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Leadership class

The Canton Chamber of Commerce is taking applications for the next Leadership Canton class, scheduled for the fall.

The Leadership Canton program provides an advanced knowledge of community resources, township structure and practices, issues affecting the community and networking opportunities.

Although this program targets those who work at or own a business in Canton, anyone is welcome to apply. Applications can be downloaded at www.leadershipcanton.com.

For more information or to speak to someone about the program, call the Canton Township supervisor's office at (734) 394-5185 or the Canton Chamber of Commerce at (734) 453-4040.

Dog donations

The Canton Public Library is once again honoring area veterans by holding a collection drive, this year featuring Stiggy's Dogs, a non-profit organization that rescues and trains shelter dogs to become service guides for veterans suffering from Post Traumatic Stress Disorder or Traumatic Brain Injuries.

They "Rescue One to Rescue Another" in honor of fallen hero HM3 Benjamin "Doc Stiggy" Castiglione, who loved the Marines, his family and dogs.

Throughout May the library will be accepting donations of collars, flea and tick medication, toys (especially tennis balls), nail clippers, dog treats (no rawhide please), dog beds/blankets, dog crates (new/used), treadmills (new/used) and cash donations (checks made to Stiggy's Dogs).

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Residents face costs for street repairs

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Tired of crumbling roads, residents of two Canton neighborhoods packed a township board meeting Tuesday evening, mostly to show support for repairs that will cost them thousands of dollars.

"Our roads are simply falling apart," Betty Gagneau, board trustee for Wethersfield Con-

dominiums, said as she and other residents left the meeting. "Right now there are holes in the road that we have to go around."

Her remarks came after a public hearing as township officials move closer to assessing property owners for road repairs to Wethersfield, southwest of Palmer and Haggerty, and the Lexington Square subdivision, southeast of Cherry Hill and Sheldon. Lexington Square resident

Dave Voglewede told the township board the road repairs should be Wayne County's responsibility, but he and others are willing to pay the price to get the work done.

"It desperately needs to be done," Voglewede said. Based on preliminary estimates, Municipal Services Director Tim Faas said 155 property owners in Wethersfield are expected to face an \$805,000

price tag — or \$5,200 each — for asphalt repairs. Lexington Square's 126 homeowners are projected to pay \$450,000, or \$3,600 each, to replace concrete streets.

"The scope of work in Wethersfield is much more extensive," Faas said Tuesday.

The public hearing came after the township board, after receiving

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BILL BRESLER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Library Director Eva Davis holds the giant check, presented by Duncan Smith, vice president of EBSCO NovelList.

Celebration caps library award

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Canton has proved that libraries aren't always serious, bookish, quiet places where cerebral patrons go to cultivate their intellect.

There's a time to learn, and there's a time to party. Canton Public Library patrons and employees celebrated Friday as a crowd esti-

mated at 200-250 showed its community spirit when a national award-winning plaque and a \$10,000 check were delivered by officials from the Library Journal and EBSCO NovelList.

The ceremony marked the culmination of the Canton library beating out an estimated 100 libraries across the nation to clinch the inaugural Library-Aware Community Award.

"I was incredibly proud," library Director Eva Davis said. "My staff are there every day for the community, but on Friday our community was there for us."

The Canton library captured the honor after demonstrating its value to the community and showing how much the facility is respected — and needed.

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Chamber launches new plan

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Ramping up efforts to bolster its image, the Canton Chamber of Commerce has initiated a multi-pronged plan to help local businesses thrive and become more profitable.

Chamber officials rolled out the latest tools of their long-range strategic plan Monday morning as an estimated 65-75 business representatives gathered inside Summit on the Park.

"We want to help local businesses increase their bottom line and become more profitable," Tammy Brown, chamber board chair, said. "We want to build on the relationships chamber members have with each other and the community."

Chamber President Thomas Paden said he hopes the latest initiatives can help the organization become more relevant to the local business community while helping the 526-member chamber grow. The new push follows an upbeat State of the Chamber address Paden gave in January.

Key part

One key component of the strategic plan involves starting a Canton Chamber of Commerce Institute of Business Development by offering free or low-cost classes intended to help local companies attract more customers, boost

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Dems pound pavement for women's health

By Joanne Maliszewski
Staff Writer

State Rep. Dian Slavens of Canton was among three Democratic female lawmakers Monday who say they're open to working with colleagues across the political aisle, but they want action on a number of measures to improve access

to women's health care in this legislative session.

"We look forward to getting these proposals passed," Slavens said. "We are willing to work across the aisle. And we are urging women to contact their state legislators."

Slavens joined state Rep. Vicki Barnett of Farmington Hills and state Rep. Ellen

Cogen Lipton of Huntington Woods at a press conference Monday at the Farmington Community Library in Farmington Hills.

The women announced their support for a package of four bills and three resolutions that would improve access to wom-

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JOANNE MALISZEWSKI

Democratic state Reps. Dian Slavens of Canton (from left), Vicki Barnett of Farmington Hills and Ellen Cogen Lipton of Huntington Woods announce their support of a package of bills to improve access to women's health care.

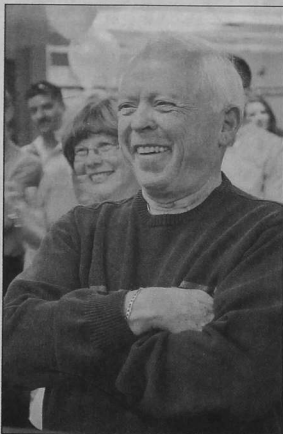
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Jim Gillig, a founding trustee of the Canton Library, flew in from North Carolina to attend the festivities.

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ed — by its patrons. The library has 84,378 cardholders.

Nancy Dowd, representing LibraryAware, has said the award was created to honor a library for "getting out to the community and demonstrating its value."

That appears perfectly aligned with the Canton library's mission of connecting the community — and a diverse community at that, with library materials in dozens of languages.

Laurie Golden, the library's department head for community relations, described The Library Journal visitors as "very happy" with Canton's celebration.

"They said it was exact-

ly the kind of event they had hoped for, attended by community, library staff and partners," Golden said.

Canton Township gets the LibraryAware plaque, and the library gets the \$10,000 check. Davis accepted a huge replica of the check — a gift she had eagerly anticipated.

Davis has indicated the library may use a portion of the money for a display to showcase important library documents and artifacts. The rest, of course, will be used to improve services and programs.

"We're going to reinvest it back into the library in some way," Davis said. For more on the library, go to www.cantonpl.org.

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Farmers Market starts sixth season

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Hundreds of patrons, spending their money locally, are expected Sunday as the Canton Farmers Market launches its six season featuring seasonal produce, a plant exchange, children's arts activities and a performance by acoustic guitarist Mark Reitinga.

Market manager Tina Lloyd said as many as 600 visitors could turn out as the new season starts 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Preservation Park, on Ridge north of Cherry Hill on Canton's far west side.

"We're very excited for the new season," she said.

Canton Farmers Market happens every Sunday through Oct. 20 except for July 7, and it features an average of 30 vendors each week.

"We have a full variety of vendors. We add new ones every year," Lloyd said. "We try to make it a destination with lots of activities for the entire family."

The market allows shoppers to buy fresh produce that doesn't lose its nutrients by traveling long distances, Lloyd said. The market happens rain or shine to allow patrons and farmers to



Canton Farmers Market has continued to grow and is positioned for its sixth season.

connect.

"The farmers still have to sell their goods even if it's raining," she said. "This is a good way to keep our money local."

Wide variety

Farmers who grow produce in hoop house-style greenhouses are expected this Sunday to offer carrots, radishes, lettuce, spinach and herbs, and others will be selling potted plants for local gardens.

Visitors can expect a master gardener to discuss lawns and gardens, sunflower planting for children, Chef Paul Penney cooking up some of his recipes 10:30 a.m. to noon, Canton's perennial exchange and Reitinga strumming his guitar on the porch of the historic

Travis-Bartlett House.

Visitors participating in the pet and plant exchange are asked to label what they bring, including the type and color of bloom if they know. Moreover, Peace, Love & Planet is set to host a "garbage graveyard game" to teach the fundamentals of decomposing trash.

Vendors are expected to include Hall's Herb Garden, Maine Designs and Onyo Net Photo Studios all of Canton — Michigan Garlic of Pinckney, Lula Bre's Sweet Eats of Garden City and Woolsey's Wonders of Hartland.

Other vendors will be announced throughout the season.

"The Canton Farmers Market provides the community the opportunity to

support Michigan farmers and vendors by buying fresh produce and local produced goods," Lloyd said. "Fresh produce tastes better and has more nutritional value than produce that has to go through a long distribution process across many states after it has been picked. Not only are you purchasing better-tasting produce packed with nutrients, at the same time you are supporting our economy right here in Michigan."

Looking back

Market-goers also can visit the historic Canton farming displays in the Canton Historical Society's pole barn to get a glimpse of Canton's farming past.

There's no admission to the market. Patrons are encouraged to join a weekly newsletter at www.cantonfarm.org and to "like" the Canton Farmers Market on Facebook for market updates.

For more information, go to www.cantonfarm.org under the Community Events tab or send an email to cantonfarmersmarket@canton-mi.org.

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United Way seeks help with survey

The local United Way is reaching out to the Plymouth and Canton area to identify issues in the community and develop a collective vision for the future.

Results of the Community Impact Survey will be used by Plymouth Community United Way officials to introduce new programs that advance the common good and improve the lives

of all residents. The goal is to create measurable results within the areas of basic needs, education and stability.

In the last several years, PCUW has focused on providing emergency food, rental and utility assistance as well as other crisis services in Plymouth, Canton and Western Wayne County because of the downturn in the economy.

PCUW's Community Impact initiative aims to prevent problems rather than just treat the symptoms. In an effort to address issues, grants were awarded last year to organizations attempting to make lasting change. Among the recipients were Plymouth Canton Community Schools (reading and math summer academy for 300

elementary students) and Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency (energy education classes to help low-income residents).

Surveys are available online at www.plymouthunitedway.org and at the office, 960 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Suite 2, Plymouth. For information, call (734) 453-6879, ext. 2.

CORRECTION

A recent story about a partnership between First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth and a church in Malawi, Africa, incorrectly identified First Presbyterian's associate pastor, the Rev. Emily Campbell.



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HEALTH

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en's health care, educate women about health care options, support rape survivors and address the health care inequities that women face.

Barnett, Slavens and Lipton are co-sponsors of the bills.

"Women don't live in a vacuum," Barnett said.

"Women have special

health care needs. And a woman's health matters to an entire family."

Listening Tour

The trio's support of women's health care issues was driven home when the Michigan House Democrats took a "Listening Tour" earlier this year. "We heard many people say that making sure women have access to quality health care matters to them," Lipton said. "These bills and resolutions are a response to what we heard on the tour and we look forward to helping women receive better health care."

A new state law requires that facilities at which women may have legal abortions must now, depending on the number performed annually, be licensed as freestanding surgical outpatient facilities.

"The same conditions

don't apply when a man wants a vasectomy or wants his PSA levels checked," Barnett said. "Legislators believe they should invade the space between women and their doctors."

In addition to co-sponsoring the series of women's health bills, Barnett, Slavens and Lipton are working to spread awareness. Press conferences, they said, are being held throughout the state.

"We want to make this a larger conversation on women's health," Lipton said.

Contact legislators

Slavens continued to urge women to contact their legislators to act in favor of the bills that would:

- Require all health facilities and agencies to offer emergency contraception to rape survivors.
- Direct the Department of Community

Health to create and distribute information about the availability of emergency contraception.

• Require age-appropriate, medically accurate and objective sexual education in public schools.

• Require physicians to give women information about breast density and to encourage such women to discuss their screening options.

Interestingly, Lipton said, women comprise 52 percent of Michigan's population, yet the majority of representatives in the state Legislature are men.

"Our colleagues on the other side of the aisle should be able to work with us," Slavens said. "I have hope. I never give up hope when it comes to women and their issues and their families."

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Postal effort fills food pantry

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

Postal carriers in Plymouth, Canton and Belleville had their usual assortment of mail, magazines and packages to haul around, like they do on any given delivery day.

But in addition to the usual weight they manage, carriers on Saturday lugged the additional burden of nearly 50,000 pounds of food donated in the annual Postal Carriers Food Drive to benefit the Plymouth Salvation Army food pantry.

This year's food drive collected nearly 5,700 pounds more than a year ago.

"We are so grateful to the mail carriers for supporting our food pantry once again this year," said Laurie Aren, the Plymouth Salvation Army's director of family and community ministries. "They really worked hard to make this such a success, which is evident as we collected more than 5,600 pounds more than last year. To those who donated food, boxes, manpower and money, to the residents who left food by their mailbox and to the countless volunteers who worked at the post offices and sorted all the food — thank you."

Plymouth carriers brought in 19,227 pounds of donated food, while the Canton effort produced 15,746 pounds and the Belleville drive garnered another 14,201. The donations were left near mailboxes by generous residents eager to help. They used a cadre of volunteers (family members and others) who helped carry, sort and package the donated food.

One Plymouth carrier



Travis Smith and Shelby Smith were among the many volunteers offering their services for the annual postal carrier food drive to benefit the Plymouth Salvation Army food pantry Saturday.

HOW THEY DONATED

	2012	2013
Plymouth	17,962	19,227
Canton	13,532	15,746
Belleville	12,000	14,201
Total	43,494	49,174

had so much food stuffed into his truck, it covered half the loading dock back at the post office when it was unloaded.

"His truck was full top to bottom, back to front," said Barb Mitchell, who with Tammy Bosman coordinated Plymouth's effort. "He couldn't have fit another bag into that truck."

Canton used some 75 postal carriers, plus their own cadre of volunteers. The army of volunteers picked up more than 2,000 pounds more food than they collected a year ago.

"That was amazing," said Lois Spitz, who coordinated Canton's part of the event. "I'm so proud

of our residents, who continue to be so generous."

Donations also came from a variety of local restaurants, pizzerias, grocers and retailers to help feed the army of volunteers. And, with a "zero budget" for advertising, Mitchell said the printing services provided by Allegra, Jack Ripper, Progressive Print and International Press "was amazing."

"The Salvation Army used to provide lunch for the volunteers, but with the (food) donations providing the lunch, the Salvation Army can put that money back into helping people," Mitchell said.

Some 60 carriers in Plymouth took part in the event.

"We're blessed we all have jobs, and not everybody is that blessed," Mitchell said. "It's a good cause."

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CHAMBER

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their sales, increase their cash flow and learn ways to become more efficient."

The series kicks off 8 a.m. Tuesday, June 11, when Premier Development Solutions official John Lankford brings "Six Steps to Financial Mastery" to the chamber office, on Hanford west of Canton Center, to teach businesses how to improve their profit margins while simplifying ways to track their finances.

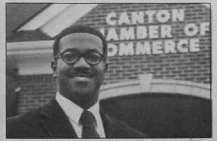
Lankford, addressing the crowd Monday morning, said he plans to offer tips for businesses whether they have just a few employees or hundreds. He said he will teach his course in just one hour. Those who want to attend should register by calling the chamber office at (734) 453-4040.

Another segment, not yet scheduled, involves Derek Freund of Rogue Marketing Systems, who plans to teach business representatives how they can use technology such as e-mail marketing to grow their companies. He said he has strategies that can potentially turn a \$1 investment into \$42.

