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We are giving away Detroit Tigers tickets to the Saturday, May 25, game against the Minnesota Twins. This is a 4:05 p.m. start and the winner will have to pick up the tickets at our Detroit offices on the day of the game.

You can enter the contest by visiting the Don't Miss module on the right-hand side of our website, HometownLife.com. Share the contest link with a Facebook friend and get an extra five chances to win if he or she also enters the contest. The drawing is May 24. Good luck!

Cup traffic

Canton Public Safety Director Todd Mutchler has issued a temporary traffic order in conjunction with the Canton Cup Soccer Tournament, which starts Friday.

Due to safety concerns for pedestrians and motorists, the speed limit on Denton

shall be 25 mph from 1,000 feet north of Proctor Road to 1,000 feet south of the southern boundary of Independence Park during the following times:

- 4-9 p.m. May 24;
- from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. May 25; and
- from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. May 26.

Parking will be prohibited on the east side of Denton from Times Drive to Lansdowne.

Holiday trash

Due to the Memorial Day holiday, Canton Waste Recycling will not collect refuse, recycling or yard waste Monday, and all collections next week will be delayed by one day. CWR will resume its regular collection schedule Monday, June 3.

All refuse and recycling must be placed at the curb by 6:30 a.m. to ensure pickup. CWR will not pick up refuse or recycling that is placed past the sidewalk on private property. All recycling must be placed separate from refuse on the opposite side of your driveway.

For questions or more information on solid waste collection, visit www.cantonmi.org or call CWR at (734) 397-5801.

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Groom's life cut short one day after wedding

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

The day after they married, Jordan Costa and Heather Favazza-Costa started their new life together Sunday by driving south for a honeymoon they hoped to share in Myrtle Beach, S.C. They never made it. Costa, a 21-year-old Canton resident and youth leader at Connection Church on Sheldon Road, was killed Sunday morning in a one-car crash in Ohio. His death came less than 24 hours after his wedding.

Costa's close friend, Joshua Wayt, paid tribute to Costa on his blog, calling him "the happiest man in the world" after he married Favazza-Costa, a 21-year-old Wayne resident who was treated at a hospital for minor injuries.

Those who knew and loved Costa, including his Canton Connection Church family, are mourning his death after Ohio State Police say he lost control of the Ford Escape he was driving south on Interstate 77 in Tuscarawas County. The vehicle went into the median, struck an embankment

and rolled over several times as it crossed the north-bound lanes. Ohio authorities have said the couple was wearing seat belts, and alcohol wasn't a factor. Rocky Barra, pastor of Canton Connection Church, had presided over the wedding Saturday. He issued a statement to the close-knit, broken-hearted church community.

'Horrible news'

"I was called out of our first service Sunday to find out that

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Jordan Costa and Heather Favazza-Costa were a happy couple on their wedding day, one day before he was killed in a car crash on their honeymoon.



Brittany Kipfmiller of Canton (third from right) brought her support team with her to Canton's Relay for Life Saturday. Supporting Brittany were (from left) family friend Debbie Bashawaty, mom Tammi Kipfmiller and family friend Lori Hutchinson.

All about 'Life'

Relay brings survivors, supporters together

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

Brittany Kipfmiller just figured she'd pulled a muscle. That's what the 18-year-old from Canton thought she'd hear from the doctor when she went in complaining of pain in her chest and, more specifically, on her heart, back in February.

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That's not what she and her mother Tammi heard, though. What they did hear, they could scarcely believe at first. Two masses were pressing on her aorta. Brittany had cancer. "I didn't think it was going to be cancer," said Brittany, a

2012 graduate of Salem High School. "When they told me, everything stopped."

Worst day

Brittany was diagnosed Feb. 1 with Hodgkin's lymphoma and had her first chemotherapy treatment just a few days later.

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Meeting focus: Ford Road fate

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Canton officials are cautiously expecting the Michigan Department of Transportation to confirm next week its intention to transform a stretch of Ford Road into a boulevard in an effort to ease traffic congestion along one of Michigan's most accident-prone thoroughfares.

MDOT project manager Gorette Yung has indicated the "preferred alternative" will be disclosed during a public meeting 5-7 p.m. Thursday, May 30, at Summit on the Park, but she hasn't revealed the specific plan.

Yung and Matt Wending, a consultant hired by MDOT, had indicated in late March that a boulevard proposal was gaining momentum, partly because Ford Road already is due within a few years for a major reconstruction project.

Yung had said support for the boulevard concept "is very overwhelming from the community" after MDOT debuted a series of options for addressing traffic congestion.

Moreover, Wending had said in late March that "if anything, the facts are kind of pointing in that direction because Ford Road will have to be improved anyway."

Blunt assessment

Canton Township Supervisor Phil LaJoy was more blunt in his assessment in March.

"I think a boulevard is what's going to happen," he said — an opinion he also had shared in his last State of the Township address.

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Mother, boyfriend get probation in child's death

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

As expected, a former Canton mother and her ex-boyfriend have been placed on probation for three years for the death of her 19-month-old son, who authorities say died from an overdose after he swallowed a pill used to fight heroin addiction.

Andrea Nicole Rodgers, 20, and Ryan Keith Moody, 25, were formally sentenced Monday by Wayne County Circuit Judge Gregory Bill — one month after the Observer first reported the couple would receive probation after accepting a plea agreement for involuntary manslaughter.

The pair accepted the deal after authorities agreed to dis-

miss a charge of second-degree child abuse. Rodgers and Moody avoided what could have been a 15-year prison term for the death last June of Silas Rodgers, who swallowed Suboxone that had been prescribed to Moody.

Authorities have said the pills were improperly stored

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Andrea Nicole Rodgers and Ryan Keith Moody have received probation for the death of her 19-month-old son.

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DEATH

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in the house the couple had shared on Maben, near Canton Center and Ford roads. Authorities have said they hope the case will serve as a warning to others to keep prescription drugs out of the reach of children.

Rodgers's decision to accept a plea allowed her to keep the charge off her record under the Holmes Youthful Trainee Act, which applies to defendants who are 17-21 years old if they meet certain conditions and stay out of trouble.

The mother's attorney, Michael Rataj, said in April Rodgers has suffered over the death of her child, though he expressed hope she can "put this tragic incident behind her" and begin "moving on with her life."

Moody's attorney, Jeffrey Osment, called the child's death "a tragic, unfortunate incident" that neither defendant intended to happen. He said they accepted a plea rather than "relive (dur-

ing trial) the awful tragedy of that day."

Bill could revoke the probation if either defendant should get into legal trouble again.

Early on, Rataj had criticized the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office for charging Rodgers, saying she was distraught over her son's death and didn't know the Suboxone was being improperly stored. Osment said Moody also was devastated by the boy's death, saying Moody loved young Silas even though the boy wasn't his.

Prosecutors had called the couple's actions gross negligence, saying the pills had been stored in a plastic container near a bed.

Moreover, Canton Detective Tim Wright had testified during a preliminary examination that it wasn't the first time Silas Rodgers had gotten his hands on prescription pills. He said the mother earlier had sought medical help for a similar incident.

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Canton observes Public Works Week

In honor of National Public Works Week, Canton officials are recognizing the men and women who make up Canton's Public Works Division.

NPWW is designed to call attention to the importance of public works in the community and enhance the prestige of the often-unsung heroes of society—the professionals who serve the public good every day with quiet dedication.

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onmental Services and Customer Service Sections are located in the Division of Public Works Building—All four DPW sections are managed by a superintendent with the help of four supervisors.

• **The Sanitary Sewer Section** is responsible for operating and maintaining the township sewer system that provides 20,804 residential and 2,394 commercial customers with a reliable waste water disposal system. The system consists of four sanitary sewer lift stations, 8,339 manholes, one mile of sanitary sewer force main, and over

332 miles of gravity sanitary sewer main.

• **The Environmental Services Section** is in charge of promoting, ensuring and educating the public on proper stormwater best management practices.

• **The Customer Service Section** handles all customer complaints and works with the cross connection control program to ensure Canton's water system is not contaminated.

For more information on Canton's Public Works Division please call (734) 394-5150 or visit www.canton-mi.org.

FORD ROAD

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Still, it isn't known if the boulevard plan, for whatever reason, may have lost favor with MDOT—or whether it may have been modified since the state had narrowed the list of options to three:

• Do nothing. Most everyone calls this option unacceptable.

• Implement stopgap measures by adding a west-bound Ford lane from I-275 to Sheldon and an east-bound lane from Lilley to Haggerty, along with better turn lanes at key intersections.

• Move ahead within years with plans to transform Ford Road into a boulevard from the I-275 area to west of Sheldon Road. This option involves adding greenery and landscaping to separate east and west lanes, widening the road to three lanes in certain areas; prohibiting left turns at major intersections; and installing turn-around lanes similar to



MDOT officials host a public meeting 5-7 p.m. Thursday, May 30, at the Summit on the Park to discuss the future of Ford Road.

those on Michigan Avenue. It could be accompanied by paving Lotz Road from Cherry Hill to Ford. LaJoy, Trustee Tom Yack and other local officials had hoped for a now-dismissed plan—snubbed by federal authorities—to add new ramps on the south-bound I-275 exit at Ford Road to allow motorists to access Haggerty Road in either direction without using Ford at all.

Ford Road fix

Township Trustee John Anthony also had supported it, saying as recently as last week "it's

a good plan that is workable." However, he said local officials may have to settle for the boulevard proposal.

"If that's what it takes to get Ford Road fixed, I'll go along with it," he said. "We need something to fix it. It's not my first choice, but I'm not an engineer. If MDOT is confident this will fix the problem, then let's get it done."

Local officials fear there could be a 10-year window for the boulevard plan, delaying any action as traffic woes persist. "Canton is desperate for help," Trustee Pat Wil-

liams said. "We're looking to MDOT for solutions and doing nothing is not a viable option for our residents."

Next Thursday, MDOT is expected to recap the first three public meetings and unveil the preferred alternative for Ford Road. This fourth meeting will be an open house format, as others have been.

MDOT officials have strongly encouraged public participation.

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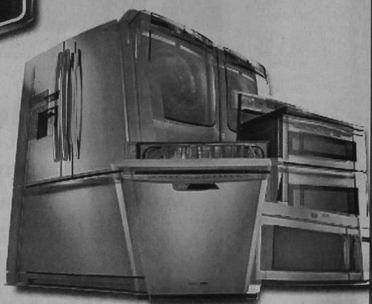
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Plymouth High School seniors Mario Gruszczynski (left) and Nihal Anishetty took many pictures to the faces for charity at the Plymouth High School Senior Student Council booth at Saturday's Canton Relay for Life.

RELAY

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"It was the day you never want, ... It was the worst day you can imagine," Brittany's mom Tammi said of hearing the diagnosis. "It's heart-breaking to see your child, who was full of life, now can't do anything. She's fighting for her life."

Brittany, like so many others, isn't letting the cancer stop her. She was among the hundreds of walkers on more than 60 teams who took part in Saturday's Canton Relay for Life, one of the state's

largest, and most successful, American Cancer Society fundraisers.

In control

The signs of her disease are still obvious, starting with the shaved head (which actually has a fine sheen of fuzz now). She's lost weight, but not spirit. When she started chemotherapy, she cut her flowing blonde locks short. But when bald spots started popping up, she just took care of it by shaving her head.

"I control my cancer," Brittany said. "It doesn't control me." It won't be controlling her much longer, she's

pretty sure of that. She gets her final chemotherapy treatment June 17 and fully expects to be declared cancer-free.

"It's the day I get my life back," said Brittany, who had to put off college because of her treatment. "I don't have to worry about what's going to happen next, what pain I'm going to have. I should be 100 percent cancer-free."

And if she's not? Tammi Kipfmiller banishes the thought. "There's no other option," she said. "It has to be."

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GROOM

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Heather and Jordan were in a terrible car crash while they were driving south for their honeymoon," he said. "Toward the end of the second service, I received the horrible news that Jordan had died. They had been married for less than 24 hours."

Connection Church announced a memorial service celebrating Costa's life has been scheduled for 11 a.m. Saturday, May 25, at the church on Sheldon Road north of Canton Avenue. Barra has asked for continued prayers for Costa and Favazza-Costa.

"I've known Heather since she was born," he told the Observer, adding that Favazza-Costa's parents, Sue and George Favazza, have long been active in Con-

nection Church. "I dedicated Heather as a baby. She and Jordan have been such outstanding people. Their integrity and leadership in the church and the community were unbelievable."

"It's a deep sorrow," Barra said. "Heather does not have a broken bone. It's a miracle. She will come through this. She has a great faith in God, but right now we are all reeling."

In his earlier statement to the congregation, Barra recalled officiating the wedding Saturday.

"This is very difficult for me to share with you," Barra said. "I was so very honored to officiate the wedding ceremony of Jordan Costa and Heather Favazza."

Huge part

Barra said Favazza "has literally grown up in our church," and he said he and others watched Favaz-

za "grow through her teenage years and become the beautiful bride she was on Saturday."

Barra wrote that Costa had been "a huge part of our youth ministry," serving as a youth leader and facilitating the church's college and career ministry. Costa had moved here from the Boston area and worked at a Blockbuster store.

"He was definitely a handsome groom," Barra said, "with his family in attendance from his home out east."

Barra wrote that Favazza "thankfully and miraculously" escaped without serious injury. "Our heart is broken for Heather and the entire Favazza family," Barra said.

He has asked for prayers for the families.

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CRIME WATCH

High-speed pursuit

Canton police ended a pursuit of a motorcycle that was leading police on a chase at speeds of 90 mph, a police report said.

The incident started about 8 p.m. Saturday when Canton police received notice of a maroon motorcycle leading Westland police on a chase on westbound Ford Road. A Canton officer saw the motorcycle on Ford Road, initially going 70-80 mph and weaving in and out of traffic, a police report said.

The officer tried to initiate a traffic stop, but the motorcycle headed north on I-275 at speeds reaching 90 mph, the police report said.

Police abandoned the chase near Ann Arbor Road.

Embezzling arrest

Canton police arrested a 21-year-old Walmart employee accused of embezzling money from the company store on Michigan Avenue west of Belleville Road, a police report said.

A Walmart asset protection employee told police she was approached Sunday by another employee who asked her to investigate an earlier transaction in which a customer claimed to have bought a gift card that had no cash value on it.

According to the police report, an investigation revealed a video in which an employee was seen taking money from the customer, handing over the gift card and then putting the cash — \$503 — in his pocket.

The suspect, a resident of Southfield, initially claimed he had accidentally put the money in his pocket and had since spent it. He was arrested for embezzlement and issued a citation, the police report said.

House damaged

Canton police went to the area northeast of Hartford and Canton Center after receiving reports that a group of youngsters had smashed out a window of a vacant home, a police report said.

The incident happened shortly after 7:30 p.m. Monday.

Police received a report that a white male had been seen throwing a football through a window of the house. The suspect was with three other people.

