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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.

Saturday in the Park

The No. 1 concern of skaters, cyclists, runners and walkers is motor vehicle traffic, and Wayne County Parks has a solution with the Saturday in the Park program.

Saturday in the Park gives visitors an opportunity to do their favorite activities in a traffic-free environment on a six-mile stretch of Hines Drive from Ann Arbor Trail to Outer Drive, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. each Saturday, May 4 through Sept. 8.

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Volunteer Bernie Wilson trims bushes as part of Saturday's Christmas in Action effort, which performs various services at the homes of disabled and needy families around Canton.

Christmas comes early

Volunteers spread help among local families

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

Holding his 5-week-old daughter, Sonni, Harry Weaver III watched all the volunteers working around his house Saturday, doing work he can no longer do, and was able to smile.

He couldn't help, because a thief's bullet had left him paralyzed from the waist down in a September shooting in Detroit. But Weaver, shot after leaving a meeting where he was ironically arranging to help people, could appreciate the effort.

"One thing that has been amazing is the outpouring of help from total strangers like this army of people doing this for us," said Weaver, who recently moved to Canton with his wife, Dawn, and their young son, Harry IV.

Weaver was talking about the "army" of volunteers from Christmas in Action, the Canton effort to help families who, for whatever reason (disability, financial, etc.) need the help. Dawn Weaver read about it in a newsletter not long after the family moved to Canton.

But the effort has been going on for years. In its nine years, Christmas in Action has worked



Tia Kline, of Westland, and Nicole Logsdon, of Farmington, fill in low spots in the yard.

on 95 homes, including the nine it did this year.

Help matters

The army of volunteers — skilled and non-skilled tradesmen, local companies and local handymen — provide a number of services, including roofing, asphalt paving, siding, carpeting and painting. The effort is organized by Jim Cisek, a self-employed contractor with experience in the building business who also consults for a company that owns 11 nursing homes.

Cisek said he learned about Christmas in Action years ago

from the president of the Oakland County chapter.

"He told me it was something I had to start over here," Cisek said. "It's my way of giving back. This is something I know how to do. I think if we all help a little, it matters."

It's why 24-year-old Nathan Tardiff was out there Saturday.

"Helping people out is the whole point," said Tardiff, a self-described "part of the Geek Squad" working for Best Buy. "I have no problem helping other people."

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Canton man killed in Afghan crash

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

Friends and neighbors were understandably shocked and saddened to find out Canton resident Rinku Summan was among the seven people killed Monday when a cargo plane crashed after taking off from Bagram Air Field in Afghanistan, and were remembering Summan as a devoted family man and a good friend.

Six people from Michigan were on the plane, which was carrying vehicles and general cargo from Afghanistan to Dubai, when it crashed just after takeoff about 7 a.m. EDT.

Summan, a first officer on the plane, lived in Canton with his wife Rajnit and their son Adarsh.

DiAnn Dixon, who lives next door with her husband Michael, remembered Rinku for his devotion to his family. She said when Summan would leave on trips, his son would frequently ask his mother "When is Daddy coming back?"

"(Summan) and his son were very close," Dixon, who said her husband helped Summan build the playscape that adorns the Summans' back yard, said Wednesday. "I'm still numb about it. It's unfortunate that it happened and (Summan) will be missed."

Officials for National Airlines provided no further information about those killed in the crash. The company, now operating in Orlando, was previously located at Willow Run Airport in Ypsilanti.

"Safety is always our top priority at National Airlines," Glen Joergers, president of National Airlines, said in a release on the company's website. "This is a devastating loss for our family, and we'll work diligently with authorities to find the cause. Most importantly, our thoughts and prayers are with our crew members and their families."

Summan's wife Rajnit couldn't be reached for comment. She

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Robotics team among the world's best

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

It took four months of planning, vacation time spent at school building a robot and executing a game plan, and a top-20 finish at the state competition to do it, but Plymouth-Canton's Team 862 Lightning Robotics team qualified for the world championships in St. Louis.

And, last weekend, the 100-plus

members of Lightning 862 made the most of it, turning in a top-three finish among the 400 or so teams who qualified for the tournament.

"We had one of the most consistent robots ... It did what we wanted it to do almost 100 percent of the time," said Jay Obsniuk, the robotics adviser. "We had a chain break, but it was a simple fix. It's been consistency, find something you can do and do it right."

More than 10,000 students from around the world traveled to St. Louis for the annual FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) Championship, held at the Edward Jones Dome.

The three-day event came down to a heart-pounding conclusion Saturday night in front of a roaring crowd of 25,000 when three teams from Mississauga, Ontario, Canada; The Woodlands,

Texas; and Toronto, Ontario, Canada, won the coveted FIRST Robotics Competition Championship Winning Alliance.

"You're sitting there in front of 30,000 people, you've got all these CEOs from major companies coming up and asking us questions about the robot," Obsniuk said. "It was like being at the Super Bowl."

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Lightning Robotics 862 team members Ryan Lewis, Rebekka Neumann, Julian Gabriel and Charlie Fug designed a climbing mechanism for a robot during a practice session prior to the state competition.

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In this year's game, Ultimate Ascent, two alliances made up of three teams each try to score as many flying discs into their goals as possible during the two-minute and 15-second match. This year, 2,546 FRC teams in 17 countries participated in 77 Regional and District competitions.

In all, more than 10,000 students, ages 6-18, par-

ticipated in the championship events. Several other U.S. and international FIRST student robotics teams earned honors for design excellence, competitive play, research, business plans, website design, teamwork, and partnerships. A not-for-profit organization founded in 1989 by inventor Dean Kamen, FIRST inspires young people's interest and participation in science and technology.

Obsniuk said Team 862 missed competing in the

final match by only "5 or 7 points, something like that," but the near-miss did nothing to abate the kids' enthusiasm.

"We were definitely in shock sitting there in the final four," Obsniuk said. "But it's not even the least bit discouraging. Some teams go every year, but the majority of teams never get there. To get as far as we got is just amazing."

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Take-back plan nets 97 pounds of drugs

By Brad Kadrich and Darrell Clem
Staff Writers

When it comes to keeping residents safe from the abuse of prescription drugs, Canton Police officials know every little bit helps.

And Saturday's prescription drug give-back program, which gave local residents a chance to discard drugs — with no questions asked — helped a lot.

The program netted some 97 pounds worth of discarded prescription drugs.

"I would call that a success," said Bob Kerr, Canton's Deputy Police Chief. "Anytime we can help the public dispose of that amount of prescription drugs is a benefit to the community and reduces the risk of misuse of the drugs, especially by those who were not the intended user."

It was part of a program in which Canton police

and law-enforcement agencies across the nation helped the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration dispose of potentially dangerous drugs.

Residents were allowed to discard their drugs by placing them in a drop box set up in the police station lobby.

"It makes for a safe and effective way for people to dispose of their unwanted and unneeded prescription drugs," Deputy Police Chief Robert Kerr said Friday.

The national drug give-back initiative provides a unified, national effort to keep prescription drugs out of the wrong hands and to reduce the potential they could be abused or sold on the street. The DEA will dispose of the controlled substances.

Local and national authorities say prescription drug abuse rates are alarmingly high across the nation, leading to addiction and accidental poisonings and over-dos-

es. Studies show a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends.

More than six million Americans abuse prescription drugs, according to a 2011 study by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's National Survey on Drug Use and Health. The same study revealed more than 70 percent of people abusing prescription pain relievers got them from family, friends and the home medicine cabinet.

Canton and other communities also have had incidents of pharmacy break-ins by suspects stealing prescription drugs.

Last September, during the last drug give-back program, the DEA collected 488,395 pounds — or 244 tons — of prescription medications that residents took to local and state law-enforcement agencies at 5,263 locations. No total has yet been released from Saturday's give-back.

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told the Associated Press Summan had worked 2½ years for National Air Cargo. She said she'd last spoken to Rinku on Sun-

day. "I told him to be safe," she told AP.

Gannett News Service contributed to this story.

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CORRECTION

South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley was misquoted in a story in Sunday's Observer about her visit to Livonia. The story should have said Haley would continue to oppose the expansion of Medicaid offered under the Affordable Care Act, not that she would oppose the expansion of Medicare. Medicaid is an insurance program for low-income people, while Medicare is the insurance program for people over age 65.



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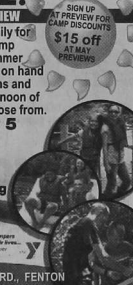
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It's help for which Joe and Debbie Matalavage were grateful. The Canton residents are both disabled, and Joe is facing surgery. Living on a fixed income, as well, the Christmas in Action volunteers were doing work they wouldn't have been able to do otherwise.

'It was wonderful'

And they weren't sure they were going to get it. After applying, the Matalavages hadn't heard anything back for some time and figured they were out of the loop.

Then came the phone call.

"We figured, 'If it

wasn't for bad luck, we wouldn't have any luck at all.'" Joe Matalavage recalled. "Then we got the phone call, and it was wonderful."

Among the work being done for the Matalavages was some carpeting replacement and a new fence. And among those doing the work was Home Depot store manager Howard Campbell.

"It's one of the biggest events we do in this area," Campbell, who manages the Ford Road store, said of Christmas in Action. "It gives back to the community. It helps people who can't help themselves. It's one of our core values."

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Jon Shim, of Canton, Whitney Presley, of Northville, and Corey Shattuck, of Redford, need to move a lot of sand and fill dirt.



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Bailey Durham, of Novi, stains deck boards. Behind her, Katie Parriett, of Redford, and Michael Broccardo, of Canton.



Kathy Robinson, of Canton, pulls weeds and removes sod.



A section of fence is ready for placement. Ernie Silverster, Brian Finnigan and Dave Camp, all of Canton, do the heavy lifting.



Nate Haase, of Westland, dumps a load of sand. In background, Bailey Durham, of Novi. Both are volunteers from Best Buy.

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CANTON CRIME WATCH

Retail fraud

Canton Police were dispatched Monday to the Ford Road Walmart regarding an embezzlement case.

The suspect, a maintenance worker for Walmart, was in the loss prevention office when officers arrived, according to police reports, but the case actually extends back to February, according to the report.

On March 18, the store's loss prevention officer noticed a suspicious register transaction. After initiating an internal investigation, he learned:

- On Feb. 3, the suspect bought a Red Bull drink, a cell phone case and some body wash. However, the cashier voided the Red Bull and the cell phone case, and the suspect paid only for the body wash. The loss from that transaction was \$41.61, according to the report.

- On March 14, the suspect bought a pack of cigarettes. But the cashier (a different one, this time) voided that sale, rang up a Red Bull and handed both items to the suspect. The loss from that transaction was \$8.11.

- On March 15, the suspect paid for a bottle of pop, but the cashier rang up, and then voided, a bag of chips and a Philly Cheesesteak sandwich, and gave all the items to the suspect. The loss was \$4.50.

- On March 15, the suspect bought a

pack of cigarettes and a cigar, but the cashier voided the cigarettes and handed both items to the suspect.

The two cashiers involved in these transactions were fired. Following the internal investigation and interrogation of the maintenance worker he, too, was fired and cited by police.

Stolen merchandise

On Monday, Canton Police were called to the Michigan Avenue Walmart after loss prevention officials saw two males had stolen a wallet and a knife.

Upon arrival, according to the police report, officers were told the two males had left the store and were in the parking lot. The officer found them, and stopped them both without incident, in the parking lot.

The loss prevention officer told police the suspects were seen in the sporting goods department, where one of the men was seen stashing a wallet in his jacket. They also picked up a knife, and the second suspect — with Suspect #1 concealing him — tore open the packaging and put the knife into his pants pocket.

The police officer observed the wallet in the suspect's jacket pocket, whereupon the suspect admitted taking it.

The second suspect was searched, but no knife was found. When questioned

further, the suspect told police he'd discarded it.

Police found the knife underneath their squad car.

Pot possession

Officers investigating complaints of someone ringing doorbells in the area of Inverrary and Gladstar Sunday happened upon two people sitting in a parked car on the street.

When they stopped to talk to the two, officers noted a strong smell of marijuana coming from the car, according to the police report. Upon further questioning, the pair admitted they'd been sitting in the car smoking marijuana and having an argument.

Both were arrested for possession of marijuana.

Vehicle theft

A Canton man told police he woke up Monday morning to discover his 2011 black Ford Fusion missing from the handicap parking space in front of his Foxthorn residence.

The victim said he remembered locking the doors to the car. He showed both his own set and a spare set of keys to the car to police. He said he found a gas can that didn't belong to him outside the door to the apartment. There was no broken glass around where the car

had been parked, and no sign of forced entry to the apartment.

According to the report, the victim's 15-year-old grandson had "seemed nervous" while they were talking to the victim. The grandson eventually admitted to police that he had taken the car to meet up with a friend and the friend's girlfriend. He told police they drove around and eventually ran out of gas.

The boy told police he left the car where it was and walked back to his grandfather's residence. The car was later found by the victim's daughter.

Bad exchange

Witnesses told police a black male made off with \$200 after he convinced a cashier to hand over two separate \$100 bills at the Hobby Lobby on Ford Road.

According to a police report, the man paid cash for a \$20 chess set, then asked the cashier if he could exchange five \$20 bills for a \$100 bill. After the swap, he turned away momentarily, then turned back and told the clerk she'd only given him a \$10 bill. She handed him another \$100 bill.

At the end of her shift, the cashier's register was \$200 short.

Security video tapes show the suspect wearing a black jacket, black jeans, shoes and a black stocking cap.

PLYMOUTH CRIME WATCH

Police note fraud reports

Police in Plymouth Township received several reports recently of township residents falling victim to identity theft-related fraud or fraud attempts.

Recent reported frauds and fraud attempts include:

- A report filed April 18 by a township woman who said she had received an e-mail notice from DTE Energy that it had not received her payment of \$1,035.89. The woman's Social Security number and an address in Detroit were attached to the notice; the woman

contacted DTE, which is investigating the situation.

- Two days later, the woman told police she had received a second notice saying her DTE account at the Detroit address was overdue. The woman told police she had never had an account at that address.

- A report filed April 19 by a township man who had tried to file his taxes online in January and was told his return was already being processed.

Thinking the problem was with his computer, the man mailed in a paper return, only to be told later by the IRS that the return was already being processed, he said.