Yet another planned segment includes Lisa Mininni of Canton-based Excelerate Associates — and author of *Me Myself & Why: The Secrets to Navigating Change* — who said she will advise business leaders how they can double their income.

Web face lift

Among other initiatives unveiled Monday morning, Paden said he and Canton's municipal cable station plan to combine forces for a program dubbed Chat with the Chamber. Segments of Paden interviewing local businesses will be filmed and aired on the local cable channel.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Thomas Paden, Canton Chamber of Commerce president, is starting to unveil a new strategic plan he and other chamber leaders have been developing.

Paden also said the chamber's website, www.cantonchamber.com, will be getting a face lift to accommodate video clips of local businesses and to make the site more user-friendly.

And, Paden cited other business-marketing efforts that will continue, such as sharing with companies the forms they need to fill out to appear on the Strictly Business page of the *Canton Observer*.

Brown, meanwhile, touted strategic-plan efforts such as promoting discounts at local businesses by using key-chain tags, much like those used by supermarkets and drugstores, allowing companies to save money and benefit from one another while expanding their customer base.

Local officials say the changes, in total, are geared toward a common goal of shifting the chamber's approach. Brown said the focus is changing from what businesses can do for the chamber to what the chamber can do for businesses.

"We want to change the perception of the chamber," she said.

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REPAIRS

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ing neighborhood petitions, declared a public necessity in January for the repairs and hired Northwest Consultants Inc., to begin an engineering study.

Another hearing is expected June 18, when the board is expected to award construction contracts and have more exact costs facing homeowners.

Property owners may

choose to pay for their special assessment in one lump sum or spread it out over 10 years with interest. Outside the township board room Tuesday, the Wethersfield resident who didn't want his name used said he wished condominium leaders had increased association fees a few years ago to generate a pot of money to pay for the repairs.

Faas said Lexington Square repairs are to include replacing portions of concrete and

patching other areas. He said the Wethersfield work is expected to involve a complete replacement of concrete streets. The work is expected to occur in the fall season.

Voglewede said he is eager for repairs so the neighborhood children can enjoy in-line skating or ride their bikes without their parents' "worrying about injuries."

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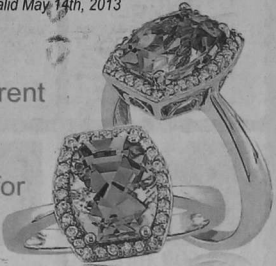
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CANTON CRIME WATCH

Rowdy party

Canton police reported finding 30-40 teenagers, some involved in underage drinking, after receiving reports of a loud house party Friday night in the 45900 block of Larchmont, northeast of Ford and Beck roads. A police report indicated teens from Canton, Romulus, Plymouth and Livonia were at the party, with some vehicles parked in the fire lane, a police report said. Police could smell marijuana as they arrived, and teens who were outside quickly went inside the house, the report said.

Police noticed beer cans on the front porch, and after going inside the house officers found more beer and a fifth of liquor.

One teen who said he lived there with his mother had produced

identification indicating he lived in Redford, but he also showed mail sent to the Larchmont address with his name on it.

Police issued a citation for an open house party. Moreover, three teens were cited for being minors in possession of alcohol.

Hindering police

Canton paramedics took an alleged heroin addict to Oakwood Healthcare Center of Canton Sunday, though the man was facing possible charges for hindering a police investigation.

Police went to the area of Michigan Avenue and Beck Road about 5:20 p.m. Sunday after receiving reports of a man begging for money outside the Target and Kohl's department

stores. Police spotted the man hitchhiking along westbound Michigan.

An initial police investigation indicated the Ypsilanti suspect may have warrants for his arrest out of other communities. Police found Suboxone, a medication used to treat heroin addiction, on the man. The man initially lied about his identity, a police report said, but he told police he didn't want to go to jail on Mother's Day. He told authorities he would need to go to a hospital for heroin withdrawal.

Neighborhood feud

A neighborhood dispute over damage to a privacy fence brought Canton police to the 44100 block of Cranberry, southeast of Sheldon

and Joy, about 5:30 p.m. Saturday, a police report said.

A 60-year-old homeowner told police damage had been done to his privacy fence after bricks were placed alongside the other side of the fence by a neighbor whose house on Arlington backed up to his. The man said he tried to talk with the neighbor but said a door was slammed on him.

Police advised the man to contact the township's ordinance or building department before removing the bricks in order to determine whose property they were on.

Meanwhile, the man who lives on Arlington told police the Cranberry resident had pounded on his door and threatened to get even with him over the dispute. He

told police he had placed the bricks alongside the fence to keep animals from digging under it.

The resident of Cranberry denied punching the door or making threats.

Identity theft

A 62-year-old Canton man who lives on Cherry Hill Pointe, northeast of Cherry Hill and Lotz, notified police after he learned he had become a victim of identity theft when he filed his income taxes. The man told police last Thursday that he was contacted by his tax preparer that someone already had filed taxes using his information.

Canton police gave the man an identity theft packet.

Fleeing the scene

Canton police issued

a driver a citation for leaving the scene of an accident after another driver called police last Thursday following an accident shortly after 2 a.m. near the Michigan Avenue-Beck Road intersection.

A 59-year-old Ypsilanti man said his Ford truck was struck by another truck after the driver approached from behind at a high rate of speed, striking his truck and then leaving the scene, a police report said.

Police found the suspect in a nearby parking lot. He told police he had pulled away from the scene and thought the other driver would follow him.

The accident caused significant damage, the police report said.

—By Darrell Clem

PLYMOUTH CRIME WATCH

Metal theft

Security video at Haggerty Metal Co. on Haggerty north of Plymouth Road, recorded a man making repeated trips to the metal yard beginning 2 a.m. on May 10, police report.

The company reviewed the video, according to a Plymouth Township Police Department report, after discovering 700 pounds of copper wire missing later that morn-

ing. The video showed a man making seven trips through the yard, carrying something each time, police said.

An employee found copper wire in the yard of a neighboring business, police said, and speculated it had been left there by the thief for later pickup.

In another theft of copper, a \$250 valve assembly was reported stolen May 8 from a house on Edinburgh Drive, in the area of

Five Mile and North Territorial.

The theft had occurred some time since November, the victim told police. The valve assembly had been cut out, he told police.

Larceny from truck

A woman on Crabtree Lane, in the area of Five Mile and Haggerty, reported on May 7 the theft of cash and other items from her pickup

up truck.

The Ford Ranger pickup had been parked in her driveway, the woman said, and \$30 cash, two wallets and a driver's license taken from it. The theft occurred between the evening of May 6 and 4 p.m. the next day, a police report said.

It was not reported whether the pickup was locked. The victim found in the pickup a parking permit for a handicapped driver that

did not belong to her, but police were unable to trace its owner.

Vandalism

A family on Howland Park Drive, west of Ridge roads, returned from a vacation April 8 to find two exterior light fixtures damaged, police report. One light was on the garage, the other on the house, a police report said.

Nearly a month later, on May 6, a crack

in a front window on the house was discovered, and the vandalism reported to police.

A window on pickup truck parked on Franklin Drive, west of Ridge roads and north of North Territorial, was smashed out earlier this month.

The pickup was parked on the street when the rear driver-side window was broken some time between May 6 and May 8, the victim told police.

By Matt Jachman

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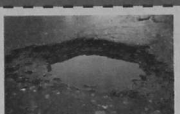
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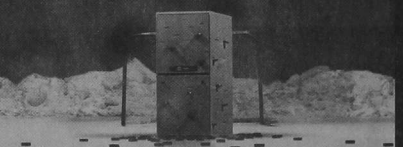
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Community support propels team to top spot in Wish walk

By Sue Buck
Staff Writer

Make-a-Wish Foundation team members at Gordon Chevrolet propelled themselves to a first place win at the 15th annual Walk for Wishes at the Detroit Zoo Saturday, May 4.

Competing with other groups from the metropolitan Detroit area, Gordon Chevrolet raised more than \$20,000 twice their goal of \$10,000.

"It was awesome," said general manager Susan Ianni. "We raised more than Quicken Loans, and they had a bigger team." Ianni is giving a lot of the credit to Sheri Barber, a customer relations representative, who handled much of the organizing. Barber also held a variety of fundraising events at the dealership, including a card party, which kept the interest alive. Employees also contributed through the events.

Barber said that the dealership was flooded with donations after the Observer ran the story about the team.

"We received many, many phone calls and



Susan Ianni, general manager of Gordon Chevrolet in Garden City, enjoyed a day at the Detroit Zoo after winning first place in a fundraising campaign for the Make-A-Wish Foundation. She is pictured with granddaughter, Lucy, 2½, who has ALL, a form of leukemia, and her daughter, Susan Smith of Canton.

donations," Barber said.

Fuzzy Faces

Attention was riveted on the effort and drew the attention of children in the Plymouth-Canton area.

"What the Smith Elementary School in the Plymouth-Canton school district did with mustache day was wonder-

ful," Barber said.

The Smith Student Council partnered with Gordon Chevrolet and Ianni to support the Make-A-Wish Foundation. The student council sold mustaches for Fuzzy Faces spirit day. They raised \$273 and Gordon Chevrolet matched the school's donation for a total of \$546.

"So many local business that we work with donated," Barber said. "The support was overwhelming."

Gordon Chevrolet, located on Ford, just west of Merriman, matched donations.

Ianni and her team at Gordon Chevrolet are experienced at fundraising for a variety of causes.

This year, however, the plight of children with cancer hit even closer to home because Ianni's 2½-year-old granddaughter, Lucy Smith of Canton Township, was recently diagnosed with ALL, a form of leukemia, a blood cancer.

Inspiration

Lucy has been an added

inspiration to Ianni and her crew, who worked to form a team to help with the Walk for Wishes.

Lucy, who is not on the list as a wish recipient, was able to attend for a short time at the Detroit Zoo.

"There are currently 400 children with life-threatening medical conditions in Michigan waiting for wishes," Barber said.

Lucy is the daughter of Susan and Austin Smith of Canton Township. Coincidentally, Susan Smith, Ianni's daughter, works for Make-A-Wish as a community development manager. The Smiths also have a 4-month-old daughter, Stella.

Ianni, their grandmother from Plymouth, said that Lucy's prognosis looks good, and she is receiving chemotherapy treatments.

The public took a personal interest in this fundraising.

"One of our customers, Mary Green, hand crocheted hats for Lucy to wear that were just adorable," Barber said.

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Don't fear the IRS in filing an amended return

By Rick Bloom
Guest Columnist

I recently discussed some of the new changes to tax laws and in the discussions that followed, two questions arose regarding amended tax returns.

The first issue dealt with someone who made a mistake in filing last year's tax return and hopes that the IRS would not catch the mistake. The thought was if the IRS catches the mistake then they would pay the taxes.

The other issue dealt with someone who made a mistake regarding cost basis on a return they filed a couple years ago. The mistake actually resulted in them paying more taxes. However, there was a fear that filing an amended return would cause more aggravation than it's worth.

After talking with both people my recommendation was file an amended return.

In the first situation, the mistake was that income reported on a 1099 was not reported. This is a mistake that the IRS will eventually catch and, when it does, the individual will have to pay the tax plus interest as



Money Matters
Rick Bloom

well as a potential penalty. By filing an amended return, this filer will pay interest, however, there is a good chance he/she will avoid the penalties. In addition, it is our responsibility as citizens to file correct returns and if we discover a mistake, it is our responsibility to file an amended return.

Whether the IRS would eventually catch the mistake is really not the issue. The issue is an incorrect return. Therefore, an amended return should be filed.

In the other situation, the person inherited stock and when they sold the stock, as opposed to taking a cost basis based upon the date of death they took a transfer basis from the deceased. The result was a higher tax liability. They did not want to file an amended return because they were fearful of the IRS.

Commonplace

Amended returns are quite common and since

this individual filed an accurate return other than the cost basis issue they should have no problem with the IRS. This notion that if you file an amended return seeking a refund that the IRS will come after you is just wrong. It's one of those urban legends that has no basis in reality.

If there is a mistake on your return and it is to your benefit, file an amended return and document the issue.

Filing an amended return is not difficult. Complete Form 1040X. Basically, this form allows you to correct the part of your original return that was in error. You have three years after your return was due to file an amended return. After you file your return it will generally take the IRS three to four months to process the return.

If you do file an amended return, where you owe additional taxes or where you get a refund, also look to how that change affects your State of Michigan return. In certain situations, you also would want to file an amended state return. Particularly, in the first situation (where someone failed to report income on a 1099) an amended Mich-

igan state return would be necessary to report that additional income. The bottom line is taxpayers should not be fearful of filing an amended return for fear of the

IRS. There is no doubt that there are issues where the IRS acts irresponsibly, however, the reality is it's few and far between. Good luck!

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

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Madonna University celebrates 66th commencement

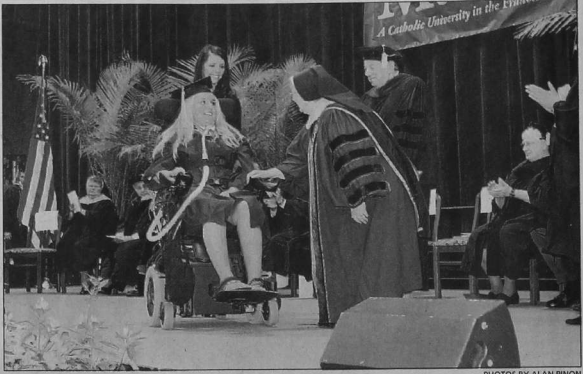
Some 1,200 graduates joined the Madonna University alumni ranks during the Livonia school's 66th commencement ceremony on Sunday at Compuware Arena in Plymouth.

More than 800 students received a bachelor's or associate degree, while 370 earned master's degrees. In addition, there were 20 graduates of Madonna's Doctor of Nursing Practice program.

Two honorary doctoral degrees were bestowed—one for Sister Mary Clarette Stryzewski, president and CEO of Felician Services Inc. in Chicago, and the other to Richard Walawender, Miller Canfield principal in Detroit. A third honorary doctorate was awarded to architect Robert Svoboda at the university's 75th anniversary gala in October 2012.

The Distinguished Alumna Award was presented to Christine Lees of Grosse Ile, a retired cytotechnologist who worked to identify cancer cells in patients and now devotes much of her time volunteering in hospice care.

Presiding over the commencement ceremony was Madonna University Provost and Vice President for Academic Administration Ernest I. Nolan.



PHOTOS BY ALAN PINON

Sister Rose Marie Kujawa, Madonna University president, congratulates Laura Jackson of Livonia on her bachelor's degree in business administration.



Madonna University student Autumn Stawewski of Yale hugs a fellow graduate before commencement.



Madonna University graduate Marci Lennox of Plymouth signs the National Anthem during the commencement ceremony.



The graduates line up.



Madonna University criminal justice graduate Jasmine Taylor of Roseville waves to the crowd during commencement.



Emily Graham of New Boston, who received a master's degree in educational leadership, blows kisses to her family in the crowd.

A Madonna University student uses her mortarboard to thank her mom and dad.



Jillian Gustin of Milford celebrates after accepting her bachelor's degree in forensic science on stage at Madonna University's commencement ceremony at Compuware Arena in Plymouth.



Steve Templeton of Macomb celebrates after accepting his bachelor's degree in sport management on stage at Madonna University's commencement ceremony at Compuware Arena in Plymouth on Sunday.