The caller told police the youngsters were last seen near Hartford on bicycles. No entry was made into

the house where the window was broken.

Home break-in

Police issued a citation for unlawful entry to a 29-year-old Canton man accused of going inside his ex-wife's residence on Marine, northeast of Van Born and Haggerty roads, even though he didn't have permission, a police report said.

The 25-year-old woman told police she went to the home about 11 p.m. last Thursday. She had been having some work done at the house in preparation to move in.

She found her ex-husband inside the residence and told him that he wasn't welcome and that he needed to leave, the police report said. Police went to the scene, and the suspect tried to escape out a rear door but was captured.

The suspect told police he tried to flee because he had unrelated warrants out for his arrest in Sumpter Township for domestic violence. He denied entering his ex-wife's place without permission.

Police cited the man for unlawful entry.

Hit-and-run driver

A male teenager notified Canton police to report that the Mercury Sable he was driving was struck by a hit-and-run driver about 10:30 p.m. Monday near Sheldon and Joy roads.

The teenager told police the other driver fled the scene in what was described as a black pickup truck, possibly a GMC Sierra with tinted windows. The truck was last seen traveling northbound on Sheldon.

—By Darrell Clem

Sam's Club slasher goes to prison

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

A Wayne County Circuit Court judge Tuesday sentenced a Canton man to prison for two to four years for slashing another man with a knife outside the Sam's Club store on Ford Road east of Lotz.



Robinson

Harry Robinson Jr., who had been released from prison in 2009 for criminal sexual conduct, was sentenced by Judge Ulysses Boykin after he pleaded no contest to a charge of assault with a dangerous weapon, according to court documents.

Robinson's plea averted a trial and a potential longer sentence if he had been convicted of a now-dismissed charge of assault with intent to do great bodily harm (less than murder), a 10-year felony. However, authorities have said Robinson could have faced penalties ranging up to life in prison because he was considered a repeat offender.

Robinson was charged following allegations he attacked 41-year-old Theodore Sheets of Saline last Sept. 30 and cut him with a knife during a dispute outside the Sam's Club store. Sheets had an injury that

required at least 20 stitches near his left wrist.

Marc Lakin, a Birmingham defense attorney, had said early on that Robinson was merely defending himself when the incident occurred.

"Mr. Robinson was victimized, harassed, spit on, name-called and then threatened by the victim prior to defending himself from a much larger man who is twice his size," Lakin has said.

After the incident occurred, Canton Detective Sgt. Dave Schreiner had said Robinson had been accused of spitting on Sheets, the opposite of Lakin's claims.

Robinson fled the scene and was captured a short time later by Canton Police across the street near the Home Depot store.

As the case unfolded, however, Robinson pleaded no contest in return for the prison sentence he began serving Monday. He had been free on bond prior to Monday.

Sheets was never charged in the incident. During a preliminary examination in 35th District Court, authorities played a video that showed a dispute between the two men, not far from the Sam's Club entrance.

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Local support makes Relay successful

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

Hundreds of walkers from more than 60 teams strolled the Heritage Park walking path over the weekend during Canton's 24-hour Relay for Life.

The list of walkers was impressive, and they raised some \$165,000 in one of the American Cancer Society's largest, and most successful, fundraisers in the state.

"It was a fantastic event," said Liz Evans, an American Cancer Society community representative and staff partner for Canton's Relay. "The community really gets behind it. There are some great teams who come out again and again. It's such a fun event, people are just drawn to it."

While the walkers are clearly the focus, there are many other activities, booths and events that help turn it into a fair-like atmosphere. Jon LaFever, Canton Leisure Services recreation facilities supervisor in charge of Relay logistics, said workers were expected to set up 70-80 tents in Heritage Park to accommodate teams, including one large tent for cancer survivors.

One of them was for the Plymouth High School Senior Student Council, where Wildcat seniors Mario Gruszczynski and Nihal Anishetty were busy taking pies to the face in hopes of raising money. The booth has been part of Relay for three years.

"It's fun for everyone ... It's been a good money-maker," Gruszczynski said. "It appeals to a lot of people."

Mike and Sue Berardi



Mike and Sue Berardi of Canton bought this authentic Good Humor ice cream truck last summer, and now take it to charity events such as Saturday's Canton Relay for Life.



Ruth Moon of Novi waits patiently as granddaughter Emma Anderson paints her nails at one of the Canton Relay for Life booths. Emma is the daughter of Becky and Ryan Anderson of Canton.

di of Canton didn't need one of the 80 tents. All they needed was a parking spot for their newest "toy," a real, honest-to-goodness Good Humor ice cream truck. The couple purchased it on eBay in June 2012.

"(Mike) showed it to me on eBay and I said, 'Oh, how cool, I remember that from when I was a kid,'" Sue recalled. "He asked me if I wanted to buy it and said, 'That would be fun.'" It's been fun, but not

necessarily profitable. The couple drove the truck through neighborhoods last year, with little luck.

"The kids don't know what Good Humor is," Sue Berardi said. "The kids know the vans they have



Nicole Lewankowski (from left), Samantha Richter and Michelle Turner glance over items available at the Chicks 4 Charity booth. Nicole said she was taking part in Canton's Relay for Life in memory of her grandmothers, Barbara Rossler and Shirley Lewandowski, and her friend, leukemia survivor Amanda Moody.



Four-year-old Layla Daley picks a flower as a prize in one of the game booths at Saturday's Canton Relay for Life.

out now. Now the adults ... They all remember. So we draw the adults."

Now they focus on events such as auto shows and charity events, where the participants include large numbers of adults.

"That's where it's more of the adult folks," Mike Berardi said. "Those are the ones with the stories about their Good Humor man."

The kids manning St. Thomas a'Becket's "Quacky for a Cure" tent may have had the right

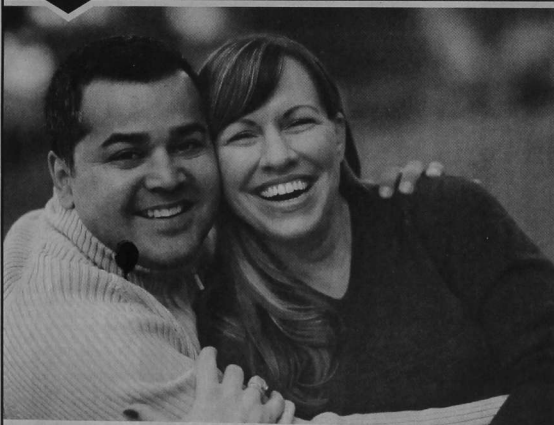
idea. Adorning the grass in front of the tent, run by the church's youth group, were dozens of signs with people's birthdays on them.

"We liked this idea," said Morgan Holmlund, whose brother, Andrew, died seven years ago from brain cancer. "Relay is about being around to celebrate more birthdays."

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Democrats select leaders for newly-formed 11th District

Leaders have been elected to head the newly-formed 11th District of the Michigan Democratic Party, as announced by its chair, Jim Gualdoni of Commerce Township.

"This new district, shaped by the Republican-dominated Legislature, could be the surprise hot-button issue in the next election," said Gualdoni, formerly chair of the West Oakland County Democratic Club.

Gualdoni and three other officers were elected at the Democrats' statewide caucus at Cobo Hall on Feb. 23 to head the new district: Vice-chair Lisa Dirado, of Vice-chair Lisa Dirado, of Treasurer Cynthia Church-CPA, of Novi; and Recording Secretary Carla Meier, of Troy.

The district includes 25 governmental units in Oakland County, ranging from South Lyon to Troy, and four in Wayne County: Plymouth, Canton,

Northville and Livonia.

At the district's first meeting, on March 23, the district elected the following additional members:

Executive Committee

Corresponding secretary, Carol Prince Hundley of Troy
Parliamentarian, Chuck Nichols of Northville Township
Sergeant-at-arms, Milan Peele of Plymouth

2nd vice-chair, R. Karl Burnett of Livonia
3rd vice-chair, Dick Long of Waterford
4th vice-chair, Kathy Martin of Troy
5th vice-chair, Mahendra Kenkre of Troy
6th vice-chair, Kristy Pagan of Canton
7th vice-chair, Sommer Foster of Canton
8th vice-chair, Garry Neilsen of Waterford

Officers-at-large

Liz Bauer of Birmingham
Mahendra Kenkre of Troy
Kumar Bhatt of Troy
Amin Hashmi of Troy
Edward Honsinger of Canton

Sandra Hughes O'Brien of Northville

Mary Maguire of Plymouth
Susan Nichols of Northville Township

Also elected to the Executive Committee were 33 members-at-large, many of them being chairs and officers of the district's eight Democratic clubs in Oakland County and four Democratic clubs in Wayne County:

Members-at-Large

Sandy Burgess of Troy
Scott Craig, chair of Northville Club
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Tony Grillo of Rochester
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Louise Schilling of Troy

Dian Slavens, Canton, State Representative, 21st District
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Steve Sniderman, Chair of Canton Club
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Karla Swift of Livonia, President of Michigan AFL-CIO

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Chuck Tindall of Novi
Bob Toliver of Novi

Gail Whitty of Birmingham
Mike Whitty of Birmingham

Karen Zyczynski, chair of Novi Democratic Club

Further information on the new 11th District, contact Gualdoni at gualdoni23@aol.com.



Last year, Rouge Rescue volunteers removed 85 cubic yards of trash, including nine shopping carts and two vehicles, and 198 cubic yards of invasive plants.

Rouge River friends need volunteers

Local non-profit Friends of the Rouge along with several community partners are looking for volunteers to clean trash from the Rouge River and improve local parks and nature preserves in the metro Detroit area on Saturday, June 1.

Volunteers may choose from a number of sites in the local area. Activities, which vary by site, may include river clean up, native planting, invasive plant removal, park maintenance and nature walks.

Rouge Rescue helps the river. Residents can assist the river's natural processes year round by disconnecting downspouts and directing them to rain barrels or rain gardens, minimizing paved surfaces and replacing lawn grass with plants with deep root systems.

Last year, Rouge Rescue volunteers removed 85 cubic yards of trash, including nine shopping carts and two vehicles, and 198 cubic yards of invasive plants. They also planted 3,960 native flowers and grasses and 60 trees and shrubs. "Without the help of volunteers, we would never be able to accomplish the great work we do every year," said Cynthia Ross, the River Res-

toration Program Manager for the Friends group. "Through the effort of volunteers, the Rouge River has experienced successes such as increases in the numbers and species of fish as well as the development of a canoe route."

Volunteers should wear long sleeves and pants to protect themselves from poison ivy. Helpful items to bring include: water, snacks, shoes or boots they don't mind getting dirty, hat, sunscreen, bug spray and a change of clothes (just in case). Gloves and trash and/or compost bags will be provided along with "Rouge Rescue" T-shirts as available. Many of the sites are family-friendly.

To find out more, visit www.therouge.org.

Among the work sites:

- Meadows of Canton, Canton, June 1, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; Lotz Road/Finley Street (On Lotz between Palmer and Cherry Hill). Registration tent at Lotz Road between Cherry Hill and Palmer Road; Phone (313) 999-6256 or email kraizad@sbglobal.net

- Rivers Edge, Canton; June 1, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Meet by the pond near the corner of Gold Ridge and High Meadow Crossing; email mrice2626@sbglobal.net

- Workman Elementary Habitat, Canton; June 1, 9 a.m. to noon; 250 Denton; email bank1@emich.edu

- Lower Rouge Recreational Trail, Canton Township; June 1, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Parking lot is north of Michigan Avenue on Morton Taylor; call (734) 397-5150 or email anaszraddi@cantonmi.org

- Woods Drive Area of Hines Parkway, Plymouth; June 1, 8 a.m. to noon; 42401 Edward Hines Drive, the Plymouth Riverside Comfort Station is on the north side of Edward Hines Dr. near the intersection of Edward Hines Dr. and Riverside Dr.; call (734) 453-7737 or email msd@ci.plymouth.mi.us

- Pointe Park, Plymouth Township; June 1, 9-11 a.m.; intersection of Ann Arbor Road and Ann Arbor Trail; call (734) 354-3270, Ext. 4 or email vsigvnoe@plymouthwp.org

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Scott Prison meets the wrecking ball

By Kurt Kuban
Staff Writer

The former Robert Scott Correctional Facility proved a steadfast barrier to thousands of prisoners for more than two decades. But the facility on Five Mile and Beck has been no match for a small crew of demolition experts that began tearing it down last week.

The crew from Adamo, the contractor Northville Township hired to demolish the prison buildings on the 56-acre property, will be on the site for a while as they methodically take down each of the nine buildings on the site. In fact, several of the buildings, including the gymnasium, have already been pummeled into large heaps of scrap materials, which Adamo will sell on

the open market as it tries to recoup its demolition costs. The Detroit-based Adamo agreed to pay the township \$1 for the contract, but the company gets to take possession of all materials on the site — from a large CAT generator that has resale value, to all the scrap materials including the extensive fencing, which will be taken down last.

The only buildings that will be preserved are two large pole barns on the site that will serve as storage units for the township's water department and adjacent park.

Northville Township DPS Director Tom Casari has been overseeing the demolition project and has been out to the site watching the progress on a daily basis. On Monday, he marveled how easily Adamo's



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A demolition crew continues its effort to tear down the structures at Northville Township's former Scott Correctional Facility on May 20.

large machinery knocked down prison buildings and turned them into rubble.

"It's a real process they have tearing these buildings down. They don't want to touch any of the materials more than once," he said, noting how

to be done in a couple months.

"It will probably be done in a couple months, maybe sooner than that but I like to give myself a little leeway," said Danneels, who has been with the company for 28 years.

Once Adamo exits the site, Casari said all that will be left of the old prison are the foundations from the various buildings.

"Everything will be to grade," he said. "It won't be a site you would want to play soccer on, but let's just say it will look a lot better than it did before we took the prison down."

The township still has to determine what to do with the site moving forward. The deal the township made with the state to take possession of the land gives the state the ability

to take it back if it isn't used for a public purpose. However, the township is negotiating with the state to make sure that doesn't happen.

Some officials have said they would like to have a mixed use development that will be a nice gateway into the community. Casari said the current board of trustees has some "exciting" visions for the property, but that all still needs to be fleshed out.

"That all needs to be figured out in the future. My guess is there will be a master planning process," Casari said. "The main thing for now was to get this (demolition) done — get it torn down and then we can start working on what will come next."

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O&E, sponsors honor 2013 Academic All-Star Team

Educators, media representatives and area businesses gathered Tuesday to honor the 2013 *Observer & Eccentric* Media Academic All-Star Team at a special awards program at the Townsend Hotel in downtown Birmingham.

The 25-member team represents the most accomplished students from public, private and parochial schools in western Wayne and Oakland counties.

"Congratulations to all of the 2013 students and soon to be graduates — today is your day. Enjoy it and remember it. Your achievements in high school have been tremendous and we salute you and your parents today," said Susan Rosiek, *O&E* publisher who emceed the program. "The *O&E* is committed to community journalism and we can't think of a better way to showcase the community than by highlighting the young men and women who we celebrate today."