- A complaint filed April 16 by a township man who said he had learned someone had tried to open three credit card accounts in his name. The man told police he had not lost any identifying documents.

Larceny from vehicles

- Three batteries were reported stolen April 25 from a heavy-duty truck parked at a storage lot on Haggerty near Schoolcraft Road.

The owner told police the batteries were in the dump truck on the afternoon of April 22, but gone when he returned to the lot on April 25.

- Medications, a cellular

phone and \$247 cash were reported stolen from a car belonging to a Canton Township woman while it was parked at the Speedway gas station at Five Mile and Sheldon Road on the night of April 11.

The woman told police she had left the Ford Fusion unlocked for about an hour, with the items in her purse, which was also stolen.

Failure to deliver

A man expecting delivery of an Apple iPhone 4 at his home on Denise Court, in the area of Ann Arbor Trail and McLampha, received only an empty box on April 5, a police report said.

The man told police the package appeared to have been cut open and retaped after the phone was removed.

Vandalism

Two tires on a Ford Escape were slashed Friday morning as the vehicle sat parked outside a house on Knollview Court, in the area of Beck Road and M-14. The vandalism occurred between just before 1 a.m. and about 7:30 a.m. Friday, the complainant told police. The complainant said the Escape had also been egged the prior weekend.

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Walk gives a boost to healthy baby cause

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Nancy Henzi of Livonia was walking Saturday, April 27, with the "Madison Hope Henzi" team for the March of Dimes.

She and husband Matt lost their daughter on Christmas Eve 2007, and have walked each year since then, also in honor of son Knox, 2.

"Great," she said of their son's health prior to the six-mile March for Babies' start. "Dancing and looking at police cars." Knox made it through most of the six miles before needing a ride.

"We're so grateful for the March of Dimes," his mom said. "The organization means the world to us. They were there just to be supportive. There's so much research they do to give each baby a healthy start."

40-year milestone

Roland Walt of Farmington Hills is a proud 89-year-old who's a regular. "This'll be my 40th year, consecutively," said Walt, who received special recognition that morning.

"I'm walking for babies. I have healthy grandchildren and healthy children and I'm grateful for that."

Much of his family attended the Hines Park event, which began and ended at the Nankin Mills area in Westland and moved onto Livonia. Walt has three children and five grandkids. "All of my grandchildren are great," he said with a smile when asked about the coming generation.

"Years ago, we worried about polio," Walt recalled. When the vaccine was developed and polio disappeared in western countries, the March of Dimes moved onto premature births.

'Worthy cause'

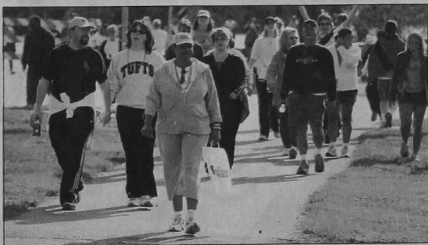
"I get together with my family for a worthy cause," Walt said. "The March of Dimes is one of the first to walk for a worthwhile charity."

His dad had a store and would collect dimes to fight polio through the March of Dimes. Walt's proud of there being fewer premature babies: "It's getting lower every year and that's what we're walking for. I'm just glad to be 88 years old and do the six-mile walk."

He walks regularly for fitness. "Forty years ago, it didn't mean anything," Walt said of fitness walking. "That's something new."

A tree was planted in Walt's honor in Hines Park, drawing a round of applause.

Walking the route was Cynthia DeVerney of Garden City, walking in honor of her late mom and Cynthia's sister who had a birth defect.



Walkers during the March of Dimes walk on Hines Drive.

FILE PHOTOS



Walkers for the March of Dimes on Hines Drive in Livonia.

"She died when she was five days old," said DeVerney, whose mother died 20 years ago. She was accompanied by daughter Michelle DeVerney of Leonard, Mich., and grandchildren Jasmine, Caitlyn and Kale.

"It means a lot to support well babies," Cynthia DeVerney said. "That's basically what the March

of Dimes has done. I'm just glad it's a beautiful day. This is awesome."

Slies were blue and temperatures rapidly climbed as walkers, many in distinctive T-shirts, made progress. Some T-shirts bore babies' images.

Mom and daughter

Walkers included Gloria Penrod of Livonia and daughter Amanda Pen-

rod, 27, also of Livonia.

"I've just been doing this about the last eight years," Gloria Penrod said. "I enjoy it. Just good exercise, too. Raising money for the babies."

She has friends who've experienced premature births. "It takes a lot of care and a lot of money, especially if you don't have insurance," said Penrod, who likes March of Dimes educational efforts. Her daughter, an Allen Park Cabrini High graduate who also studied at Henry Ford Community College, agreed.

At the site, sponsored by Ford Motor Co. and the UAW, was state Rep. Robert Kosowski, D-Westland. He and wife Liz have two children, Andrew, 11, and Austin, 7.

"Knowing that I have two healthy kids at

home, I'm very blessed," Kosowski said. He agreed premature births and infant mortality are major policy issues.

"It's where we start off at," Kosowski said. "There can never be enough money for that."

The Northville Fire Department had volunteers at the end passing out popcorn. "We've done it for several years," said firefighter EMT John Sassaman, a Northville Township resident.

They have their own popcorn machine, and do the March of Dimes March for Babies as well as many city of Plymouth and Northville events.

Sassaman was joined by Matt Samhat, Corey Devers, Mike Wroblewski, Alex Loisele and Mike Asher, all firefighters.

"We've gone through a fair amount of popcorn,"

added Sassaman, agreeing the walkers had built up an appetite.

Barbara Bennage of St. Clair Shores is site coordinator/community director for the March of Dimes. The local goal was \$30,000, she said, with money still coming in. "We do anticipate hitting our goal," said Bennage, adding you can donate online at www.marchofdimes.org under "Donate."

"Awesome," she said in summing up the event. "The people that come out to walk in honor of their babies. We had a great turnout." There were about 2,000 Hines Park walkers and about 200 volunteers.

"We couldn't do it without the volunteers," Bennage said.

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Aaron Tassell and Scott Fowler load a ping-pong table from the Old Village Yard and Trunk sale. Three related families share the sale at this home, at Pearl and York, during the event. The families trade items with each other, even strangers and neighbors who stop by may end up getting something for free.

‘Big family’ Old Village welcomes visitors to annual yard sale

By Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

“The sidewalks, driveways and front yards of Plymouth’s Old Village were turned into a combination block party and flea market on Saturday.

The Old Village Yard and Trunk Sale, an annual event intended to help residents get started on spring cleaning and raise money for neighborhood beautification, brought out hundreds of people, from serious collectors and bargain-hunters to casual resale fans and people out enjoying the sunshine and each other’s company.

“People invite their friends who live in other neighborhoods,” said Emily Bassett, who was minding her mother Rhoda’s sale on Spring Street Saturday afternoon, joined by grandfather Ronald Bassett and Joy Burnside, a friend from Canton Township. “We’re all a big family in this neighborhood.”

“We’ve met more neighbors through the garage sale than any other way,” said Diane Ulin on her front lawn on West Liberty, where she was selling tools, glassware, jewelry, framed posters, a sewing machine and more.

Early birds

Sellers said collectors and serious shoppers were out early even before tables were set up and rummage displayed — asking for specific items and moving quickly on.

People were showing up at 7:30 a.m. Ulin said, though the sale didn’t open until 8 a.m. “You couldn’t get it out fast enough,” she said.

Pocket watches and pocket knives, license plates, cigarette lighters and vintage T-shirts were among the things sought, sellers said.

“Everybody has their own little thing that they collect or that they look for,” said Mary Blottie, a seller at Starkweather and Liberty. Theresa and Homer Bartley of Northville Township, out on Liberty with son Dakota, weren’t in the market for anything in particular, they said.

“Whatever we find that interests us,” Homer Bartley said. It was their third year visiting the sale, they said.

“I’m amazed by what they buy. It’s crazy,” said Lisa Spencer, who set up a display in a parking lot at the Station 885 restaurant, the



Hanging out at a three-family sale are Stephanie Tassell, mother of 2-year-old Henry, and Ian Vincent, on the steps.

“trunk sale” portion of the event. “They like old, they like new. You know, it’s a crapshoot.”

The trunk sale has Station 885 renting parking spaces to professional sellers — they make the rounds of area flea markets and tend to offer more collectibles than residents — who set up tables or simply open the backs of their vehicles. The money is turned over to the Old Village Association and goes toward beautification efforts.



A kitchen table and chairs — like those Grandma might have had — on sale Saturday in Old Village.

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of their way,” to help the neighborhood, he said.

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Sherry Harris takes a swing with a golf club at her sale Saturday during the annual Old Village yard and trunk sale. More than 25 households participated.



In the “trunk sale” portion of the Old Village Yard and Trunk Sale, in a parking lot at the Station 885 restaurant, Mike and Connie DelBusso watch over their daughter Michele Vigliotti’s goods as she takes a break.

‘We hit it perfect’
Event chairman Mark

Different people have different investment needs

By Rick Bloom
Guest Columnist

I want to thank all the people that showed up for my talk at the Observer & Eccentric Spring Expo. It was a lot of fun to be out there and I certainly appreciated the opportunity to speak. My main topic was discussing the different types of risks that investors need to be aware of.

At the end of the talk, I spoke to numerous investors about a wide variety of issues. One issue that I was questioned about was Roth IRAs for seniors. I advised a woman in her late 70s that it would make sense for her to do a Roth conversion. She was surprised that I would recommend that at her age. I often hear people



Money Matters
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stating that age is the determining factor as to how you invest. I believe the exact opposite — age is not that important.

I believe investors need to focus on their individual goals and objectives, as opposed to their age. In today's world, age doesn't say much about a person. After all, when you say someone is 70 years of age, what does that mean in today's world?

Some 70-year-olds are working, others are retired. Some 70-year-olds have pensions, others do not. Some people

who are 70 are going to live another 30 years, while others will be around a much shorter period of time. The bottom line is age doesn't say anything about you as an investor.

You may ask why I recommended that the woman convert some of her Roth IRA. My reasoning was first, by converting the money, it would not put her into a higher tax bracket and she did not need the money in the foreseeable future. In addition, she had accumulated from her Social Security and her pension sufficient amounts of cash to pay the taxes generated by the conversion.

Other factors that entered into my recommendation were that her pension and Social Security more than covered

her living expenses and she did not need any of the money from her required minimum distributions.

The bottom line was the money that she's converting would always be taxed. By converting, although she may pay her taxes a little sooner than necessary, the offset of that is tax-free growth and no required minimum distribution.

When you make financial decisions, look at your entire financial position along with short- and long-term goals and objectives. Only then can you make an informed decision.

I think that society sometimes tries to shove people into a particular category such as conservative, aggres-

sive, long term or short term and then treat everyone within that category the same.

I believe that when it comes to making financial decisions, you need to look at your individual situation and not worry what others around you are doing.

The right decision for you may not be the right decision for your peers. No two people are the same. When it comes to financial decisions, the key is what is good for you, not what's good for others.

Good luck!

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

Hearings planned on new county mental health authority

A series of public hearings are scheduled to be held throughout Wayne County in connection with the Detroit-Wayne County Community Mental Health Agency (DWCMHA) and its transition into becoming an authority effective Oct. 1, 2013.

The public hearings are slated for 3-5 p.m. Tuesday, May 7, at the Guidance Center, 13101 Allen Road, Southgate, and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, May 14, at Starfish Family Service, 30000 Hively, Inkster.

"This is a major alteration to the funding of this program and the Wayne County Commission is taking the necessary steps in assuring that services to citizens will not be affected at all as we undergo this transformation," said Wayne County Commissioner Tim

Killeen, D-Detroit, who has been heading the proposed transition of the Mental Health Agency.

The information discussed at these public hearings will be of value to citizens as the Mental Health Agency strives to continue providing outstanding services to some 70,000 Wayne County residents, said Killeen.

"I have taken my role very seriously in all this, and especially in the drafting of the enabling resolution so the authority can be up and running on Oct. 1, with all of the resources needed to serve those in need," he added.

Presently, the agency operates under a \$700 million-a-year budget, with the bulk of that funding emerging from the State of Michigan in the form of Medicaid dollars. However, last Decem-

ber, the state legislature passed a bill to change the agency from a county agency into a free-standing authority, thus altering the flow of money through the county to the agency.

Upon approval by the commission, the existing agency will be dissolved Oct. 1 in favor of the authority which will then qualify for state funding support through an amendment of Public Act 258 that says a county that is situated totally within it a city having a population of at least 500,000 residents must establish or administer a community mental health services program as a community mental health authority.

The proposed resolution can be viewed on the county's web site at www.waynecounty.com/commission.



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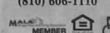
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Schoolcraft plans \$18 million in improvements

By Karen Smith
Staff Writer

Schoolcraft College will spend \$18 million on improvements over the next 18 months, including renovating a building it purchased earlier this year that may be used to offer bachelor's and master's degree programs through a partnership with a university.

Schoolcraft President Conway Jeffress said Thursday it was too early to say which university it may be, but the college is hoping to partner with one whose programs are in harmony with Schoolcraft's. He gave health professions as an example.

He said students may one day be able to complete an associate's degree, a bachelor's degree and a master's degree without leaving Schoolcraft's main campus on Haggerty Road between Six Mile and Seven Mile in Livonia.



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The 110,000-square-foot American Community Mutual Insurance, located on the corner of Seven Mile and Haggerty roads in Livonia, was purchased by Schoolcraft for \$3.4 million.

"I think Schoolcraft has been an asset and what you will have is an improved Schoolcraft," he said of the upcoming changes.

The Board of Trustees approved issuing \$18 million in bonds in a 7-0 vote Wednesday. The bonds will be repaid over the next 15 years without the need to go to voters for a tax increase, Jeffress said.

Moody's Investment Services, the nation's leading bond credit rating agency, issued Schoolcraft College one of its highest grades, an Aaa rating.

Moody's recently released a statement that said Schoolcraft received the rating because of "solid financial management that has controlled expenditure growth and utilized tuition raising flexibility to maintain strong financial revenues." The company also mentioned the "very modest debt burden" the college currently holds.