Madonna University paralegal studies graduate Dean Herron of Livonia gets help from Emma Massman before the commencement ceremony.

AROUND PLYMOUTH-CANTON

HUG OPEN HOUSE

Date/Time: Wednesday, May 22, 1-4 p.m.

Location: Hug Center for Hearing, 705 S. Main in Plymouth
Details: In celebration of Better Hearing and Speech Month, Hug Center for Hearing will be hosting an open house. There will be free consultations, free hearing screenings and more. Refreshments, raffle prizes and giveaways will be provided.
Contact: Email marybarteek@hughearing.com or call (734) 451-0800.

AAUW TRIVIA NIGHT

Date/Time: Friday, May 17 at 7 p.m. Doors open at 6:15.

Location: The Barn at Colony Farms on Colony Farms Dr. in Plymouth (south of Ann Arbor Rd. between Beck and Ridge Roads).
Details: The Plymouth-Canton branch of the American Association of University Women is hosting Trivia Night. Have fun with friends and family by putting your knowledge of facts and factoids to a good use. Optional games will include Mulligans, Survivor, and Dead or Alive. Refreshments will be available and money prizes will be given for 1st and 2nd place. Proceeds will benefit the AAUW Scholarship Fund. Tickets are \$20 per person. For tickets and more information call Sharon at 734-453-5009. Reservations required. Advance purchase recommended as space is limited. There will also be a collection of men and women's toiletry items for Freedom House in Detroit. Appetizers and desserts will be served.

Contact: For more information contact Becky Copenhaver at bcopenhaver@yahoo.com or (734) 981-6023.

HEISE HOURS

Date/Time: Friday, May 17, 10-11 a.m.**Locations:** Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main.

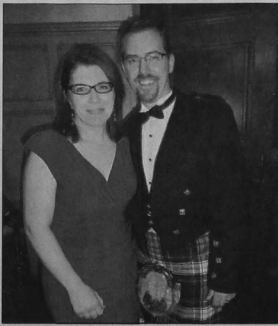
Details: State Rep. Kurt Heise invites local residents to meet with him to share their perspectives and ask questions. Rep. Heise is also available to meet with constituents by appointment either in the district or at his Lansing office.

Contact: Residents are invited to call toll free 1-855-REP-KURT or e-mail kurtheise@house.mi.gov to schedule an appointment.

BLOOD DRIVES

Dates/Times:

• Friday, May 17, 4-7:45 p.m., Pioneer Middle School
 • Tuesday, May 28, 1:30-7:15 p.m., St. Michael's Lutheran



JULIE YOLLES

Community gala

Canton residents Mary and Rob Wall attended the Community House Gala at the Community House in Birmingham to raise funds for At Risk Youth Development Programs. They also came to celebrate with their mother, Artist Connie McEwan of Birmingham, who received the Culture Pillar Award. The Community House is in full sign-up swing for Summer Day Camps which will start in mid-June. For a complete schedule, go online to www.tchseves.org.

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

JAZZ @ THE ELKS

Date/Time: Tuesday, May 28, 7-10 p.m.**Location:** Elks Lodge #1780, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth

Details: The Plymouth Elks Lodge #1780 brings back another fine series of Jazz @ The Elks. The evening features the Terry Lower Trio with vocalist Edye Evans-Hyde, with Terry playing Keyboard, Ray Tini on Bass, and Jim Ryan on drums. There is a \$10 donation at the door which includes hors d'oeuvres.

Contact: For more information, call (734) 453-1780 or email plymouthelks1780@yahoo.com.

CALLING ALL CRAFTERS

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

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

Details: Crafters wanted for Delta Kappa Gamma's 29th Annual Craft Show. Proceeds from the show will be used to support college scholarships for local students focusing on careers in education.

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

MEDICARE/MEDICAID COUNSELING

Date/Time: Wednesday, June 5, 1-3 p.m.

Location: United Home Health Services, 2200 Canton Center, Suite 250 in Canton

Details: United Home Health Services offers free counseling with a certified MMAP (Medicare Medicaid Assistance Program) Counselor. The counselor can help understand Medicare/Medicaid eligibility and the various plans, apply for Medicaid, research and enroll in Medicare Part D drug insurance, understand Medicare supplemental plans, find pharmaceutical assistance programs, identify and report Medicare/Medicaid fraud and abuse issues, and explore long term care insurance options. No reservations necessary.

Contact: United Home Health Services at (734) 981-8820 or visit the MMAP website at www.mmapinc.org/pages/about.html

Cops, schools partner for safe grad season

In a cooperative effort between the Canton Police Department and the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park staff, several end-of-the-school-year procedures are being implemented on the high school campus to ensure the safety of students and staff.

"We would also like to

remind residents that police officers will be utilizing a zero tolerance approach to minors consuming and/or being served alcoholic beverages at parties," said Special Service Lt. Deb Newsome. "There are adults who think it is acceptable to let minors consume alcohol if they

stay on their property, but it is unlawful in Michigan, and the adult/property owner will be charged along with the minors."

The Canton Police Department has also notified area hotel owners of key dates throughout the graduation season, and reminded them

that it is unlawful for persons under the age of 21 to consume alcoholic beverages on their property. To avoid being charged, hotel owners are encouraged to adopt a "no room rental to persons under the age of 21" policy, especially during prom and graduation season.

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Fox Hills first

Fox Hills Golf and Banquet Center announced the recent opening of Omni Kinetics, making the course the first in Michigan to open an on-site training facility.

"Fox Hills is very excited to partner with Omni Kinetics. It will be a great facility for our clients and the public to utilize," said Julia Grelak, director of Sales & Marketing. "We know people are itching to get back on the golf course as the weather is starting to break and we can't wait for them to see this new gym and put it to good use to improve their golf game."

The facility is approximately 2,500 square feet, housing a fitness and instruction area as well as a private evaluation room in the basement of the Fox Hills Administration Building. Omni Kinetics is a restorative movement and fitness company that focuses on providing clients with a strong foundation to improve their movement efficiency. The program combines strength and conditioning, sports medicine, massage, pilates and yoga to help clients maintain a healthy momentum and improve their golf fitness handicap.

Fox Hills offers over 50 course programs through their Learning Center, from beginner leagues to junior golf camps and women's instructional leagues. All course information is located online at www.foxhills.com and are now open for enrollment.

Coffee time

The Canton Chamber of Commerce offers its free networking coffee 7:30-9 a.m. Thursday, May 23, at Scrambler Marie's, 43225 Ford Road in Canton.

Participants can take advantage of this free opportunity to network with fellow chamber members from local businesses.

RSVP by calling the chamber office at (734) 453-4040.

Grub crawl

The Canton Chamber of Commerce is offering members the opportunity to sponsor the annual Grub Crawl, which takes place Tuesday, July 16, from 6-10 p.m.

There are four sponsorship levels available and three of the sponsorships include tickets (T-shirts) to the event: • Transportation/Fun Bus, \$500 (six T-shirts);



Tattoo time

Owner Chris Guinen and his team of artists bring fine, hand-crafted tattooing to their new location at 614 S. Main (just south of Wing) in Plymouth. Pictured at the grand opening is Chris Guinen and his staff, family and friends along with Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors.

- Menu Sponsor, \$500 (six T-shirts);
- T-shirt Sponsor-Plus, \$135 (Two T-shirts); and
- T-Shirt Sponsor, \$75.

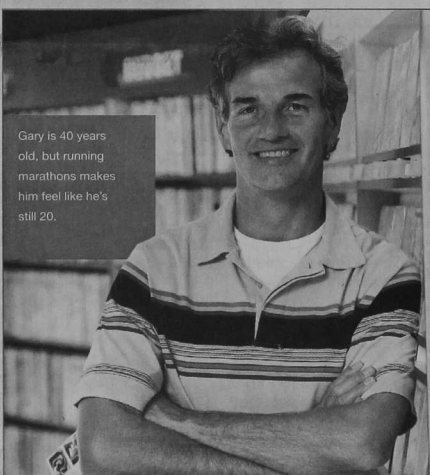
For further information, call the chamber office at (734) 453-4040, ext. 4

Speed networking

The Canton Chamber of Commerce sponsors a "speed networking" event 7:45-9:15 a.m. June 6 at Buffalo Wild Wings, 41980 Ford Road in Canton. Speed Networking is like Speed Dating for businesses. Chamber members will have the opportunity to meet approximately 15-20 business contacts in one hour. This structured networking event will allow you to meet most of the people in the room and within two minutes learn about each other's companies.

The purpose is to meet potential customers or develop new referral partners. The event will start with everyone having the opportunity to enjoy coffee, juice and a light breakfast.

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Oakview Party Store, on Palmer in Canton, features a variety of Michigan beers and other craft beers, along with wine, lottery sales and other party store fare.

Party store counts on 'great customer base'

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

Oakview Party Store: It's a convenience store, featuring liquor, beer, wine, Lottery, Michigan Craft beer and beer from all over the world.

Observer: How did you first decide to open your business?

Oakview Party Store: My father has been in the business for 30 years.

Observer: Why did you choose the Plymouth-Canton area?

Oakview Party Store: It's a safe, great community with great people.

Observer: What makes your business unique?

Oakview Party Store: Making all my customers feel right at home.

Observer: How has it changed since you opened?

Oakview Party Store: We've made great relationships with lots of people.

Observer: How has the recent economy affected your business?

Oakview Party Store: Not much at all. We have a great customer base that has been very loyal to us.

Observer: Do you have a funny tidbit to share with other business owner?

Oakview Party Store: Since golfing with lots of my customers, they have all been teasing me about beating me when we go golfing.

OAKVIEW PARTY STORE

Business name: Oakview Party Store
Business address: 2256 Palmer, Canton
Your name: Mario Aljarbo, owner
Your hometown: West Bloomfield
Business opened: 2004
Number of employees: 3
Your business specialty: Convenience store, liquor, beer and wine shop.
Business phone: (734) 397-3630

Observer: Any advice for other business owners?

Oakview Party Store: To enjoy their patrons and people they work with for a friendly environment.

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

Oakview Party Store: We have added lots of local Michigan beers and are adding lots of new craft beers and also a website with friendly email-type advertisements with great new deals.

Tech guy test-drives Verizon Jetpack

By Jon Gunnells

Guest Columnist

Finally an electronic device that even the most unsophisticated tech user can manage. The Verizon Jetpack may be one of the simplest, yet necessary pieces of equipment I've tested over the years.

I used a Verizon Jetpack extensively during the month of April courtesy of Verizon Wireless and now it is hard computing without it. I'm one of those people who is constantly connected — it is not only my job to be connected, but part of my lifestyle. The Verizon Jetpack makes that lifestyle easier.

The Jetpack was easy to connect to just about any device. I tried it with my laptop, iPhone, Samsung Galaxy tablet and a pair of Android phones, one new and one old. The connection was seamless. When you turn on the device the personal identification code is available so you can get connected quickly. I remember your devices and can provide mobile Internet service for up to 10 devices at a time.

There are no bells and whistles on the Jetpack and the black and white screen looks like something off of an early 1990s computer. But that's the



Tech Savvy

Jon Gunnells

you need.

The device is also incredibly convenient as it is about the size of a box of raisins. Its small size makes it ideal for travel — and although it won't work during flights, it is great for layovers and delays.

My favorite part about the Jetpack was that it even paired with my AT&T iPhone. A Verizon Wi-Fi connection with an AT&T phone is probably the most controversial connection since the Montagues and Capulets.

In fact, sometimes I wonder when AT&T will read one of these reviews and wonder why one of their customers is always discussing Verizon. You may be wondering the same thing. Believe it or not, the fine folks in the PR department are long-time Tech Savvy readers and their product demos allow for a nice variety of device reviews. (I hope you find them valuable.)

Jetpack costs

When deciding if a Jetpack or mobile hotspot is right for you, first consider how much you would use it. Would the device help you save money by eliminating your traditional home internet set up? That's a definite option.) Or, could it help you avoid nasty overage charges by helping you connect when you are at work or on the road? Even though a subscription plan costs \$20 dollars per month, it could still add up to savings for the right person or business.

Consider this: I recently spent a week in Las Vegas at a business conference and in true Las Vegas fashion the internet was an astounding \$19.99 per day. At that rate, I could have paid for a Jetpack Wi-Fi subscription for many months. Combined with the ability to connect up to 10 devices, a Jetpack could be a great way to save money on internet costs for families, small businesses, large businesses, or work conferences.

Jon Gunnells is a freelance writer and social media planner. Comments or suggestions for future columns? Email jonathan.gunnells@gmail.com or follow him on Twitter at @GunnShw.

Little League celebrates season opener

Plymouth-Canton Little League hosted 400 league families Saturday at its opening day celebration at Canton Softball Center.

The festivities included introductions of each team in the league, the Detroit Tigers mascot Paws, presenting of colors by Chapter 528 Vietnam Veterans of America and members of the P-CEP Marching Band.

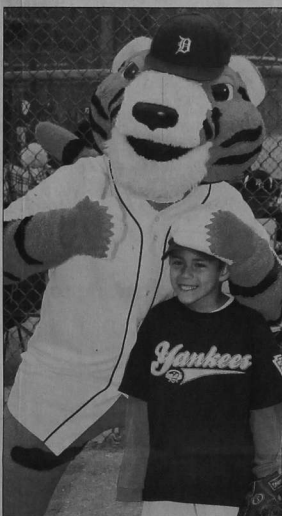
PCLL officials were honored to have other special guests join the celebration. The league donated \$250 to the Miracle League of Plymouth, represented by MLP deputy commissioner Glen Kordick. The Domzalski family (Mike, Leanne, Caden and Peyton) of Plymouth attended so sons Caden (player in PCLL) and Peyton (player in MLP) could throw out the ceremonial first pitch.

Larry Fix, District 16 Administrator for Little League International, honored PCLL for winning Little League International's 2012 first-place ASAP Safety Award in the Midwest Region, a testament to PCLL's commitment to the safety of its players and volunteers.



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Taking part in the ASAP Award presentation were (from left) Jason Stombaugh, vice president of Safety, Plymouth-Canton Little League; Don Lohrmann, first president of Plymouth-Canton Little League; Larry Fix, District 16 administrator, Little League International; and Kevin Koshowsky, president, Plymouth-Canton Little League.



Detroit Tigers mascot Paws downs around with Joey Grenillo, 8, of Canton.



Chapter 528 Vietnam Veterans of America and PCLL player Tommy Salinger of Canton present the colors.



Brady Kraft, 9, of Canton takes the mound on opening day.



Everyone wanted in on the action with Detroit Tigers mascot Paws, including the Major Division Pirates.

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Board of Education
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools
Adrienne Davis, Secretary

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Livonia Public Schools Opens Renowned Academically Talented Program to Out-of-District Students

Eight seats are open to students entering 1st or 2nd grade for the 2013-14 school year.

Limited Registration window: May 8-22, 2013

Livonia Public Schools is opening its Alternative Classrooms for the Academically Talented (ACAT) program to Limited Schools of Choice for the 2013-2014 school year.

This program is geared toward academically talented students looking for a specialized learning experience.

Registration will be open from May 8-22, 2013 at Webster Elementary, 32401 Pembroke, Livonia 48152 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday-Friday. All candidates MUST meet the ACAT selection testing criteria.