Sponsors of this year's program — the 28th annual event — and special section published May 12 in all *O&E* print editions and online at www.hometownlife.com included Madonna University, Community Alliance Credit Union and the Michigan

Farm Bureau Health Services. The Townsend Hotel joined the *O&E* in hosting the breakfast program. In addition to being featured in the special publication, students received certificates of achievement and other gifts from the *O&E* and sponsors.

As part of the All-Star program, Parkside Credit Union presented a \$500 scholarship to Jane Xiao for her essay on college students and financial responsibility. This was the second year that Parkside, with offices in Livonia and Westland, sponsored the essay competition. See Xiao's winning essay in Sunday's *Observer*.

The *O&E* Academic All-Star Team is selected by a three-member panel of high school principals — Carolyn Witte of Mercy High School in Farmington Hills, Charlie Hollerith of Lahser High School in Bloomfield Hills and Dan Willenborg of Franklin High School in Livonia.

Every public, parochial and private school principal in the *O&E* Media readership area is invited each February to nominate two outstanding students. The selection is based solely on grade-point average (academic subjects only) and SAT or ACT scores.



Jane Xiao (left) is all smiles after being named winner of the Parkside Credit Union Academic All-Star Essay Competition. Xiao receives \$500 for college for her essay on financial responsibility. Presenting the scholarship award at Tuesday's award program are Martin Carter, CEO of Parkside Credit Union and Heather Gatewood, marketing coordinator. Parkside Credit Union has offices in Livonia and Westland.



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Karen Sanborn, (left) marketing director at Madonna University (longtime sponsor of the *O&E* Media Academic All-Star Program) joins all-stars Owen Yang of North Farmington High School, Alan Pinon, digital marketing specialist at Madonna; Elizabeth Watson of Cranbrook Schools, Mrigank Gupta of North Farmington High School, Andrea Ringer of Salem High School, Peter Romero of Harrison High School and Sidharth Chand of Detroit Country Day. Jill Hamilton-Krawczyk also of Madonna University (right) attended Tuesday's program at the Townsend Hotel in Birmingham.



Cindy Burgermyer (right) of Community Alliance Credit Union, one of the sponsors of this year's All-Star Program, is featured with 2013 all-stars (from left) Balaji Veluswamy of the International Academy, Marissa Ray of Academy of the Sacred Heart, Rohit Bhadange of Farmington High School, Shannon Guo of Canton High School, Jason Zhang of Salem High School and Anna Dai of Plymouth High School.



Elizabeth Nash of the Townsend Hotel (right) joins 2013 all-stars Sanjay Reddy of Andover High School, Cuthbert Sun of Andover High School, David Lectka of Stevenson High School, Jane Xiao of Farmington High School, Jacob Gase of Stevenson High School, Olivia Chen of Cranbrook Schools and Andrew J. Hausman of Groves High School.

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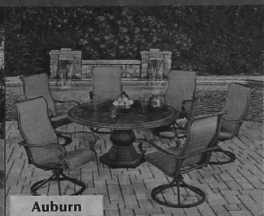
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Organizers point out the show runs 85 minutes, with a 15-minute intermission, making it perfect for children 5 and up.

Based on the original tale by Hans Christian Andersen and the Disney movie, "The Little Mermaid Jr.," tells of a magical kingdom that fathoms below the ocean's

surface, where Ariel, the beautiful young mermaid longs to leave her ocean home to live in the world above.

"There was such an outpouring of children at the auditions that over 50 children and two casts are participating in this hilarious and energetic show," director Barbara Bloom said. "This production appeals to all ages from the very young to the young at heart. It has charm, humor, drama and endearing characters with spectacular costumes and sets, not to

mention great songs."

The production runs at 7 p.m. all four days, with 2 p.m. matinee performances scheduled for June 1-2.

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill is located at 50400 Cherry Hill in Canton. Tickets (\$13) are available by phone at the Village Theater Box Office at (734) 394-5300 or (734) 394-5460, online at www.canton-mi.org/villagetheater or www.spotlightplayersmi.org or in person at The Summit on the Park or at the door.

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Blackwell Ford had a celebration for their 30 year anniversary in Plymouth. Pictured with proclamations for Blackwell (from left) are Plymouth Township Clerk Nancy Conzelmann, Ryan Eggelsberger, representing state Sen. Patrick Colbeck and state Rep. Kurt Heise; Mike Mitchell; Wayne County Commissioner Shannon Price; Ron Robertson of Blackwell Ford; and Mark Evenson, Vice Chair, Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce.

Business workshop

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce hosts a business development workshop 8:30-9:30 a.m. Tuesday, May 28, Business Development Workshop in the chamber meeting room at 850 W. Ann Arbor Trail in downtown Plymouth.

Marc de Schweinitz from Google in Ann Arbor will be providing valuable information about how to use Google to accelerate getting businesses found on their search engine and how to make that listing attract visitors to visit individual sites.

To RSVP or for more information, call (734) 453-1540.

Chamber golf

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce hosts its annual golf outing and auction Monday, July 8, at Northville Hills Golf Club. Northville Hills is an Arnold Palmer Signature Design. The event is a scramble that will include lunch, dinner,

plus open bar throughout the day and on the course. All company foursomes receive a sign on the course. Registration and lunch are from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., with tee-off at 12:30.

The cost is \$205 per golfer or \$820 per foursome. Sponsorships: Hole sponsorships are \$150 and all other remaining sponsorships are \$300. All sponsors will have signage, be listed in the program and on our website. There are sponsorships available for on course games and other high profile parts of the outing to give sponsors maximum exposure. Sponsorships must be confirmed by June 21.

For more details or to participate contact the Chamber at 734-453-1540 or email wes@plymouth-mi.org.

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 sponsorships available and three of the sponsorships include tickets (T-shirts) to the event:

- Transportation/Fun Bus, \$500 (six T-shirts);
- 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.

Indigo owner meets with Stabenow

When Melissa Kirkpatrick-Huetter received a call from the Professional Beauty Association to be a part of their government affairs team, she never thought that meant jet-setting to Washington D.C. to share her story with government officials.

Kirkpatrick-Huetter, owner of Indigo Salon, Spa and Boutique in Canton, started the day May 7 by joining the PBA at a breakfast with U.S. Sen. Debbie Stabenow. From there the group spent the day meeting the offices of six other government officials on Capitol Hill discussing how to facilitate a vehicle for the Small Business Tax Equalization and Compliance Act, Bill 45(B).

This piece of legislation would allow the salon industry to receive the 45(B) FICA tax credit, so that these businesses would not be taxed based on employee gratuity earned throughout a normal business day.

"The opportunity was by far one of the most invigorating and important days in my life," Kirkpatrick-Huetter said. "It will be a huge accomplishment if all of our hard work and efforts bring forth a much needed change, elevating the beauty industry to a whole new level." Congress has recognized tips



Indigo Salon, Spa and Boutique owner Melissa Kirkpatrick-Huetter met recently with U.S. Sen. Debbie Stabenow as part of the Professional Beauty Association's government affairs team.

as gratuity paid directly to an employee by the customer, not the employer. The 45(B) FICA tax credit currently is available to the restaurant industry only.

Kirkpatrick-Huetter said she will continue lobbying for the 45(B) FICA tax credit from her offices at Indigo Salon, Spa and Boutique located at 50545 Cherry Hill in Canton's Cherry Hill Village. To hear more about her experience, call the salon at (734) 961-3245.

For more information on the spa, check out its website at www.indigosalonanddayspa.com.

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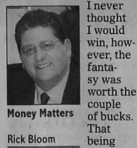
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Don't let taxes stand in the way of smart investing

By Rick Bloom

Guest Columnist

Well, it didn't happen. I didn't win the \$600 million lottery. Just like many of you, I bought a ticket and had a nice two-minute fantasy as to what I would do with the money.



Money Matters
Rick Bloom

That being said, there is a good lesson to learn from the lottery. The lesson that the lottery teaches us has to do with taxes.

Everyone who bought a ticket, and there were tens of millions of us, wanted to win the lottery. However, if I would ask those same people how many of them have as one of their financial goals to lower their taxes, just about everyone would raise their hands.

It's a question I ask at many of the speeches that I give and it's not surprising that the majority of people raise their hands. This is where I sometimes scratch my head. After all, everyone who bought a lottery ticket wants to win the jack-

pot, but if they do, their taxes are not going down, they're going up significantly. Therefore, if someone's major financial goal is to lower their taxes, in effect they don't want to win the lottery.

Your goals

The goal should not be to lower your taxes, but rather to have more money in your pocket. I suspect that we all would have been very happy to pay the \$100 million in taxes if we won the lottery because we would focus on millions that ended up in our pocket. That is exactly the way we should be thinking.

Unfortunately, too many people only focus on taxes. What they assume is if they lower their taxes, they will have more money in their pockets. Unfortunately, it doesn't always work that way. Again, think of the situation of the lottery. If you won the jackpot and your focus was on lowering your taxes, you would not want to cash your ticket. After all, by not cashing the ticket, you would save \$100 million in taxes. On the other hand, if your focus was on what ends up in your pocket, you would cash the ticket, pay the taxes and enjoy the hundreds of millions of dollars left over.

Tax issues

When people invest

money, they don't focus on what ends up in their pocket, but rather on taxes. If you're dealing with a salesperson and the first thing that they bring up is how the investment can save on taxes, you ought to walk away. Think of the example with the lottery. It's not the \$100 million or so that you're going to pay in taxes, it's the hundreds of millions of dollars that ends up in your pocket.

When it comes to investing, everyone should understand the tax consequences of every investment. Being smart with taxes is one thing, having lower taxes as one of your major financial goals is another.

Remember, lowering taxes is easy. The key to lowering taxes is just don't make a lot of money. Unfortunately, that's what too many investors do when they invest just to lower their taxes.

We want to be smart with taxes, but we don't want to let the tax tail wag the dog. The goal is to have more money in our pocket. Just lowering our taxes doesn't accomplish that goal. 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, email rickb@bloomassetmanagement.com.

OUR VIEWS

Focus on those who gave ultimate sacrifice

There's a lot of talk around the country these days about rights and freedoms. The Second Amendment right to bear arms and the First Amendment right to speak freely have been of primary focus as the debate rages over gun control in the wake of December's shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School.

What is nearly always left out of the discussion — but what should be the primary focus — is how we got those freedoms in the first place, and the men and women who have died making sure we can have those debates.

The chance to correct that comes Monday, when communities around the country gather for parades and ceremonies designed to honor the sacrifices of the military fighting men and women who have given the ultimate sacrifice in the service of their country (Plymouth marks the occasion with a 9 a.m. parade, followed by a memorial ceremony in



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The Canton community honors its servicemen and women who've given the ultimate sacrifice in a Memorial Day ceremony Monday at 1 p.m.

Veterans Memorial Park; Canton has a 1 p.m. ceremony in Heritage Park).

After that comes the traditional family celebrations in our parks, around our pools and barbecues, where we will enjoy the end of the three-day holiday weekend.

While enjoying families and friends, we urge you to keep the sacrifices of the brave men and women

in your thoughts and prayers.

Since this nation's birth, in wars and battles, skirmishes and fights - large and small - more than two million military servicemen and women have given their lives, all to give us the freedom and lifestyle we enjoy today.

The wars these brave souls have fought have produced our country's

biggest victories. They've taken down dictators and terrorists, including Osama Bin Laden, the orchestrator of the biggest terrorist attack on American soil in history.

All of that stunning success, however, does nothing to overshadow the contributions made by the thousands of our military servicemen and women who have given the ultimate sacrifice to ensure Americans continue to enjoy the freedoms secured by their efforts.

Memorial Day is the one day of the year set aside for the nation to get together to remember, reflect and honor those who have given their all in service to their country. Americans have never wavered in their commitment to freedom, nor in the effort to help those who seek to be free. Americans have fought in two World Wars for freedom, in Korea and Vietnam. Americans have fought a Cold War, in Desert Storm, in Iraq

and Afghanistan against tyranny, oppression and terror.

However, the traditional observance of Memorial Day has diminished over the years. Some people think the day is for honoring any and all dead, and not just those fallen in service to our country. For many, Memorial Day and the three-day weekend marks the official start of summer. People use the time to open their pools and their cottages and gather for picnics.

In other words, people will, by and large, focus on having fun. And there's nothing wrong with that. But it has to be more than that. Enjoy those barbecues, open the pool or spend a relaxing weekend at the cottage. In the midst of that merriment, though, we urge everyone to take a moment to say thank you to those who have made all that possible.

There are more than two million reasons we cannot afford to forget why there is a Memorial Day.

LETTERS

Vizzy's is great

One of (Canton's) local businesses deserve recognition. The owners of Vizzy's Pizza, Paul and Sheila, are two of the most amazing people in our community. I am honored to have two special people in and around our community.

Every fundraiser they hear about, they jump right in without hesitation. The drive they put together for family and friends of our fallen firefighter continues to show the amazing support this business provides to the community.

When I mean community, they step up in Canton, Dearborn, Wayne, Westland and all the other communities around. They have given back the meaning of

"family." We all stand together as one. I cannot thank them enough for everything they have given back to the community and I feel they should be given recognition for all of their hard work and support.

Jennifer Grzymala
Canton

Where's the outrage?

I am absolutely astounded at the lack of coverage and outrage from supporters of the Obama administration with regard to the IRS targeting of conservative groups. Do those who support progressive ideals actually believe that their chosen party or those in power who support them will

remain in power forever?

What the IRS did to those who are in the Tea Party and what the Justice Department did to the AP with regard to phone records is criminal. What happens to the Sierra Club, PETA, Media Matters or other left-leaning groups in eight, 12 or 20 years if those who lean more right are in power at that time? I believe that it was in 2003 that we heard Hillary Clinton state that she was sick and tired of people who say that if you debate and you disagree with this administration somehow you're not patriotic.

Clinton went on to say that we should stand up and say we are Americans and we have a right to debate and disagree with any administration. And now we have

this administration targeting the Tea Party and the AP.

The use and abuse of federal power and authority to silence an opposition is criminal and un-American no matter who resides in the White House or who controls Congress. These people who are silent now either know something that the rest of us do not or they live in a sophomoric fantasy land. Your people will not hold power forever and you are enabling a dangerous precedent to be set that will destroy the First Amendment faster than you are supporting destroying the Second, Fourth and 10th Amendments.

Frank Finch
Canton

COMMUNITY VOICE

What are your plans for Memorial Day weekend?

We asked this question at the Canton Public Library.



"Probably barbecue with family and friends."
Andrea Bradshaw
Canton



"Probably working."
Lamees Saati
Canton



"If the weather is nice, I'll probably have a barbecue in my back yard."
Ellen Bourke
Bloomfield Hills



"I'm not sure if we'll do anything. It depends on the weather."
Grace Finkbonne
Canton

STAFF COLUMN

Stopping the talk, and (finally) walking the walk

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

A few years ago, Tony Brusca and I were standing in Kellogg Park on the middle day of the Susan G. Komen 3-Day Walk when Deb Madonna came through town.