The 110,000-square-foot building, located on the corner of Seven Mile and Haggerty roads in Livonia, was formerly occupied by American Community Mutual Insurance. Schoolcraft purchased it for \$3.4 million, Jeffress said. The money for buying the building is not part of the \$18 million in bonds that will be issued, he said. The college will likely spend

at least another \$3.4 million renovating it for classrooms and offices. Offices for the continuing education department, business office, president's office and business development center are expected to move there, Jeffress said.

But the biggest portion of the \$18 million will be spent overhauling the college's main-frame computer, Jeffress said.

Other projects on the list include tearing down the existing continuing ed building and putting a parking lot in its place and building a road around the back of campus so motorists can get from Six Mile to Seven Mile without going onto Haggerty.

Jeffress said the improvements that will be generated from the \$18 million investment will be far-reaching. "We are committed to educating our public, but we also have an obligation to help stimulate economic development in the

region, and that is exactly what we plan to do," he said.

Livonia Chamber of Commerce President Dan West applauded Jeffress and his team at Schoolcraft for the planned investment, saying it will give our area's students and business community the tools needed to adjust to an ever-changing marketplace.

"For more than 50 years, Schoolcraft College has been a proactive educational institution and it continues to emerge as a key economic development resource for western Wayne County and all of the metro Detroit," he said.

Schoolcraft offers classes at its main campus and at its Public Safety Training Complex. It also operates the Radcliff Center in Garden City and offers online courses at www.schoolcraft.edu.

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AROUND PLYMOUTH-CANTON

TOUR MILLER WOODS

Date/Time: Sunday, May 5, 2-4 p.m.

Location: Miller Woods; entrance is on Powell Road, east of Ridge and north of Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth Township.

Details: The Friends of Miller Woods are offering an additional spring wildflower walk Sunday, with tours leaving every half hour. The guided tours are free and last about one hour in length. No dogs are allowed in the nature preserve.

BLOOD DRIVES

Dates/Times:

• **Monday, May 13, 1:30-7:15 p.m.,** Trinity Presbyterian Church

• **Friday, May 17, 4-7:45 p.m.,** Pioneer Middle School

• **Tuesday, May 28, 1:30-7:15 p.m.,** St. Michael's Lutheran Church

• **Wednesday, May 29, 12:30-6:15 p.m.,** Tonda Elementary School

Details: The American Red Cross sponsors blood drives during the above times at the scheduled locations. Appointments can be made, but walk-ins are welcome.

Contact: To make an appointment for any of these drives contact Diane Risko at (313) 549-7052 or email Diane.Risko@redcross.org

SPRING POTTERY SALE

Date/Time: May 4 (10 a.m. to 6 p.m.); May 5 (11 a.m. to 4 p.m.)

Location: Village Potters Guild studio, 340 N. Main in Plymouth (behind The Crossings restaurant).

Details: The Village Potters Guild is holding its annual spring sale. Functional and decorative pottery created by members of the guild will be available at this year's event. Tableware, tiles, jewelry and a wide range of decorative and framed pieces will be sold.

Contact: For more information or directions to the studio for the sale, visit www.villagepottersguild.org or call (734) 207-8807.

CALLING ALL CRAFTERS

Location: West Middle School, Ann Arbor Trail and Sheldon, Plymouth

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Owner Victor Visocchi and the local staff of ProTect Painters, which completes residential and exterior painting projects in the western Detroit area.

Housing rebound keeps ProTect Painters busy

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

Victor Visocchi: ProTect Painters completes residential and exterior painting projects in the western Detroit metro area. We can also help you with proper color or coordination of older homes and contemporary designs, interior design schemes, paint failure corrections, and other additional painting services. We are always accessible to answer questions or concerns. We regard communication as essential to our customer satisfaction. After all, our customer's approval is imperative to our continued success.

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Observer: How did you get started in this business?

Victor Visocchi: Business is a passion for me. I do it because it's a lifestyle and a sense of freedom. I started my first business in high school repairing televisions, which were early signs for my love for the service business. What can I say? Small business own-

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ers are pathological optimists. They're like thoroughbred horses — they don't want to be held back, they want to run.

Observer: What's the best reason to do business in this area?

Victor Visocchi: We love the area and we feel it represents the economic growth area for the region.

Record: How are things going lately?

Victor Visocchi: Things could not be better. The Metro Detroit housing market is rebounding, especially in the Northville and Novi area. With homeowners now buying and moving into their new homes, they are fixing up many parts of their new home, including getting new paint jobs inside and out.

Observer: Do you have a funny tidbit or story to share with our readers about your experience so far as a small business owner?

Victor Visocchi: Depending on where you are working and your attitude towards it, work can be a blessing or a

curse. Whether you are a business owner or an employee, if work is not a blessing for you, the problem is not the work itself but the work you are doing. To quote James M. Barrie, "Nothing is really work unless you would rather be doing something else." Many hard working entrepreneurs were once unproductive employees. Now, with their wagon hitched to their own star, work is the stuff of their dreams. Many productive employees, who were once unsuccessfully self-employed, now understand the blessings of employment. These people become the most valuable of resources — the entrepreneurial employee who loves his or her work. Work feeds our stomachs with food and our spirit with accomplishment. Work creates, produces, energizes and fulfills all things humans need for survival and happiness. Life is short. Keep searching until you find work you can love. I did.

CHAMBER CHAT

After hours

Canton Chamber of Commerce members can celebrate Canton's Acts of Culture Week with what organizers are calling a "creatively different" After Hours event 5-7:30 p.m. tonight (Thursday).

The chamber sponsors this mixer, hosted by D&M Art Studio, in honor of Canton Township's third annual Acts of Culture Week.

The event will feature wine-tasting and hors d'oeuvres, live chalk art will be performed, a masterpiece will be created and door prizes will be awarded.

Admission to the event is free. D&M Art Studios is located at 8691 N. Lilley in Canton.

For more information, call (734) 453-3710.

First Friday

The Canton Chamber of Commerce's next 1st Friday Club takes place 6-8:30 a.m. Friday, May 3, at the chamber office, located at 45525 Hanford in Canton.

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

To make a reservation, reply to this email or call (734) 453-4040.

Coffee Connection

Nico & Vali hosts the next Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce Coffee Connection 8-9 a.m. Thursday,



Optical opening

RX Optical's newest location is in the same shopping plaza as Kroger on Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth Township, with the side of their building facing Sheldon Road. This Michigan-based company from Kalamazoo has recently expanded into the area with three locations in western Wayne County. Pictured around the ribbon is local optometrist Sonia Burgoyne, along with executives and staff from RX Optical and Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors.

May 9.

The Chamber Coffee Connection, chamber officials said, is "a great way to start your business day. You can enjoy a cup of coffee and breakfast treats while making new connections with other Chamber members."

Nico & Vali is located at 744 Wing St. one block east of Main St. These events are designed for 20-40 members to meet in a comfortable setting where they can get to know each other.

There is no fee to attend this event. Anyone interested in attending can email ter@plymouthmich.org or call (734) 453-1540 by May 7.

Business news

From the desks of the folks at the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority:

- Eclectic Artie is looking for a business to share their space on Forest Ave (approximately 800 square feet). Interested parties can contact Tina at (734) 416-1186.

- Fremont Insurance, a Michigan-exclusive property and casualty insurance carrier, has designated Kennedy Nemier Insurance Agency as one of the company's "Best of the Best" insurance agencies. Only five agencies from across the state, less than 3 percent of the company's agency force, earn this distinction.

- Core sport is hosting a fundraiser to raise money that will help St. Jude Children's Research Hospital find new treatments for children with cancer and other catastrophic diseases. The event is Saturday, May 11, a family-friendly fundraiser workout in Kellogg Park. Any businesses that can donate to the cause should call Jessica Liddell at (734) 459-1547.

- After seven years, ROM Fitness Studio will be closing May 24. We are so grateful to have worked with so many great clients. The current plan is for Whitaker Therapy to remain at the same location. If anyone is in need of scheduling for therapy the phone number is (734) 459-4538.

- Hub Real Estate Solutions added Patty Cramer to the team. Cramer has years of industry experience with consistent sales production and looks forward to doing the same at Hub. In addition, she has a background in Interior Design and will be offering this service and home staging along with her real estate expertise.

Fifth Third and the Scouts

Fifth Third Bank and the Boy Scouts of American Michigan Crossroads Council have entered into a statewide partnership. In keeping with its long history of community involvement, Fifth Third Bank will work on a number of initiatives alongside the Michigan Crossroads Council throughout 2013. The announcement was made at the Fifth Third Bank Eastern Michigan Affiliate Headquarters' Town Center in Southfield. Local Boy Scouts, officially launching the partnership, formally presented representatives from Fifth Third

BUSINESS BRIEFS



Richard Fisher, Field Service Executive, Great Lakes Field Service Council, Michigan Crossroads Council, John Worthington, CFO Fifth Third Bank Eastern Michigan and John Reesor, Scout Executive and CEO Boy Scouts of American Crossroads Council.

Bank with an American flag.

This relationship will work to both strengthen Boy Scout recruitment and retention as well as connect the business community with the scouting community to create long-term partnerships and programs. In order to thrive and stay competitive, Michigan needs a solid base of young people who are enthusiastic about shaping their communities and making a difference across the state. Fifth Third Bank and Michigan Crossroads Council share this vision and support those who seek out opportunities for positive change.

Fifth Third Bank will develop financial literacy programs that will allow the scouts to earn a merit badge upon completion and tailor financial products and services for local scouts and their families.

Wine Month

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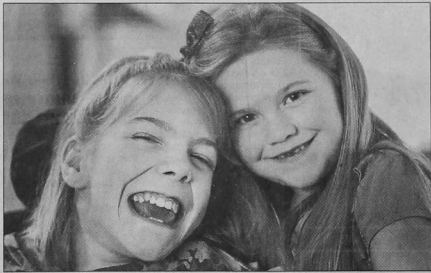
By Diane Gale Andreassi
Staff Writer

Sometimes Breanna Strange, 11, is cooped up at home, because trying to get her from place to place is just too difficult.

The South Lyon resident doesn't complain, she just takes it in stride, her mom, Kim, said.

"She has a new wheelchair and it's so awkward and heavy, I don't take her out as much as I used to," Kim said. "I'll be going to the grocery store and she'll say, 'Oh, Mom, you go ahead to the store, I'll stay here.' She knows how difficult it is for me to lift the chair, and she's so caring, I have been lifting her to her car seat and out into the van and out of the van. I've been doing this for years. I have said we will get a van, but right now we can't afford it."

Life for Breanna, a player in the Miracle League of Plymouth baseball league for special-needs players, and her family could change if she wins a contest for a wheelchair-accessible van sponsored by National Mobility Equipment Dealers Association's Life



Breanna Strange, 11, and her sister, Peyton, 7, pose for the camera.

Moving Forward event during National Mobility Awareness Month.

In less than a week, Breanna received more than 12,000 votes, but the family is hoping to get many more votes from strangers who will take a moment to vote at www.vote4breanna.com. The deadline is May 10. The Strange family, which also includes her sister, Peyton, 7, and her dad, Dave, started the com-

petition April 15 and the voting began Feb. 25. But the disadvantage isn't going to stop their drive to continue moving forward in their quest.

"We have gone viral on Facebook," Kim said. "We have friends telling friends telling friends."

Votes are coming from all over the world, Kim said, recalling a recent moment when a stranger approached her and said "Is that Breanna? I've

from the disease dystonia, a neurological movement disorder that causes painful muscle contractions, repetitive movements and odd postures.

"She is a normal 11-year-old girl stuck in a body that will not obey her commands," Kim said. "She has an aura about her. She is the happiest child. If someone is sad, she says, 'I'm so sorry you are sad. I'll pray for you.' She literally says this from the bottom of her heart. She truly believes God is going to heal her. She touches a lot of people's hearts. She has a way of dealing with it even on a bad day. She is never mad at anyone."

It's not unusual for her to strike up a conversation with strangers by introducing herself. She usually leaves the new friend by asking if she can give them a hug.

"She probably has more hugs from people in different states and countries

than anyone on this planet," Kim said. "People say, 'I love that smile. There's something about her. I just want to vote for her.'"

The middle school student is in the South Lyon Community Schools general education program with some special education classes to help her complete her work despite her involuntary movements. She's not mentally impaired.

On Friday morning, Breanna was in 45th place in a field of 1,000 people competing for the van.

"My goal is close that gap," Kim said. "Every-one is deserving. I just want to go with my story and keep my heart and prayers with my story. I feel for those people. Believe me, there are so many cases out there."

Contest rules allow people to vote every day and multiple times a day as long as it's done on a different device or at a different IP (or Internet Protocol) address.

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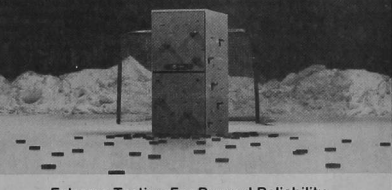
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Lutheran High students spend day helping others

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

Cole Niemi knows something about apples. Also potatoes.

A junior at Lutheran High School Westland, the Garden City teen recently spent a day at Gleaners Community Food Bank in Detroit, doing quality control on more than 8,000 pounds of apples and potatoes that were bagged for distribution to families.

"Each bag was for one family, I think we helped almost 1,000 families," said Niemi. "It's a good feeling to help in the community."

Niemi asked to be assigned to Gleaners — "I wanted to do something with my hands" — as part of a Service Day at the high school that takes students out of the classroom and puts them into the community to help others. One hundred ninety of the school's 204 students participated, going to places like Gleaners, the Lutheran Home in Monroe and Peace Lutheran Church in Detroit.

The all-school Service Day was started by the school's spiritual live group, ALIVE, last year. Students earned a lot of the \$2,500 needed to provide transportation to the 13 different locations, buy painting supplies and prizes for bingo, according to teacher Jeaneen Wyly.

The students were at four-five Lutheran schools, including one in Northville, where they taught lessons. They were at four locations in Detroit, including Peace Lutheran Church, and worked with preschoolers at Starfish Family Services in Inkster.

Making blankets

Some of the students remained at the high



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Lutheran High School Westland student Christine Sankey and teacher Deb Carr work on knotted fleece blankets that were donated to Lutheran World Relief to give to families in emergency or dangerous situations.

school, which draws students from the western suburbs, including Westland, Garden City, Livonia, Plymouth and Dearborn. They made knotted fleece blankets, sanitation kits and school kits for Lutheran World Relief. The organization provides the blankets and kits to families who have lost everything due to a natural disaster or violence around the world.