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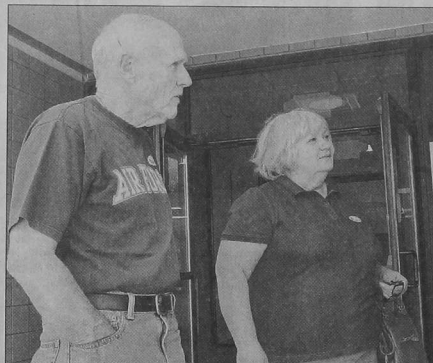
Bond approved: Now hard work begins

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools officials are understandably pleased with the result of last week's election, in which the district's \$114.4-million bond proposal was approved by a whopping 65 percent of the voters. And they should be.

But now comes the hard part. The district made a lot of promises while selling the bond at presentations around the area, some 40 or more in all to hundreds of voters.

They promised the board was never going to raise the debt millage past the 4.1 at which it currently sits. Some opponents made the point that this board can't make that commitment for future boards and that future boards could raise the debt levy as high as it wants. That's true, especially since three seats are up on the board next year, and all three of them — Vice President Judy Mardigian, Secretary Adrienne Davis and newcomer Kimberly Crouch — belong to board members who supported the bond.

They promised an open, responsible stewardship of the bond proceeds. That one has history behind it; the board beautifully managed the 2004 bond, during which every project finished on time (or early) and under budget. That fiscal responsibility actually resulted in several extra projects being paid



The support of voters such as Ed and Lynn Gruenwald helped carry the \$114.4-million bond question to a 65-percent approval last week.

for out of the bond proceeds.

That's the kind of stewardship this bond will need. It's easy to see trustees Mark Horvath and Mike Maloney, neither of whom supported the bond nor did much to help

get it passed, keeping an eagle eye on expenditures. But care must be taken not to let personal differences deter good leadership. The bond created a split vote, but it passed with 65 percent of the vote.

That's an overwhelming mandate that even the non-supporters must heed.

And the biggest question still looms for board members and district officials: What to do with Central Middle School. Under the bond plan, it will be finished as a school with the start of the 2015/16 school year. What becomes of it after that will be up to the Board of Education. Mardigian has said she's adamant about selling the property for enough money to repay the Durant fund the \$2 million they borrowed to buy the land in Canton on which the new middle school will be built.

But other things should happen, as well. Of course, the district should make the best possible fiscal deal possible, and the board should start by talking to City of Plymouth officials. However, two things should absolutely be preserved in their present form: The Veterans Memorial Park (which was built on the front law of Central Middle School) and Bilkie Family Field, where the Miracle League of Plymouth runs its baseball league for special-needs players. Any deal the district cuts should, at a minimum, save those two nuggets.

District officials — rightly so — felt like they worked hard to convince voters the bond was necessary. Now that they've done that, the hard work is about to begin.

GUEST COLUMN

Affordable Care Act debate is over

By Dan West
Guest Columnist

A business manager dealing with the Affordable Care Act (ACA) is sort of like a couple that needs to prepare a will. You don't want to think about it, but you have to deal with it. And if you don't act in a timely fashion, there will be consequences.

Health care reform is complicated, it is not complete, and it will use up a lot of time and energy for business managers.

But it is not going away. The ACA is no longer a political debate. It is the law which will

require all businesses — large and small — to make some significant decisions by Oct. 1.

These were among the key messages shared by a Livonia Chamber of Commerce Health Care Reform Forum at part of the Livonia Business Expo May 9, at the Marriott Hotel. Some 40 business people listened to three experts discuss the impact of the ACA on businesses.

The experts said recognizing the ACA as the law is half the battle for most businesses. Based on some recent surveys, many managers are ignoring the new world of health care reform and how it will affect their employees. In one survey, 19 percent of Americans believe the Affordable Care Act was made illegal by the U.S. Supreme Court (the High Court affirmed the ACA and its individual mandate last June). Another survey indicated that 42 percent of the country does not realize the ACA is in effect.

"Whatever you do, don't do nothing," said Michael Burdo, a benefits consultant from Alan Hewitt. "Something like this will go away, but it's not."

Most of us have heard about the Affordable Care

Act primarily in a political context in the debate over "Obamacare," but spent little time learning the details of how reform will impact individuals and businesses.

This brings up the Oct. 1 deadline for companies to declare their intentions to continue providing their own health insurance for employees, if they are going to enroll them in exchanges, and whether companies will pay fines for not providing coverage to their employees. What makes it more complicated is the fact that exchange programs are still being developed. Also, some current health care providers will not be involved in exchange programs. That means those impacted companies will have to find new health insurance carriers by the end of the year.

"Since the Act was signed into law, most of the mandates have impacted carriers, and that's the easiest part," said Jason Shick, a benefits consultant from Mid-American Group. "It is kind of like having the dessert before the liver and onions."

The hard work is engaging all companies and individuals to make their own decisions in an effective and timely manner. In most cases, companies are going to need help so they can figure out options and new subsidies to provide employee health coverage — and business managers should begin now to make an informed decision by Oct. 1.

"If you want help, start now," said Scott Young, a benefits consultant from E-InsureLink. "It will be hard to find help in the fourth quarter of this year."

This process is not fun, easy, or quick, but it is necessary and required by law. If you don't get started now, it will make a challenging situation even more daunting next year when the law takes full effect.

Dan West is the president of the Livonia Chamber of Commerce.

COMMUNITY VOICE

What do you think of the Red Wings advancing to the next round in the hockey playoffs?

We asked this question at the Canton Public Library.



"I think that's good. I'm not a big hockey fan, but I support the local team, and I hope they get a chance to play for the (Stanley) Cup."

Dave Molnar
Canton



"I think it's great. It's really exciting. I love hockey, and I play with my friends. The Red Wings have been a good team for a long time. I want to see them go as far as they can."

Afria Afzal
Canton



"I'm actually a Chicago (Blackhawks) fan. I think Chicago will win the next round (against Detroit) because they have a deep team."

Matt Downey
Canton



"I think it's great. It's bringing some spirit to the state of Michigan."

Katherine Cheeks
Canton

LETTERS

Still doing it

In the wake of the Republican filibuster of a Senate bill that would have provided for a watered-down background check for arms purchases that polls indicate over 90 percent of Americans supported, Pat Toomey, R-Pa., put the blame on President Obama pretty much saying that if he (Obama) is for it, we are against it. Really, Mr. Toomey, even when 90 percent of the country is for it? The cost of this toxic hyper-partisanship displayed time again by Republicans in both houses of Congress over the last four years, irrespective of the wishes or needs of constituents or the nation, goes far beyond a failure to pass a common-sense but weak gun control provision.

This Republican M.O. to deny Obama has resulted in needless financial ruin for millions, unnecessary ongoing pain and suffering that could, with appropriate policy, have been avoided.

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell cravenly installed as priority one for the Republican Senate caucus making Obama a one-term president in January 2009 rather than joining

the president in attacking unemployment and the recession, even as the Great Bush Recession raged on in a month where 850,000 jobs disappeared.

Tragically, McConnell was just the shameless front man, preening on "Meet The Press" or some other Sunday morning program that would have been more aptly called "Meet the Republicans." As detailed in a book by Robert Draper titled, "Do Not Ask What Good We Do: Inside the House of Representatives," it is now apparent that McConnell was merely the mouthpiece for a group of co-conspirators against Obama, the people and the economy of the United States.

This cabal (Reps. and Sens. Cantor, McCarthy, Ryan, Sessions, Hensarling, Hoekstra, DeMint, Kyl, Coburn, Ensign, Corker joined by RW propagandist Frank Luntz and professional liar Newt Gingrich) met on the evening of inauguration day 2009 and pledged allegiance not to the people of the United States and pursuing a path out of a terrible recession, but to the idea of denying Obama any victory no matter how small regardless of whether their behaviors would

outright crash the economy by causing a default or keep tens of millions mired in a jobs malaise by employing whatever means necessary to prevent Obama and a beleaguered America working class from "winning."

This reactionary strategy has been the unified Republican response in lieu of any productive policy initiatives and even though they were unable to defeat Obama in 2012, based on Toomey's admission they are still at it.

Remember how the sequester came to be, when Republican Speaker Boehner after manufacturing a phony debt crisis got 98 percent of what he wanted so that the hostage, the full faith and credit of the U.S., would be spared?

New estimates put job loss from that sequester at up to 40,000 for month one and this is only the beginning.

A Hamilton Project report estimates that Republican obstruction and intransigence has cost over two million in potential job creation and other studies say the number is far higher. Thanks, Republicans.

Mitch Smith
Canton


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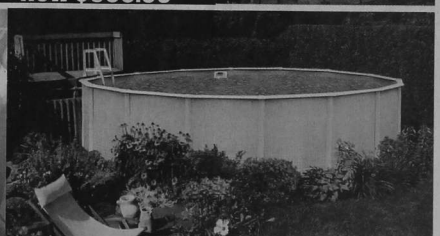

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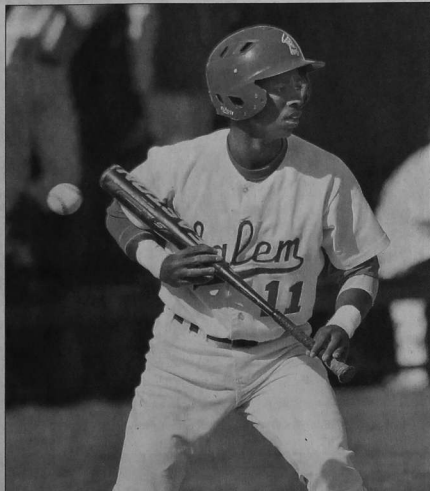
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DIAMOND GEMS



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Salem's Demetrius Dunlap is as smart as they come on the baseball field and off. Here, he opts not to offer at this inside pitch during a recent sacrifice bunt attempt.

Rocks' Dunlap plays baseball only way he knows how to — all out

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Demetrius Dunlap can hit screaming line drives over the fence, lunge to snare liners off the grass and then find time to grab a rake to help Salem teammates manure their field following a ballgame.

It's all another baseball day at the Park for the Rocks' talented senior outfielder.

Dunlap, who is batting in the vicinity of .400, is putting the finishing touches on a standout high school career and is looking forward to playing his favorite sport at Saginaw Valley State University next season.

"Yes, I think I'll start a couple games in center (next year at SVSU), hit 1 or 2 (in the lineup)," said the 17-year-old Dunlap. "We have some kids from Canton, Ryan Bazner, and from Plymouth, Richard Guglielmi. They said it's the same as high school. 'The guys are great, just got to play the way you play. Don't play out of

yourself, play within your bounds.'"

Opponents in the KLAAs won't be too upset to see Salem's premium center-fielder take his skills to Saginaw Valley.

Grand statement

Consider Saturday's "Strike Out Prostate Cancer" doubleheader against the Wildcats.

Dunlap spearheaded Salem to a sweep, ripping a grand slam in each contest.

Such performances are rare in high school baseball and, in fact, it had never been done before at Salem High School.

Indeed, longtime Salem head coach Dale Rumberger knows that he has a rare gem in Dunlap. "Demetrius is an outstanding player, a great teammate and is a better person than he is a player," Rumberger emphasized. "He plays with a smile on his face every day. I shall miss him very much when he graduates."

Please see DUNLAP, B4

Salem soccer camp set

Boys and girls going into grades three-eight in 2013-14 are invited to attend the Salem Soccer Camp. The camp will take place 10 a.m. to noon Monday through Thursday, June 17-20, in front of Phase 3 at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

For more information, contact coach Scott Duhal at elduhal@yahoo.com.

Honors for Whalers

The Ontario Hockey League announced that Plymouth Whalers center Vincent Trocheck was Player of the Year for the 2012-13 season and that Trocheck was named to the First All-Star Team. Trocheck led the circuit in scoring with 109 points.

He joins Whalers coach Mike Vellucci (OHL Coach of the Year) on the top squad.

• Speaking of the Whalers, forward Tom Wilson (who attended Plymouth High School) was called up by the NHL's Washington Capitals during the team's first-round playoff series against the New York Rangers. Wilson played in two contests.

Blazers rule league lax

Senior Christina Riga and junior Jessica Snyder combined for eight goals as Livonia Ladywood repeated as Catholic League girls lacrosse champions Saturday with a 13-11 win at Pontiac Notre Dame Prep.

Goalie Stephanie Mackley made 12 saves as the Blazers improved to 10-0 overall.

Caroline Wood scored four goals and Meghan Kelly added three for the Fighting Irish.

Goalie Marin McInerney made two saves.

'Cats skill camp set

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

Sessions are as follows: 5-7 p.m. for youngsters entering grades five-nine; 7-9 p.m. for those in grades 10-12 this fall. So to www.plymouth-wildcatsfootball.com to download a camp brochure or for more information. Questions can be directed to Plymouth coach Mike Sawchuk at (734) 765-1766.

Canton's Hazergian is baseball 'bulldog'

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Nick Hazergian probably falls out of bed in the morning with a chaw of bubble gum in his mouth and eye black smeared all over his face, pumped up to play baseball all day long.

He loves to play baseball and he lives it, too, bringing a winning attitude and determination to the field on a daily basis, where he is tearing it up with Canton's varsity team.

"I just have that instinct to win, do whatever it takes to win," said Hazergian, the Chiefs' power-hitting co-captain who is a good enough athlete to be the team's No. 2 starting pitcher. "I've always had that kind of mind-set."

According to Canton head coach Mark Blomshield, whatever success the Chiefs are having this year (the team is in the race for the KLAAs South Division championship) has a lot to do with the lefty-swinging Hazergian.

"He's a real tough kid with real good work ethic," Blomshield said. "When you put those two traits together, you get a real good baseball player."

"Nick's a bulldog, one of the hardest workers on the team. He hits with a lot of power, he's a leader offensively and our No. 2 pitcher. He's a pit-bull, he's the kind of guy you want up there."

Told about the coach's characterization of his style of baseball, Hazergian didn't flinch. He doesn't mind being a player who needs to carry the load and set a positive example for younger teammates.

It's all because he relishes getting out on the baseball field and doing whatever it takes to help his team get a 'W.'

"I love the game," said Hazergian, who is leading the Chiefs with an average north of the .400 mark. "I've been playing ever since I could walk (with the Canton Cardinals all the way up). What I love about it is

Please see HAZERGIAN, B4



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Adjusting his batting gloves in anticipation of another key at bat for the Canton Chiefs is senior co-captain Nick Hazergian.

'Cats blank Chiefs, clinch division

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Even teams tracking toward a long postseason run need some good fortune.

Such was the case Tuesday, as the Plymouth varsity girls soccer team parlayed a fortuitous bounce into the first goal against Canton — sparking a 2-0 victory.

With the win, the Wildcats clinched the KLAAs South Division championship with a record of 14-1 overall and 8-0-1 in the division. The Chiefs could have tied Plymouth with a win.

The ultimate winning goal was netted with 35:25 left in the second half by Plymouth scoring machine Madi Lewis.

On the play, teammate Zoe Foster pitched the ball into the 18-yard box, where Chiefs' senior goalkeeper Kaitlyn Jatzky — stellar in a losing cause — came out to try and snare it.



JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

Vying for the ball Tuesday night are Plymouth's Anna DeBlasi (No. 8) and Canton's Tracy Moore (No. 2).

But the ball took a tough hop and got behind Jatzky, where Lewis was ready to hit the vacated cage. "I think Zoe just sent it in and the goalie mishandled it

and I was just able to tap it in," Lewis recalled. "From a young age I was taught to follow the ball, no matter what."

