleven Mile Rd., Farmington Hills. Visitation Thursday, 5-8 pm at the Heenev-Sundquist Funeral Home, 23720 Farmington Rd. (btw 940 Mile Rds., just N of Grand River), downtown Farmington (248-474-5200). In-terment Edge Cemetery, Park, Glenora, Nova and Benjamin. www.heenev-sundquist.com



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BRIGGS, ROBERT HAROLD
Age 60, passed April 10, 2013. Prior to death by wife Barbara Sazcyk Briggs, parents Harold & Frances (Warner) Briggs, daughter Rachel, grandson Zachery, Dear Father to Michelle & Jim Obuchowski and Keri & Jackie. Robertson, Brookman, John Briggs, Laura & David Loviska, Grampa to Brady, Jenna Beas & Sophie, Uncle to Stephen M. Christian Jr., Stephanie Irwin (Mike), and Nick Batey. Loved by Courtney Christian, Michael Irwin, Kayla Irwin Ashley Christian, Mr. T. and PePe, and many friends and relatives.



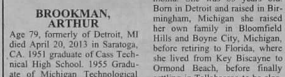
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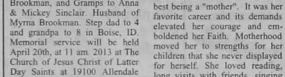
LYPKA, MICHAEL M.
Age 77, of Farmington Hills, passed April 21, 2013. Thayer-Rock funeral home, Farmington Hills.



OLIN, JEANNE BROOKS KEEFER
A piece of the sun and a heart full of love left us all this Friday morning when our cherished Mom, Jeanne Brooks Kefer Olin, beloved daughter of the late Harold DeWald and Laura Brooks Kefer, passed away from complications with pneumonia. She was 83 years old. Born in Detroit and raised in Birmingham, Michigan she raised her own family in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, Michigan, before retiring to Florida, where she lived from Key Biscayne to Ormond Beach, before finally settling in Tallahassee to be closer to her daughter, Janet. A graduate of Stephens College in Columbia, Missouri, she worked as a legal secretary, small business owner, and legislative secretary to State Representative Frank Messersmith. Jeanne was at her best being a "mother". It was her favorite career and its demands elevated her courage and emboldened her faith. Motherhood moved her to strengths for her children that she never displayed for herself. She loved reading, long visits with friends, singing show tunes and knitting beautifully elaborate sweaters of her own design. In her later years, she was most content on the beach of St. George Island, with one of her naps in hand, savoring the serenity of the surf. Jeanne is survived by her children, Janet, Bruce and his wife Jean, Robin and his wife Kay, Rollic and his wife Jo-Anne, plus two grandchildren, Graham and Kevin. Jeanne will be laid to rest in a private ceremony.



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REUNIONS

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BELLEVIEW HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1963
50th reunion will be held Sept. 28. Contact Kathy (Toth) Hay at khay@reinharditors.com or Diana (Basrow) McDaniel at djmcdaniel@comcast.net.

CLASS OF 1973
40th reunion will be held Sept. 28. Send inquiries to BellevilleMI1973.40@comcast.net or call Laura (Kingley) Delish at (734) 485-2744 or Sterling at (734) 265-3132.

DETROIT GESU CATHOLIC SCHOOL CLASS OF 1956
A reunion is planned for Aug. 17. Call Jack Cayce at (810) 231-9230.

DETROIT MUMFORD CLASS OF 1963
A 50-year reunion is set for 6:30 p.m. - 12:30 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 5, at Somerset Inn, 575 W. Big Beaver, Troy, 485. Visit www.mumford63.com.

LIVONIA BENTLEY CLASSES OF 1965-66
A birthday reunion will be held Friday, Oct. 11 at Detroit Marriott Livonia, 17100 North Laurel Park Drive, Livonia, (734) 462-3100. Check in and cash bar at 6 p.m., buffet dinner at 7 p.m., followed by dancing and DJ. Cost is \$65 per person. Email to Kathy Sinton Shinn at shinnkathy@aol.com.