She was walking with the thousands of others who had agreed to hoof it 60 miles in three days in the ongoing fight against breast cancer. I was struck by her indomitable spirit — the same trait all of those walkers have, actually — and struck by something she said.

"You guys should do this," she said to me and Tony, a former Plymouth Observer reporter now the director of operations for the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority. I told her I would, but never followed through on the promise.

Until now. When the walkers start out on their 60-mile trek Aug. 16, I'll be right there somewhere near the front (though there's no promise that's where I'll be on Sunday). I agreed to be a media walker, representing O&E Media but walking for reasons more personal than professional.

Like nearly everybody, I've known people struck by cancer. My grandmother died from lung cancer. My mentor (and one of the top five people I know), Annette Kingsbury, is a breast cancer survivor, as are other people I've come across. And so I'll walk for them.

Favorite events

But I'm also walking for me. I've been covering this event for years,



The Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer 3-Day walkers find all kinds of support along the road.

standing on the sidelines and chronicling the journey for others, survivors and supporters alike. That's OK, because that's the job. We're not supposed to be the story; we're supposed to cover the story. And this is one of my favorite events because of its inspirational message.

I've thought about walking several times, but never took the plunge. It's like when I was a kid, and my cousin Bobby and I used to want to get involved with the Muscular Dystrophy Association but never did. So when the opportunity arose to actually do both, I couldn't pass it up.

Of course, my decision to volunteer brought a little surprise, among friends, co-workers and family. Even my boss croaked an eyebrow. I've had a couple of heart issues, and I'm not ... umm ... svelte.

But I've started the Susan G. Komen 3-Day recommended training program. I'm building my stamina, and I'm getting svelter.

No questions

Along the way, I've discovered

some things: Pavement grading seems to be steeper going up than down, the walking is easier when I remember my iPod, I last longer when I remember my water, and most disturbingly, there are almost exactly five miles worth of ABBA songs on my iPod.

There's no question in my mind I can do it, and will do it. There will be plenty of water around, I hope to be down about 30 pounds by August, and I have two teenagers and several young nieces who can help with the iPod problems.

My issues on the road to walking are minor. There are a lot of people with a lot more skin in the game than I have, most of them literally. Those people will finish the walk, as they always do, with grace, good humor and integrity.

I can't hope to match their grace. I'll be honored just to be standing beside them.

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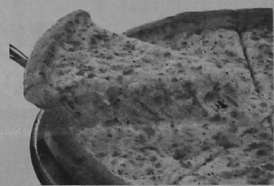
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Roush CleanTech fires up vehicles with propane technology

By Ken Abramczyk
Correspondent

In October 2010, Roush CleanTech was founded as a division of Roush to develop new green technology.

Joe Thompson was chosen to lead the new division as its president to develop propane autogas technology for fleet vehicles for companies to deliver products or governmental entities that needed to use vehicles, driving them frequently and accumulating hundreds of miles.

Thompson remembers questions raised by Roush officials that reflected similar ones the public would have in examining this technology. How much will it cost? How can it be delivered? Is it cheap enough to be cost-effective for customers?

Three-plus years later, Thompson has his answers.

Today, Roush CleanTech is on tap to sell approximately 5,000 vehicles equipped with the propane autogas technology this year, according to Thompson, president of Roush CleanTech. That

far exceeds the 2,100 sold in the first three years combined. Next year, Thompson believes Roush will sell 7,500 to 10,000 fleet vehicles to companies and governmental units, including school districts.

Roush has sold fleet vehicles to Frito Lay, ThyssenKrupp Elevator, Wright Filippi and the city of Livonia, which purchased the conversion of three Ford F-250 pickup trucks and ordered three Ford F-450 cutaway buses. Nationally, the company has sold to the Cincinnati, Omaha, Mesa, Ariz., Los Angeles Unified school districts, along with several in Texas.

The initial price of liquid propane autogas trucks and vans costs about \$9,000 to \$15,000 more than conventional-fueled vehicles. Roush officials said, but the savings is realized over the life of the vehicle, lower fuel and maintenance costs and extended engine life. Payback periods for high-mileage fleet vehicles are even shorter. Vehicles using autogas produce 17 to 25 percent less greenhouse gases, 20 percent less



Livonia Mayor Jack Kirksey with one of the city's three pickup trucks converted to propane by Roush CleanTech.

nitrous oxide, up to 60 percent less carbon monoxide and, while fueling, 40 percent fewer smog-producing hydrocarbons, Roush officials say. Propane autogas is the leading alternative fuel in the U.S. and third most commonly used fuel, following gasoline and diesel. More than 17 million vehicles travel worldwide with propane autogas, including shuttles, school buses, taxis, delivery vans, construction trucks and paratransit vehicles.

Growing business

The technology, customer demand and interest have helped Roush CleanTech expand. Roush CleanTech started with just five employees working as engineers, technical and supply chain specialists. Today that number has grown to 76 workers at the Livonia facility. Thompson credits the recent success with fleet sales to school districts. "The word gets around of this technology that works, and customers share stories on how

it operates and how it saves," Thompson said.

Some customers, such as Frito Lay in Plymouth, will purchase 1,000-gallon tanks to fill their fleet vehicles. Those can be installed for \$35,000 to \$50,000, but some suppliers will discount those tanks if companies agree to purchase the propane from that supplier, Thompson said. Tax breaks are available for companies and individuals to install these tanks.

At the time of this interview on Tuesday, May 14,

propane cost \$1.46 a gallon. "With a 50-cent per gallon tax credit, that's 96 cents for propane," Thompson said. That credit expires on Dec. 31, 2013.

Gasoline prices last week in the area were in the \$3.60-\$3.70 range, according to GasBuddy.com.

Infrastructure lacking

Roush's business plan consists of promoting and marketing the technology to increase fleet sales. For consumers to be able to purchase these vehicles, cars and small trucks obviously would need to be mass produced by car companies. "The infrastructure needs to be there," Thompson said about the need for filling stations for vehicles. Livonia only has two sources, Thompson said. "And that needs to be done on a national scale. It is doable, but it takes time and focus."

Once consumer demand increases, the volume of production will follow, and that would drive prices down for consumers, Thompson said.

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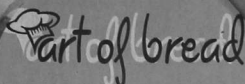
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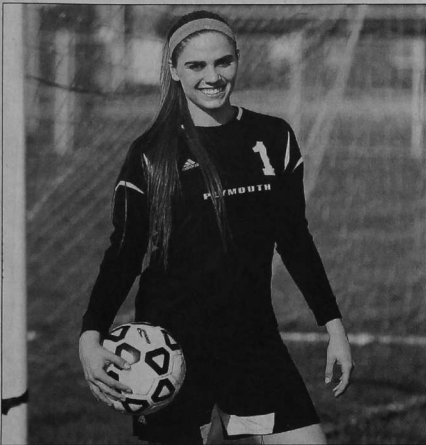
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Nothing gets past her



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Kylie Robb's smile grows wider with every shutout she's earning this season for the Plymouth Wildcats' varsity girls soccer team.

Wildcats win conference, B4

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Kylie Robb is as hard-nosed, aggressive and supremely confident a soccer goalkeeper as you'll find anywhere these days and she still isn't always happy with her skills.

In fact, the junior goalkeeper for Plymouth's KLAA Kensington Conference champions is the ultimate perfectionist.

That includes practices, such as one recently at Independence Park, where she turned toward the open cage and slapped the twine with both hands in frustration after a sequence did not go as smoothly as she wanted it to.

It is also evident the way she doesn't waste time tracking the ball at her end of the pitch, coming out into traffic and using her 26-inch vertical jump and 70-inch wingspan to snag or deflect balls.

She also can hit teammates on the fly with

ALL ABOUT KYLIE

Who: Kylie Robb, 17-year-old junior goalkeeper on Plymouth's varsity girls soccer team.

Preps: Robb also is an all-conference point guard for her high school's varsity girls basketball team. She carries a 3.67 grade-point average.

Clubbing: She played club soccer for the Canton Celtics and will join the Michigan Rush at the conclusion of the Wildcats' season.

Sports family: Parents Steve and Ann Robb have coaching background in high school football and girls basketball, respectively. Ann is a Hillsdale College Hall of Famer.

punts almost like a hockey defenseman who connects with tape-to-tape outlet passes.

"I'm a pretty aggressive

Please see ROBB, B4

Rocks roll to 15-7 win

The Salem varsity boys lacrosse team spanked cross-campus rival Plymouth 15-7 Saturday at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

Leading the way for the Rocks was Noah Willer, who scored five goals and chipped in with two assists.

Helping the cause were Patrick Kretschmer (four goals, three assists), Jason Newel (three goals, one assist), Brandon Lee (two goals, two assists, 14-5 on faceoffs) and PJ Rogos (one goal, one assist).

Salem improved to 11-5 overall and 3-3 in the Kensington Conference, while Plymouth dropped to 8-8, 2-4.

Perfect shot

Plymouth resident Keith Randazzo, 56, scored a hole-in-one April 26 at Fox Hills Golf & Banquet Center. Randazzo, aged the 139-year No. 3 hole at the Woodlands Course.

Be a Miracle Buddy

The Miracle League of Plymouth is looking for volunteers for the 2013 season, even if just for one game as a Buddy (to help players make their way around the bases) or umpire.

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BOYS GOLF

'Cats clinch KLAA South

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Seniors Kyle Rodas and Ryan Rieckhoff aren't the only golfers who are crucial to the Plymouth Wildcats' ongoing success this season, first-year head coach Nick Brandon said.

A growing cast of juniors are stepping in and stepping up, including in Monday's 141-172 victory over Westland John Glenn to claim outright the KLAA South Division championship (9-0 record).

"We're extremely proud of the achievement," Brandon said. "Our goal at the beginning of the season was to win championships and this is step one."

"There's four other teams in this division that would love to be where we're at right now as division champions. We need to appreciate that and enjoy it. There's still a lot ahead for us."

Rodas and Rieckhoff shot 1-over-36 at the Fox Hills Course in their final regular season dual match.

"Today was the last match for Kyle and

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Chiefs clinch on Stafford no-hitter

By Brad Emmons
Observer Staff Writer

Canton senior pitcher Mike Stafford had Livonia Stevenson batters literally feeding out of the palm of his left hand in Monday's KLAA Kensington Conference baseball championship game.

The Liberty University (Va.) signee faced the minimum 21 batters while striking out 12 and leading the Chiefs to a 7-0 win over the host Spartans.

"My fastball was popping out hard," said Stafford, who put on a dominating performance.

"My change-up was really good and my curveball was biting hard. I

couldn't ask for a better day. It was just awesome. My pitch count was pretty low."

The victory puts KLAA South Division champion Canton, 20-8 overall, into KLAA Association title game 4 p.m. Wednesday at home against the Lakes Conference champion Brighton (23-4).

"He's been tough all year, he's a horse," Canton coach Mark Blomshield said of his ace. "He was definitely on. He's got a pretty explosive fastball. He keeps getting better. Control has been an issue sometimes for him, but he only walked one guy today. When you're throwing mid-to high 80s

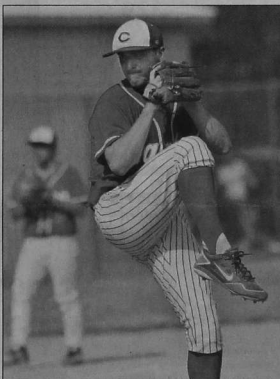
(MPH), and only giving up one free pass, you're going to have pretty good success."

Only two runners were able to reach base against the hard-throwing lefty — losing pitcher Mike Kanitra drew a one-out walk in the second, but courtesy runner Mike Barill was promptly picked off at first.

In the third inning, Jack Ferguson's sinking line drive was mishandled by center fielder Weston Price, but Stafford ended the inning by picking the freshman off first.

Canton, meanwhile, sent nine batters to the

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Canton senior pitcher Mike Stafford delivers the baseball during his no-hitter Monday against Livonia Stevenson in the conference title game.

Rally 'Cats

Plymouth offense cranks it up to capture Kensington Conference championship

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Now that's the kind of response any coach would love.

After host South Lyon East rallied by four runs in the sixth to go up 7-5 in Monday's KLAA Kensington Conference championship softball game, Plymouth's pesky Wildcats did exactly what head coach Bev McManus knew they would.

The Wildcats came out swinging, with the first seven batters reaching base — jumpstarted by Bri Giordano's single and highlighted by a three-run homer by Brooke Senkbeil.

By the time the dust settled on a warm, breezy afternoon, Plymouth scored six times for an 11-7 victory, hoisting the conference trophy for the second year in a row. The victory established a new school record for the Wildcats (30-4-1). They will host Lakes Conference champion Grand Blanc (17-5) at 4 p.m.



Plymouth's varsity girls softball team celebrates after winning the KLAA Kensington Conference championship Monday. The Wildcats defeated host South Lyon East, 11-7.

Wednesday in the association title game.

"This team had more heart than I've ever seen in Plymouth history," said McManus, in her first season as the team's head coach. "I can always count on them to come back from behind. I remind them it's one

pitch, one inning and one game at a time and don't look past anybody and that's exactly what they do."

Giordano, who hit her own three-run homer in the third to snap a 2-2 tie and give Plymouth a 5-2 lead, concurred with the coach about the Wildcats'

never-say-die attitude.

"It was a great feeling," Giordano said. "Once one person gets a hit and it keeps going, keeps going, we get that heart. You know? Our team has heart."

Offensive force
Giordano and her team-

mates also brought it at the plate, notching 17 hits (she went 3-for-5, including her fourth homer of the season).

Other Wildcats with multiple hits included Senkbeil (2-for-5), Elaine Gerou (3-for-5), Kayla Reban (2-for-4), starting pitcher Mikayela Marciniak (2-for-4) and Celeste Miller (2-for-4).

Offensive catalysts for the Cougars (18-8) were Makenzie Nieto (three-run homer) and Kailey Doty (three doubles).

Earning the win with two innings of solid relief was senior Elaine Gerou, who took over for Marciniak in the sixth following Nieto's home run to center to put the KLAA Central Division champions up 6-5.

Gerou gave up a run-scoring double to Sarah Coutts but got the side out with no further damage. She threw a 1-2-3 seventh to close out the win.

"Mikayela never gets tired, they just started

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They made it!

At Friday's Division 1 track and field regional at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, Salem's Alejandra Beltran (left) and Shannon Flynn rejoice after the Rocks' 3,200-meter relay team qualified for the D1 state meet.



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Taking control

Getting the edge on this play during last Thursday's varsity girls soccer match is Salem sophomore defender Kaitlyn Pelech (No. 17). At right for South Lyon is Renee Cloeter (No. 3). The host Rocks earned a 4-1 victory, with senior goalkeeper Ali Eggenberger getting the win. Salem improved to 12-4-1 overall and 7-3-0 in the KLAACentral Division

THE WEEK AHEAD

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SPORTS ROUNDUP

Salem soccer camp

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 Duhl at elduhl@yahoo.com.