"Because sometimes it can hit the post, the goalie can bobble it. It's just kind of luck, usually."

Insurance tally

Plymouth didn't need another goal, because the Chiefs were not able to get much of an attack going against the Wildcats' defense and junior goalkeeper Kylee Robb (who posted a team-record 12th shutout).

Yet that's what happened as freshman forward Olivia Janke scored with 20:25 remaining.

On the play, senior midfielder Stephanie Dillon rushed into the box and sent a short, crisp pass to Janke — who punched a high shot

Please see SOCCER, B4



Poster 'Cats

Celebrating 'Senior Night' Monday were Plymouth senior softball players (from left) Lindsey Gryniwicz, Kayla Reba, Elaine Gerou and Bri Giordano. For the story, turn to B3.

Wildcats keep hot streak going on Senior Night

Senior Night was pretty sweet for Plymouth's varsity girls softball team.

The Wildcats blanked a strong South Lyon team 5-0 Monday, in the final home game for Plymouth seniors Lindsley Gryniwicz, Bri Giordano, Kayla Reba and Elaine Gerou.

The Cats scored two runs in the first inning when Brooke Senkbeil singled to center and Lindsay Lutton brought her home with a home run to left.

Plymouth expanded that lead in the fifth. Lutton singled to second and came home on a hit by Giordano.

In the sixth, Mikayela Marciniak, Celeste Miller and Rachel Zeronia strung together hits and Elaine Gerou smacked a sacrifice fly as the Wildcats tackled on two more runs.

Marciniak led the Wildcats to a 3-for-3 day while Miller, Zeronia and

Lutton each had two hits. Gerou pitched the shutout, Plymouth's 12th of the season.

The senior rightly allowed one hit in the second by South Lyon all-state shortstop Jess Mehr — but nothing more.

Gerou had some revenge in the seventh, striking out Mehr on the 14th pitch of an epic at bat.

Canton Classic champs

Plymouth (21-4-1), looking to nail down first place in the KLAAs South Division this week, also won Saturday's Canton Softball Classic at CPEC.

The Wildcats opened up with a 13-0 rout of Trenton, then defeated Ladywood 12-1 in game two and tied Tecumseh 5-5 in the final pool game.

In the championship game, Marciniak celebrated her 16th birthday with a complete-



The Plymouth Wildcats are all smiles, and rightfully so, after winning Saturday's Canton Softball Classic at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park. Pictured in the front row (from left) are Rachel Zeronia, Rachael Ring, Mikayela Marciniak, Brooke Senkbeil and Bri Giordano. In the middle row (from left) are Celeste Miller, Hollie Barkums, Brittney Miller, Kayla Reba and Elaine Gerou. In the back row (from left) are coach Stephanie Plona, Alex Rakovitch, coach Dave Senkbeil, Lindsley Gryniwicz and assistant Allison Rayle. Not pictured are head coach Bev McManus and Lindsay Lutton.

game victory as Plymouth earned a 9-2 win over Belleville. She gave

up just four hits and one walk while every Wildcat had at least one hit.

Leading the charge was Gerou (3-for-3, three runs) while Senkbeil,

Marciniak, Miller, Zeronia and Hollie Barkums tallied two hits each.

Marciniak also pitched the distance in the win over Ladywood and helped out her cause with a home run among three hits.

Gerou chipped in with three hits while Miller doubled, homered, scored three times and drove in four.

Also with two safeties against the Blazers were Reba, Giordano and Miller.

Against Trenton, in the team's first game of the tournament, Giordano tripped and drove in four runs while Miller homered to back the shutout pitching of Gerou (who allowed four hits and no runs). 5-13-3, 8. Miller, 5-13-3, 8. Michelle Azar (C), 5-36-31.

Unable to take part in the tourney were Plymouth head coach Bev McManus (attending her daughter's college graduation) and Zeronia, who was out due to illness.

Salem girls end long title drought

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

When Dave Gerlach took over as head coach of Salem's varsity girls track and field team this season, he had to help the athletes learn about him and his coaching philosophy.

It didn't hurt that key runners such as Kayla Kavulich already knew him well thanks to being part of the Rocks' varsity girls cross country program.

Still, Gerlach could be certain he was excited about Salem defeated South Lyon East 107-30 in a KLAAs Central Division dual meet last week to clinch the division championship.

With a 5-0 record,

TRACK AND FIELD

Salem earned its first such title since 2000. The Rocks then went on to finish second at Friday's Kensington Conference meet and now are getting set for tomorrow's Division 1 regionals.

"This team and program has made positive, huge strides forward as a program this season," Gerlach said. "They have overcome the struggles of a change in coaching staff, philosophy and culture atmosphere this season."

"Several people fought the changes... but the core majority of those that worked hard and bought into the new system flourished."

"The passion for this sport by these young

ladies has been evident for years. As the head coach I am extremely proud of the hard work and determination (they) showed this season. They deserve this division title."

Some of the standouts for the Rocks include: distance runners Kavulich, who at the conference meet took first in three open events, Anya Cho and Alejandra Beltran; sprinters Khyli Ray (first in the 100 dash at the conference meet) and Shekinah Johnson; Dana Blankenship and Rebecca Falzon (throwing events); high jumper Jamyra Wilson; pole vaulter Nancy Krutty and Alex Davison.

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KLAAs GIRLS TRACK RESULTS

KENSINGTON CONFERENCE GIRLS TRACK MEET RESULTS

May 10 at Livonia Churchill

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Northville, 142 points; 2. Salem, 103; 3. Livonia Churchill, 98; 4. Novi, 92; 5. Plymouth, 58; 6. Livonia Franklin and Canton, 37 each; 8. South Lyon, 31; 9. Westland John Glenn, 28; 10. Livonia Stevenson, 27; 11. Wayne Memorial, 5; 12. South Lyon East, 4.

FINAL EVENT RESULTS

Shot put: 1. Amber Warren (Canton), 36 feet, 3 inches; 2. Emily Meier (Canton), 35-5; 3. Tionne Nichols (Ply.), 34-10; 4. Quay Nichols (WM), 34-17.5; 5. Oly Nwankwo (LS), 33-6; 6. Emily Norsica (LC), 33-27; 7. Chelsey Billington (LC), 32-6; 8. Rebecca Falzon (Salmon), 32-4.5.

Discus: 1. Taylor Pavlik (Novi), 133-9; 2. Norsica (LC), 128-10; 3. Johnson (Ply.), 118-11; 4. Dana Blankenship (Salmon), 117-3; 5. Falzon (Salmon), 111-1; 6. Meier (Canton), 108-4; 7. Shara Long (Salmon), 108-2; 8. Rhianon Pavlinic (SL), 105-5.

High jump: 1. Keri McMahon (LC), 5-3; 2. Ashley Cochran (LC), 5-3; 3. Katie Katherine Harris (Ply.), 4-10; 4. Abby Downs (Novi), 4-1; 5. Jocelyn Motaw (Canton), 4-0; 6. Julie Womack (LC), 4-0; 7. Julie Hope (LC), 3-11; 8. Taylor Wilson (Salmon), 3-11; 9. Taylor Wilson (Salmon), 3-11; 10. Taylor Wilson (Salmon), 3-11; 11. Taylor Wilson (Salmon), 3-11; 12. Taylor Wilson (Salmon), 3-11; 13. Taylor Wilson (Salmon), 3-11; 14. Taylor Wilson (Salmon), 3-11; 15. Taylor Wilson (Salmon), 3-11; 16. Taylor Wilson (Salmon), 3-11; 17. Taylor Wilson (Salmon), 3-11; 18. Taylor Wilson (Salmon), 3-11; 19. Taylor Wilson (Salmon), 3-11; 20. Taylor Wilson (Salmon), 3-11; 21. Taylor Wilson (Salmon), 3-11; 22. Taylor Wilson (Salmon), 3-11; 23. Taylor Wilson (Salmon), 3-11; 24. Taylor Wilson (Salmon), 3-11; 25. Taylor Wilson (Salmon), 3-11; 26. Taylor Wilson (Salmon), 3-11; 27. Taylor Wilson (Salmon), 3-11; 28. Taylor Wilson (Salmon), 3-11; 29. Taylor Wilson (Salmon), 3-11; 30. 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Steve McEvilly (seated, right) recently signed his national letter of intent to run men's cross country and men's track and field at DePaul University. Standing behind him are parents Donna and Dan McEvilly. Seated next to him is Salem varsity coach Steve Aspinall.

Rocks' McEvilly to run at DePaul

One of the best runners ever at Salem High School, Steve McEvilly will get the chance to take his skills to the collegiate level.

The senior distance runner recently committed to DePaul University, where he will run on the men's cross country and men's track and field squads, said Rocks' head coach Steve Aspinall.

McEvilly, whose parents (Donna and Dan) McEvilly attended his signing ceremony, will

join former Salem runner Zack Askel at DePaul.

"For the past four years, Steve has been one of the top runners in the area and his leadership and work ethic will be missed in the future," Aspinall noted. "This past fall, he ran a personal best of 16:06 and is No. 9 in Salem history in cross country. I have no doubt Steve will be a successful college runner."

Aspinall added that although McEvilly did

have the opportunity to speak with Gaskell about DePaul, "I do not think it impacted his decision much. I am extremely proud of guys who run at the next level and love to see their hard work and dedication pay off."

The final chapter in McEvilly's Salem career has yet to be written.

Friday, he will participate in the Division 1 regionals and could also reach the state championships on June 1.

MU falls in NAIA playoffs

The Madonna University baseball team came up one run short in Saturday's elimination round of the NAIA National Championship's Cleveland (Tenn.) Bracket.

In a game that was delayed by rain for 62 minutes in the bottom of the fifth, the Crusaders fell 3-2 to Avila (Mo.) to end their season at 37-11 overall at Olympic Field.

Jason Leone's single in the top of the second scoring Jordan Byrd stranded Avila (30-21) to a 1-0 advantage.

It remained scoreless until the top of the eighth when Kyle Ford's 2-run single off MU reliever Robert Fraser (Westland John Glenn) put Avila up 3-0.

The Crusaders got a pair of runs back in the bottom of the eighth when pinch runner Mike Tibbitts scored on an error and Brad Lineberry (Plymouth) brought home Shane Dokey on a single with no outs.

But with the tying and go-ahead runners at second and third, Avila reliever Steven Johnson got out of the inning when he got Justin and Matthew Cook on infield groundouts followed by a shallow pop fly to right by Steve Pelletier

(Farmington Harrison) to end the game.

The 18th-ranked Crusaders, the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference regular season champions, then went down in order in the bottom of the ninth.

MU starter Evan Piechotta (Livonia Stevenson), who slipped to 6-1, allowed three earned runs on 10 hits. The freshman right-hander walked two and struck out four in 7.1 innings.

Avila starter Jake Johnson (3-1) pitched the first seven innings allowing just one earned run on five hits and three walks. Steven Johnson got the save.

Host Lee defeated Avila, 14-0, to advance to the NAIA World Series in Lewiston, Id.

Postseason honor

A total of 13 MU players were honored recently by the WHAC led by two-time Pitcher of the Year Jeremy Gooding, a senior right-hander from Livonia and Dearborn Divine Child High who went 5-2 with a 2.26 earned run average.

Senior third baseman Justin Cook (Dresden, Ontario), senior right-hander Matthew Cook

(Dresden, Ontario and senior right fielder Brad Lineberry (Plymouth) joined Gooding on the All-WHAC first team. Junior shortstop Victor Barron (Fowlerville), junior catcher Donny Holland (White Lake Lake-land) and senior pitcher Josh Vandemark (Hicksville, Ohio) all made honorable mention All-WHAC.

Earning All-WHAC Gold Glove awards were Shane Dokey (Howell), John Lauri (University of Detroit Jesuit) and Steve Pelletier (Farmington Harrison).

Ryan Lee (Anse Creuse North), Tyler Schofield (Windsor, Ontario), Justin Cook, Lineberry and Pelletier all carried grade-point averages of 3.25 or better to earn All-WHAC Academic honors.

Holland was also named to the WHAC Champions of Character Team which best displays the NAIA's Five Core Values of respect, responsibility, integrity, servant leadership and sportsmanship.

And for the 10th time, MU's Greg Haegeer was named WHAC Coach of the Year after the Crusaders finished 20-1 in the conference, including a 17-game winning streak.

DUNLAP

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Rumberger is a baseball man through and through. His praise of Dunlap might have something to do with how the youngster also eats, sleeps and drinks baseball.

He has ever since his formative years playing for the Canton Cardinals, his initial experience in travel ball. In those days, he played shortstop.

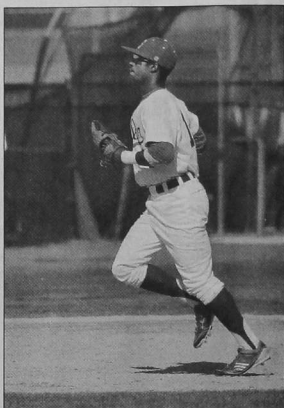
"Growing up I played my first travel league when I was in sixth grade with the Canton Cardinals, with a lot of guys on the (Salem) team now — Jack Driscoll, Aaron Moore, Austin Silletti," Dunlap said. "I played a little bit with Kyle (Penn). Eventually moved to the Blue Jays, then last summer I played with the Travelers and this year I will be playing with the Michigan Bulls."

It was after he started with the Rocks, where other players were ensconced in the infield, did Dunlap move to the outfield.

He's been there ever since and made such a seamless transition that he has made the all-conference and all-district teams with Salem.

Action This year, although Salem fell short in its bid to contend for the KLAAs Central Division title, Dunlap still sees the Rocks being a threat once the districts get going in late May.

"For the team, we're looking to make it through districts and play well in the regionals, maybe make it into the state (tournament)," Dunlap said. "For myself, I'd like to hit



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Demetrius Dunlap, work done in the outfield for the inning, trots toward the Salem dugout to gear up for his next trip to the plate.

above .400 this year."

Pride and joy

Dunlap's enthusiasm about a game-winning hit is no different than how he feels coming up with a run-saving grab.

"I get satisfaction out of all of it," said Dunlap, who wants to play professionally someday. "I wouldn't say one part of my game is better than the other. I take pride in both."

Spending time with the guys after a game to make sure their diamond sparkles is yet another reason he can't get enough of baseball.

"We have a bunch of hard-working guys," Dunlap said. "Everybody's got their part, they all want to do something to chip in

and make the team better."

Dunlap is a young man of action in every way and he gives an assist to Rumberger, honored in 2012 with induction to the Michigan High School Baseball Coaches Hall of Fame.

"He's a great guy," Dunlap said. "...He's the best coach I've had. One of the biggest things is, he always says 'People remember what you do, not what you say.'"

"Basically you can say whatever you want. But if you don't go out there and do it it means nothing. And it's really impacted us this season."

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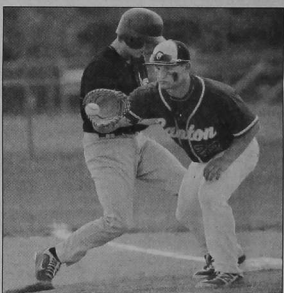
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when you're helping your team out, when you get that big hit or that game-winning save."

Blomshield also noted Hazerigan is a big role model even though he physically isn't the biggest person.

"Because he's not a real big guy, it gives the average person some type of inspiration that they can achieve some type of goal that he (Hazerigan) was able to do though hard work," the coach said. "He's a leader in the weight room, he's a leader on and off the field. He works his rear end off on the field. He is probably the first one here and the last one to leave."