CLASS OF 1973
A reunion is set for 6 p.m. - midnight, Sept. 13, at Livonia Marriott, located at Six Mile and Newburgh. Tickets are \$60 for alumni and \$50 for teachers. The event is open to other classes, as well. Contact Marcia Elliott at (269) 327-0657 or e-mail to micky55@charter.net for more information including purchasing tickets.

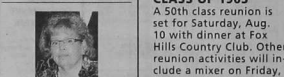
MERCY HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1963
50-year reunion luncheon is planned for Saturday, Oct. 5, at the Sheraton Novi. Contact mercy.hs.1963@gmail.com or call J. Quante at (734) 776-2561.

PLYMOUTH HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1963
A 50th class reunion is set for Saturday, Aug. 10 with dinner at Fox Hills Country Club. Other reunion activities will include a mixer on Friday, Aug. 9 at Bennigan's, a tour of the "old school" followed by lunch at a popular "cuptown" bar on Saturday, and a picnic on Sunday, Aug. 11 at Plymouth Township Park. For more information call Nancy Richard Earte (734) 444-8974 or e-mail to nancyearte@comcast.net.

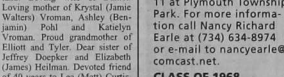
CLASS OF 1968
A 45-year class reunion is planned for Saturday, Sept. 7. For information contact Susan Keith Johnson at sjohnson4@comcast.net.

ROSARY HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1963
Seeking classmates for 50-year reunion planned for Sept. 21-22. E-mail to champagnelaura@gmail.com or call (248) 761-2159.

SOUTH LYON CLASS OF 1963
A 50th class reunion is planned for July 20. For more information, contact Barbara Cook at (248) 349-5982.



MACQUEEN, DOUGLAS RUSSELL
Of Novi, MI was born March 24, 1942 in Colchester, OH and died April 22, 2013. Doug taught instrumental music for 42 years, 36 of which were spent in service to the Farmington Public Schools. He earned a Bachelor's degree from Baldwin Wallace Conservatory of Music in Berea, OH and a Master's degree from The Ohio State University in Columbus, OH. Doug was the very active conductor of the Redford Symphony Orchestra and music director of the Dexter Community Orchestra. Doug was an Eagle Scout and very active in scouting leadership, serving as assistant troop master and quartermaster for Troop 407 in Novi, MI. Doug mentored and facilitated the leadership development and success of young men, many of whom achieved the rank of Eagle Scout, including his beloved son Glenn Russell MacQueen (1972-2011). Doug founded a family brass ensemble and combined his love of history, leadership and music by playing trombone in the Fifth Michigan Regiment Band. Doug is survived by his devoted wife of 47 years, Judith Ann Steiner MacQueen and his daughters Carole (Dan) Rose, Cathy Elizabeth MacQueen Armstrong and daughter-in-law Dulce and step-son, Cameron. Other survivors include brother David (Eva) Ben MacQueen, granddaughters Madeleine Armstrong and Camryn and Catarina Rossi. A memorial service will be held at 11 AM on Saturday, May 11 at First United Methodist Church, 33112 Grand River Avenue, Farmington, MI 48332-0938. Visiting hours will be held from 3 - 8 PM on Friday, May 10 at O'Brien-Sullivan Funeral Home, 4155 Grand River Avenue, Novi MI 48375-1822. Memorial contributions may be directed to the Redford Symphony Orchestra or the Dexter Community Orchestra. Please share memories and condolences at obrien-sullivanfuneralhome.com

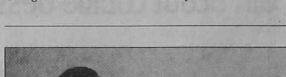


VROMAN, DEBORAH SUE
Age 50 April 24, 2013 of Westland. Loving wife of Daniel Loving mother of Krystal (Walters) Vroman, Ashley (Benjamin) Pohl and Katelyn (James) Pohl. Grandmother of Elliott and Tyler. Dear sister of Jeffrey Doepker and Elizabeth (James) Helms. Devoted friend of 40 years to Lea (Matt) Curtis. Beloved aunt of JD, David, Mario (Brittany), Kelly, and Greg. Born in Detroit and raised in Birmingham, Michigan she worked as a legal secretary, small business owner, and legislative secretary to State Representative Frank Messersmith. Jeanne was at her best being a "mother". It was her favorite career and its demands elevated her courage and emboldened her faith. Motherhood moved her to strengths for her children that she never displayed for herself. She loved reading, long visits with friends, singing show tunes and knitting beautifully elaborate sweaters of her own design. In her later years, she was most content on the beach of St. George Island, with one of her naps in hand, savoring the serenity of the surf. Jeanne is survived by her children, Janet, Bruce and his wife Jean, Robin and his wife Kay, Rollic and his wife Jo-Anne, plus two grandchildren, Graham and Kevin. Jeanne will be laid to rest in a private ceremony.