"I think it was very successful," said teacher Jeaneen Wyly. "I think it opened the kids' eyes a little bit by them reaching out to the community. We prepare students to do things in Christ's way, but how do they do that? They hear and learn a lot, but they need to see what's out there, what's outside the school."

This is the second year Niemi participated in Service Day. Last year, he went to the Lutheran Home and visited with its senior residents. He enjoyed it, but it wasn't what he really wanted to do.

"That's not labor intensive, the old folks talk a lot, but I wanted to do

something where I use my hands," he said.

He signed up for Gleaners, but instead of helping fill sacks with apples and potatoes, he handled quality control. The students would bring the produce to him and he'd determine what was good to bag and what was spoiled.

"I felt like I was helping, but it got a little monotonous," he said. "I was a little disappointed, but it was the job I was assigned to do."

"There was a lot of freshmen in his group," said Wyly. "We needed someone who could focus on doing that for awhile. Cole can."

Clair Gordon of Dearborn visited the Lutheran Home where she sang hymns, played bingo and visited with the residents. Unable to participate in the first Service Day when she was a freshman, she found her day at the home "a good experience."

"I felt the residents enjoyed us being there, it was nice to be able to take the time to help others and not focus on ourselves," she said. "It was nice to take the time from school to brighten someone's day."

In the schools

Jonah Lambart of Garden City did Gleaners last year. This year, he was

assigned to work with students at Christ the King Lutheran School, one of four-five Lutheran schools students went to interact with students and in one instance, teach lessons.

Lambart, a junior, helped in the classroom and did whatever needed to be done. He did multiplication bingo with third-graders, made tissue paper flowers with fourth-graders, worked on science with sixth-graders and played a geography game with eighth-graders. "They destroyed us," he said.

He also played basketball with first-graders and even tried his hand at Double Dutch jump rope with second-graders during recess. He let the first-graders score a few baskets, but had to admit

"the second-grade girls were much better than I was" jumping rope.

"I like to go to the grade schools because it's fun," he said. "You get to be a child again and the teachers give you things."

The pastor gave the students a tour of the church, telling them that at one time there were 300 people at Mass, now the church is serving 30 a week. Mika also found the pastor to be "extremely interesting." A former Marine with ministerial experience, he got the job when the former pastor announced he was retiring and pointed to him when member of the congregation asked who was going to replace him.

"He's still trying to do things for the community," Mika said.

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OUR VIEWS

Volunteers give amazing effort to help others

Christmas came early for several homeowners in Canton Saturday, while in both Plymouth and Canton, several others were the beneficiaries of not-so-random acts of kindness.

It was the weekend of helping as several area programs coincided, and partnered, to help senior citizens and families who can't help themselves, some because of age, others through circumstances outside their control. The programs are intertwined, joined together for a common goal: Helping others. Canton's Christmas in Action, run for years now by Jim Cisek with a team of hundreds of volunteers and in partnership with business such as Home Depot, Canton Waste Recycling, IbeX Insurance and many others, ran its total of homes fixed up to 95 with the nine they did Saturday. And that's just in nine years.

Plymouth Community United Way was back out in force, in both Plymouth and Canton, helping seniors no longer able to do simple chores like raking leaves and pruning bushes.

And Comcast held its annual Comcast Cares Days, packaging food out of its Plymouth Township

offices to help feed the hungry. And their effort wasn't just the one day; Comcast held a blood drive at its Plymouth call center on Monday, and some of the food they packaged Saturday will go to the Plymouth Community United Way. The PCUW, meanwhile, ran the rake-n-go in Plymouth and Canton, and also gave a \$2,500 grant to Christmas in Action.

It's all about neighbors helping neighbors, about making life easier — and better — for those who can't for themselves any more.

It's a great day, but don't take our word for it. Listen to 81-year-old Plymouth resident Joan Brady: "I am so very thankful for the help I get from the United Way ... They are a blessing to me."

And to Canton resident Harry Weaver III, left paralyzed from the waist down after being shot in a robbery attempt after leaving a meeting — in a cruel twist of irony it was a meeting of a group of people planning ways to help other people — in Detroit. As Christmas in Action volunteers worked in his Canton home, Weaver called "amazing" the "outpouring of help from total strangers like this army of people doing all of this for us."



Tasha Coleman's team from the Michigan Avenue Target store in Canton take part in Saturday's United Way rake-and-go.

It's an accurate word to describe not only the people who do the work, but also the people who run the programs and the folks who own the businesses that contribute

so greatly to the projects.

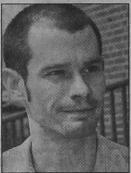
If you haven't been part of it, perhaps you should. And then you, too, can be amazed. And amazing.

COMMUNITY VOICE

Were you surprised by the April 15 bombings in Boston, and why or why not?



"Yes. It hit too close to home, I think."
Robyn Lowenstein
Plymouth



"Yeah, it was surprising. You just don't expect something like that after all the high security we have these days."
Colin Young
Plymouth Township



"Not really. We've got a lot of funny people running around the streets."
Leonard Jordan
Plymouth



"No. It's simple: If you have a terrorist entity that's around the world, I'm surprised it hasn't happened sooner and with greater frequency."
Jim Danielski
Canton Township

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GUEST COLUMN

By Kurt Heise
Guest Columnist

The decision last month by Federal Judge Sean Cox to dismiss a 35-year lawsuit against the Detroit Water & Sewer Department is a mixed blessing for millions of southeast Michigan residents who are the water and sewer customers of the system (124 communities and



Kurt Heise

nearly a third of Michigan's population depend on this critical water and sewer utility).

As an attorney and former city and county official who has been actively involved in this issue for nearly 20 years, Judge Cox's dismissal of the case was an event I frankly never thought would happen.

But this good news comes with a challenge for our region — do we stay on the current path for DWS&S, with its history of corruption, unreasonable rates, secret meetings, no-bid contracts and bloated bureaucracy, or do we the residents in both the suburbs and Detroit deserve to operate it?

Current DWS&S leadership would like to preserve the status quo. They asked Judge Cox to order a regional authority as requested by the DWS&S's "root cause committee." But this secretive committee, itself created by court order, operates outside of any law

or ordinance, and is dominated by current and former Detroit and Wayne County politicians, employees, and appointees looking to maintain their hold on the system.

Customer in charge

Fortunately Judge Cox rejected their request, saying in part that their financial assumptions were "purely speculative." Cox recommended that the region resolve the issue of a regional authority through the legislative and political process.

As state representative for Plymouth, Northville and eastern Canton, I've introduced House Bill 4009, which would create the Southeast Michigan Water Quality Alliance. The legislation would put the customer in charge while retaining each community's ownership in the system. It would put all decisions out in the open.

It also allows for 40-year bonding for current and future water and sewer projects. By taking advantage of refinancing and today's favorable interest rates, the region would see millions of dollars in savings.

My bill would create permanent regional oversight by customer communities — represented at the table by your publicly-accountable mayor or supervisor. A new executive board made up of Detroit, Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Genesee, and local government representatives would jointly manage water and sewer operations, hiring an executive director, overseeing the budget, water rates, procure-

ment, contracting, and the bidding process.

Working together

This legislation would create a new way of working together — smarter, more efficient, and with the highest level of transparency and accountability. Similar regional governance models are already in place in Southeast Michigan and around the country, and should be demanded by the public from any modern public utility.

I'm also calling on Governor Snyder and Detroit's Emergency Manager Kevin Orr to conduct a full outside audit of DWS&S. It's time to shine some light into the sewers and find out where our money is being spent. Detroiters, and our region, deserve nothing less.

You can help make DWS&S more accountable and responsible for the customers it serves. Call or write your legislator today and demand an audit of DWS&S, and passage of House Bill 4009. We own it, we paid for it, and our hard-working taxpayers deserve to manage it. The time is right for all of us to join together and make our clean water assets the best they can be, at a price we can afford.

State Rep. **Kurt Heise**, R-Plymouth Township, is a second-term lawmaker representing the 20th House District. He can be reached toll-free at (855) 737-5878, via e-mail at KurtHeise@house.mi.gov

LETTERS

Moving forward

Proposal A, approved two decades ago, made two promises to public schools which were never kept: Annual inflation increases and the leveling of per-student funding across school districts. Even when the School Aid Fund was flush, Lansing (especially the last 10 years) chose to continue its choke-hold on money due to our schools, causing districts like Plymouth-Canton to take drastic measures like raising class size.

Combining that with the necessary draining of district emergency reserves, there is no longer the ability to make even minor improvements through its operating budget. Therefore, I recommend support of the bond issue in the May 7 election.

Ours is a leading Michigan community. To continue as a destination where people want to live, work and play we must invest in our infrastructure. Just as constant upkeep of our homes is necessary to maintain its value, we all own these shared

resources (buildings, vehicles and technology) and must invest in them.

So when community leaders request assistance to ensure we remain on top, our job is to provide that help. We must replace the infrastructure that is years out of date (buildings, buses). We must add the safety features required in this difficult historical period (cameras, alarms). And we must add the modern features (1:1 computing, DVR, wifi, STEM curriculum) that keep us, at a minimum, abreast of the communities which surround us.

Thinking three dimensionally about our public schools is required. Again, the last decade forced the district to raise class size to balance its waning budget. Raising class size, thus diluting its product, is a "going out of business" strategy. I am pleased that practice was ended two years ago, but the damage was done.

Therefore, concurrent with passing this bond, we must insist

the Board of Education do its part as well. It's time to reverse those decisions that impacted our district the most. Empty classrooms exist because they sit next to overcrowded ones. Lowering class size will benefit both our students and employees, who have already helped with concessions for seven straight years now.

Reasonable numbers of students in each class raises employment in our community, and provides students with greater access to instruction. Any empty classrooms will be filled.

Combined with the jump in home starts the last year, the demand for modern classrooms will be here in months, not years. We must be prepared. Please support this measure on May 7.

My comments represent me and not any organization of which I am a member.

Steven Sneideman
Canton Township trustee and former president, PCCS Board of Education

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Rocks in record-breaking mood

Dave Gerlach is getting used to watching world-class athletes come through for his Salem varsity girls' track and field team.

Such was the case again Saturday at the Oxford Invitational. The Rocks (60 points) placed third out of 23 teams in a highly competitive field and set three school record in the process. Finishing 1-2 were Rochester Adams and Walley Lake Central, with 92 and 72 points, respectively.

Junior Kayla Kavulich set new Salem standards in the 800 run (2:15.17) and 1,600 run (\$:02.08), coming in second and third, respectively, in those events.

Also, the 400-meter relay team of Sarah Martin, Shekinah Johnson, Nancy Krutty and Khyli Ray set a record with a time of 50:42, also second place overall.

"A great competition and venue brought out the best in our ladies today," said Gerlach, in his first season as the team's head coach. "Big-time athletes know when it's time to step up and they did that today, breaking three school records during the competition."

"Finishing third at a competition of this caliber is impressive and a true testimony of how this core group of athletes is really setting the tone for the rest of the team."

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Salem's Kayla Kavulich set two school records at the Oxford Invite.

Salem enjoyed several other solid performances, including a fourth-place finish in the 1,600-meter relay by Anya Cho, Alexandra Davis, Ray and Kavulich.

In field events, Dana Blankenship registered a second-place finish in the discus, with teammate Rebecca Falzon taking sixth. Krutty made it in third in the pole vault and Shara Long's finished sixth in the shot put.

Ray (third, 100 dash), Alexandra Davis (sixth, 200 dash) and Johnson (seventh, 100 dash) also placed.

SALEM 99, SOUTH LYON 38: On Tuesday the visiting Rocks improved to 4-0 on the season.

Key performers included Annie Patterson (3,200 run), Chinese Mbango (long jump), Khyli Ray (100 dash), Dana Blankenship (discus), Shara Long (shot put), Rebecca Falzon (discus), Kayla Kavulich (200, 400 dash), Shannon Flynn (1,600 run), Anya Cho (800 run), Nancy Krutty (pole vault) and high jumpers Kelly Whalen, Morgan Tilley and Jamya Wilson.

"We wanted to go into South Lyon and take care of business while working on a few things before the conference finals," Salem coach Dave Gerlach said. "We did that and got to see some things in our preparation."



Salem senior PJ Rogers (No. 7) carries the ball during Saturday's victory over Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard.

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kind of offense the Rocks displayed Saturday.

"It means everything. As long as you have the ball, the other team can't score," Nemzek said.

"It lets us run through our offense and dictate what happens throughout the game and declare the pace of the game and we did a good job of that today."

Although Senior Day went as well as it possibly could have, Nemzek and the team knows plenty of challenges are around the corner. For starters, the Rocks visit KLAAs thorn-in-the-side Northville on Wednesday.

"They just kept playing hard," he said. "We know we have a long road ahead of us and we said we wanted to play our best lacrosse in May and May is upon us. They're going in the right direction."

Rogers scored one goal and added three helpers, with junior Parker Godfrey connecting for two goals.

"He's our faceoff leader," Nemzek said about Lee. "He's been a tremendous leader for us all year and just a great faceoff guy."

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RELAYS

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ing quality opposition and the absence of senior hurdler Josh Gandy, who has a hamstring injury. Gandy helped CC win the shuttle hurdles relay last year.

"One thing people don't realize is when we get to this meet, it's we're at a disadvantage, because we don't have any pole vault," Magni said. "People say, 'It's CC this and CC that!' We're in a hole before we even begin."

The Shamrocks have found a way to make up on the deficit, however, on the track and with superb performances in the field events.

Junior Dylan Roney and senior David Houle, who will play football at Harvard, were on the teams that won the shot put and discus last year. They will be joined by Shane Campau in both events.

Senior Jack Malinowski of Farmington Hills (Our Lady of Sorrows) is a multi-talented athlete who will play a key role for the Shamrocks again.

He anchored the shuttle hurdles team and helped CC get second place in the high jump and 1,600 relay. He won these events and the 110-meter hurdles.

"Jack is our workhorse," Magni said. "Jack has been on the team four years and has done a great job for the school." CC has been greatly helped in the sprints by the addition of senior Dan Jasso, a first-year member of the team. On the flip side, Magni said he had a 4.2-mile run he decided not to run this year.

"One area we've been strong is with our shot put and discus throwers," Magni said. "We'll do well there. Our high jump is not bad. We've got one good jumper and, hopefully, we'll get a couple guys to help with him."