Hazerigan, a scholar-athlete (3.67 grade-point average) who lives in Plymouth with parents Steven and Kathy Hazerigan, never stops working because he wants his team to win some hard-



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Holding a Livonia Churchill runner at first base during a recent KLAAs South Division baseball matchup is Canton's Nick Hazerigan.

ware this spring.

"We're hoping to win some championships this year," Hazerigan said.

"We drew Plymouth in the district, for the first round of districts. Hopefully, I can help my team out by keeping my aver-

age up, getting runs across and pitching well."

He'll also help by contributing to be the consummate baseball player.

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SOCCER

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from short range into the top-right corner.

"It (the Lewis goal) was unlucky for Kaitlyn Jatzky, it hit her in the chest and just kind of flew off," Canton head coach Jeannine Reddy said. "Sometimes that can just bring a team completely up or bring it down. I don't think it did either."

"And then they had a second goal where we kind of just left her (Janke)."

According to Plymouth head coach Jeff Neschich, he talked to his players at halftime about taking the time to be creative in the Canton end of the pitch.

"I think we needed to be a little more patient in the attacking third, take that extra touch," Neschich said. "We

seemed to rush things in the first half. I thought we created a lot more opportunities but didn't capitalize."

Although Neschich liked how the final 40 minutes unfolded, he knows the team cannot get complacent if it is to experience bigger and better things than the division crown.

"We just have to try and improve all the little things to get better," he emphasized. "We need to sharpen up some things and get better every day."

Bigger fish

Lewis added that the Wildcats know the mission they want to take, and it isn't merely winning the KLAAs South. "Winning the division is definitely an accomplishment but we just got to keep looking past it," Lewis said. "Our goal for the season is to win the state championship,

so we can't forget that.

"We'll remember this win for the night but then we have Churchill on Thursday and the conference championship on Monday."

For Canton (now 6-2-1 in the division), it was a costly loss. With about 15 minutes left, two players went down to injury in separate collisions.

Defenders Gabriel Epelman and Natalie Schmidt had to leave the game with apparent knee and shoulder injuries, respectively. Schmidt was attended to on the field for several minutes before finally being helped off the field.

"My defense played well and then I had two of my best defenders go down," Reddy said. "The main thing is just to get those two healthy for districts."

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Plymouth's Madi Lewis (left) gets control of the ball and goes in to score Tuesday's first goal, while Canton goalkeeper Kaitlyn Jatzky tries to intervene.

RELIGION CALENDAR

May

BREAKFAST

Time/Date: 8:30-11:30 a.m. Sunday, May 19

Location: St. Theodore Social Hall, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland

Details: All-you-can-eat pancake and French toast breakfast with ham, sausage, scrambled eggs, apple sauce, coffee, tea, juice, milk, \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children, 2-10. Sponsored by St. Theodore Men's Club

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 \$450. 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 (734) 266-2293

MOM2MOM

Time/Date: 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, May 18

Location: St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile, one block west of Inkster Road, Livonia

Details: Early bird admission from 9-10 a.m. is \$2. Admission from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. is \$1. Strollers are welcome

Contact: (734) 513-4121

OPEN HOUSE

Time/Date: 9 a.m.-11 a.m. and 1-2:30 p.m. Thursday, May 16

Location: St. Genevieve Catholic School, 28933 Jamison, Livonia

Details: Kindergarten through eighth grade classes and preschool will be in session, giving visitors an understanding of a typical day as they watch youngsters learn and interact with staff. The Young 5's program director will be available to answer questions regarding this new program. Visitors will be able to take a guided tour through the school. The adminis-

tration will be available to answer questions

Contact: (734) 425-4420 or e-mail to atonis@stgenevieve.org; www.stgenevieve.org/school

POMEGRANATE GUILD

Time/Date: 1 p.m. May 19

Location: Community room, Prentiss Apartments, located on 10 Mile east of Greenfield, Oak Park

Details: Stitch and Kvell session. Bring any newly-finished or in-progress projects to show off or get help with.

Contact: Judy Galperin at (248) 661-5337

RUMMAGE SALE

Time/Date: 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Thursday-Friday, May 16-17 and 8:30 a.m.-noon, Saturday, May 18

Location: St. Matthew Lutheran Church and School, 5885 Venoy, south of Warren Road, Westland

Details: \$5 bag sale on Saturday

Contact: (734) 425-0260

RUMMAGE SALE

Time/Date: 9 a.m.-2 p.m. May 18

Location: Clarenceville United Methodist Church, 20300 Middlebelt, south of Eight Mile in Livonia

Details: Gently-used furniture, household items, clothing, children's books and toys will be sold. Lunch will be available. Rent a table for \$20 or two tables for \$30. Tables are 8 feet long and the deadline for reservations is May 15. Proceeds from lunch and table rental go toward mission projects. The event is sponsored by United Methodist Women

Contact: Jane Welton at (248) 417-9077 with questions or for table rental

RUMMAGE SALE

Time/Date: Sale 9 a.m.-2 p.m. May 18; donate items to the sale, 7 a.m.-7 p.m. Friday, May 17

Location: St. Valentine's School gym 25875 Hope Street, Redford

Contact: (313) 533-7149

TRUNK SALE

Time/Date: 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, May 18

Location: Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14775 Farmington Road, just north of I-96, Livonia

Church seeks public help with veterans projects

Kenwood Church of Christ in Livonia seeks community help with upcoming projects involving veterans and active duty service members.

The church, 20200 Merriman, Livonia, will collect thank you cards for active service members through June 2. Cards from the public will be bundled with those from Kenwood members. The church will provide note cards or participants can use or make their own. Note cards are available in the collection drop box at the front entrance of the church.

The church also will collect items through June 2 to support veterans at the VA hospital in Ann Arbor. Kenwood will accept new items such as any size of men's boxes, T-shirts, socks, model cars or ships or planes, word searches, craft items, crossword puzzles, gas gift cards, and lap blankets. It also will accept cray-

ons, coloring books, and unpopped, new, packaged Happy Meal toys for visiting children at the hospital. Other acceptable items are gently-used men's blue jeans, men's long sleeve shirts, men's sweat pants and sweat shirts, men's Dockers' casual pants, men's polo shirts, men's colored T-shirts, men's shoes, men's coats, paperback books, hand-held game systems and games, magazines no older than six months, and CDs.

A Veterans Appreciation Celebration will be held 9:30 a.m. May 19 at Kenwood. Veterans will receive a certificate of appreciation. To reserve a certificate for a veteran, e-mail information to kenwood@kenwoodchurch.org or call (248) 476-8222 and give the information to the church secretary or leave a contact phone number. All information regarding the certificates must be received by Thursday, May 16.

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ALOE,
LEONILDA G.

May 10, 2013, age 95. Visitation Friday 3pm-5pm at the Schrader-Jewell Funeral Home, 280 South Main Street, Plymouth. Burial and Rosary Service 7pm. Committal Service Saturday, 10am at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, 25800 West Ten Mile Road, Southfield.

HEIN,
ROY M. JR.

Age 66, May 11, 2013 of Canton. Beloved husband of the late Joan. Loving father of Cindy (Ray) Kelm, James Hein, Lori (Kevin) Wright, Tina L. (Justin) Laborde and Michael Hein. Proud grandfather of seven grandchildren. Visitation Thursday 2-5 PM at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 980 N. Newburgh Rd (between Ford and Cherry Hill) Westland. Funeral Service Friday 11 AM at the funeral home. Interment Glen Eden Lutheran Memorial Park.

STROMBECK,
LOWELL R. "BUD"

81, of North Webster, IN passed away May 12, 2013, with his family by his side. Please visit www.barrywilsonfuneralhome.com

HODGES,
RICHARD ALLEN

Age 78, passed away May 11, 2013. Beloved husband of the late Thelma. Dear father of Mike (Cheri) and Steve (Kim). Grandfather of Brad, Bryan and Emily. A wonderful husband, father, grandfather and friend, he will be greatly missed. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

KELLY,
KAREN ANN

Age 51 of Farmington Hills. Passed away May 11, 2013. Thayer-Rock Funeral Home.

PEEL,
GERALD D.

May 11, 2013 age 66 of Grayling. Loving father of Lisa (Al) Kozler, and Nancy (Erin) Sheehan. Beloved son of Patricia Peel. Brother of Patty Peel. Proud Grandpa of Chris, Kyle, Zach, Graham, and Rory. Private services were arranged by Vermeulen Funeral Home, Plymouth. To share a memory, please visit vermeulenfuneralhome.com

Memorials may be made to M.U.C.C. (Michigan United Conservation Club), 2101 Wood Street, P.O. Box 30235, Lansing MI 48909



Church in Livonia forms Catholic singles group

St. Michael the Archangel Church of Livonia is looking for Catholic adult singles — single, divorced, or widowed — between the ages of 30-60, from throughout the northwest suburban area who are interested in getting together regularly to share some fun and faith. Called Faith Uniting Neighbors, (f.u.n.), the group is sponsoring its first event on Saturday, May 18, beginning with 5 p.m. Mass at

St. Michael's. Dinner at Sheehan's on the Green in Plymouth and miniature golf at Oasis will follow. Reservations are required for the dinner portion of the evening. Interested singles should RSVP to catholic@singles@livoniaismichael.org. The group plans to rotate these group-attended Masses regularly throughout the Northwest Wayne Vicariate, to be followed by dinner or brunch and

some fun social activities, usually on a monthly basis. Plans include a Tiger's game in June and a group picnic in July.

St. Michael's is located at 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road between Farmington Road and Merriman.

For more information call the parish office at (734) 261-1455, Ext. 200, or see the website at www.livoniaismichael.org.

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Sisters share spotlight in senior troupe's production

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Sally Dixon of Canton and Linda Trygg of Westland portray sisters in *Still Got It Players'* upcoming comedy, *The Gangster Priest*.

The relationship comes naturally to the women, who are siblings off-stage, too.

"I thought it was perfect casting," said Trygg, who plays Dixon's older sister on stage. She's 13 years older than Dixon and has two younger brothers in real life.

"We're the bookends. I'm the oldest and she's the youngest," Trygg said. "When we were growing up, because we were the bookends, I was going into high school when she was a child. We never had that connection because of the distance in ages—not until she grew up and had a family of her own."

"This made us even closer." Trygg got her first taste of theater in kindergarten, when she was chosen to sing a lullaby to baby Jesus during a Christmas play.

"In junior high I was an ugly duckling, a misfit kid, and being part of the drama department gave me an outlet. I've been doing it ever since," she said.

Dixon was active in choir as a student at Wayne Memorial High School and sang with



Linda Trygg (left) and Sally Dixon play sisters Ellie and Baby Tremaine, with Jack Galazka, as Lucky, the gangster priest.

Cherry Hill Singers for two years before she performed in a play, *Flap- per*, Still Got It Players' first musical, staged last spring.

"I decided I'd rather do plays and I bowed out of Cherry Hill Singers at that point," Dixon said. "I did do *My Fair Lady* with my sister at Spotlight Players, (last fall). We were both in the ensemble. That was a lot of fun. It was a big production

and we had a good time."

Senior troupe

Both sisters enjoy singing and are drawn to musicals, although *The Gangster Priest* is a comedy. Dixon will sing a song in the show because she portrays a nightclub singer.

She said Trygg encouraged her to try out for a play at Still Got It Players, the senior troupe associated with Spotlight

Players at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton.

"She had been trying to persuade me for quite some time and I was too chicken to try out," Dixon said. "She said, you need to come to the senior group. There aren't as many people and it's not as intimidating. I finally got up the courage."

Dixon auditioned for a small part in *The Gangster Priest*, and was surprised to land a lead role.

"I was a little worried about remembering the lines, but now that I am rehearsing the lines and it's coming along, I'm feeling a lot better."

She said Trygg, who has appeared in many productions at Still Got It Players, Spotlight Players and other theater troupes, has given her suggestions

for interpreting her character and offered acting advice.

"I've never really acted. So, remembering the lines is one thing, but trying to say them in a way that creates a character. I have a hard time trying to do that," Dixon said. "The group of people here are awesome and that helps a lot. This group is very supportive and fun to hang out with."

The sisters say their characters don't resemble their real personalities.

"Mine is the straight role and she's kind of the dumb blonde," Trygg said, adding that both sisters have "similar personalities" in real life.

"She's supposed to play a prudish businesswoman and that's not like her at all," Dixon said.

Humorous story

In the play, which is set during Prohibition, the older sister sends her younger sibling to business school to give her a leg up on life and keep her far away from bad influences. The younger sister drops out of school and becomes a singer in a speakeasy. When the older sister visits, the owner of the speakeasy dons priestly garments and the younger sibling pretends to be his secretary.

"That's when the hijinks ensue," Trygg said.

The sisters also worked on costumes for the play and Dixon created some signs as a part of the scenery.

Dixon, who is married, hopes to continue performing with her sister on stage, although she plans to take the summer off and won't audition for *Still Got It Players'* August production.

Trygg, the mother of two grown daughters, will switch gears quickly after *The Gangster Priest* ends its run. She'll appear in an improvisation-based, audience-interactive wedding show called *A Like Totally 80's Wedding*, on June 1 at Novi Civic Center.

"I'll go out for anything they'll let me do," Trygg said. "It's great fun."

The Gangster Priest is directed by Debbie Lannen. It runs at 1 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, May 22-23, 7 p.m. Friday, May 24, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday, May 25, and 2 p.m. Sunday, May 26, at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton. Tickets are \$15 for adults, and \$13 for seniors and students. They're available at www.spotlight-playersmi.org or canton-mi.org/village-theater.

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The cast of "The Gangster Priest" runs through the play in a rehearsal room at the Village Theater in Canton.

Youth theater gears up for summer camp

Motor City Youth Theater is registering students for its annual summer day camp for actors. Sessions are available from July 8-26, with all classes running Monday-Friday each week. Theaters' acting camps are open to students of all skill levels and emphasize character development, stage presence, voice skills, and ensemble work.

The "Munchkins Camp," for ages 4-6, will run July 8-12 and costs \$58 per actor. Youngsters in grades 1-4 may attend the "Peanuts Camp." Two sessions—one runs 9:30 a.m.-noon and the other is from 12:30-3 p.m.,—are available from July 8-12. Cost is \$93 per student. "Musical Theatre Camp" is aimed at students in grades 4-9. It will run 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m.

July 8-12 and costs \$186 per person.

Campers will present a play for parents and friends at 7 p.m. July 12. Summer Stock Players, for students in grades 3-10, will meet from 9:30-3 p.m. July 15-26. They'll also present a public performance of Peter Pan at 7 p.m. July 26-27 and 2 p.m. July 28. Cost to participate is \$365. Register at mcyt.org.

Music, author, auction event benefits Livonia Symphony

The Livonia Symphony will hold a Garden Party Luncheon from 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Saturday, May 18 at Laurel Manor, 39000 Schoolcraft, Livonia.

Tickets are \$30 per person and include a garden-themed silent auction and box garden with fresh flow-

ers, perennials and floral motif items, entertainment by Symphony members, vendors selling specialty items, and a book signing by Julie Cassar, author of the Ruby Blue book series and a Redford resident. For tickets call June at (734) 425-1881.