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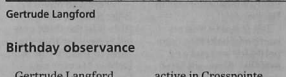
May peace be with you in this time of sorrow.



BIRTHDAY OBSERVANCE
Gertrude Langford of Westland, formerly of Garden City, celebrated her 96th birthday April 4 with several parties. Many of her friends stopped by to wish her a happy birthday. Her late husband, George, worked for DPW in Garden City for many years. Gertrude was active in Crosspointe Community Church in Wayne and was a member of the Women's Professional Club in Garden City. Her sons are Rodney (Becky) of Naples, Fla., and Dan (Ann) of Pinckney. She also has two grandchildren, Dylan and Sarah.



Charlotte Mae Rzyzi
Charlotte Mae Rzyzi was born Jan. 6, 2013 at Providence Park Hospital Novi. She joins her parents, Joseph and Sheila Rzyzi, and sibling, Gabriel, 2, at home in South Lyon. Grandparents are Walter and Patricia Kornylo of Livonia and David and Mary Rzyzi of Northville. Great-grandparents are Ksenia Kornylo of Dearborn Heights, Loretta Farris of Detroit, and Helen Rzyzi of Northville.



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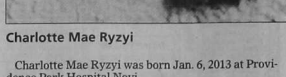
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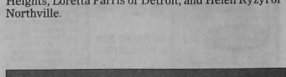
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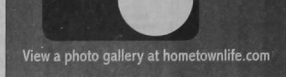
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Stay slim with help from seasonal staples

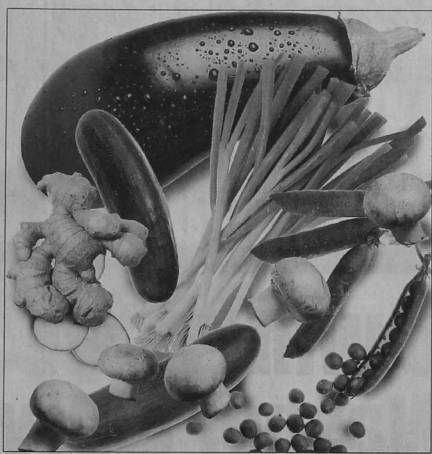
With spring finally here, you may be inclined to add some fresh foods into your diet. The season synonymous with change provides a variety of seasonal produce that can recharge your diet, as well as aid in your weight-loss efforts.

Incorporating specific springtime staples into your diet can help keep you fuller and more satisfied while improving your overall health. TOPS Club, Inc. (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), the nonprofit weight-loss support organization, offers the following tasteful recommendations that work overtime to help benefit your body.

• **Sugar snap peas** — One cup of these sweet veggies contains only 26 calories. Besides being loaded with flavor and crunch, they also are full of fiber and vitamin K.

• **Ginger** — According to researchers at Florida's University of Miami, just a teaspoon of ginger can make you feel full twice as quickly. This is a result of the gingerol and zingibain inside ginger that act as powerful appetite suppressants. Ginger is also a great anti-inflammatory.

• **Green onions** — Also known as spring onions, these have all the flavor of regular onions without the smell. Stanford University researchers have found the high amounts of sulfur in spring onions help your



pancreas burn carbs for fuel before they are stored in your body as fat. Add these to recipes for a little flavor and color.

• **Eggplant** — Eggplant can be incorporated into many recipes as a low-calorie meat replacement or eaten on its own. Baked or grilled, eggplant is a great choice at just 20 calories per cup. Its low sugar content and muscle-strengthening high protein and potassium levels make it a powerhouse of taste and nutrition.