He added the Shamrocks are more consistent in the long jump and could score

THE BIG EVENT

WHAT: 43rd annual Observerland Boys Track & Field Relays.

WHEN: Saturday, May 4. Field events begin at 3 p.m. Running prelims are at 6 p.m. and the finals at 6:30 p.m.

WHERE: Farmington High School, 32000 Shiawassee (just west of Orchard Lake Road between Garden River Avenue and Ten Mile Road).

WHO: Novi Detroit Catholic Central, defending champion; Farmington, Salem, Livonia Stevenson, Livonia Churchill, Livonia Franklin, Canton, Livonia Clarenceville, Plymouth, Farmington Harrison, Northville, Westland John Glenn, Redford Union, Redford Thurston, Garden City, Wayne Memorial.

Schools listed in order of 2012 finish.

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OPEN EVENTS: 110-meter high hurdles, 1,600 run and 100 dash.

COST: The price for admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for students (non-college); children 4 and under will be admitted free of charge.

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'Cats Melnick powers win

Plymouth junior Kyle Melnick demonstrated Tuesday why he is emerging as a key member of the Wildcats' varsity boys golf team.

Melnick parlayed long shots off the tee into comradery at the Hills with a 37 to spark Plymouth's 157-180 victory over Livonia Franklin.

Sharing top honors were senior Ryan Rieckhoff and junior Chris Kozler, each with 37.

"I think Kyle Melnick was the featured player today in terms of turning in an outstanding set of nine holes," Plymouth head coach Nick Brandon said. "He was hovering around par most of the afternoon."

"He is a powerful player, probably the biggest hitter on the team. His power really showed throughout today."

Junior Evan Chipman tallied a 41 for the Wildcats, while juniors Alex Decker and Jack Marentic made their varsity debuts with respective scores of 41 and 42.

Suntel Invite

On Monday at Birmingham Country Club, Plymouth finished third at the Suntel Invitational with 304 strokes, with Canton not far behind with 310.



Canton's Brent Perry, shown from a tournament last season, sank his first hole-in-one at Monday's Suntel Invite.

Capturing the event was Novi-Detroit Catholic Central with 292, followed by White Lake Lakeland (297).

Tourney medalist was Plymouth senior Kyle Rodes, with a 68.

"I was proud of the way our guys played against some very stiff competition," Brandon said. "Far and away, this was the best field we've played in this season."

Rieckhoff chipped in with a 78 at the invite

GIRLS TENNIS RESULTS

(P) def. Maddie Chimento-Julia Grammatico, 6-4, 6-2; No. 4: Ally Cizek-Kym Facto (P) def. Sarah Morse-Sam Curry, 6-4, 6-4; No. 5: Shannon Huff-Hannah Cobane (P) def. Caitlin McCamant-Clairena Smith, 6-1, 6-1.

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April 29 at Salem
No. 1 singles: Ashley Walker (S) def. Amanda Montrief, 6-0, 6-2; No. 2: Chelsea Yu (S) def. Hannah Munzberger, 6-0, 6-0; No. 3: Tiffany Chen (S) def. Kaitlyn Ostridge, 6-0, 6-2; No. 4: Kylene Enright (S) def. Hannah

Dean, 6-1, 6-2.
No. 1 doubles: Julia Meriles-Kate Vena (S) def. Sabrina Cook-Sara Pabst, 6-1, 6-1; No. 2: Abby Collingwood-Kyle Flynn (S) def. Madeline Herzog-Ashley Pogue, 6-3, 6-1; No. 3: Rachel Herschick-Kendall Berghofer (S) def. Sam Jenkins-Onyiah Lach, 6-0, 6-1; No. 4: Natasha Consul-Courtney Simpson (S) def. Kaitlin Richter-Devin Schaffer, 6-2, 6-3; No. 5: Ashli Nagar-Madison Kulis (S) def. Ashley Koltz-Amanda Wandrie, 6-0, 6-0.

Dual match records: Salem, 4-3 overall, 4-2 KLAAC Central Division.

Canton vaults to first win

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Canton enjoyed a field day — literally — at the expense of host Westland John Glenn on Tuesday.

The Chiefs defeated the Rockets 101-36 for their first dual meet victory of the season after three losses.

Canton broke it wide open in the field events, which took place at the end of the meet, securing a 42-3 edge.

"They put all the field events at the bottom of the list," Richardson said. "It was much closer until we had the field events and then we swept four out of five field events."

"I'm happy for our guys to get the win," he said. "We were close a couple times." Richardson said several double winners keyed the win.

"If I had to nominate an athlete of the day it would have to be (senior co-captain) James Hildreth," he said.

Hildreth had "the biggest day of his career" with firsts in the pole vault (10-feet, 6-inches), 100 hurdles (17 seconds), 300 hurdles (42.3) and as part of the 1,600-meter relay.

Other double winners included Anthony Ouegbeni in shot put and discus (39-10, 110-4, respectively), Jamal Dixon (high jump, 6-6; long jump, 20-1.5) and Evan Dunklee (1,600 run, 4:51.5, 3,200 run, 10:31).

"This gives us more confidence than what we've been feeling lately," Richardson said. "Not used to what happened to us in the first meet, but again, our kids rose to the occasion today." Colby Morris had a big day, Evan Dunklee

had a big day. I could go on and on."

Morris tallied seconds in the 100 and 200 dashes with times of 11.2 and 22.4, respectively. Richardson noted that Morris actually tied first place Jaron Flournoy but "he got outleaded" at the wire.

The Chiefs excelled in the relays, particularly the quartet of Morris, Jacob Manly, Anthony Tillman and Alan Jones. That unit finished first in the 400 relay (45.7) and 800 relay (1:32.7).

"We like that little unit, they work hard every day on the exchanges," Richardson said. "I think we're going to get faster. I hope they're ready for Saturday because that's the lineup we'll use at Observerland."

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Wildcats skill camp set

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

Sessions are as follows: 5-to-7 p.m. for youngsters entering grades 5-9; 7-to-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-to-7:30 p.m. followed by players entering grades 10-12 from 7:30-to-9 p.m. Mandatory 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 249-1234 or Mike Sawchuk at (734) 765-7766.

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 includes 18 holes of golf, lunch and dinner and prizes.

A portion of the proceeds from the event will be earmarked for The Miracle League, which "provides opportunities for all children with special needs to play baseball regardless of their abilities."

The Inn at St. John's is located at 44045 Five Mile Road in Plymouth. For additional information, contact Paul Cassatta at (734) 371-1380 or paulc826@gmail.com or go to the Cardinals' website to download a registration form (sites).

Salem boys prevail in boys track

Salem defeated South Lyon 70-67 Tuesday in a KLAAC varsity boys track and field dual meet.

The Rocks (2-2) featured several strong performances, including Michael Hoover, who anchored both winning sprint relay teams and was second in the shot put and discus.

Joining Hoover on the teams were Sean Davis, Steven Homrich, Drake Ingram and Guo-win Ingram. Jordan also was

victorious in the 100 dash and placed second in the long jump.

In the 3,200-meter relay, the tandem of Jeremy Drouillard, Patrick Casey, Alex Creekmore and Riley Dostader finished first. Miles Mason finished first in the 110 hurdles with Justin Broughman third, as the Rocks scored some depth points.

Likewise, Jon Hoeseche and Evan Bruyere went 2-3 in the 400 and the Rocks swept the pole vault

with Chipman and junior John Tatti each registering 79s.

For the Chiefs, Donnie Trosper led the way with a 72, followed by Tyler McMahan (75), Chris Dooley (81), Brent Perry (82) and Alex Champagne (87).

Canton's highlight was a hole-in-one by Perry. He used a 9-iron on the 166-yard No. 7 hole.

PCEP RYDER CUP: The Plymouth Wildcats won Friday's PCEP Ryder Cup event at Fox Hills, with 72 strokes.

In second with 79 was Canton, followed by Salem, 82. For Plymouth, Kyle Rodes and Ryan Rieckhoff shot a 34 and 38, respectively.

For Canton, Donnie Trosper shot a 37 with Alex Champagne (42) and Evan Bruyere (42). Salem's top golfer was Brady Cole, with a 40, followed by Brian Patterson's 42.

Plymouth also finished first (either all alone or in a tie) in three other events.

Results were as follows:
Alternate Shot: 1. Plymouth (Canton) (Chris McKee-Kozler), 36; 2. Canton (Chris Dooley-Noah Lindbauer), 39; 3. Salem (Jack Sealy-Nate Sassi), 41.

Best Ball: 1. (tie) Plymouth (Canton) (Jack Sealy-Nate Sassi), 37; 1. (tie) Salem (Connor Cole-Jake Lang), 37; 3. Canton (Chris Dooley-Brent Perry), 39.

Scramble: 1. Plymouth (Canton) (Chris McKee-Kozler), 34; 2. (tie) Canton (Chris Schenk-Andreas Champagne), 35; 2. (tie) Salem (Darius Jackson-McCormack), 35.

google.com/site/canton-cardinals700/

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 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 players.

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 president David Kwiecinski (dkwiecinski@ford.com) or Jim Whyte, Blackwell's general sales manager (jwhyte@blackwellford.com).

(Chris Dierker, Austin Whitted, Dhruv Patel).

On their schedules, Donovan Drouillard placed third in the 1,600 run and second in the 3,200 while Brendan McCann came in third in the two-miler. Meanwhile, Creekmore won the 800 run and Russell Sharpe finished third, as the Rocks scored second in the pole vault and Devin Cameron took third in the shot put.

Hot-hitting Chiefs on roll

Canton parlayed a big weekend into even more success to open the week.

The Chiefs went 5-0 to win the Macomb Classic and followed up with Monday's 6-2 win over South Lyon in a KLAAC crossover varsity softball match.

In Monday's victory, the Chiefs (8-0 overall, 3-0 in the KLAAC) were sparked by Paige Aresco's 3-for-3 day at the plate, including two homers. Aresco drove in three runs.

Also having a big day was winning pitcher Hanna Warren, who homered and drove in two while going 2-for-3 at the plate.

At the Macomb Classic, the Chiefs held off Troy 9-8 in the only game that was closely contested. Aresco went 2-for-4 with two RBI while others to chip in on offense were Hannah Shuler (home, two RBI) and Kaitlyn Keys (two RBI, double).

GIRLS SOFTBALL

Following are highlights from the other tourney wins.

• Canton 8, Yale 1: Kendl Richter went 3-for-3 with RBI; Halee Warren had a double and triple in three at-bats to support winning pitcher Shuler.

• Canton 2, Fraser 0: Winning pitcher Kenna Payne benefited from the offense of Aresco (2-for-3), Richter (1-for-3, one RBI) and Elizabeth Yager (1-for-2, one RBI).

• Canton 5, Anchor Bay 3: Swinging big bats for the Chiefs were Jessica Webster (2-for-4, home, two RBI) and Hanna Warren (2-for-5, home).

• Canton 6, Eisenhower 0: Catherine Porter went 1-for-2 and drove in a run while Shuler (1-for-2, two RBI) and Webster (1-for-2, two RBI) chipped in on offense. Earning the shutout win was Shuler.

PLYMOUTH 3, STEVENSON 0: Brooke Senkbel went 2-for-2 and drove in a run while Elaine Gerou singled in a run and Lindsay Lutton singled twice in two at-bats as the Wildcats prevailed Monday against Livonia Stevenson.

Sophomore pitcher Mikayela Marciniak earned the win, scattering three hits, walking one batter and striking out four.

MERCY INVITE: Plymouth split four games at the recent Mercy Invitational, but really had the offense rolling in 18-0 wins over Dearborn Divine Child and Ann Arbor Skyline. Against Divine Child, big days were enjoyed by Brooke Senkbel (3-for-3, six RBI), Elaine Gerou (3-for-4, three RBI), Brittney Miller (3-for-4, three RBI) and Celeste Miller (2-for-3, one RBI).

Gerou pitched for Plymouth, giving up just two hits while fanning five.

In the rout of Skyline, Senkbel homered and drove in three. Kayla Rebin had a 4-for-4 showing including a homer and five RBI and Gerou went 4-for-5. Other Wildcats with multiple hits included Lindsay Lutton (2-for-4), Bri Giordano (2-for-2), Miller (2-for-4) and Mikayela Marciniak (two doubles, one single).



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Sallem's Justin Sydlowski crosses home plate during a varsity baseball game earlier this season. The Rocks did plenty of scoring in a Saturday twinbill against Milan.

Rocks pour on offense

Saturday tournaments agree with Sallem's varsity baseball team. The host Rocks enjoyed a sweep of Milan, winning 10-0 (in a mercy-rule shortened game) and 14-11.

In the opener, Tyler Brooks earned his first varsity win, going all five innings and allowing just two hits.

At the plate, senior third baseman Kyle Penn had two doubles and a single and two RBI while Demetrius Dunlap and Jack Driscoll chipped in with two hits each. Dunlap knocked in three runs and Driscoll tallied two RBI, as did Josh Penn and Brandon Gilen.

Sallem kicked it off with four runs in the first and never looked back.

The nightcap was a sloppy affair, with each team committing several errors. But Sallem prevailed, thanks to five runs in the fourth and

three each in the fifth and sixth.

Jeremy St. Laurent was the winning pitcher, with a save going to Austin Silletti.

Sophomore Gilen had a big day on offense, featuring a three-run homer to left for his first Sallem round-tripper. Gilen tallied three hits, scored three times and drove in five runs.

Senior second baseman Aaron Moore also had three hits and drove in the go-ahead run in the bottom of the sixth with a double.

GLENN 6, SALEM 3: On Monday, Westland John Glenn (10-2, 3-1) scored five times in the second inning to beat the host Rocks in a Kensington Conference crossover.

Clark Boston, Chris Schaffer and Adam Singleton each drove in runs during the surge.

Sallem cut the deficit to 5-3 in the fourth. Justin Glenister Ryan Wheeler got out of a no-run bases loaded jam thanks to Westland Huron. A Sallem runner was ruled out after tagging up too soon on

a sacrifice fly.

Wheeler went the first 5.2 innings allowing all three runs. Daniel Ammons came on to get the final four outs.

Brandon Gilen had two RBI for Salem, while starter Nick March, who gave up five runs on six hits, took the loss.