Arts Crafts

ART ON THE GRAND

Time/Dates: 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Saturday, June 1, and 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday, June 2
Location: Grand River Ave., from Farmington Road to Grove Street in downtown Farmington

Details: Approximately 100 artists from around the country will sell their works, including sculpture, photography, paintings, jewelry, pottery, fiber, furniture and mixed media. The event will include live entertainment, children's activities and food booths. For visitors, 21 and over, the "Grapes on the Grand" wine and beer tent will be open both Saturday and Sunday during festival hours

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DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS

Time/Dates: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday

Location: 5200 Woodward, Detroit
Family Sundays: 2 p.m. Sundays; storytelling, performances; free with admission

Exhibits: Motor City Music; Detroit Photographs; Then

and Now, through June 16; Shirin Neshat, includes eight video installations and two series of photos, through July 7; printmaking by Elsworth Kelly, May 24-Sept. 8 **Contact:** (313) 833-7900, www.dia.org

NORTHVILLE ART HOUSE

Time/Dates: 1-5 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, through May 18;

Location: 215 W. Cady, Northville
Details: 14th annual juried Student Fine Art Exhibit features the work of high school and middle school students

Coming up: West of Center Show, which showcases contemporary art work, will run June 7-30. It will be open 1-9 p.m. Friday, June 7, in addition to regular hours Wednesday-Saturday

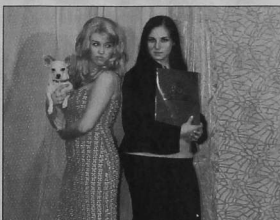
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VILLAGE THEATER

Time/Dates: 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday-Friday and one hour before and during public performances at the theater, as well as by appointment, through May 28

Location: 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton
Details: Topher Crowder shows an eclectic collection of paintings

Contact: (734) 394-5300; cantonvillagetheater.org



Heather Dolan, (left) of Livonia is Elle and Jamee Perryman of Clawson is Vivienne in the Farmington Players' production, "Legally Blonde" through May 18.

Film

COMPUWARE ARENA DRIVE-IN

Time/Dates: Gates open at 7:30 p.m., with movies starting around 9:20 p.m., May 17-18 and 24-26; the drive-in will operate daily from June 7-Sept. 1

Location: 14900 Beck between Five Mile and M-14, Plymouth Township

Details: Patrons get a sneak preview of the drive-in season with first-run, family-oriented films May 17-18 and 24-26. The shows for May 17-18 are "Iron Man 3" (PG-13) followed by "Oblivion" (PG-13)

on Screen 1: "The Croods" (PG) followed by "Oz, The Great and Powerful" (PG) on Screen 2; and "Star Trek: Into the Darkness" (PG-13) followed by "GI Joe: Retaliation" (PG) on Screen 3. Cost is \$10 for adults; \$8 for children, 4-12; kids 3 and under are admitted free of charge. Students with proper ID are admitted for \$8 Sunday through Thursday. Patrons listen to the movies on the FM band of their car radio **Contact:** (734) 927-3284

PENN THEATRE

Time/Dates: 7 p.m. Thursday, May 16 and May 23, 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 17-18, and 4:45 p.m. and

7 p.m. Sunday, May 19

Location: 760 Peninman Ave., Plymouth

Details: "Love and Honor," \$3

Coming up: "Admission," 7 p.m. and 9:05 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 24-25 and 4:45 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, May 26; "Oz: The Great and Powerful," 7 p.m. Thursday, May 30 and June 6, 7 p.m. and 9:25 p.m. Friday, May 31, and 4:15 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, June 1-2

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

SENATE THEATER

Time/Dates: 3 p.m., Sunday, May 19

Location: Senate Theater, 6424 Michigan Ave., Detroit

Details: Dennis Scott, house organist at Chicago's historic Music Box Theatre, will accompany a screening of Buster Keaton's 1926 silent feature film, "The General," on the historic Wurilizer theater pipe organ, which came from Detroit's Fisher Theater. Tickets are \$10 at the door

Contact: www.dtos.org or (313) 894-4100

Music

BASELINE FOLK SOCIETY

Time/Dates: Sign up for open mic, 6:15-6:45 p.m., performances, 7 p.m., the third Saturday of the month. The next show is Saturday, May 18

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

Details: Final open mic night of the season will include featured performers Stephanie and Chris Sorenson on fiddle

and banjo, with Wayne Sorenson on upright bass, playing blue grass music. 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 BFPresident@aol.com

JAZZ AT THE ELKS

Time/Dates: 7-10 p.m. last Tuesday of the month — except December. The next show is May 28

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

Details: Terry Lower Trio with vocalist Edye Evans-Hyde will perform. Musicians include Lower on keyboard, Ray Tini on bass and Jim Ryan on drums. 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

PLYMOUTH COFFEE BEAN

Time/Dates: 7-10 p.m. every Monday

Location: 884 Peninman, Plymouth

Details: Open mic for music and poetry

Featured artists: Paper Arrows, Steve Schlaack and Eric the Viking, May 24; Jake La-Mond with Joe May, May 31; Ebb Tide, June 7; No Excuses, June 21; Kenneth Michael, June 28. Featured performer concerts start at 8 p.m.

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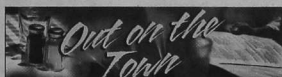
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Coffee shop adds barbecue, cake to birthday plans

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Yes, there will be cake to go with your cup of Joe, when Plymouth Coffee Bean celebrates its 20th birthday, noon to 6 p.m. Saturday, May 18.

Grilled burgers and hot dogs, magic games, a moonwalk, and live music by The Pottersfield, Bill Szymum & Co., Cold Tone Harvest, Sugarspell and The Social Bionics will round out the food and fun at the popular downtown Plymouth coffee house, located at 884 Penniman, just west of Main.

Owner Steve Prokes attributes the Bean's success to its downtown location, with outdoor seating and to "the ambience of the house itself."

"I used to travel and check out other places and I never found anything quite like it," Prokes said.

Its menu also offers a one-of-a-kind culinary experience that visitors won't find in other local coffee houses — made-to-order and professionally-prepared crepes.

We asked Prokes about the Bean's signature menu item:

Q: When are crepes available?

A: 11 a.m.-10 p.m.

Q: Are crepes the most popular menu item?

A: On weekends they are.

Q: What's popular during the week?

A: Just regular sandwiches.

Q: What makes a good crepe?
A: The batter. It truly is the batter. And we have close to 35 to 40 items to choose from (for made-to-order fillings).

Q: What are some of your more popular crepe fillings?

A: We have our black bean burger, pepper jack cheese and hummus. We've

got our infamous Nutella, strawberry and banana. We've got chocolate chip, strawberry and banana, and the other would be turkey with cheddar cheese and spinach.

Q: What's your favorite?
A: I stick with turkey ... ham ... bacon.

Q: What's the weirdest combination you've ever made for a customer?

A: I had a guy get a turkey, cheese and chocolate chip. To me, that is weird. Then again, he thought it was the best he ever had.

Q: Anything new on the menu?

A: We're starting to bring in some gluten-free stuff. I'm looking at brownies, cookies, health bars.

Q: Any chance we'll see a gluten-free crepe any time soon?

A: The problem is the batter doesn't last more than a day or two. The last thing we want to do is have waste. We haven't had a whole lot of request for it. In four years maybe we've had a couple dozen. If I get 100 or 200, then we'd look into it.

For more about the Plymouth Coffee Bean call (734) 454-0178 or visit plymouthcoffeebean.com.



FILE PHOTO

Strawberries and other fresh produce are available at local farmers markets.

CITY BITES

Farmers Market

CANTON — The Canton Farmers Market returns for the spring-fall season, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday, May 19, in Preservation Park, 500 N. Ridge Road. Events on opening day include a cooking demonstration by chef Paul Penney, 10:30 a.m. to noon; music by Mark Reitenga 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the Bartlett-Travis porch; a perennial exchange; garbage graveyard game that teaches children about the fundamentals of decomposing trash; and a hands-on art project for youngsters. Perennial exchange participants should label their plants, including the kind and color of bloom. For more information, visit www.cantonfarm.org or call Tina Lloyd, market manager, at (734) 394-5375. Other markets:

• Westland Farmers Market opened earlier this month and runs 3-7 p.m. Thursday, at 36601 Ford Road.

• Farmers & Artisans Market, opened this month and runs 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, through Nov. 9 in downtown Farmington. Because of road construction, the market has moved temporarily from Sundquist Pavilion in George F. Riley Park, Grand River Ave., and Grove, to Orchard Street at Farmington Road.

• Plymouth Farmers Market opened May 4 and runs 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, through Oct. 26, in The Gathering near Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth.

• Garden City Farmer and Artisan Market will operate 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, June 5-Oct. 30, near Ford Road and Middlebelt.

• Redford Township Farmers Market runs 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, beginning June 16 at the Marquee, 12121 Hemingway.

• Livonia Farmers Market runs 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, June 22-Oct. 12 at the Wilson Barn, located on West Chicago, at Middlebelt.

Beer, wine tasting

FARMINGTON HILLS — The 2nd annual Michigan Beer & Wine Tasting to benefit youth and developmentally disabled individuals runs 6-9 p.m., Friday, May 17, at the Longacre House, 24705 Farmington Road. Cost is \$30 per person and includes appetizers, entertainment, door prizes and favorite beers and wines of Michigan, along with other select beverages. The event is sponsored by the Xemplar Club of Farmington/Farmington Hills, Farmington Hills Youth and Family Services and Community Living Centers. For reservations call (248) 273-1841 or (238) 478-0870.

Summer flavors

METRO DETROIT — If you are a Shurpee fan, you can look forward to these flavors at your local 7-Eleven: Odball Orange will be the flavor of the month for June and Strawberry Lemonade will cool off those hot summer days in July and August. If you're counting calories, try the Shurpee Lite Sugar Free Sprite flavor in June and Lite Sugar Free Mango Lemonade in July and August. Try a medium Shurpee drink for 49 cents Memorial Day weekend, from Friday-Monday, May 24-27.



Lemon Poppy Cake Balls

Special occasion menu magic

Engagement parties, bridal showers and wedding receptions are blissful, joyous occasions that celebrate the future with those nearest and dear. However, planning these special events is no small feat, especially when it comes to choosing the menus.

The days of a chicken or beef entrée are long gone — the dietary preferences of today's party guests include vegetarian, vegan, lactose intolerant and celiac, just to name a few. Now more than 21 million households report themselves as gluten free, and, together, vegetarians and vegans total nearly 22 million people. It's becoming more likely that you will receive special menu requests at your celebration.

How do you create a menu that pleases all palates and ensures that every guest can feel like a part of the joyous occasion? These simple tips make it easy to plan a menu that is delicious, safe and satisfying.

• **Gluten-free RSVP** — Include a section for dietary restrictions in the RSVP. This ensures guests will enjoy the meal without worry and can fully participate in the celebration. There's no need to list out the various preferences, simply add an open space for guests to write in their specific diet needs.

• **Be cautious of cocktails** — Thoroughly research wine, liquor and beer before making selections as many are deceptively not gluten-free. However, there are great gluten-free options available that allow guests to drink worry-free.

• **Get creative with options** — Use gluten-free muffins as cupcakes or to create fun and trendy cake balls. It's a treat that is delicious enough for all guests to indulge in.

• **Don't be afraid to ask** — Many caterers and bakers have experience working with gluten-free, dairy-free and vegan requests. Don't be afraid to work with them to figure out the most delicious ways to make an event memorable for everyone.

• **Label clearly** — When offering passed hors d'oeuvres or serving on a buffet, clearly label gluten-free, dairy-free, vegetarian and/or vegan choices so guests can easily make selections.



Brownie Bites with Chipotle Buttercream & Candied Jalapeno

es so guests can easily make selections.

These tips will allow all guests to enjoy the festivities and make it a memorable celebration.

For flavorful ideas and more gluten-free options, visit www.udisglutenfree.com.

Lemon Poppy Cake Balls

Serves: 12

1 package of Udi's Lemon Streusel Muffins
1 cup unsalted butter (1 stick), softened
2 cups confectioners' sugar
1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
2 tablespoons freshly squeezed lemon juice
12 ounces white chocolate, chopped
2 tablespoons all-vegetable shortening
Poppy seeds, for sprinkling

Crumble the muffins into a large bowl.

Using electric hand mixer, beat together butter and sugar until creamy and blended. Beat in vanilla and lemon juice until fluffy.

Add half of lemon frosting to crumbled muffins and combine using a fork. If mixture isn't moist enough, add more frosting, a little at a time. Using tablespoon-sized cookie scoop, form cake balls and place on parchment-lined baking sheet. Freeze for 1 hour.

In double boiler set over medium heat, melt together

chocolate and shortening. Working one at a time and using a toothpick, dip cake balls into the chocolate mixture. Sprinkle with poppy seeds and let set on parchment-lined baking sheet.

Salted Crusty Brownie Cookies

1 tablespoon melted butter
1 Udi's Gluten Free Pizza Crust
1 teaspoon salt
1 pound of butter, softened (1 stick)
1 cup brown sugar
1 cup white sugar
1 teaspoon gluten-free vanilla extract
1 egg
1 1/2 cups gluten-free all purpose flour
1 teaspoon baking soda
1 teaspoon salt
1 cup Udi's Dark Chocolate Brownie Bites (crumbled)
1 cup gluten-free chocolate chips
2 tablespoons coarse sea salt

Brush melted butter onto pizza crust. Sprinkle 1/2 teaspoon salt on top. Toast crust until golden brown (3-5 minutes). Cool.

When crust is cool it will be cracker-like in texture. Crush crust coarsely into small pieces. Set aside.

Preheat oven to 375 degrees.

Beat butter and sugars together until creamy. Add vanilla and egg. Beat until just blended.

Combine flour, baking soda and salt. Add to the butter mixture and beat

until blended.

Stir in crushed pizza crust, crumbled brownies and chocolate chips.

Drop by teaspoonful onto non-stick baking sheets. Sprinkle a small pinch of coarse sea salt onto each cookie.

Bake at 375 degrees 9-11 minutes or until light golden brown.

Brownie Bites with Chipotle Buttercream and Candied Jalapeno

Brownie Bites:

Udi's Brownie Bites

Butter

Ganache:

2 pounds chocolate

4 cups cream

Chipotle Buttercream:

1 pound butter

6 cups powdered sugar

2 tablespoons milk

Chili powder

Candied Jalapenos:

1 cup sugar

1 cup water

Pinch of lime zest

2-3 Jalapenos, thinly sliced

To prepare brownie bites: Crumble the brownie bites in a bowl. Add melted butter slowly and combine together for a dense consistency.

Once combined, press the mixture into a lightly sprayed baking sheet. Spread as evenly as possible and top with ganache.

Then top with chipotle buttercream and jalapenos. To prepare the ganache:

Bring cream to a boil. Pour over chocolate and whisk until incorporated and all chocolate is melted.

To prepare the chipotle buttercream:

Cream butter until smooth. Add powdered sugar and whip until light and fluffy. Slowly add milk. Add chili powder to taste.

To prepare candied jalapenos:

Bring sugar and water to a boil. Reduce to a syrup and add zest lime. Slice jalapenos to desired size, removing seeds is optional.

Drizzle simple syrup over jalapenos and allow to dry.

— Courtesy of Family Features

REAL ESTATE

Home curb appeal tips on curb appeal

While springtime was slow to arrive this year, the warmer weather is now here just in time for May's National Home Improvement Month. With so many home projects to tackle, where do you start? According to Mark Clement, a professional contractor and host of MyFixItUpLife home improvement radio show, begin by selecting those projects that give your home a curb appeal "pick-me-up" while also enhancing the functionality of your house.