Wildcats skill camp

The Plymouth Wildcats football skills camp is set to take place from Monday, June 24 through Wednesday, June 26 at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park varsity turf field. Sessions are as follows: 5-6-7 p.m. for youngsters entering grades 5-9; 7-10-9 p.m. for those in grades 10-12

this fall. Go to www.plymouthwildcatsfootball.com or call Plymouth coach Mike Sawchuk (734-765-1766) for more information.

Young gridders sought

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The Canton baseball team collected two trophies, the KLAAs South Division and Kensington Conference, following Monday's 7-0 win at Livonia Stevenson.

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plate during the first inning to grab a 4-0 advantage.

Jake Boucher set the table with a lead-off single. Nick Hazergian drove him home with another single, while Weston Price got hit by a pitch and later scored on a wild pitch. Stafford also drew a walk. Stafford walked and came around on another wild pitch.

Canton, which successfully laid five bunts down during the first three innings of play, got another run in the play, got Nick Schnur's bunt brought pinch runner Jared Stephens home.

On the mark

Canton scored again in the second on a double by Boucher and a fielders choice bunt off the bat of Hazergian to make it 5-0.

"It meant a lot, my teammates came out and just ready to play and got four runs for me right away," Stafford said. "They set the pace for the entire game really. It was a lot of fun and I'm just glad we got the win."

And Stevenson simply had no answers at the plate for Stafford.

"He was dialed in the first pitch, you could just tell you were going

to get a good game from 'Staff,'" Canton catcher Tom Kiddle said. "You can always count on him for a good outing. He's hit 89 (MPH), but 87 and 88 consistently today probably."

"It was on all game long from the first to the seventh inning," Kanitra, the tall senior right-hander for Stevenson, lasted five innings before Rodney Bies came on to pitch the fifth and sixth.

Canton, however, got two more runs in the sixth on a single by Boucher, a double by Price, an RBI ground-out by Hazergian and a bloop single to center by Stafford.

"Jake Boucher has been our lead-off guy the last couple of weeks," Blomshield said. "He was sick for a month with mono and we got him back. He's batting about .600 since he's been back. He got three hits and was a catalyst in the first inning."

"He got things going. And when you get guys on base - we're pretty good with the bats and we can bunt for a hit. I think he (Kanitra) had 39 pitches in the first inning, but he's a pitbull. He settled back in there after that first inning and we only got one off him. Then we got the pair in the sixth inning."

Stevenson, won 21-11 overall, had captured the KLAAs Central Division

crown and won an earlier Kensington crossover meeting against Stafford the Chiefs this season, 3-2.

"What happens is that he (Kanitra) gets a couple flares, an error, a walk and a hit batter - we were our own worst enemy," Stevenson coach Rick Berryman said. "Then they bunted us to death. You can't extend innings by walks, hit batters and errors. That's what happened. Once we got past those first few innings, it was a pretty close ballgame."

"But then you have Stafford throw a no-hitter. That's as good as a high school performance I've seen in ages. And I've seen a lot of them. That was good. He was touching 90 (MPH) on gun."

The Chiefs are getting healthy again just at the right moment. "This is what we envisioned at the beginning of the year," Blomshield said. "Injuries hurt every team, but it seems we had the bug this year. One of our best pitchers went down with an ACL tear."

"I'm just real proud of these guys ... so much adversity. They came ready to play today. Mike obviously picked us up huge. He's a great pitcher and we were just able to put it together today."

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GOLF

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Ryan and I'm so proud of the way they played today and the way they conducted themselves today and all season," Brandon said. "They've had a pretty historic run as seniors and leaders for this program."

"To win another division title for those two guys is an excellent testament to their talent, work ethic and dedication to Plymouth."

Yet it was the standout performances by juniors Evan Chipman (medalist with 1-under 34) and John Tatti (35) that "stole the show," according to Branson.

"I'm really encouraged by the play of Evan Chipman and John Tatti," the coach said. "If we're going to achieve our goals this season, we absolutely need Chipman and Tatti to be at their best."

"I thought today was a good step in that direction."

He said Chipman



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Plymouth senior golfers Ryan Kieckhoff (left) and Kyle Rodes have been instrumental to the team's success this season.

"was in full control of his game," while Tatti "played with terrific confidence today."

That confidence is spilling over to the rest of the lineup and Brandon is eagerly awaiting Tuesday's KLAAs Kensington Conference tournament, followed by Division 1 districts. The latter (hosted by Ypsilanti Lincoln) will take place Wednesday at Pine View Golf Course.

Meanwhile, Plymouth finished third out of 29

teams Saturday at the Forest Akers Invitational (Michigan State) with 620 strokes. It was a 36-hole tournament with seven players divided between two courses.

Rodes was medalist on the East course with 3-under 67, with Kieckhoff, Tatti, Chipman, junior Chris Kozler, junior Kyle Melnick and junior Alex Decker all chipping in.

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WILDCATS

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timing her," said McManus, as the Cougars' uprising in the sixth.

"And with my dynamic duo, with Gerou. I know she can always come in."

It didn't take long for Plymouth to get to work on the two-run deficit, not surprising given the team has scored 315 runs this season.

Getting it rolling was Giordano with a single, followed by a base hit by Rebin and a walk issued to Marciniak to load the bases.

Up next was Celeste

Miller and she tied the game 7-7 with a frozen-rope double off the fence in left.

Plymouth's collective "heart" really started pounding when a wild pitch scored Marciniak with the tie-breaking run. Freshman centerfielder Rachel Zerona (1-for-3), who successfully tracked down some well-hit balls to deep parts of the outfield, then walked to bring up Senkbeil.

The veteran catcher hit a no-doubter over the fence in left-center to cap off the Plymouth surge. It was Senkbeil's fourth of the year.

According to Cougars head coach Steve Rich-

valsky, his young team showed it will be reckoned with - particularly with sophomore sluggers such as Nieto and Doty. Also enjoying a big day was Celeste Boyer (4-for-4).

"I'm proud of our entire team, they played great," Richvalsky said. "There were (momentum) swings throughout this game and neither team gave up. I couldn't be prouder of them."

"This is the first division championship in our young history. They keep progressing and that's all I can ask for."

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'Cats top Chiefs in MU tourney final

After rolling through pool play, outscoring opponents 32-2, the Plymouth varsity softball team needed to get past a friendly rival for the Madonna Classic Tournament title.

The Wildcats did just that, defeating Canton 5-1 Sunday at Powers Park in Novi as Plymouth senior pitcher Elaine Gerou (complete-game four-hitter, seven Ks) outduelled the Chiefs' Hanna Warren.

Earning tourney MVP honors was Plymouth's Brooke Senkbeil, who

registered 10 hits over the five games and provided stellar defense behind the plate.

Other Plymouth batters who pummeled pitchers included Lindsay Lutton and Brittney Miller (11 hits each) and Gerou (10 hits).

In the championship tilt, the Wildcats led 1-0 early (an inside-the-park homer by Lutton in the first) and 2-0 in the sixth on back-to-back hits by Miller and Bri Giordano followed by Mikayela Marciniak's RBI single.

Canton got the run back

in the bottom half, when Sarah Wagner singled and scored on Warren's two-out hit.

But in the seventh, Plymouth's offense went to work.

Gerou doubled to center, followed by Miller's run-scoring hit. With two outs, Kayla Rebin scored two runs with a single.

Earlier in the tourney, Plymouth defeated Marian (15-0), Anchor Bay (5-2), Ypsilanti Lincoln (12-0) in pool play and North Farmington (4-1) in the semifinals.

Schmid's homers power Wildcats

Brian Schmid's second home run of the game enabled visiting Plymouth to edge Northville 7-6 Monday in a KLAAs Kensington Conference varsity baseball crossover.

The Wildcats trailed 6-1 at one point, but came back to within 6-4 on Schmid's first blast of the contest in the top of the fifth.

Schmid made sure the Mustangs would not pull further ahead thanks to four innings of hitless, scoreless relief and then hit his second

HR to win the game for his team and for his own pitching record.

Plymouth improved to 15-9 with the win while Northville dropped to 17-7.

Rocks rally, 5-4

Demetrius Dunlap delivered a walk-off 3-run homer in the bottom of the seventh inning Monday to catapult host Salem to a 5-4 KLAAs Kensington Conference crossover baseball victory over visiting Livonia Churchill.

The Rocks, who

improved to 19-10 overall, trailed 4-2 heading into the seventh before Aaron Moore (2-for-2) started the game-winning rally with a walk off Churchill starter John Szymanski, who took the loss.

Szymanski went the first 6.1 innings allowing all five runs on seven hits and five walks. Dan Cameron (RBI), Jon Hovemarle and Szymanski (three runs) each collected two hits for Churchill, which slipped to 14-11 overall.

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Also helping the offense was Daniel Jipping, with a key double. PCA will play a home twinnill Friday against Oakland Christian, beginning at 4 p.m.

Warriors' record streak stopped

Lutheran High Westland's school-record 15-game losing streak came to an end in Saturday's Clawson tournament as the host Trojan posted an 8-0 victory in the championship final.

The Warriors started the day with a 12-3 win over Warren Lincoln.

Clawson collected 13 hits in the victory over Westland as starter Kevin Brewer went all six innings to take the loss.

Jordan Williams collected two of the Warriors' five hits.

"A couple of errors cost us some runs against Clawson," but their hits found holes and ours didn't and that's the way it goes sometimes," said

Lutheran Westland coach Kevin Wade, whose team slipped to 19-2 overall. "It was a good day to give us a taste of the sense of urgency you have to have come tournament time, so if anything hopefully we learned that and can use it in two weeks when the state tourney starts."

Leading Lutheran Westland's 16-hit attack in the win over Lincoln led by Mark Mika (3-for-5, three RBIs), Nick Planery (3-for-4, four runs), Brandon Ruelle (3-for-5, two RBIs), Nick Andrzejewski (2-for-5, two runs), P.J. Guse (2-for-5, three RBIs), and Brewer (2-for-4, RBI).

Williams went all seven innings to pick up the win. He allowed three

earned runs on eight hits while striking out nine and walking only two.

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Plymouth GTMA school enjoys regional success

Grand Tradition Martial Arts-Plymouth participated in the World Tang Soo Do Association Region 5 Championship held April 20 in Holly, Mich.

The 20th Annual Regional event registered 225 competitors from Illinois, Indiana, Michigan and Wisconsin to compete in age, gender and rank divisions.

The GTMA Demonstration Team took third place in creativity events. Placing in their divisions were Black Belt competitors Paul Pierson (2nd Forms), 2nd Weapons, 3rd Sparring, Mike Canfield (3rd Sparring, 3rd Weapons), and Black Belt candidate (Chen Bo) Eric Pierson (2nd Sparring).

Gup ranks (below Black Belt level) included awards for Ben Matern (1st Sparring), Don Matern (3rd Sparring), Abby Walters (1st Weapons, 3rd Sparring), Alice Walters (1st Sparring, 1st Weapons, 2nd Forms), Becky Walters (1st Forms, 1st Sparring), and Nick Walters (3rd Forms, 3rd Sparring, 3rd Weapons), Sarah Walters (2nd Forms, 2nd Weapon).



Members of Grand Tradition Martial Arts-Plymouth proudly display medals earned last month at the World Tang Soo Do Association Region 5 Championship in Holly, Mich.

ons), Xavier Walters (1st Sparring, 2nd Forms), and Zane Walters (3rd Sparring).

GTMA regional competitors also included Jacob Matern, Cullen Walters, and Noah Walters with participation medals at their levels.

GTMA-Plymouth Chief Instructor Robert Elmore commented on the school's success. "I'm very proud of all my students. Everyone who competes from the club experiences team building and camaraderie. We're in the business of helping individu-

als become better people and tournament participation is another way to train for challenges and develop skills."

Grand Tradition Martial Arts instructs in the traditional martial art of Tang Soo Do promoting health, safety, and self-improvement with classes for men, women, boys, and girls ages 4 and up. Classes meet Monday and Thursday evenings at New Morning School, 14501 Hagerty Road, Plymouth. For more information go to www.gtmaplymouth.com.

ROBB

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person when it comes to sports so I just like to get it out of there," said Robb, 17. "I don't like when people play around with the ball and I hate getting scored on."

Doesn't hold back

That's a mindset happily welcomed by teammates such as junior midfielder Maria Farmer.

"We're able to play with more confidence in the back knowing we have such a good goalie," Farmer explained. "She's really centered and confident in herself. It rubs off. Off the field she's very laid back. But once she gets on the field she takes care of business."

"And everyone can agree that we just feel better having such a good goalie in the back."

Jeff Neschich said Robb is having such great success with "a combination of great athletic ability and just the right mindset, that she's not going to let somebody score."

"She takes it personally. She has really matured this past year, she's just playing so mature and with great confidence."

How good has Robb been this season? "She already is a defensive dynamo who continues breaking her own team record for shutouts with every game. Monday's 1-0 whitewash of Novi in the KLAAs Kensington Conference championship game was her 14th shutout of the season."

The top-ranked Wildcats (13-1) were scheduled to take aim at the association title Wednesday night (in a game that took place after this issue of the Observer went to press) and are on a mission to return to the Division 1 state finals.

Senior standouts Madi Lewis, Zoe Foster, Stephanie Dillon and Morgan Klambund reached the finals in 2010 when they were freshmen, and returned to fight to Novi on a controversial penalty kick. "I know for the seniors that were on that team



Strong interaction and trust between Plymouth goalie Kylie Robb and teammates is a big reason for the team's success this year. Standing (from left) are Robb, Lauren Babcock, Alyssa Dillon, Amber Allen, Jillian Aguirre and head coach Jeff Neschich. Kneeling is Emily Burkman.



Kylie Robb gives it her all to stop this shot during a 2012 Plymouth varsity girls soccer game.

they really want to go really bad," Robb said. "And I honestly think our team has the potential to go."

Learning the ropes

That wouldn't be as shocking development considering that what the 2013 Wildcats have in common with the 2010 squad is a shot blocker with attitude.

Neschich considers Robb to be an extension of Marissa Williams, who played fearlessly during that 2010 playoff run.

Williams also was a senior mentor to Robb in 2011, when the latter was a freshman. "Just training with Marissa made me a lot better, because she never took it easy on me," Robb said. "Just watching her play, I had a whole year where I got to watch Marissa play and I just kind of like learned from that."

Another key aspect to

her string of shutouts is having outstanding rapport with her defense.

"Kylie works so well with the two center-backs, Alyssa (Dillon) and Emily (Burkman)," Neschich said.

Concurring with that assessment was Robb. "Definitely with the two middle-backs, they're great," Robb said. "I can trust them, I don't really have to worry about much. I can see when one of them gets the ball I immediately relax because 99 percent of the time they're going to get the ball out of there."