Mike Yomastek also went 2-for-3 with an RBI, while Josh DeVonker also knocked in a run for the victorious Spartans.

STEVENSON 3, PLYMOUTH 2: Travis Harvey went 2-for-3 and stole home for the game-winning run to propel Stevenson (8-3, 4-0) to the Kensington Conference crossover win Monday over the visiting Wildcats (4-5, 2-3). Mike Yomastek also went 2-for-3 with an RBI, while Josh DeVonker also knocked in a run for the victorious Spartans.

Winning pitcher Jake Semak worked the first 5.1 innings, allowing two runs on four hits and six walks. He struck out three.

Mike Kantra came on for the final two to earn the save.

Plymouth starter Kevin Anthony went all seven innings, allowing three runs on six hits and four walks. He struck out two.

Ryan Schmid and Brandon Waack each knocked in a run.

VELLUCCI

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Defensesman and captain Colin MacDonald said Vellucci's "results don't lie and he's continued to be a great coach year after year and always puts together successful teams. I'm really excited for him individually to win this award."

Vellucci becomes the 10th coach in OHL history to win the award. The list includes Hockey Hall of Fame member Brian Kilrea of the Ottawa 67's, former Whalers coach Peter DeBoer (who won in 1998-99 and 1999-2000) and George Burnett (Niagara Falls).

"I'm very honored to be in the same category as those guys," he said. He made sure to share

accolades for the award with the rest of the organization — especially team owner Pete Karmannos for bringing him into the Compumare youth hockey fold in the early 1990s.

"I have a great owner in Pete Karmannos who gave me the opportunity to start coaching here 12 years ago and work in the greatest developmental league in the world," Vellucci said. "He gave me a chance as a 26-year-old, 21 years ago. I owe him everything."

"It's a great organization to be part of and I'm just privileged that I'm still here and able to work for a great owner in a great league."

Family ties

Meanwhile, Vellucci is also president and general manager of the Whalers) said he is look-

ing forward to the OHL awards ceremony this June in Toronto and sharing the big moment with his family more than he was able to in 2007 when Plymouth won the OHL championship.

"I think it was in the middle of the playoffs that that was announced (in 2007)," Vellucci said. "I had so much on my plate I didn't get to enjoy it to be honest with you. My family wasn't able to go to the award show in Toronto in June, it was the middle of school."

"... This year I'm hoping they'll be at the awards ceremony. It definitely makes it more special right now and my kids are 10 and 15 and they understand what it is and you can share it with them."

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The 7th grade Plymouth-Canton Force boys basketball team won last week's Brighton Spring Classic, played both in Brighton and White Lake. Members of the team include: (front row, from left) Chris Chin, Brandon Stevens, Niko Barach, Eian Barker, Matt Buschman and Trevor Genaw; (back row, from left) coach Brown, Connor Engel, Andrew Neal, Noah Brown, Chase Meredith and coach Meredith.

Sweeeee!

Plymouth-Canton Force 7th graders win two cage tourneys in row

For the second time in two weeks, the 7th Grade Plymouth-Canton Force boys basketball team swept to a tournament championship.

On Saturday, the Force captured the Brighton Spring Classic with a 39-31 victory over the Cereal City Hoopsters in White Lake Twp.

The team got to that point with three double-digit wins, including

49-38 over Greg Grant, 57-13 over DSO Orange and 45-16 over DSO Black.

That followed the April 13 championship win at the Dexter Spring Blast Basketball Tournament, where the Force won their straight to claim first place in their division.

They opened with a 68-9 drubbing of Oakland Elite and fol-

lowed up with wins over Grand Ledge (51-28), Onsted (46-35) and, in the final, 48-34 over Jackson Rampage.

Members of the team include Chris Chin, Trevor Genaw, Niko Barach, Eian Barker, Connor Engel, Brandon Stevens, Matt Buschman, Chase Meredith, Himmat Jagdev, Noah Brown, Andrew Neal and Tyler Troyer.

Crusaders win 16th straight

The No. 24-ranked Madonna University baseball team waited out an hour-long rain delay and overcame an early deficit to win its 16th straight game and close the 2013 regular season with an 11-7 victory Sunday over Lourdes College (Ohio) at Mercy Field in Toledo.

Game Two of the doubleheader was rained out.

MU, which captured its eighth Wolverines Hoosier Athletic Conference (WHAC) championship in the last 10 years on Friday, ends the regular season at 33-7 and with a 20-1 mark in the WHAC, the highest winning percentage for a league season in program history. The 16-game winning streak is the longest in school

history, surpassing the 2005 squad's 13 straight victories.

The Crusaders entered the WHAC playoffs as the top seed Wednesday at Dayton's University of the Farmers Athletic Complex. MU will face the winner of Northwestern Ohio and Aquinas at 4 p.m.

Catcher Brett Ramirez (Salem) went 3-for-4 with three RBI, while Shane Dokey and Mike Tibbits each added two hits and an RBI for MU in the opener.

MU starter Peter Renaud (4-1) went the first five innings allowing one earned run on four hits and four walks while fanning seven.

Tim DeCant and John Crooks each collected two hits and two RBI for Lourdes (14-29, 5-20-1). Starter Frank Shaf-

fer (2-6) took the loss.

On Saturday, MU swept Lourdes in a double-header, 12-4 and 6-1.

Freshman right-hander Evan Plechotta (Livonia Stevenson) ran his record to 5-0 by winning the opener. He allowed one earned run on five hits and two walks while striking out three.

Justin Cook came on for the final out.

Matthew Cook went 3-for-3 with two RBI, while John Lauro also contributed two hits.

Justin Cook knocked in two runs.

Mike Vandecavey (Lourdes) took the loss for

Lourdes, while Ryan Kovar went 2-for-3.

In Game Two, Steve Pelletier (Farmington Harrison), Victor Barron, Justin Cook, Tibbits and Matthew Cook each drove in two runs.

Lutheran Westland rolls to lopsided MAC victory

Nick Andzrejewski went 2-for-4, including a 3-run homer in the third inning, as Lutheran High Westland cruised to a 15-0 Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Red Division baseball triumph Tuesday at Plymouth Christian Academy.

The Warriors, who mounted a 16-hit attack, also got big games from Brandon Ruelle (3-for-4, three RBI), Mark Mika (2-for-4, two RBI), Jordan Williams (2-for-4, three runs, RBI), Kevin Brewer (2-for-4, two RBI), Nate Abbott (2-for-3, RBI) and Nick Flannery (2-for-3, two runs).

Williams went all five innings, allowing just five hits to earn the victory. He struck out four and walked two as the Warriors improved to 6-1 overall and 4-0 in the

MIAC Red.

Michael Slater took the loss for PCA (2-4, 2-2).

"We know PCA is a very good team and they have some guys who can flat-out hit," Lutheran Westland coach Kevin Wade. "Today was just our day and we know we have to be ready for when we see them again."

HVL 13, BAPTIST PARK 2: Ryan Schaffer, Jordan Rundstadler and Justin Howell each collected three hits and knocked in a run Tuesday to propel host Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (2-1, 2-1) to a MIAC Red Division triumph over Taylor Baptist Park. Schaffer pitched the first three innings in the run-rule shortened game allowing just one run on two hits. He struck out six.

Alex Hae worked the final two innings.

ANNAPOLIS 9-2, LUTH. WESTLAND 7-12: On Saturday, host Lutheran Westland (5-1) bounced back to gain a

split of a double-header with Dearborn Heights Annapolis (2-7).

Annapolis rallied with six runs in the top of the seventh in a 5-4 decision to win Game One, 9-7.

Mark Mika then belted a 2-run homer to bring the Warriors within two, but left the tying run at the plate.

Mika and Nick Andzrejewski each went 3-for-4 in the loss, while Jordan Williams added two hits and Nate Abbott had two RBI.

Kevin Brewer, who pitched the final four innings in relief of starter Brandon Ruelle, took the loss.

In Game Two, Brewer went 3-for-3 and scored three runs in a 12-2 triumph shortly after five innings because of the 10-run mercy rule.

Other top hitters for the Warriors included Andzrejewski (2-for-3, two RBI), Nick Flannery (2-for-4, RBI), Mika (2-for-2, two RBI) and Ruelle (2-for-2, two RBI).

Williams, who allowed two runs on four hits and two walks in four innings, got the victory. Abbott finished up.



The longest-married couples are: Joseph and Mary Podzikowski, (back, left) 50 years, and the Rev. Kevin Thomas; John and Maggie Nemecek (front row, left), 50 years; Bob and Bette Kross, 60 years; Helen and Tom Oppat, 60 years; and Mary Lou and Hank Stuart, 55 years. They attended the annual Jubilarian Mass at St. Aidan Catholic Church, Livonia.

Couples renew wedding vows in Livonia

Twenty-five couples celebrated their anniversaries with a special Jubilarian Mass, Sunday, April 28, at St. Aidan Catholic Church in Livonia.

The Rev. Kevin Thomas gave them a special blessing and led them in a renewal of their wedding vows.

Participants were:

- 15 years — Jim and Diane Policelli
- 25 years — Sheran and Hiranthini Alali, Pat and Kathy Culken, David and Christine Tyl, Robin and Ann Spaulding
- 30 years — Christopher and Kathleen Boudreau, Charles and Denise Cassar, Jerry and Myrlene Jurado, Anthony and Dr. Margaret Sartori, Frank and Marie

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- 55 years — Hank and Mary Lou Stuart
- 60 years — Bob and Bette Kross, J. Tom and Helen Oppat

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KOWALCZYK,
HELEN

Of Westland, died April 30 at the age of 88 after a long bout with Alzheimer's. Beloved wife of the late John. Loving mother of Chris Olds, Jan (Ricki) Martin, Kathy (Steve) Varkoly, Sue (Don) McGee, John (Karen), Jim (Debbie) and Dave (Pat). Proud grandmother of 14 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. Visitation Sunday 1-9PM with a 7PM Rosary at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 980 N. Newburgh Rd. (between Ford and Cherry Hill) Westland. Instate Monday 9AM with a 9:30AM Funeral Mass at St. Richard, 23677 Cherry Hill, Westland. Donations may be made to Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburgh Road, Livonia, Michigan. Entombment at Cadillac Memorial Gardens, Westland. To share a memory, please visit vermeulenfuneralhome.com

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NICHOLLS, LEONARD JAMES

Leonard "Bud" Nicholls, 84, died in Harkinsville, Georgia on April 23, 2013. He was born in Ishpeming, Michigan on February 23, 1929 to John and Myrtle Nicholls. His older brother, John S. Nicholls, predeceased him. Bud graduated from Ishpeming High School and Northern Michigan University. He received his Master's Degree from Wayne State University. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict. He met Eleanor Zaborny when she visited relatives who lived next door, and they married on August 1, 1953. Bud survived by his wife of 60 years and their five children: Sam Nicholls, (Beaverton, OR), Evelyn Nicholls, (Vancouver, WA), Linnea (Stanley) Kava, (Buford, GA), Jennifer (Stan) Jones, (Boring, OR) and John Nicholls, (Hawkinsville, GA). Nine grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren also mourn his passing. He considered Sandra Nicholson "Lee, of Decker-ville, Michigan, his fourth daughter.

Bud was an educator. He began his teaching career in Detroit, MI, and spent many years at Bentley High School in Livonia, retiring as the long-time Science Department Chair. Bud also taught for several years in the math department at Schoolcraft Community College. At Bentley, Bud taught earth science, physics and math. His classroom was open every day after school for any student who needed help with their class work, a quiet place to study, or just a sympathetic ear. Many knew that there was always a bag of caramels in his desk drawer. He was saddened when Bentley was torn down. A brick from the original building, a gift from a former student who scaled the fence during demolition and retrieved it, has a place of prominence on the windmill of his living room. He taught two generations how to catch trout, he taught countless people how to identify rocks and minerals; he was a ferocious bridge, pinocle and pool player; he was a voracious reader and a lifetime student of history and politics. Bud was a Mason for over 50 years and received the Order of the Purple Cross of the York Rite College. He was also a member of the American Legion. Most important to Bud was his family. He saw that all five of his children had good educational and extracurricular opportunity available. Bud and Eleanor attended every sports event, school play, debating match, and Boy or Girl Scouting event possible, even away games, often they were the only Bentley parents in attendance. Both grandparents lived in the family home late in their lives. Holiday meals were huge gatherings of extended family and friends. In recent years, a variety of ailments diminished his ability to travel and his capacity to engage in the activities he loved. But they did not lessen his love for his family, the spark of life in his eye, or his sense of humor. He remained a man of honor, integrity and compassion. He will be remembered for those qualities and missed by all who were fortunate enough to know him.

May peace be
with you in this
time of sorrow.

RELIGION CALENDAR

May

ASCENSION SERVICE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday, May 9

Location: Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran Church, 9600 Levee, Redford

Details: A dessert social will follow the service

Contact: Diane at (313) 937-2424

ASCENSION SERVICE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday, May 9

Location: Lola Park Lutheran Church, 14750 Kinloch, Redford

Details: Service celebrates Jesus' ascension and will be followed by a free ice cream social

Contact: (313) 532-8655 or

(734) 968-3523

CAMP ENROLLMENT

Time/Date: Now through May 31

Location: Consuming Fire Christian Center, 31463 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland

Details: Enrolling kids and teens, age 5-15, for six-week Bible/Homework Enrichment Camp that will run July 8-Aug. 16. Full day sessions are \$700 and a half-day is \$480. Families get a \$25 discount for added siblings for the full day rate; \$10 discount for the half-day rate. A non-refundable \$100 registration fee at the time of enrollment secures a place. Cost includes the registration fee, snacks, materials for class, tutoring in most subjects and assessment testing

Contact: Melanie Staten or Sylvia Brown at (248) 266-2293

Seminar aimed at igniting your faith

St. Michael the Archangel Parish will present the internationally-recognized spiritual seminar, Life in the Spirit, May 16-18, in the church, located at 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, in Livonia. This seminar, led by Deacon Bob Ervin of Holy Family Parish and Paco Gavrilides of Sacred Heart Major Seminary, has been acclaimed for leading many from a "pilot light" kind of spirituality to lives operating "on the main burner" of faith.

The meetings run 7-9 p.m. Thursday-Friday and 8 a.m.-3 p.m. May 18.

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Oz, a deaf pit bull, will make his third appearance this weekend at Pawject Runway at the International Women's Show in Novi.