"National Home Improvement Month in May is the ideal time to shine the spotlight on projects that can make a big difference to both the aesthetic appeal and functionality of your home's exterior," said Clement. "Start by looking 'from the top down' on your home to determine what projects need to be tackled first. It may be time to add a new roof, replace your windows or doors, or even spruce up your home's exterior with new shutters or trim. All of these projects can help to the curb appeal and overall value of your home."

Clement, who is currently renovating his own 100-year-old home in Pennsylvania, reminds homeowners that eventually all building products in a home need to be replaced. "Our doors, windows and roof were really shot after decades of continual exposure to the elements," said Clement. "When I decided to replace these important features of our home, I went with the most advanced products available on the marketplace—vinyl windows, a fiberglass door, PVC trim and a polymer slate roof. Now I won't have to worry about replacing these products for many more decades to come."

According to Clement, there is a "must do" list of six exterior home features that homeowners should review every year during National Home Improvement Month. "If you get in the practice of evaluating these six items each May, then you'll always make sure you're staying on top of your home's needs and keeping it looking great."

The "top down" list recommended by Clement includes:

Item 1—Check the roof. Using either a ladder or binoculars from

across the street, look for problem areas, such as missing or broken shingles, along with roofing tiles that may be "flapping" in the wind. These are all indications that a new roof may be in your future. If that's the case, research the newer products on the market, such as polymer shake and slate roofing tiles. These impact-resistant tiles are made-in a wide variety of colors. Some roofing tiles, like those from DuPont Roof-Capes® that Clement chose for his home, are fire- and hail-resistant. They also have a 50-year limited warranty.

Item 2—Clean and assess the home's siding. Environmentally-friendly detergents, scrubbing and/or pressure-washing all work well for many homes to remove dirt and algae that can grow or siding. Remember never to pressure-wash trim pieces, windows or their screens. The extreme high pressure could crack or destroy the caulking around the units.

While cleaning the siding, make sure to check for changes in the exterior from the previous year and be alert to buckling, warping, peeling paint or insect damage that may need to be fixed.

Item 3—Check on the gutters. Don't underestimate the importance of the gutter system on the home. Each year homeowners should check to make sure their gutters are clean, unclogged, securely attached to the home and removed for proper drainage. Plus, make sure the water running off the roof doesn't cause damage to the building structure, landscaping or property below the roof.

Item 4—Evaluate the windows. If you find that the windows in your home don't operate easily, there's air leaking in or out of the units, or there's condensation between the glass panes, it may be time to seriously consider replacement windows.

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scrapping and repainting that come with wood windows. For his renovation project, Clement selected vinyl home windows from Simonon Windows. The award-winning company impressed him with its strong product warranty, 65-year history, selection of exterior frame color options and return-on-investment with their ENERGY STAR® qualified windows.

Item 5—Spend time with your doors. Even can see light around a door from the inside, your door is hard to close or lock, or the door itself is warped, it's time to consider a new door. Even if you can't see light, air may be moving through gaps in the weather stripping at a surprising rate.

Think about the weather conditions that your home's doors face along with your energy bills. If either run to the extreme, consider replacing an inefficient entryway with a high-performance fiberglass door (which can have up to four times more insulation value than wood doors), Clement

added a Thermo-Tru fiberglass door to his home with a decorative glass door to update the look of his home while gaining energy-efficiency savings.

Item 6—Look at your home's accessory features. Spend time with your shutters, trim and louvers to see if they're rotting or deteriorating. Check the bottoms and tops of columns and near the joints in crown and other moldings for water spots, decay or peeling paint to see if they're deteriorating in any way. They may also be suffering from termites, insect infestations or warping. When it's time to replace these items, select low-maintenance urethane or PVC products from Fypon. The lightweight pieces are easy to install, add instant curb appeal to your home and extremely durable with their weather-resistant features.

For more home improvement tips, visit www.myfixituplife.com.

Check with lawyer on lot legalities

By Robert Meisner
Guest Columnist

Q: Our homeowners association recently acquired a vacant lot with no mortgage through foreclosure. We plan to sell it, but does the association need to pay assessments on a lot it owns?

A: Assuming the vacant lot is subject to assessment under your declaration of covenants, then the current record title holder is responsible for the payment of assessments. In your case, that is the association, which can't excuse any lot owner from paying assessments unless all other lot owners are likewise excused, or unless provided

otherwise in the governing documents. However, since the only source of funds the association has is the assessment of

its members, the association is basically assessing itself in this situation. Say, for example, assume that you have 100 lots and your annual expenses are \$100,000. Each lot must contribute \$1,000 to the annual operation of the association. But if one of those lots is owned by the association, you would need to assess the other 99 lot owners for their share of the association's \$1,000 assessment obligation for the lot that the association owns, dividing expenses by 99. But your budget and financial records must show expenses divided on a 1/100 basis. Accordingly, there would have to be a line item in the budget for paying the association's assessments on its lot (and other obligations, such as taxes and insurance) associated with ownership of the property. However, you are best advised to get a written legal opinion from your attorney.

Q: Our contractor is asking us to sign an indemnity agreement for work that he is about to do on our premises. What do you think?

A: The old axiom "never sign an indemnity agreement that is not completely underwritten by an insurance policy" applies. Moreover, you should not, in any way, accept responsibility for your contractor's sole negligence, and any contract of this nature should be reviewed by legal counsel for the association.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of "Condo Living 2: An Authoritative Guide to Buying, Selling, and Operating a Condominium." It is available for \$24.95 plus \$5.95 for tax, shipping and handling. *Condo Living 2* is available in both print and e-book editions. The e-book is available for download through iTunes, Amazon.com, and BarnesandNoble.com. He is also the author of *Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track*, second edition. It is available for \$9.95 plus \$2.95 for tax, shipping and handling. Call (248) 644-4433 or visit bmesner@meisner-law.com. His column should not be construed as legal advice.

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40510 Blythefield Ln	\$83,000	
1547 Brookline St	\$150,000	
3058 Brookstone Dr	\$225,000	
7239 Camella Ct	\$199,000	
1201 Celina Ct	\$176,000	
2523 Oaklands Rd	\$253,000	
8285 Endicott Ln	\$530,000	
46950 Maben Rd	\$99,000	
46950 Maplewood Dr	\$94,000	
4751 Parkgate Ct	\$390,000	
2303 Premier Ln	\$77,000	
2380 Premier Ln	\$77,000	
45255 Presbury Rd	\$126,000	
47255 River Woods Dr	\$256,000	
2484 Saratoga Rd	\$70,000	
6971 Union Valley Cir	\$490,000	
6334 Whitehurst St	\$240,000	
GARDEN CITY		
31743 Balmoral St	\$36,000	
6851 Belton St	\$80,000	
31923 Bridge St	\$35,000	
6561 Cadillac St	\$65,000	
6240 Deering St	\$56,000	
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31523 Pierce St	\$74,000	
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1441 E Adams St	\$156,000	
10120 Bassett St	\$93,000	
11427 Brookfield St	\$100,000	
15533 Swallowtail St	\$215,000	
9230 California St	\$130,000	
31722 Clarita St	\$238,000	
30800 Curtis Rd	\$238,000	
18269 Deering St	\$34,000	
31733 Delaware St	\$69,000	
36255 Dover St	\$121,000	
10041 E Clements Cir	\$74,000	
36192 Fairway Dr	\$300,000	
14508 Garden St	\$135,000	
20633 Golf Ridge Cir	\$30,000	
9060 Harlan St	\$130,000	
19675 Hardy St	\$125,000	
50201 Highland Dr	\$148,000	
36736 Margarette St	\$215,000	
17077 Middleboro St	\$140,000	
33825 Golf Ridge Cir	\$132,000	
33323 Navin Ct	\$205,000	
33345 Navin Ct	\$180,000	
26201 Netherland Ave	\$127,000	
30476 Nye St	\$165,000	
35426 Orangelawn St	\$98,000	
20333 Purlingbrook St	\$54,000	
33825 Richland St	\$165,000	
31422 Scone St	\$182,000	
36305 St Andrews Dr	\$30,000	
3344 Stonehouse Ave	\$227,000	
14205 Sunset St	\$124,000	
15648 Sunset St	\$90,000	
15708 Sunnyside Ct S	\$230,000	
28969 W Chicago St	\$95,000	
29607 Westfield St	\$60,000	
REDFORD		
17651 Briar Lane	\$884,000	
17735 Briar Ridge Ln	\$746,000	
17779 Briar Ridge Ln	\$746,000	

44980 Broadmoor Cir S	\$385,000	
16897 Carriage Way	\$105,000	
17212 Crestbrook Dr	\$628,000	
46436 Crystal Downs W	\$501,000	
46598 Crystal Downs W	\$512,000	
43984 Cypress Point Dr	\$765,000	
19491 Edgington Pl	\$95,000	
16485 Horseshoe Dr	\$485,000	
16180 Jupiter Hills Dr	\$75,000	
15405 Prestwick Cir N	\$545,000	
15417 Prestwick Cir N	\$488,000	
15405 Prestwick Cir N	\$70,000	
15465 Prestwick Cir N	\$531,000	
15477 Prestwick Cir N	\$552,000	
15484 Prestwick Cir N	\$478,000	
15508 Prestwick Cir N	\$579,000	
15520 Prestwick Cir N	\$503,000	
43651 Prestwick Cir S	\$467,000	
42001 Queen Anne Ct	\$70,000	
47252 Red Oak Dr	\$460,000	
339 Rouge St	\$340,000	
19773 Scenic Harbour Dr	\$240,000	
709 Spring Court	\$302,000	
12666 Windridge Dr	\$269,000	
PLYMOUTH		
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48061 E Hillcrest St	\$345,000	
13326 Foxboro Ct	\$370,000	
41047 Greenbrook Ln	\$118,000	
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1199 S Sheldon Rd	\$32,000	
43011 Stonehedge Dr	\$225,000	
41185 Willow Rd	\$150,000	
REDFORD		
9931 Arcoir	\$57,000	
12956 Brady	\$70,000	
27850 Hopkins Dr	\$168,000	
10061 Dixie	\$28,000	

11320 Dixie	\$42,000	
13489 Farley	\$72,000	
19111 Five Points St	\$6,000	
15621 Gaylord	\$43,000	
19486 Glenmore	\$60,000	
11386 Hemmingway	\$35,000	
14750 Inkster Rd	\$30,000	
15592 Lincoln	\$347,000	
14010 Lucerne	\$77,000	
18746 MacArthur	\$25,000	
20523 Norborne	\$37,000	
15454 Olympia	\$34,000	
15811 Pomona Dr	\$31,000	
14059 Rockland	\$44,000	
24230 W Chicago	\$29,000	
9319 Winston	\$25,000	
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30538 Birchwood St	\$72,000	
30922 Birchwood St	\$34,000	
35142 Birchwood St	\$75,000	
33824 Casso Ct	\$23,000	
37371 Castlewood Ct	\$50,000	
7382 Central St	\$14,000	
38603 Cherry Hill Rd	\$71,000	
33053 Cherry Hill Rd	\$83,000	
548 Darwin St	\$60,000	
35220 Grandview Ave	\$75,000	
30628 Hivley St	\$45,000	
8464 Hugst St	\$52,000	
8240 Kubic St	\$70,000	
8230 Liberty Blvd	\$55,000	
29234 Manchester St	\$132,000	
7633 Manor Cir	\$35,000	
30060 Marshall Rd	\$80,000	
24515 Inkster Rd	\$16,000	
1737 N Livville St	\$85,000	
35115 Norone St	\$29,000	
53405 Middlebelt Rd	\$55,000	
32032 Sheridan St	\$85,000	
31817 Tuscola St	\$8,000	
35300 University St	\$125,000	

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Jan. 24, 2013, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

BEVERLY HILLS		
18572 E Chelton Dr	\$250,000	
BIRMINGHAM		
385 E Southlawn Blvd	\$265,000	
4500 Hazelwood Dr	\$800,000	
BLOOMFIELD HILLS		
1333 Kensington Rd	\$430,000	
4379 Suyessant Rd	\$364,000	
795 Windermere Ct	\$69,000	
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP		
4905 Charing Cross Rd	\$625,000	
1734 Hickory Bark Ln	\$308,000	
786 W Square Lake Rd	\$70,000	
742 Westbourne Dr	\$387,000	

5342 Woodlands Estates Dr N	\$530,000	
Commerce Township		
1955 Baylis St	\$420,000	
3295 Rice Vista St	\$72,000	
FARMINGTON HILLS		
31608 Folsom Dr	\$105,000	
31831 Grand River Ave	\$115,000	
23056 Warner St	\$135,000	
FARMINGTON HILLS		
30628 Amethyst St	\$45,000	
29400 Briarcrest Kns	\$159,000	
24402 El Marcy Dr	\$155,000	
30602 Fox Club Dr	\$354,000	
30601 Glenview Dr	\$88,000	
34035 Harlowshire St	\$70,000	
22225 Hardsale Dr	\$311,000	
32409 Middlebelt Rd	\$126,000	
35363 Naples	\$350,000	
29760 Onwood Ave	\$82,000	
35353 Orchard Lake Rd	\$150,000	
35353 W Nine Mile Rd	\$171,000	
25151 Westmoreland Dr	\$160,000	

LATHRUP VILLAGE		
17560 Rainbow Dr	\$119,000	
MILFORD		
3795 Chicks Lake Rd	\$300,000	
2380 Craggs Ln	\$255,000	
608 River Oaks Dr	\$260,000	
709 Squire Ln	\$155,000	
NORTHVILLE		
45012 Byrne Dr	\$257,000	
927 Coldspring Dr	\$470,000	
20810 Taft Rd	\$73,000	
20873 W Glen Haven Cir	\$82,000	
21128 W Glen Haven Cir	\$99,000	
840 Yorktown Ct	\$149,000	
NOVI		
43021 N Oaks Crescent Dr #	\$125,000	
39474 Burton Dr	\$125,000	
21270 Chase Dr	\$370,000	
47342 Cider Mill Dr	\$220,000	
43128 Emerson Way	\$268,000	
27850 Hopkins Dr	\$168,000	
27868 Hopkins Dr	\$168,000	

27870 Hopkins Dr	\$169,000	
27876 Hopkins Dr	\$168,000	
86596 Island Lake Dr	\$290,000	
21809 Shadybrook Dr	\$235,000	
SOUTH LYNN		
24526 Glenview Dr	\$325,000	
59276 Peters Barn Dr	\$87,000	
24337 Ravine Dr	\$2,000	
53520 Valleywood Dr	\$219,000	
SOUTHFIELD		
29470 Ashley Ct	\$55,000	
13996 E Goldwyn St	\$175,000	
23370 Grayson Dr	\$46,000	
21815 Hawthalla Trl	\$120,000	
21815 Hawthalla Trl	\$116,000	
21815 Hawthalla Trl	\$58,000	
23485 Lee Baker Dr	\$93,000	
19646 Oldfashioned Ave	\$52,000	
23400 Twining Dr	\$105,000	
WHITE LAKE		
9439 Garforth Dr	\$42,000	
741 Hilltop Dr	\$719,000	
9075 Huron Bluffs Dr	\$244,000	

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37 Med. staffers
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PINCEN	ZEAL	DAWN
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IRIS	OWS	BIRD
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