It is also worth noting that Robb stonewalls rivals with vigor largely because she loves to jump, dive or slide in front of a soccer ball.

"When I was younger I used to play out in the field (for soccer) and I remember I liked scoring goals," said Kylie, smiling. "Then my coach started putting me in the goal and I was pretty good at that. I liked stopping the ball more than scoring my own goals. It's like a rush, it just feels good."

Eye on future

After her high school career ends in 2014, Robb would like to find a spot on a college roster.

Robb said she has drawn interest from women's soccer programs at

Oakland, Western Michigan University and Grand Valley State although she would love it even more to be able to also play her favorite sport — basketball.

"Right now I'm definitely looking into more soccer recruiting than I am basketball recruiting," said Robb, who was an all-conference point guard for Plymouth in 2012-13. "It looks like, if I do it where I pick one sport or the other and don't play both in college, then I'm going to do where I play soccer."

She emphasized that some of her goalkeeping skills require the hand-eye coordination that she employs on the basketball court.

"A lot of what helps me play goal is that I have to be so aggressive. I play basketball," Robb said.

"In basketball I have to go up for rebounds. So when I go to save a ball it's kind of just like that. You have to grab the (basketball) or someone else will get it."

"Or, in the case of soccer, if you don't get up and grab the ball or at least try it over the net, that's a goal scored on you."

Yes, when it comes to stopping other teams from scoring, Kylie Robb knows the score.

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Plymouth kickers win first conference title

All the Plymouth Wildcats needed was one to win their first.

The first goal Monday night at Novi, scored by freshman forward Olivia Janke, proved to be the only marker required in a 1-0 victory — clinching Plymouth's first KLAAs Kensington Conference championship in the process.

About 15 minutes into the second half of the contest, Stephanie Dillon sent the ball behind Novi defenders that Madi Lewis got to first. Lewis then served a perfect pass to Janke who one-timed it in.

Collecting her team record 14th shutout was Plymouth junior goalkeeper Kylie Robb, who played well in tandem with her stout defense as usual.

Plymouth head coach Jeff Neschich said his Wildcats and Novi's Wildcats "had great effort and pride in their play on the night."

The win gave Plymouth a record of 16-0-1 while Novi dropped to 12-2-2.

Next up for Plymouth is Wednesday's match-up at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park against either Walled Lake Northern or Hartland for the association crown. The Northern-Hartland contest was slated for Tuesday night.

SALEM 2, CHURCHILL 1: Hayley Rodgers and Morgan Sterlet tallied second-half goals to lift the Rocks (13-1-1) to a Kensington Conference crossover win Monday over visiting Livonia Churchill (9-7-1).

Rodgers scored in the 50th minute, while Sterlet added the couple's 10th minute left after Churchill's Lauren Wynns tied it a minute earlier with an assist from Kelsey Parnellio.

"We played really, really well and improved a lot, but we had a couple of five-minute dips and we paid for it with two goals," Churchill coach Reid Friedrichs said.

"We had breakaways and opportunities."

"We played great for the most part, but not the whole 80 minutes."

Churchill goalkeeper Alexis Tzafaroglou made seven saves.

LUTH WESTLAND 5, PARKWAY 0: Samantha Benner scored four goals Monday lifting two-time MIAC Red Division champion Lutheran High Westland (13-1, 10-0) to a win at Sterling Heights Parkway Christian.

Clare Oppenlander also had a goal and assist, while Sadie Schultz chipped in with two assists. Lydia Carlson also contributed an assist.

Angela Morrison made two saves to post the shutout.

EAST 5, WAYNE 1: Perla Diaz, a call-up from the JV squad, scored the game-winning goal in the Memorial (4-10-1) dropped a Kensington Conference crossover match Monday against host South Lyon East (6-8-3).

Wayne, dressing only 11 players, picked up two goals during a 10-minute span in the first half after being downplayed because of a pair of yellow cards.

CVILLE 1, BELLEVILLE 0: Ashley Murphy scored on an indirect free kick from the Brianna Tuuri-Cesari in the second half to enable Livonia Clarencville (8-2, 3-5-1) to gain a Western Wayne Athletic Conference triumph Monday over the host Tigers.

Clarencville goalkeeper Rachel Kirschweg made 17 saves, while Belleville's Kaylin Gray made 19 stops.

"We played great offensively, but we had a lot of great opportunities," Clarencville coach Amanda Moody said. "We were quick with the ball and had great crosses in front of the net."

"Everybody on the field plays an important role in tonight's game."

WAYNE 5, THURSTON 0: On Community Soccer and Senior Night Friday, host Wayne Memorial (4-9-1) won a Kensington Conference Redford Thurston as freshman Victoria McKague tallied three goals.

Other Wayne goal scorers included Stephanie Elliott (from Orinda Cella), Christina Parendo (penalty kick) and Savannah Monette (corner).

"We moved the ball quickly and my forwards did a great job of attacking the back line and beating the defenders to goal," Wayne coach Jason Dean said.

Regional prowess shows PCA program is growing up fast

Jennifer Lemieux and her Plymouth Christian Academy track team has come a long way since 2006, when she agreed to coach a new program that only had two girls and five boys.

At Saturday's Division 4 regional at Lutheran Westland, her troupe of 34 runners fought their way into second place both in the boys and girls standings with several student athletes qualifying in both individual events and relays.

There were commanding victories in some races, exciting finishes for spots 1-2 in the men's mile — a battle royal between seniors Trevor Baloga (4:56.24) and Ethan Levack (4:58.69), with a similar battle in the boys 800 between junior Jacob Bailey (2:08.48) and sophomore Joey Fanelli (2:09.66).

Personal records were bested and school records were smashed; Karen Windle hit another personal best in her 800 meter run and collapsed her own record with a 2:28.29 time.

Newbie Paige Perky leaped a personal best in the girls long jump (13 feet, three inches), while on the boys side, sophomore Evan Horne and Lucas Albrecht finished 3-4 with respective marks of 17-7.75 and 17-5.

Another Plymouth Christian record was established in the boys 1,600-meter relay. The quartet of Ian Rose, Fanelli, Bailey and Jimmy Parks won the race with a time of 5:40.42.

There were heartbreaking losses, too. Sopho-



Plymouth Christian Academy's varsity track team finished second in the Division 4 regional Saturday.

more hurdler Isaac Middleton, who placed second in the boys 110 hurdles (19:52) tripped in the 300 meters but true to form picked himself up and finished the race in fifth place.

Meanwhile, PCA's quartet of Terra Crown, Rachael Fuller, Rachel Smith and Windle won the 3,200-meter relay with a time of 11:23.08.

The top two finishers per event qualified for the D4 finals.

MISSA REGIONAL BOYS TRACK & FIELD RESULTS

DIVISION 4

May 18 at Lutheran Westland
TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Lutheran High Westland, 159 points; 2. Plymouth Christian Academy, 149; 3. Detroit Allen, 74; 4. Grose Pointe Woods University, 45; 6. Newport Lutheran South, 38; 7. Detroit Douglas, 24; 8. Westland Huron Valley Lutheran, 16; 9. Detroit Edison, 13; 10. Detroit Winans Academy, 8; 11. Monroe Montessori Middle Academy, 4.
FINAL EVENT RESULTS (top 2 qualify for state)
3,200 relay: 1. Plymouth



PCA's Rachel Smith, shown from earlier this season, was part of the first-place 3,200-meter relay on the girls side at the Division 4 regionals.

Christian (CA) Nichols, Joseph Fanelli, Ethan Levack, Jacob Bailey, 9:04.59; 2. Lutheran Westland, 9:32.61
110 hurdles: 1. Austin Olson (LW), 16:55; 2. Isaac Middleton (LW), 19:52; 3. Garrett Kempf (LW), 21:29
100 dash: 1. Harvey Caddell (Allen), 11:58; 2. Darnell White (LW), no time available.

2. Harper (LW), 53.84; 4. Davenport (LW), 55.21
300 hurdles: 1. Olson (LW), 43.92; 2. Nichols (PCA), 47.53
800: 1. Bailey (PCA), 2:08.48; 2. Fanelli (PCA), 2:09.66; 4. Rodeel (LW), 2:15.2; 6. Smith (LW), 2:21.56
200: 1. White (Allen), 23:41; 2. Marquis Kirkpatrick (Allen), 23:67; 6. Roberts (LW), 24:58
1,600 relay: 1. Plymouth Christian (an Rose, Fanelli, Bailey, Jim Parks), 5:40.42; 2. Lutheran Westland, 5:52.01
Discus: 1. Thomas Krueger (LW), 123 feet, 8 inches; 2. Jesse Smrcka (South), 122-5; 3. Jacob Bartos (LW), 106-5
Shot put: 1. Smrcka (South), 44-11; 2. Gavori Woods (Loyola), 40-8; 3. Bartos (LW), 40-4; 4. Krueger (LW), 40-3
High jump: 1. Mick Noel (PCA), 61; 2. Roberts (LW), 18-7; 2. Nicholas McDonald (LW), 18-0.5; 5. Riegel (LW), 17-0.25
Pole vault: 1. Harper (LW), 9-9
MISSA REGIONAL GIRLS TRACK & FIELD RESULTS
May 18 at Lutheran Westland
TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Lutheran High Westland, 190 points; 2. Plymouth Christian Academy, 87; 3. Detroit Edison, 80; 4. Grose Pointe Woods University, 53; 5. Newport Lutheran South, 43; 6. Detroit Allen, 34; 7. Detroit Winans Academy, 27; 8. Monroe

Montessori Meadow Academy, 19; 9. Westland Huron Valley Lutheran, 7.

FINAL EVENT RESULTS

3,200-meter relay: 1. Plymouth Christian (Terra Crown, Rachael Fuller, Rachel Smith, Karen Windle), 11:23.08; 2. Lutheran Westland, 12:21.74
100 hurdles: 1. Alissa Flury (LW), 17:48; 2. Sabrina Morrison (LW), 18:26
100 dash: 1. Ashley White (Edgely), 12:68; 2. Arianna Costello (Liggett), 13:49
800 relay: 1. Edison, 1:55.37; 2. Lutheran Westland (Chelsea Kovacs, 5. Morrison, Angela Morrison, Elizabeth Matthews), 1:56.73
1,600: 1. Jenna Wisner (LW), 5:26.19; 2. Crown (PCA), 5:41.38; 3. Michelle Greening (LW), 5:55.68; 4. Maria Froman (HVL), 6:34.35
400 relay: 1. Edison, 52.95; 2. Lutheran Westland, 56.29
400: 1. Matthews (LW), 1:06.28; 2. Mich Shumake (Winans), 1:06.92; 6. Kovacs (LW), 1:10.54
300 hurdles: 1. Alissa Flury (LW), 51.21; 2. Madison Baron-Gallavi (Meadow), 52.31; 4. 5. Morrison (LW), 53.88
200: 1. Windle (PCA), 2:28.29; 2. Wisner (LW), 2:33.25; 3. Bufone (LW), 2:34.96
1,600: 1. Edison, 52.95; 2. Castillo (Liggett), 59.01
3,200: 1. Crown (PCA), 12:21.74; 2. Greening (LW), 13:09.35; 3. Hill (LW), 14:44.48; 4. Froman (HVL), 15:00.52
1,600 relay: 1. Lutheran Westland, 4:29.25 (Kovacs, Morrison, Matthews, Flury), 4:29.25; 2. Edison, 4:57.52
Discus: 1. Leah Refenes (LW), 94 feet, 7 inches; 12. Megan Enrieux (PCA), 93-1; 4. Janine Erickson (LW), 77-11
Shot put: 1. Kirah Yates (Allen), 33-4; 2. Kristi Smrcka (South), 32-9.5; 3. Refenes (LW), 30-5; 5. Emily Brown (LW), 24-10; 8. Lydia Gutierrez (HVL), 22-10
High jump: 1. Morrison, 50; 2. Rebekah Anderson (South), 47-3; 3. Emily Fairbank (LW), 44-1; 4. Danielle McDonald (LW), 44-4
Long jump: 1. Sierra Park (Edgely), 14-2.5; 2. Madison Jerome (Liggett), 14:4.75; 3. Lisbeth (LW), 11-5; 4. Kovacs (LW), 12-10; 8. Emily Wheeler (HVL), 11-10.5
Relay: 1. Flury (LW), 8-0; 2. Matthews (LW), 7-6

RELIGION CALENDAR

May

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 a two-week Bible/Homework/Enrichment Camp that will run July 8-Aug. 16. Full day sessions are \$700 and a half-day is \$480. Families get a \$25 discount for added siblings for the full day rate, \$10 discount for the half-day rate. A non-refundable \$100 registration fee at the time of enrollment secures a place. Cost includes the registration fee, snacks, materials for class, tutoring in most subjects and assessment testing.
Contact: Melanie Staten or Sylvia Brown at (734) 266-2293

June

BARBECUE

Time/Date: 4-7 p.m. Saturday, June 8
Location: St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, located on Five Mile, just west of Inkster Road, in Livonia
Details: All proceeds from the barbecue will support St. Paul's Presbyterian Church "Youth Aiding the Needy" Ministries. Food will include: North Carolina Pulled Pork Shoulder, Southern Bar-B-Q Chicken, baked beans, cole slaw, red-skinned potatoes and lemonade. Advance tickets are \$8 for adults, \$4 for children and \$22 for a family box. At the door, tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for children and \$24 for a family box while supplies last. Carry out will be available. Bulk quantities also will be available; inquire for price.
Contact: (734) 513-8457

CONCERT

Time/Date: 3 p.m. Sunday, June 9
Location: St. James Catholic Church, located on 10 Mile, west of Taft, near
Details: "Overture" from "Oklahoma," highlights from "Annie," "Far from the Home I Love," "Far from the Home I Love," are among the songs in this concert that also original compositions by Matthew Ratzel. Tickets are \$10. Students are free with ID.
Contact: (248) 347-7778

DAY CAMP

Time/Date: 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Friday, June 17-21
Location: Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 34567 Seven Mile, Livonia

Details: Emmanuel Lutheran and Holy Cross Lutheran present this day camp for children completing kindergarten through sixth grade. Day camp activities include opening and closing worship, games, arts and crafts, nature activities, Bible study and more. Early bird registration is \$55 for first child in a family, \$50 for the second child, and \$45 for third child. After May 26, registration fees are \$60 per child. Registration packets are available at Emmanuel Lutheran or at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 30650 Six Mile, Livonia
Contact: Judy Cook at Emmanuel at (248) 442-8822, or Cindy Channey at Holy Cross at (734) 427-1414

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Time/Date: 9:15 a.m.-noon, June 24-28
Location: St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile, one block west of Inkster Road, Livonia
Details: The session is called "Come, Follow Jesus and Walk in His Ways" and it will include story time and lesson, music, crafts, recreation and snack. It's aimed at youngsters, age 3-fifth grade. Cost is \$5 per child. Registration is available now.
Contact: (734) 422-1470, ext. 17 or visit www.sppc.org

July

FILM

Time/Date: 6 p.m. Wednesday, July 17
Location: St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia
Details: Screening of "The Hunger Games" with a Q and A afterward and refreshments provided. RSVP requested
Contact: (734) 425-5950; www.staidanlivonia.org

Ongoing

CLASSES/STUDY

Men's Bible study
Time/Date: Breakfast at 7 a.m. and study at 8 a.m.
Location: Kirby's Coney Island, 21200 Haggard, Northville Township
Contact: John Shulenberger at (734) 464-9491
New Life Community Church
Time/Date: Jobs seminar, 8-9 a.m. Fridays; reading program for students in grades K-12 and martial arts instruction, both at 10 a.m. Sundays.
Location: 42200 Tyler, Belleville
Contact: (734) 846-4615

The Council of Orthodox Christian Churches of Metropolitan Detroit (COCC) will sponsor its annual "Spring Celebration" dinner dance to benefit retired Orthodox priests and priests' widows Sunday, June 2 at the banquet hall of St. Michael the Archangel Orthodox Church, 26375 W. Chicago Road, Redford.