An adoptable pup sports a denim look on the fashion runway at the International Women's Show in Novi.

Animal rescue tells canine success stories at 'Pawject Runway' event

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Oz, the deaf pit bull and Sadie, the heartworm survivor, will walk the fashion runway this weekend at the International Women's Show in Novi.

The modeling platform will be a long way from the mean streets of Detroit which Sadie, a yellow Labrador retriever, called home for several years. For Oz, it will be an easy stroll compared to the walks he took as a puppy with a former abusive owner.

Their sad-to-happy success stories — and those of some 28 other rescued dogs — will underscore canine fashion walks at Pawject Runway-Fido Fashion Show, which will start at 1 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, May 4-5 at the International Women's Show, located at the Suburban Collection Showplace, 46100 Grand River Ave., between Novi Road and Beck.

"It's a fun time. It gives us a chance to tell their stories, to tell how important it is to adopt

a rescue dog," said Sandy Mezza, president of Guardian Angel Animal Rescue (GAAR) in Livonia. "About 44,000 people walk through this show. It's a great opportunity to tell people what we do."

Mezza and other volunteers at GAAR have rescued abandoned cats and dogs from high-kill shelters and taken owner give-ups since she founded the group in the late 1990s. They made Detroit a rescue priority a few years ago after Mezza saw first-hand how rough life is for homeless animals on the streets of the city. The group takes on hard-luck cases that often require extensive medical treatment or socialization. Volunteers venture into abandoned buildings in the inner-city with food for strays and work cooperatively with All About Animals in Warren to supply financially-stress pet owners in Detroit with food, collars and other items.

"Detroit is our first priority because there are so many (pets in need) that if you say no

to Detroit, you are signing their death warrant," Mezza said. "Every animal we get we try to save. We've never turned one away or said we can't afford it."

Fashion veterans

Sadie, the Labrador retriever, will make her second appearance at Pawject Runway, which is in its third year at the Women's Show. GAAR volunteers tried to rescue the dog for five years, but couldn't catch her. When they finally did, they discovered she had heartworm, numerous pellet wounds and a tumor in her chest.

Oz was beaten as a puppy because he wouldn't walk on leash.

"He almost died from the beating. Then he got parvo and survived that."

His new owner communicates through hand signals and sign language. It will be their third appearance at Pawject Runway.



Oz, the deaf pit bull, walks the runway with a fashionable model.

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Stories through quilting

The cast of "Quilters" rehearses at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church in Livonia. The show runs 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 3-4 and 2 p.m. Sunday, May 5 at St. Paul's, 27475 Five Mile. The show, with words by Molly Newman and music by Barbara Damashek, reflects the reality of life on the American prairie through vignettes about love, marriage, pain, loss and death. A quilt is the centerpiece for the musical. Made up of 16 giant "blocks," each of which help tell the story of the 12 women characters who make up the cast. A quilt show is being held in conjunction with the performance. Tickets for "Quilters" are \$12 for adults and \$10 for students and seniors. Reserve tickets by calling (248) 347-4134, or e-mailing paulsplayers@gmail.com. Tickets will also be available at the door.

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Reel Michigan to highlight state's film talent

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Lisa Meinzinger-Abraham of Northville, co-director for Reel Michigan, is excited about the event moving to downtown Northville's Marquis Theatre on Main Street this summer. Reel Michigan is the film portion of the Arts & Acts fest, and will take place Saturday, June 29, at the Marquis Theatre. Meinzinger-Abraham is joined by Michael Zervos, a local filmmaker, in directing this year's event. "I asked him to join forces with me because we're both from Northville," she said.



Lisa Meinzinger-Abraham



Michael Zervos

Zervos is currently working on a film. June 5 is the deadline for Reel Michigan entries, and they're eager to get the word out. "I wanted to give some extra time to the filmmakers," she said. Reel Michigan was founded



Kathi J. Moore

in 2011. More information can be found at www.reelmichiganfilmfest.com. They're also on Facebook. "Most of them will be short films," Meinzinger-Abraham said. "They're all made in Michigan."

Kathi J. Moore will be this year's emcee. She's an actress who's been on stage and also appeared in film as Phyllis in the James Franco project "Tar." Moore has worked in

casting and production.

"There's usually a wide range" of films, said Meinzinger-Abraham. Approximately 20 were submitted last year, including a couple done by kids, as well as horror and experimental works.

"They love Reel Michigan because we try to showcase a wide range of talent," she said. "This year, it's going to be a lot bigger. We're excited. It's really a big deal they're (the Marquis) letting us use that."

The theater will improve on the previous event at the Northville Art House, she said.

Meinzinger-Abraham had a few small parts in independent films, and more recently helped in writing. "I've always loved film," she said. "I have tons of friends in that community."

An after-party will be held the evening of June 29 at the Bak Bar of Poole's Tavern in downtown Northville. There will be awards for filmmakers. She hopes to have a red carpet with paparazzi for the event. "It can only get bigger now," Meinzinger-Abraham said. "It's really important to have that venue."

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Time/Dates: 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday-Friday, through May 18; artist reception is 6-9 p.m. Friday, May 3

Location: 215 W. Cady, Northville

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Contact: (248) 344-0497

Film

PENN THEATRE

Time/Dates: 7 p.m. and 9:25 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 3-4; 4:15 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, May 5

Location: 760 Penniman Ave., Plymouth

Details: "Jack Reacher," \$3

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

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Time/Dates: Sign up for open mic, 6:15-6:45 p.m.; performances, 7 p.m., the third Saturday of the month.

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

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Details: Includes open mic performances and a featured group or musician. Admission is \$5, including performers. Individual and family annual memberships also are available

Contact: Scott Ludwig at BFSPresident@aol.com

FARMINGTON COMMUNITY CHORUS

Time/Dates: 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 10-11

Location: Mercy High Auditorium, 29300 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: 33rd annual spring concert, "Even Stephen" features the 80-voice chorus directed by Steven SeGraves and accompanied by assistant director Susan Garr. The M4 Choir from Meads Mill Middle School in Northville also will perform. Tickets are \$12 in advance or \$15 at the door. Get advance tickets from the Costick Center at 26800 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills or call (810) 632-4067

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Time/Dates: 2 p.m. Sunday, May 12

Location: 32737 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: Attorney-turned-boogie-woogie-pianist, Matthew Ball will perform. Hear classics like "Swanee River," "Over the Rainbow" and "Deep in the Heart of Texas," done boogie-woogie style in this free, one-hour program

Contact: (248) 553-0300

JAZZ AT THE ELKS

Time/Dates: 7-10 p.m. last Tuesday of the month — except December

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

Details: There is a \$10 donation at the door which includes hors d'oeuvres. Proceeds from Jazz Elks goes toward special needs and disadvantaged children and veterans.

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



PAWJECT

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"We always dress him up," Mezza said. "But if any of the dogs don't like being dressed, we do a bandana with them."

The dogs' human handlers this year will wear outfits from Deja Vu and Love Child boutiques in Franklin.

"There will be different dogs each day. While they walk the runway, I will tell their stories. If the model is the one who rescued the dog, I'll also tell their story."

Mezza said some of the Pawject Runway dogs, like Oz and Sadie, have found new homes. Others await adoption.

"When we're on stage we tell success stories. The audience is fantastic. We get a lot of tears and

laughs. It's standing room only. We've had people calling and asking if we'll be there again this year."

Other activities

Mezza, who is married and the mother of an adult son, will have her hands full at the show this year. In addition to Pawject Runway, GAAR will offer information and a few adoptable animals at a booth all four days of the International Women's Show, from Thursday-Sunday, May 2-5.

Mezza works in advertising for Kroger and also will coordinate the grocery-chain's booth — which will include some free product samples — at the show.

"There is something for everyone at the show. Everything a girl could want will be there."

The International Women's Show will include

reality show stars, shopping, cooking demonstrations, a fashion show by the Novi Fire Department, health screenings, makeovers, and hundreds of exhibitors displaying cosmetics, fragrances, lingerie, purses, shoes, gifts, food, clothing, accessories, travel information, arts and crafts and more.

Show hours are 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Thursday, 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Saturday, and 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$10 for adults; \$5 for youth, 6-12, and free for children, 5 and under. Advance tickets are \$8 online.

For more information about the show, visit www.InternationalWomensShow.com or call (800) 849-0248. For more about Guardian Angel Animal Rescue visit www.gaar.org.

Young models carry puppies in Guardian Angel Animal Rescue's annual Pawject Runway event.



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Few things in life are harder to resist than the delicious aroma of a backyard barbecue. There is something about the sizzle and smells of grilled fare that brings folks together.

The farm families who grow potatoes know how to please the palates of hungry crowds. The natural flavors found in potato varieties are easy to enhance with the addition of a few fresh ingredients and a little bit of smoke.

The russet potato makes for a great tasting baked potato, but its light and fluffy interior also holds up well when seared on the grill. Also great on the grill are yellow flesh potatoes, which have a just-battered appearance.

The appearance of the trendy new blue and purple potatoes will certainly get guests talking. They add color and a subtle nutty flavor to your favorite dish. Everyone's favorite dish at an outdoor barbecue is often the potato salad. Round red or white potatoes are both well-suited for salads as well as roasting, boiling, and steaming.

Potatoes are an extremely versatile and hearty vegetable. But the one thing all potatoes have in common is nutrition. Just what can potatoes do for you? Well, potatoes are:

—Nutritional powerhouses. In addition to being fat-free, cholesterol-free, sodium free and gluten-free, a medium potato has just 110 calories.

—Rich in potassium. According to the USDA, diets rich in potassium may help to maintain healthy blood pressure. The potato is second only to the banana in the amount of potassium it contains.

—Packed with Vitamin C. A medium potato contains 45 percent of the daily recommended amount of Vitamin C.

—Great source of fiber. The USDA reports that fiber helps reduce blood cholesterol levels and may lower your risk of heart disease. Potatoes can also help make you feel fuller with fewer calories.

Grilled, fried, baked, roasted or boiled, few ingredients get every guest asking for second helpings like the versatile potato.

Find more health information, as well as recipes and purchasing tips, at www.EatWisconsinPotatoes.com.

Chicken and Potato Fiesta Grill

Servings: 4
Ready time: 60 Minutes

1 ½ cup prepared Italian dressing
2 tablespoons lime juice
1 tablespoon chili powder
2 tablespoons water
4 whole chicken legs with thighs, skin on
1 ½ pounds (4 medium) red potatoes, cut into 1 ½-inch cubes
2 red bell pepper, cut into 1 ½-inch pieces
2 medium zucchini, cut into ½-inch-thick slices
4 to 8 flour or corn tortillas, warmed (optional)

In small bowl, combine marinade ingredients; remove ¼ cup and combine with chicken in resealable plastic bag. Turn to coat; marinate in refrigerator 30 minutes or up to 2 hours, turning occasionally.

Meanwhile, in microwave-safe dish, combine potatoes and water. Cover and microwave on high 9 to 10 minutes or until just tender; cool. When potatoes are cool enough to handle, alternately thread with bell pepper and zucchini onto eight 10- to 12-inch skewers; brush with remaining marinade. Remove chicken from plastic bag; discard marinade from chicken.

Grill chicken over medium to medium-low coals 30 to 40 minutes or until juices run clear, turning occasionally. About 10 minutes before chicken is done, add vegetables to grid; reserve marinade. Grill until tender and lightly browned, turning and basting occasionally with reserved vegetable marinade. Serve chicken and vegetables with tortillas and salsa, if desired.

Roasted Red Potatoes with Pesto

Servings: 8
Ready time: 40 Minutes

3 pounds medium-size red potatoes
Olive oil cooking spray
¼ cup white or golden balsamic vinegar
¼ cup extra virgin olive oil
½ teaspoon sea salt
3 cloves garlic, minced
Freshly ground pepper to taste
¼ cup shredded Parmesan cheese
¼ cup finely minced fresh basil
¼ cup toasted pine nuts (optional)
Place potatoes in a large microwave-safe bowl; cover with lid or plastic wrap. Note: If using plastic wrap, make sure plastic wrap is not touching any ingredients and poke one small hole in cover to vent. Microwave on high for 10 to 12 minutes or until potatoes are tender (cooking time may vary depending on microwave). Use oven mitts to carefully remove from microwave.

When cool enough to handle, cut potatoes in half or quarters and spray liberally with olive oil spray. Grill over high heat for 5 to 7 minutes, turning occasionally, until grill lines are apparent. Remove from grill and let cool.

Cut into bite-size pieces and place in a large bowl. Whisk together vinegar, oil, salt and garlic; pour over potatoes and toss lightly to coat. Season with pepper, then cover and refrigerate until ready to serve. Just before serving, toss with Parmesan cheese and basil, then sprinkle with pine nuts.

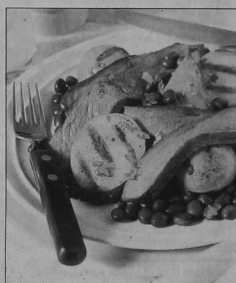
Grilled Red Potato Skewers

Servings: 4
Ready time: 20 Minutes

2 medium russet or Yukon gold potatoes or 6 red potatoes
2 medium zucchini
½ smoked sausage rope
4 12-inch skewers
½ cup Italian dressing
Preheat grill. Cut potatoes in half. Cut zucchini and sausage the same width as potatoes. Place skewer through potato, zucchini and sausage. Repeat for each skewer.

Place skewer in dish and pour Italian dressing over skewers. Marinate in dressing for 5 minutes.

Place skewers on grill and cook 5 minutes each side, or until potatoes are done. Remove from grill and serve.



Little Havana Grilled Beef and Potato Salad

Servings: 6
Ready time: 30 Minutes

2 pounds medium unpeeled potatoes (about 2 ½-inch diameter), such as yellow flesh or round reds
2 teaspoons ground cumin
Salt and pepper
1 beef top round steak, cut 1 inch thick (about 1 ½ pounds)
¼ cup prepared white wine vinaigrette
2 cans (15 ounces each) black beans, rinsed, drained
½ cup chopped fresh cilantro

Cut potatoes crosswise in half; place in microwave-safe dish with 1 cup water. Cover and microwave on high 10 to 14 minutes or until almost tender, rearranging once. Immediately rinse under cold running water; drain well.