• **Button mushrooms** — According to UCLA research, the plant protein in button mushrooms slows down carbohydrate absorption in the intestines and helps your body soak up and burn sugars fast, aiding weight-loss efforts. The study has shown that eating one cup a day could accel-

erate your weight loss by 50 percent.

• **Peppermint** — Add this fresh and light herb into your diet as often as possible. Studies from Chicago's Smell and Taste Treatment and Research Foundation have shown that adding one tablespoon of fresh, chopped peppermint to a meal can cause you to feel full on 100 fewer calories. Its lively flavor and smell are perfect for the season.

• **Cucumber** — A spring and summertime favorite, cucumbers are a guilt-free flavor booster to any salad or a great snack on their own. One cup of cucumber slices equals only 16 calories. They're water-rich and high in fiber, so they work double to make you feel full and satisfied.

TOPS Club Inc. (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) is the org-

inal weight-loss support and wellness education organization. Founded more than 65 years ago, TOPS is the only nonprofit, noncommercial weight-loss organization of its kind. TOPS promotes successful weight management with a philosophy that combines support from others at weekly chapter meetings, healthy eating, regular exercise, and wellness information. TOPS has about 150,000 members — male and female, age seven and older — in nearly 9,000 chapters throughout the United States and Canada.

Visitors may attend their first TOPS meeting free of charge. Membership is \$28 per year, along with nominal chapter fees. To find a local chapter, view www.tops.org or call (800) 932-8677.

Health camp offers nutritional, exercise seminars in May

Arthur Weaver, M.D., the director of Better Living Seminars, offers his 32nd annual Health Camp, May 12-19 in Grayling.

This camp will feature several seminars given by various health professionals who donate their expertise. One presenter this year is a physician from Mayo Clinic.

"This allows our participants to enjoy a 'lifestyle improvement' vacation at a very reasonable cost," said Weaver, professor emeritus of surgery at Wayne State University. "Many smokers have found that this live-in, 24-hour support has allowed them to finally be successful in dropping this addiction. And those who know they should be on a better nutritional and exercise program find the motivation to make the necessary changes." During the week, camp-

ers will learn about vegetarian cooking, weight control, stress control, low-impact exercise, stop-smoking techniques and more. Lodging, meals, use of recreational facilities and all health seminars are included. The facility includes a private lake with canoes, canoeing on the Au Sable River, nature trails, horseback riding and hayrides, ceramics and other crafts, a social lounge, medical building, clean cabins and rooms, and campsites for tents, trailers and mobile homes.

Cost is \$495 per person or \$895 per couple. All rates include a \$35 non-refundable process fee.

To obtain a registration form, brochure or if you have any questions call (313) 531-2179 or (248) 349-5683.

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• **Start Smart**, an eight-week workshop led by a registered dietitian from Botsford Hospital's Diabetes & Nutrition Services, runs 5:30-6:30 p.m. Monday, beginning April 29, at the hospital, 28050 Grand River Ave., Farmington. Participants will focus on building healthy eating habits and losing weight. Customized weekly topics reflect the group's specific challenges and goals. Weekly weigh-ins to keep attendees on track, and includes support and

encouragement, hands-on activities and demonstrations, meal-planning advice and recipes, helpful tips and strategies, and nutrition advice. Cost: \$80. Space is limited. Call to register (248) 477-5100

• **Dr. Stephanie Rose** will present a program explaining why you haven't been able to keep weight loss resolutions this year. It runs 6:30-7:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 30, at Rose Chiropractic, 34024 W. Eight Mile, suite 104, Farmington Hills. The program is free. Questions? Call (248) 888-8183.

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A: It is possible to develop allergies at any age. In fact, because repeated exposure to substances can prompt an allergic reaction, you are more likely to develop allergies as you get older. Spring is an especially active time for allergies. As temperatures rise, plants and trees release pollen into the air wreaking havoc on people who suffer from plant allergies, also known as hay fever. Below are a few ways to determine if your sniffing might be caused by seasonal allergies.

- Symptoms kicked in fast; a cold will take days.
- Symptoms last longer than a week.
- You don't have fever or body aches.
- Your nose is runny and clear; mucus caused by a cold will be yellow.