The event will begin with a social hour at 5 p.m., followed by a buffet dinner at 6 p.m.

The Offbeats will provide music and there will be entertainment for children.

Tickets including dinner and refreshments are \$40 per person, with children ages 12 and under admitted free. Each COCC member parish is eligible to receive two complimentary tickets for its clergy.

To order tickets or obtain further information, contact Mihaela Charlier at (313) 595-7640 or mihaela@charlier.org

er@shcglobal.net, or Richard Sheib at (734) 422-0278 or paschabooks@shcglobal.net.

The COCC is a 56-year-old clergy and lay association that represents various canonical Orthodox churches in metro Detroit. Its mission is to promote Orthodox Christianity throughout the area through worship, fellowship, and charitable, educational and outreach programs. For more information, visit coccdetroit.com.

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COLLINS, DOROTHY J.

Age 88 of Bloomfield Hills; passed away peacefully May 15, 2013. Beloved wife of (the late) Paul Collins; loving mother of Kathi, Carol and the late Paul Collins, Jr.; proud grandmother of Erin Collins, and great-grandmother of Alexandra Collins. Dorothy was the former president of the Bloomfield Hills School Board and was loved by all who knew her. Memorial Mass 11 a.m. Thursday, May 23, 2013 at St. Hugo of the Hills Catholic Church, Stone Chapel, 2215 Oakville Rd., Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304.

Arrangements entrusted to Priety Funeral Home, Goddard-Tomlinson Chapel, Keego Harbor, 244-682-0200. Share a memory at goddardtomlinsonchapel.com



DURHAM, FORREST W.

Age 97 of Farmington and Rogers City, MI, May 19, 2013. Beloved husband of Helen for 70 years. Loving father of Richard (Lera) and Robert (Jose) Durham. Cherished grandfather of Jordan, Kyle, and Alexander. Private services will be held. Arrangements by THAYER-ROCK FUNERAL HOME, Farmington. www.thayer-rock.com

May peace be with you in this time of sorrow.



GOTTS, GLADYS KINCAID

Passed away May 21, 2013 at the age of 108. She was a long time resident of Canton and Plymouth. Gladys was born in Silverwood, Michigan to Herman and Ethel (Cunningham) Kincaid on May 4, 1905. She married Percy Gotts in 1923. She is deeply loved and will be missed by her daughters Dorothy (Robert) Richards and Joyce (David) Gye. She was preceded in death by her daughter Betty DeKarske. Gladys is the dear grandmother of Larry DeKarske, Polly (Dick) Bradburn, Paul (Michelle) Richards, Judy Gye and the late Janet Brendal and great grandmother of nine. She was also preceded in death by her sister Bernice Downing. Gladys and her family moved to live on their farm in Ypsilanti when she was a teen. She drove a horse and buggy to High School. Later she and her husband resided on the Gotts farm in Canton where they produced melons, sweet corn, sugar beets, grain and milk. After her husband died in 1955 she sold the farm and went to work as a secretary at Ford Motor Company until her retirement. Gladys just celebrated her 108th birthday with all of her family whom she loved so much. Funeral Services will be held Saturday, May 25, 2013, 11am at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 S. Main St., Plymouth, with The Rev. Mark Zender officiating. Friends may visit Friday 1-8pm and Saturday 10am until time of service. Burial will be in Cherry Hill Cemetery. In lieu of flowers memorials are suggested to Cherry Hill United Methodist Church, 341 S. Ridge Rd., Canton, Michigan 48188.



NALLI, REMEGIA (ANGELO)

Jackson, Michigan, Age 98, died Friday, May 17, 2013 at Ridgecrest in Jackson. She was born October 4, 1914 in Sibley, MI (now Trenton, MI), the daughter of Alexander "Angelo" and Agatha (Cima) Angelo. Remegia lived in the Downriver area most of her adult life, and in Birmingham, Michigan, from 1985 until 2006, when she moved to Chelsea. She moved to Jackson in November 2011. Remegia was a bookkeeper for Hungerford, Cooper, & Co. in Wyandotte. She was a member of St. James Episcopal Church in Birmingham. Remegia graduated from A.E. Smith High School in 1932. She was active in many sports, including Tennis, Basketball, Softball, Bowling, and Golf. On June 1, 1940, she married Alvin Dietz and he preceded her in death on July 24, 1958. She then married Anthony Nalli on January 6, 1968 and he preceded her in death on January 22, 1980. Survivors include one daughter, Sheila Dietz of Chicago, Illinois, one granddaughter, Melissa Benham of Chicago, one brother Angelo Angelo of Chelsea, and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, her sisters Kelli Cottage and Frances Willard, and three brothers, Samuel, Lawrence, and John Angelo. A memorial service will be held Friday, June 14, 11 a.m. at St. Barnabas Episcopal Church in Chelsea, with Fr. David Glaser officiating. Burial will be at the Memorial Garden at St. James Episcopal Church in Dexter, Michigan. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association. Arrangements by Cole Funeral Chapel.



SMITH, ROBERT L.

93, of Wayne, Michigan, died Sunday, May 19, 2013. He was born May 14, 1920 in Ionia to late Leo and Luella Smith. He married E. Kathleen Ozer on July 3, 1942 in Ionia. Mr. Smith was an accountant with the Michigan Open Company prior to his retirement in 1985. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He served on the Wayne City Recreation Board for 55 years. He was an avid Tiger fan and enjoyed working for the Tigers during Spring Co. in Wyandotte. He is survived by his wife of 70 years, Kathleen; three children, Kayla (Ken) Vineyard, Douglas Smith and Greg (Barbara) Smith; six grandchildren; two great grandchildren; and a sister, H. Yvonne Smith. A memorial visitation will be held 2-4 p.m. on Sunday, May 26, 2013 at the Wayne Athletic & Banquet Center, 35000 Sims Ave., Detroit, MI 48184. Burial will begin at 3:30 p.m. Burial will be in Glenwood Cemetery, Wayne. Memorials may be made to the Wayne Golden Hour Club c/o Parks and Recreation Dept. 4635 Howe Rd., Wayne, MI 48184.

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Chorus sings classics, military themes in four-part harmony

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

The HarmonyTown Chorus will return to its roots, singing barbershop favorites at its upcoming spring concert, "Diamonds & Gold."

The walk down memory lane is only fitting as the Chorus, the Wayne Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society, celebrates the international organization's 75th anniversary.

"We have a nice variety. We're paying homage to the things we've done through the years and then some of the fun stuff the public likes," said Mark Pritchard, chapter music vice president. "Our annual show this year is a dual salute to both our Barbershop Harmony Society celebrating 75 years of men singing in four-part harmony, and to some of the HarmonyTown Chorus' Greatest hits."

Fans will hear classics, such as *Lida Rose*, *River of No Return*, *Sound Celebration*, *Moments to Remember* and *Dream a Little Dream*.

The concert starts at 3 p.m. Sunday, June 9, at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$13 for youth, 17 and under. Seating is reserved. Order tickets online at www.canton-mi.org/village-theater and click on box office or call (734) 394-5300, ext. 3.

Military salute

The Chorus performed at the Village Theater two years ago with barbershop arrangements of rock and roll songs, and last year dressed as buccaneers to sing pirate songs. This year, in addition to singing classics, the group will salute U.S. military.

"We ran across a new arrangement the Society released for the armed forces. It strings together the theme songs for five major armed forces—Army, Navy, Coast Guard, Marines and Air Force. Then we put a cool tag on the end of it, a slightly re-worked *America the Beautiful*," Pritchard said. "And we have a



The HarmonyTown Chorus will celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Barbershop Harmony Society, Sunday, June 9, in Canton.



Resisting-A-Rest will be the guest barbershop quartet at the upcoming "Diamonds & Gold" concert at the HarmonyTown Chorus spring show.



Resisting-A-Rest will be the guest quartet at the HarmonyTown Chorus "Diamonds & Gold" show.

what the Beatles did."

"Diamonds & Gold" also will feature the 2010 International Gold Medal Winning Senior Quartet, Resisting-A-Rest, from the Barbershop Harmony Society's Pioneer District. The district includes chapters from across the state.

"I've seen them a couple of times. They are fantastic."

75 years

The Barbershop Harmony Society was founded in 1938, in Tulsa, Ok. as the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America, Inc. Year later it underwent a name change and moved its headquarters to Wisconsin and in 2007 to Nashville, Tenn. Its mission is to promote and preserve barbershop music as an art form. According to the Society, barbershop-style a cappella music, which is known for four-part harmony and a unique chord structure, was born in the U.S.

Approximately 30,000 men in the United States and Canada are members of the Barbershop Harmony Society, which has 1,500 quartets, 800 chapters and nine foreign affiliates.

For more information visit barbershop.org. For more about the Wayne chapter, visit wesingbarbershop.com.

really cool barbershop arrangement of Elton John's *Can you Feel the Love Tonight*.

"There are a tremendous number of arrangers who have websites with all manner of songs. Some may be off the beaten path, but all are four-part harmony with male voices. Male voices singing in close harmony, that was similar to



Members of HarmonyTown Chorus are dressed like pirates for their spring concert last year. This year they'll salute the U.S. military with a medley of songs.

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Location: Grand River Ave., from Farmington Road to Grove Street in downtown Farmington

Details: Approximately 100 artists from around the country will sell their work, 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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Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday

Location: 5200 Woodward, Detroit

Family Sundays: 2 p.m. Sundays; storytelling, performances; free with admission

Exhibits: Motor City Muse: 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.diaa.org

NORTHVILLE ART HOUSE

Time/Date: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday, 7-11 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, June 8-30

Location: 215 W. Cady, Northville

Details: West of Center Show, which showcases contemporary art work

Contact: (248) 344-0497

VAAL

Time/Date: June 2-28; artist reception is 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday, June 6

Location: Livonia Civic Center Library, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia

Details: The Visual Arts Association of Livonia presents its spring art exhibit, "Artistic Expressions." This exhibit will be juried and will feature the art work of VAAL members. Art works in watercolor, acrylic, oil, pastel, photography and mixed media. Art may be purchased

Contact: (734) 838-1204; www.vaalart.org

VILLAGE THEATER

Time/Date: 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

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Location: 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton

Details: Topher Crowder shows an eclectic collection of paintings

Contact: (734) 394-5300; cantonvillageart.com

Film

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

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. 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

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PENN THEATRE

Time/Date: 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

Location: 760 Penniman Ave., Plymouth

Details: "Admission," \$3

Coming up: "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

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Music

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Time/Date: 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.

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

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Details: Open mic for music and poetry

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TRINITY HOUSE

THEATRE

Time/Date: Most shows start at 8 p.m., doors open at 7:30 p.m.

Location: 38840 W. Six Mile, Livonia

Details: Peter Case, May 31; Corndaddy, June 1; Empty Chair Night with Joel Palmer, Annie and Rod Capps and Judy Insley, June 2; Around the House Variety Show, June 7-8; Adios Skinner and YRLK, June 14; Jill Jack, June 15; Dolly Varden, June 21. Most shows tickets are \$15, and \$12 for subscribers. Only cash and checks are accepted

Contact: (734) 464-6302

VILLAGE THEATER

Time/Date: 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday, June 22

Location: Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton

Details: The Rat Pack Show will take you on a trip back in time to the 1960s when swanky nightclub acts were all the rage. The show features performances by Gary Corsetto as Frank Sinatra, John Morello as Dean Martin and Nicholas Brooks as Sammy Davis, Jr. Tickets are \$22 and are available from www.cantonvillagetheater.org.

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Tickets for the raffle are \$50 and only 300 tickets will be sold. The winning ticket will be drawn at 8 p.m. Saturday, June 29 in Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth. For tickets call (734) 451-2112 or go online at www.michiganphil.org.

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Look closely at the ingredient list to decide which items to keep. Get rid of items filled with corn syrup and artificial sweeteners and colors. Foods with fewer ingredients and pronounceable words tend to be more natural or “whole.” Ingredients you might consider keeping include honey, soy sauce, canned beans, whole grain pastas or rice, raw nuts and olive oil.

Once your pantry is in order, you can incorporate these healthy staples into meals using the freshest vegetables, poultry, fish and beef. By keeping your pantry stocked with the most wholesome ingredients, you can be sure you are giving the very best to your family.

For additional recipes and information, visit www.kikkomanUSA.com.

Savory Chicken Brine

Servings: 6

- 1 chicken (5 to 6 pounds)
- 1 gallon cold water
- 1 tablespoon dried sage
- 1 tablespoon dried celery seed
- ½ tablespoon dried thyme
- ¼ cup kosher salt
- ¼ cup sugar
- ¼ cup soy sauce
- 2 tablespoons of seasoned salt

Remove giblets from chicken cavity, rinse chicken inside and out. In large stock pot or container, mix water, sage, celery seed, thyme, salt, sugar and soy sauce to create brine. Stir well until sugar and salt are dissolved. Place chicken in brine, cover and refrigerate at least 4 hours or overnight.

Preheat oven to 400°F. Remove chicken from brine and rinse well inside and out. Sprinkle with 2 tablespoons of seasoned salt. Bake chicken at 400°F for 45 minutes.

Savory Chicken Brine



BRINING 101

What exactly is brining? Much like a marinade, meat and poultry is soaked in flavorful liquid, such as an all-purpose seasoning like soy sauce. This adds a tremendous amount of flavor and also breaks down proteins, thus, tenderizing the meat or poultry.

The only real rule to brining is that the meat must be kept cold throughout the entire process. Use a large container, cooler or brining bag that can fit into a refrigerator because the protein and brine solution has to be kept below 40 degrees at all times.