Meanwhile, combine cumin and salt and pepper; press evenly onto beef steak. Place steak on grill over medium, ash-covered coals. Grill, uncovered, 16 to 18 minutes for medium rare doneness, turning occasionally. Remove; let stand 5 minutes.

About 5 minutes before steak is done, brush potatoes with some of the vinaigrette. Place on grill over medium, ash-covered coals. Grill, uncovered, 16 to 18 minutes or until golden brown, turning occasionally.

Carve steak into thin slices. Combine beef, potatoes, beans, cilantro and remaining vinaigrette in large bowl; toss gently. Serve immediately.

Courtesy of Family Features



Red Roasted Potatoes with Pesto

Cinco de Mayo

FARMINGTON HILLS — Camelia's Mexican Grill, 30685 W. 12 Mile, will feature food and drink specials Friday-Sunday, May 3-5. The restaurant will celebrate Cinco de Mayo with Family Fun Day on Sunday. A moonwalk will be available throughout the day, face painting and a balloon clown are scheduled from 2-4 p.m., and youngsters will break a piñata from 4-5 p.m. For more information, call (248) 474-0902.

Fusion cuisine

NOVI — Aarti Batavia, a registered dietitian and nutritionist from Novi, will prepare recipes featuring Glory Foods Sensibly Seasoned products with an eye toward worldwide cuisine, from Thursday-Sunday, May 2-5 at the Michigan International Women's Show, 46100 Grand River Ave. Demonstrations will be at 1:30 p.m. May 2-3 and 5 and 6:30 p.m. May 4. Glory Foods also will offer product samples. Glory Foods is a leader in Southern

style, heat-and-serve products including seasoned canned vegetables, cooking bases, hot sauces and fresh greens.

Cooking, pastry classes

LIVONIA — If you plan to take a culinary class this summer through Schoolcraft College's continuing education and professional development department, you can tackle prerequisite courses beginning the week of May 6. Cooking 101: Skills Development

teaches basic cooking terminology and techniques and is the foundation of many cooking classes at Schoolcraft. Sign up for one of two sessions, either 5-7 p.m. Wednesday, May 8 and 5-9 p.m. Thursday, May 9, or 5-7 p.m. Wednesday, May 15 and 5-9 p.m. Thursday, May 16. Cost is \$109. Senior citizens pay \$87. The class also will teach how to properly use basic knives and hand tools, as well as safe and sanitary methods for food preparation. Pastry 101 teaches

basic baking terminology and techniques. Participants learn proper pastry tool skills and safe and sanitary methods for baking preparation. The session will run 6-9 p.m., Monday-Tuesday, May 6-7. Cost is \$109 per student and \$87.20 for seniors. Register online at <http://webadvisors.schoolcraft.edu> or in person at the Continuing Education Department on the main campus, located on Haggerty, between Six Mile and Seven Mile in Livonia. Questions? Call (734) 462-4448.

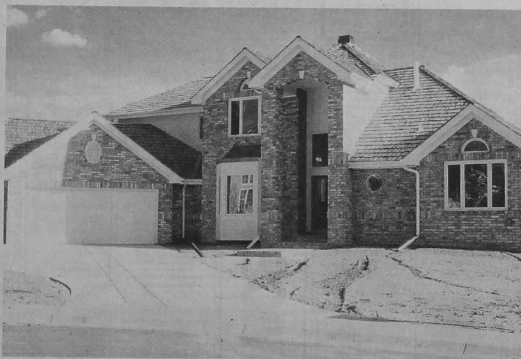
Reator chief praises FHA advances, urges more action

While the Federal Housing Administration still faces challenges ahead, the agency has already taken a number of significant steps to mitigate risk and increase the solvency and strength of the mortgage-insurance fund. That's according to National Association of Realtors President Gary Thomas, who testified recently before the U.S. House Financial Services Subcommittee on Insurance, Housing and Community Opportunity about the future of the FHA.

"Realtors believe that recent increases to premiums, increased down payments for some borrowers and greater risk management controls will help to substantially improve the FHA's financial condition," said Thomas, broker-owner of Evergreen Realty, in Villa Park, Calif. "These changes combined with an improving national economy and rising home prices will surely help stabilize the fund so that FHA can continue to serve the needs of hardworking American families who wish to purchase a home."

Thomas testified that FHA has also implemented a number of other measures to help improve the health of the fund, including hiring the agency's first credit risk officer to help better manage risk, implementing credit score floors, and instituting significant lender enforcement and oversight measures to increase the return on the fund.

FHA sustained housing markets nationwide during the economic and housing downturn, and like other holders of mortgage risk, it incurred financial losses as a result of



The National Association of Realtors reports the Federal Housing Administration is making advances in making home ownership possible, but has room to improve.

employment and market conditions that led to increased foreclosures. However, had FHA not stepped in to fill the market void, many families would have been unable to purchase homes, housing values could have dropped an additional 25 percent, and the country would be much further from a recovery, said Thomas.

FHA continues to be one of the primary sources of mortgage financing available to families today as private capital slowly makes its way back into housing finance markets. As housing markets continue to stabilize and improve and

new mortgage regulations are finalized, NAR anticipates that the private mortgage market will return and FHA's market share will return to traditional levels.

Increased private capital in the mortgage market doesn't obviate the need for additional reforms to FHA to further enhance and protect the availability of mortgage credit so that the fund can maintain its vital role to homebuyers, said Thomas. NAR strongly supports legislation that would give FHA greater flexibility to quickly change program requirements and help protect the fund from losses. NAR

also supports legislation that would allow FHA to improve its enforcement and oversight of lenders.

"Realtors urge Congress to quickly consider these bills to ensure FHA has the tools it needs to be able to continue to serve its mission of providing home buyers with safe, affordable financing in all markets," said Thomas.

The National Association of Realtors, "The Voice for Real Estate," is America's largest trade association, representing one million members involved in all aspects of the residential and commercial real estate industries.

Phone plan raises legal issues

By Robert Meisner
Guest Columnist

Q: Our association was contacted by a major phone provider to jointly market its services at the condominium. In exchange for a per unit fee, the association is to provide the company with the names and addresses of the residents and allow the company to market to those residents on the premises. The association, in accordance with the agreement,



Robert Meisner

may not enter into another agreement with another company for marketing purposes, but all other companies would have access to the property to install similar services. What do you think?

A: It raises a number of issues for the association, including privacy issues, the authority of the Association to bind itself to such an agreement, the propriety of same and a number of other concerns which your association attorney should review before passing on the reasonableness of such an agreement.

Q: Our condominium association lawyer has not provided us with a written fee agreement. He was recommended by the management company, and we think he should have done something in terms of checking out our claims against the builder. Where do we stand in pursuing him for that?

A: Every attorney based upon the recommendations of the Michigan State Bar, should have a written fee agreement with his or her client. Not having a written fee agreement leaves it ambiguous as to what the scope of representation by the attorney is. In this case, the attorney may well be claiming that he represents your association, but when it comes to handling something that he should have done as counsel for your association, he seems to be skirting the issue. Get a new attorney who is willing to give you a fee agreement that outlines the scope of his or her representation of the association and chastise the management company for making that type of recommendation.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and author of *Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track*, second edition, available for \$9.95 plus \$1 shipping/handling. He also wrote *Condo Living: A Survival Guide to Buying, Owning and Selling a Condominium*, \$24.95 plus \$5 shipping/handling. Call (248) 644-4433 or visit bmeisner@meisner-law.com. This column should not be construed as legal advice.

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Jan. 7-11, 2013, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

CANTON		NORTHVILLE		REDFORD	
49465 Garfield Ln	\$375,000	18243 Arselot Dr	\$437,000	12701 Beech Daly Rd	\$405,000
170 Queens Way	\$150,000	17152 Cameron Dr	\$241,000	14277 Breakfast Dr	\$128,000
44425 Westminster Way	\$180,000	16521 Mulberry Way	\$316,000	9999 Crosley	\$27,000
GARDEN CITY		17786 Parkshore Dr	\$913,000	41517 Mercedes	\$16,000
30047 Dawson St	\$35,000	PLYMOUTH		WESTLAND	
924 Dunsley Rd		49714 Draper Cir	\$135,000	6642 Bison St	\$90,000
11779 Hunters Park Ct	\$278,000	1398 Elm St	\$360,000	7545 Lathers St	\$50,000
9036 Virginia St	\$130,000	1210 Sheridan Ave	\$930,000	29108 Manchester St	\$26,000
10270 Wayne Rd	\$61,000	9376 Timberline Ct	\$350,000	8304 Milburn St	\$54,000

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Dec. 18-21, 2012, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

BEVERLY HILLS		350 Keswick Rd	\$725,000	23064 Canfield Ave	\$70,000	SOUTH LYON	
19091 Bedford St	\$360,000	330 Millington Blvd	\$178,000	19138 Flanders St	\$52,000	24455 Brompton Way	\$362,000
10311 Cobblestone Ct	\$298,000	2505 Pickering Rd	\$187,000	37421 Glenview Dr	\$240,000	24811 Brompton Way Ct	\$338,000
16176 Marguerite St	\$449,000	BUCARFIELD TOWNSHIP		35570 River Pines Ct	\$152,000	23698 Copperwood Dr E	\$310,000
16239 Marguerite St	\$175,000	632 Ardmore Dr	\$780,000	22080 River Pines Dr	\$180,000	23894 Copperwood Dr W	\$50,000
16208 W 13 Mile Rd	\$76,000	1561 Bataan Dr	\$108,000	28420 W 8 Mile Rd #41	\$27,000	28440 N Daboro Rd	\$373,000
BIRMINGHAM		3677 Brookside Dr	\$635,000	LATHRUP VILLAGE		59209 Peters Barn Dr	\$81,000
280 Arlington St	\$975,000	924 Dunsley Rd	\$27,000	28624 Eldorado Pl	\$121,000	24809 Purlin Ct	\$86,000
2414 Dorchester Rd	\$175,000	433 Fox Hills Dr S #1	\$67,000	MILFORD		61110 Saddlereck Dr	\$345,000
1728 E Melton Rd	\$181,000	1536 Kirkway Rd	\$690,000	751 Promontory Dr	\$259,000	SOUTHFIELD	
704 Greenfield Ct	\$95,000	3526 Ridgeway Rd	\$525,000	NORTHVILLE		17590 Cornell Rd	\$45,000
540 London St	\$400,000	2505 Glenway Rd	\$273,000	22338 Inndbrook Dr	\$209,000	18196 Goldwin St	\$110,000
2125 Pembroke Rd	\$181,000	5075 Sebring Ct	\$290,000	21600 Parkwood Ln	\$362,000	20280 Harbor Ct	\$85,000
1150 Puritan Ave	\$599,000	886 Tartan Trl	\$350,000	22215 Waterland Ln	\$52,000	12515 Vanhoel Ln	\$75,000
BLYTHFIELD HILLS		6627 Timber Ridge Dr	\$235,000	NOVI		17315 Lincoln Dr	\$145,000
4741 Hedgewood Dr	\$390,000	42160 Woodward Ave Unit 73	\$220,000	45824 Ashford Cir	\$410,000	3800 Providence Dr # 610	\$37,000
		COMMERCIAL TOWNSHIP		45243 Bartlett Dr	\$110,000	28705 Stuart Ave	\$62,000
		2414 Dorchester Rd	\$175,000	24447 Bashian Dr	\$50,000	29123 Wellington Rd # 26	\$53,000
		1728 E Melton Rd	\$181,000	23075 Beck Rd	\$158,000	WHITE LAKE	
		704 Greenfield Ct	\$95,000	44563 Gwinnett Loop	\$158,000	9460 Marina Dr	\$44,000
		540 London St	\$400,000	27894 Hopkins Dr	\$158,000	8207 Wildwood Ln	\$221,000
		2125 Pembroke Rd	\$181,000	27896 Hopkins Dr	\$158,000		
		1150 Puritan Ave	\$599,000	27924 Hopkins Dr	\$158,000		
		FARMINGTON HILLS		27928 Hopkins Dr	\$158,000		
		4741 Hedgewood Dr	\$390,000	28260 Wilcott Dr	\$94,000		

REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

Career seminar

Classes start May 20, and are two times a week Mondays and Wednesdays from 6-10 p.m. for five weeks. Learn about the real estate career at Remerica Hometown, 41025 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. Contact Chris or Nicole at (734) 459-6222. Classes are \$99 if pre-registered and \$124 if paid at the door.

Condo operation

The Meisner Law Group, P.C., announced attorney Robert M. Meisner will be conducting a four-week course Tuesday evenings in May from 7-9 p.m. covering "Advanced Condominium Operation, The Essentials for Success." This seminar is designed for board members and officers, managers, developers, and association members living in or working with a condominium, subdivision, cooperative, or community association. Explore the many legal issues involved in the successful operation of an association. Cost is \$95 (\$85 per person when two or more enroll from the same organization). For registration information, contact The

Meisner Law Group, P.C. at (248) 644-4433 or (800) 470-4433, via e-mail at: bmeisner@meisner-law.com, or visit the seminar page on the website: Meisner-law.com.

Short sales

If you owe more than what your house is worth, you may be interested in a free informational seminar on short sale procedures and what it takes to get started. Many sellers are misinformed or not sure about how the procedures work. Organizers will also discuss the internal workings of short sales and the different steps involved. Bonnie David, broker-owner of Quantum Real Estate is the presenter. It will be 6-7 p.m. Thursdays at 129 N. Lafayette, downtown South Lyon. Additional parking across the street in back. Please call the office at (248) 782-7130 or e-mail june-quantum@gmail.com for your reservation or additional information.

Free foreclosure tours

Free foreclosure tours are 1 p.m. every

other Sunday. Meeting place is Panera Bread on the southeast corner of Middlebelt and I-96. E-mail Georgia@addedvalue.com or visit FreeForeclosureTour.com.

Seminar on Tuesdays

A free Reverse Mortgage Seminar is 6:30 p.m. each Tuesday at Colonial Mortgage Corp., 33919 Plymouth Road, Livonia. Learn about reverse mortgages. RSVP with Larry Brady at (800) 260-5484, Ext. 33.

Investors

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

Meetings are at 7:30 p.m. each first Tuesday of the month at the Red Lobster on Eureka in Southgate. Members are free, guests \$20, which will be applied to their membership.

Any questions or concerns, call Wayne Koehler at (313) 277-4168.

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