If you have allergies, you can alleviate the symptoms by staying indoors during times when pollen counts are highest, usually in the late in the day. You can also help to prevent allergy symptoms by keeping your windows closed and avoiding outdoor chores, such as mowing the lawn. If you must do yard work, wear a mask that filters pollen, and try using an over-the-counter (OTC) allergy medication.

Q: What type of medications or treatments work best for seasonal allergies?

A: There are a number of prescription and OTC medications that work effectively to treat or lessen the severity of allergy symptoms. Nasal corticosteroids, such as Flonase and Nasonex, are sprayed directly into the nose and treat inflammation. Oral and nasal antihistamines, like Benadryl, counteract the actions of histamine, a substance released in the body during an allergic reaction. Drowsiness is a common side effect, so don't take these types of drugs when you have to drive or do other activities that require you to be alert. There are several non-sedating OTC antihistamines, including Claritin and Alavert, as well as physician prescribed non-sedating antihistamines.

Finally, for people who don't respond to OTC or prescription medications, or who suffer from frequent complications due to allergies, you may consider immunotherapy, more commonly known as allergy shots. Roughly 80 percent of people with hay fever experience a significant reduction in their symptoms and their need for medication within a year of starting allergy shots.

If you would like to make an appointment with Dr. Kado, please call 248.478.5221. Have a health or medical question for one of the GCH Health Experts? Call us at 877.717.WELL.

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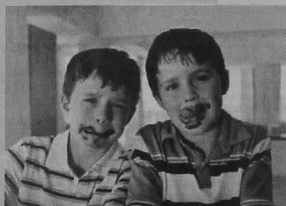
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Class of 2013: The future careers of this year's high school graduates

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High school seniors nationwide are preparing to graduate, receiving college acceptance letters and possibly enrolling in a college or university. The challenging economy has made many of these young adults acutely aware of the importance role that their degree can play when they face commencement once again, this time entering the job market.

Some schools offer degree programs that address the skills required to enter fast-growing fields, such as cyber security, cloud computing, health care and accounting — U.S. News & World Report included accounting in its ranking of 25 Best Jobs in 2012. This strong connection to a promising career path can be attractive to prospective students.

"Knowledge of projected industry growth is extremely helpful as students choose their major or area of study," says Dr. Chad Kennedy, chair and professor of biomedical engineering technology in the College of Engineering and Information Sciences at DeVry University. "Unlike some career fields where opportunities are shrinking, many technology and engineering fields are expanding at double-digit rates. In fact, many employers can't find enough qualified applicants to meet their needs."

Careers in technology are growing up to three times faster than other fields. For students interested in pursuing employment in this thriving industry, ComputerWorld recently outlined the "10 hot IT skills for 2013." Cloud computing was among the most coveted skills. Though relatively unfamiliar to the average consumer, this data management services that support many of today's online based businesses.

Similarly, cyber security professionals will play an integral role in keeping information safe as the majority of companies' assets move online. According to Today's Engineer, the monthly Web publication of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics

Engineers, the cyber security field is growing "in leaps and bounds."

Employment in health care fields is also on the rise. An aging population of baby boomers and expanded access to health care has placed growing pressure on the health care industry to add workers in fields ranging from health information systems and biomedical engineering technology to nursing and ambulatory emergency care.

"Given the sensitive nature of medical data, my role — ensuring data integrity, availability, and security for every current and former patient — is essential and growing in demand," explains Adam Franzen, a systems administrator at Presence

Health Care who holds a bachelor's degree in Computer Information Systems from DeVry University. "As health care evolves, so do the technology and management skills that are central to career success in the medical field."

The workforce is rapidly evolving; some of the most desired professional roles of yesterday are shrinking today and will become obsolete tomorrow. The class of 2013 will enter emerging career fields, managing the technologies that drive advanced hospital settings, leading development of the next cloud-based application and protecting companies and consumers from cyber and financial fraud alike.

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EMPLOYEE SPECIALS
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\$199 with \$999 down
NO SECURITY DEPOSIT - 24 MONTH LEASE - 10,000 MILES/YEAR

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