Greek Pasta Salad

Greek Pasta Salad

Servings: 6

- Sun-Dried Tomato Salad Dressing
 - ¼ cup sun-dried tomatoes, drained or rehydrate if dry
 - ¼ cup olive oil
 - ¼ cup fresh basil, chopped
 - 2 tablespoons capers
 - 3 cloves garlic
 - 3 tablespoons rice vinegar
- Salad:
 - ¼ cup Kikkoman Thai Style Chili Sauce
 - 4 cups rotini pasta, cooked
 - ½ cup cucumber, peeled and seeded
 - 1 cup cherry tomatoes
 - 1 cup green bell pepper strips
 - 1 4-ounce package feta cheese, crumbled
 - 1 3.8-ounce can black olives, sliced and drained
 - ¼ cup chopped green onions
 - ½ tablespoon chopped dill weed

For dressing, whisk together sun-dried tomatoes, olive oil, basil, capers, garlic and rice vinegar. Set aside.

For salad, whisk together 1 cup salad dressing and chili sauce, set aside. In large bowl, combine pasta and remaining ingredients, tossing to combine. Serve with salad dressing.



Spaghetti and Meatballs

Servings: 8

- 1 pound spaghetti
- 1 ¼ pounds ground beef
- 2 eggs, beaten
- 1 cup panko bread crumbs
- 1 tablespoon soy sauce
- 1 cup Parmesan cheese, grated and divided
- 4 cloves garlic, minced and divided
- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 1 small onion, finely diced
- 2 28-ounce cans crushed tomatoes
- 1 tablespoon dried oregano

Cook spaghetti according to package directions, rinse and drain. Combine ground beef, eggs, panko, soy sauce, ½ cup Parmesan cheese and 2 cloves of garlic in large bowl; shape into 1 ½-inch sized meatballs. Bake meatballs at 350°F on ungreased cookie sheet for 10 to 12 minutes. Meanwhile, heat deep skillet, add oil, 1 clove garlic and onions and sauté for about 5 minutes until onions are soft. Add tomatoes and remaining garlic, cheese and oregano; simmer for at least 20 minutes.

Classic Fried Rice

Servings: 6

- 6 strips bacon, cut into ½-inch pieces
 - 1 egg, beaten
 - 8 green onions and tops, sliced
 - 4 cups cold, cooked rice
 - 1 tablespoon garlic, minced
 - 3 tablespoons soy sauce
- Cook bacon in large skillet over medium heat until crisp. Move bacon to side of pan; add egg and scramble. Move egg over and add green onions to the skillet; sauté for a minute. Stir in rice, add garlic and soy sauce. Toss until mixture is well blended and heated through.

Courtesy of Family Features

Spaghetti and Meatballs



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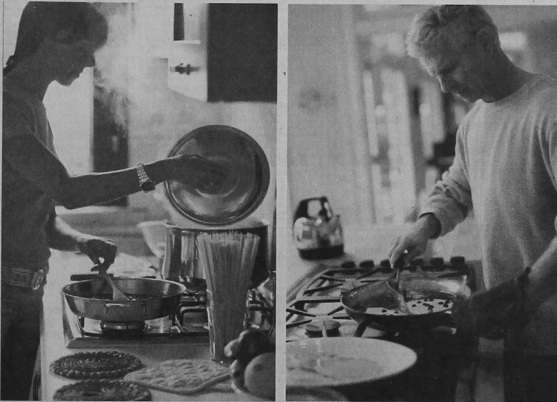
Kitchen fires focus of educational effort

The National Fire Protection Association recently announced the 2013 Fire Prevention Week theme: "Prevent Kitchen Fires." NFPA selected this theme to encourage greater care when cooking and an awareness of kitchen fire dangers. As cooking is the No. 1 cause of home fires and home fire injuries, NFPA will use the week of Oct. 6-12 to promote safe kitchen habits with stoves, microwaves and other appliances. Remaining attentive while cooking and managing how close children and pets are to anything hot will help keep families safe.

NFPA is announcing the theme of Fire Prevention Week 2013 to coincide with the opening of the Fire Department Instructors Conference. Thousands of firefighters from across the globe will gather for this conference in Indianapolis to train, network and learn. Conference attendees are invited to stop by NFPA's booth to view new campaign materials that will be on public display for the first time.

"On average, firefighters respond to more than 400 kitchen fires every day," said Lorraine Carl, vice president of communications for NFPA. "By making kitchen fire safety the theme for 2013 Fire Prevention Week, we can raise the awareness of the leading cause of fires, unattended cooking, and provide life saving safety tips to improve the safety of everyone in the home."

The 2013 Fire Prevention Week campaign materials prominently feature Sparky the Fire Dog, NFPA's mascot. Sparky's Wish List is an online registry where fire departments request much needed educational materials and individual or businesses purchase items for them. Nearly 700 fire departments have registered.



NFPA is providing important kitchen safety tips to homeowners that align with the Fire Prevention Week theme:

- When you fry, grill, or broil food, stay in the kitchen.
- Maintain a kid- and pet-free zone at least 3 feet away from the stove.
- Turn pot handles away from the stove's edge.
- Keep a lid and oven mitt nearby when you're cooking to use in case of a grease fire. If you have a grease fire, slide a lid over the pan. Turn off the burner and leave the pan covered until it is completely cool.

Visit www.firepreventionweek.org for more information and safety tips.

About Fire Prevention Week

NFPA has been the official sponsor of Fire Prevention Week since 1922. According to the National Archives and Records Administration's Library Information Center, Fire Preven-

tion Week is the longest running public health and safety observance on record. The president of the United States has signed a proclamation proclaiming a national observance each October since 1925.

About the National Fire Protection Association

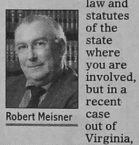
NFPA is a worldwide leader in fire, electrical, building, and life safety. The mission of the international nonprofit organization founded in 1896 is to reduce the worldwide burden of fire and other hazards on the quality of life by providing and advocating consensus codes and standards, research, training, and education. NFPA develops more than 300 codes and standards to minimize the possibility and effects of fire and other hazards. All NFPA codes and standards can be viewed at www.nfpa.org/freeaccess.

Check with attorney on dredging

By Robert Meisner
Guest Columnist

Q: We are on a public lake and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the city are dredging to expand the waterway, but are also putting the dredged sand on our beach. Do you think we have any right to compensation?

A: It obviously depends on the case



Robert Meisner

and statutes of the state where you are involved, but in a recent case out of Virginia,

the Virginia Supreme Court determined that a condominium association was entitled to compensation for the loss of its riparian rights when sand from a dredging project was placed on the beach purportedly to improve navigation on the Chesapeake Bay. In that particular case, the association conceded

that the dredging was necessary to improve navigation, but putting the dredged sand on the beach was not, and that by replenishing the beach, the city in that case created an artificial strip of land that severed the condominium property from the bay. Depending on your circumstances, you may also have a basis to seek compensation and you should consult with an experienced real estate lawyer.

Q: We have a provision that says that our documents can be amended for an additional term of 25 years after which the declaration will be automatically extended for successive periods of 20 years unless a supplemental declaration that amended, ratified or terminated the declaration was approved by two-thirds of then owners and recorded in the land records. I am wondering if we can amend our documents before the initial term of 25 years is up.

A: Only if you get 100 percent approval. In a similar case out of New Mexico, the appellate court held that where the declaration provides an initial duration period, like the 25-year term, amendments to the declaration during that initial period are void unless the unanimous consent of all property owners is obtained, provided that the declaration doesn't have provisions stating otherwise. You are best advised to get a community association attorney to review your matter.

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HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Jan. 28 to Feb. 1, 2013, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

CANTON
49783 Annandale Dr \$78,000
43118 Carlisle Ct \$145,000

48025 E Oxford Ct \$60,000
39821 Fox Valley Dr \$155,000
50275 Hancock St \$210,000
6558 Kennesaw Rd \$405,000
42737 Lily Pointe Dr \$48,000
593 Sandalwood Ct \$320,000
920 Torrey Hills Dr \$260,000
650 Susan Ct \$40,000
LIVONIA
9364 Colorado St \$157,000
16236 Huff St \$225,000
8954 Livville St \$115,000

20445 Maplewood St \$66,000
16181 Marsha St \$250,000
20877 McIntyre St \$78,000
35993 Chicago St \$18,000
NORTHVILLE
49285 Freestone Dr \$372,000
15996 Park Ln \$270,000
PLYMOUTH
50454 Beechwood Ct \$119,000
REDFORD
18300 Brady \$18,000
14236 Breakfast Dr \$163,000

12674 Mercedes \$125,000
19942 Poinciana \$25,000
19388 Wakendens \$18,000
8810 Winston \$70,000
WESTLAND
7478 August Ave \$60,000
8355 Donna St \$87,000
28972 McDonald St \$19,000
2030 N Marie St \$300,000
21854 Sigal Dr \$248,000
400 Patterigill St \$117,000
1501 S Walton St \$48,000

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Jan. 28 to Feb. 1, 2013, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

BEVERLY HILLS
32035 Beverly Ct \$241,000
18112 Kinross Ave \$215,000
22225 Nottingham Dr \$324,000
31078 River Edge Ct \$228,000
19324 Warwick St \$480,000
BIRMINGHAM
268 Abbey St \$380,000
567 Chesterfield Ave \$460,000
1315 E Melton Rd \$158,000
1712 Henrietta St \$435,000
751 Humphrey Ave \$289,000
2446 Manchester Rd \$180,000
1272 Ruffner Ave \$42,000
411 S Old Woodward Ave Unit \$350,000
1540 W Lincoln St \$750,000
340 Wellesley St \$244,000
BLOOMFIELD HILLS
287 Bard Rd \$1,160,000
7343 Undermead Dr \$386,000
2460 Loch Creek Way \$310,000

1989 Sherwood Gin \$788,000
4537 Wagon Wheel Dr \$328,000
1241 Woodcrest Cir \$215,000
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP
2775 Alyshire Dr \$424,000
2739 Berry Dr \$155,000
354 Eileen Dr \$130,000
519 Fox Hills Dr N \$55,000
190 Haddell Dr \$465,000
4585 Kirkcaldy Rd \$300,000
4035 Lincoln Rd \$273,000
7131 Paterson Dr \$180,000
1234 Robson Ln \$287,000
1555 S Hill Blvd \$70,000
5770 Snowshoe Cir \$280,000
100 W Hickory Grove Rd #12 \$55,000
390 Waddington St \$645,000
1759 Woodgrove Ln \$540,000
COMMERCIAL TOWNSHIP
4640 Commerce Woods Dr \$220,000
2049 Edwards Ct \$206,000
323 Harpham St \$65,000
5470 Huron Hills Dr \$363,000
3771 Stoneridge Ct \$265,000
FARMINGTON
31721 Lamar Dr \$81,000
22698 Power Rd \$80,000
FARMINGTON HILLS
24675 Farmington Rd \$107,000
28235 Golf Pointe Blvd \$198,000
29210 Greening St \$65,000

29950 Highmeadow Rd \$189,000
29461 Juneau Ln \$168,000
35093 Meadow Ln \$118,000
11984 Middlebelt Rd \$136,000
2136 Mulberry Ct \$123,000
21220 Parklane St \$21,000
20782 Red Clover Rd \$175,000
29392 Regents Pointe \$123,000
22365 River Ridge Trl \$75,000
22580 Tulane Ave \$175,000
32013 W 12 Mile Rd Unit \$304,288.00
22042 W Brandon St \$107,000
30062 White Hall \$340,000
30090 Wicklow Rd \$185,000
LATHRUP VILLAGE
27550 Bloomfield Dr \$142,000
MILFORD
178 Cottage Ln \$39,000
2292 North St \$40,000
506 Olivia Dr \$245,000
1388 Pine Grove Ln \$45,000
1073 Rivestone Cir \$255,000
4255 S Dark Lake Rd \$175,000
7636 Milford Rd \$67,000
887 Sweetfairy Ln \$135,000
NORTHVILLE
43737 Galway Dr \$225,000
NOVI
40002 Crosswinds \$60,000
22666 Deerfield Rd \$237,000
25476 Dogwood Ln \$458,000
27842 Hopkins Dr \$165,000

27844 Hopkins Dr \$168,000
27846 Hopkins Dr \$163,000
28015 Hopkins Dr \$140,000
28042 Hopkins Dr \$160,000
4040 Oak Tree \$150,000
12854 Sigal Dr \$248,000
2271 Weatherhorne Ct \$219,000
SOUTH LYON
24410 Brompton Way \$342,000
24425 Brompton Way \$319,000
61256 Greenwood Dr \$65,000
209 Maplewood Ct Unit \$345,000
24474 Trailwood Dr \$115,000
52474 Trailwood Dr \$2,000
53616 Valleywood Dr \$25,000
25593 Valleywood Dr \$352,000
SOUTHFIELD
16175 Fairview Cres \$92,000
26396 Franklin Pointe Dr \$49,000
7480 Lahser Rd \$108,000
24015 Lathrup Blvd \$61,000
15940 New Hampshire St \$25,000
30340 Park Ln \$85,000
28539 Pierce St \$68,000
19682 Raleigh Cir S \$30,000
WHITE LAKE
27 Danforth St \$199,000
8345 Fox Bay Dr \$140,000
10279 Lakeside Dr \$318,000

REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

Remerica United Realty

Remerica United Realty will hold an event to educate homeowners in foreclosure, short sale situations or seeking information on a seller's market. It will be 6:30 p.m. Thursday, May 23, at the Livonia American Legion, and is free. For information, call (248) 374-6888.

New agents

Coldwell Banker Weir Manuel recently welcomed a number of new sales associates to the company.

They are: Birmingham — Sufian Han, Brenda Shapiro, Courtney Dunford; Clarkson — Jimmy Topping; Commerce — Shirley Slinkak; Grosse Pointe — Lisa Hofmann; Livonia — Al Cochran, Kristine Bosley; Northville — Ellen Frink, Vita Good, Anna Kligman, Carol McGarvey; Rochester — Dean Acciavatti, Greg Moran.

"We are pleased that these exceptional people have chosen Coldwell Banker Weir Manuel," said John North, CBWM COO. "We are always excited to welcome associates who share our core values of integrity, a passion for service, a positive attitude and drive for results."

Short sales

If you owe more than what your house is worth, you may be interested in a free informational seminar on short sale procedures and what it takes to get started. Many sellers are misinformed or not sure about how the procedures work. Organizers will also discuss the internal workings of short sales and the different steps involved. Bonnie David, broker/owner of Quantum Real Estate is the presenter. It will be 6-7 p.m. Thursday at 129 N. Lafayette, downtown South Lyon. Additional parking across

the street in back. Please call the office at (248) 782-7130 or e-mail jane.quantum@gmail.com for your reservation or additional information.

Free foreclosure tours

Free foreclosure tours are 1 p.m. every other Sunday. Meeting place is Panera Bread on the southeast corner of Middlebelt and I-96. E-mail Georgia@addvaluearealty.com or visit Free-ForeclosureTour.com.

Seminar on Tuesdays

A free Reverse Mortgage Seminar is 6:30 p.m. each Tuesday at Colonial Mortgage Corp., 33919 Plymouth Road, Livonia.

Learn about reverse mortgages. RSVP with Larry Brady at (800) 260-5484, Ext. 33.

