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FOOD, 88

Canton bus service rolls on with fare hike

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

A threatened shutdown of a commuter bus service between Canton and Ann Arbor has been averted amid plans to raise passenger fares.

The latest measure, approved by the Ann Arbor Transportation Authority, means passengers can continue to use the service for another year to get to work places such as the University of Michigan.

Eileen Sinclair, a Canton resident who rides the commuter bus to her job as a U-M medical technologist, said the reprieve is an environmentally sound decision that puts fewer cars on the road — easing traffic congestion, reducing fuel usage and averting parking issues in Ann Arbor.

"We had said we would be willing to pay more to save the bus," she said. "It's just a relief all the way around."

AATA had indicated it might halt the bus service in

August after the Canton Township Board of Trustees refused to pay \$15,000 a year to subsidize it. Canton officials said they couldn't justify using taxpayer dollars to help certain residents get to work.

Riders from communities such as Plymouth and Westland also use it.

Amid lobbying by commuter bus users, the AATA Board of Directors has agreed to increase fares in August as



A commuter bus service between Canton and Ann Arbor has been saved with passengers paying higher fares. The service is provided by the Ann Arbor Transportation Authority; Indian Trails formerly provided the buses. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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Longtime public servant remembered

Johnson left her mark on many community groups

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Catherine Ann Johnson, a longtime Canton public servant remembered for immersing herself in the community, died Sunday after an extended battle with pancreatic cancer. She was 76.

Mrs. Johnson, a Canton Hall of Fame inductee, served more than 20 years on the Canton Planning Commission, and she also left her mark on the Downtown Development Authority, the Canton Beautification Committee and the Canton Historical Society.

She worked as a precinct chair for elections for many years, served for decades on the Canton Zoning Board of Appeals and was involved in homeowners association boards in the Glenview and Willow Creek subdivisions. Mrs. Johnson was a founding member of Canton's Homeowners Association Advisory Council.

"She did it all for the enjoyment of it and to help her



Johnson

community," her son, Richard Passino, said.

Canton Township Treasurer Melissa McLaughlin

said Mrs. Johnson made a

tangible difference in Canton.

"Much of what Canton is, is because she was there, pushing for quality and excellence and pulling weeds whenever she walked by and saw one," McLaughlin said.

"She was outspoken, direct, unfiltered, dedicated, relentless, tireless and generous with her time to everyone."

Mrs. Johnson was born Dec. 3, 1936, in Detroit and was the wife of the late Ron Johnson. She was the mother of Greg and Richard Passino and grandmother of Bradley, Daniel and Richard. She also had two sisters.

Visitation is 6-8 p.m. Friday at Griffin Funeral Home, 42600 Ford Road, Canton. A service is scheduled for 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

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Damalan Smith and sister Kaylen Smith play in the spray. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Splash park helps kids BEAT THE HEAT

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

As sizzling summer heat pushed the mercury toward 90 degrees, dozens of children kept their cool Monday afternoon splashing and dashing among water-gushing amenities that adorn the new splash playground at Canton's Summit on the Park.

Canton resident Kyle Pham, 15, brought a few cousins ages 2 to 7 as the splash park beckoned crowds looking for a way to beat the heat.

"It's better than going to the mall," Pham said.

Hailing from Washington,

D.C., Chris Benham brought son Oliver, 2, while visiting his wife's relatives in Canton.

"I like the water," Oliver said.

Benham, saying he has lived in places across the United States, lauded Canton for its splash playgrounds and other amenities for children.

"It's so kid-oriented here," he said.

Wayne youngster Temperance German, 6, stood under what looked like tall, water-gushing flowers with her sister Verity, 3, as their Westland uncle, Ryan Wess, watched.

"I like the flowers because it's like it's raining," Temper-

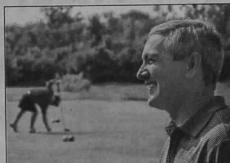
ance said.

Undoubtedly, Wess scored uncle points for bringing the girls: "It was hot outside, so I didn't want to keep them closed up in the house."

What the children likely didn't know is that Canton redesigned the Summit splash playground by installing a water-saving system and storage vault that recycles, treats and reuses the water.

"It's much like a pool," said Abe Vinitski, Canton Leisure Services park and sports supervisor. "In theory, we're not pumping and dumping water —

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Rob Casalou, president and CEO of St. Joseph Mercy Ann Arbor and Livingston, said Pheasant Run is the perfect place to hold the fundraiser. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Pro-am helps fund operating room

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

Much of the work was already done Monday when golfers took to Pheasant Run Golf Club in Canton for the 16th annual St. Joe's Pro-Am, what with some \$140,000 of the \$150,000 goal already having been reached.

But that didn't stop more than 200 golfers on 54 teams, including more than 50 professionals, from finishing the job, helping to raise money to

benefit the new St. Joseph Mercy Ann Arbor Outpatient Surgery Center the hospital is building. Hospital officials said the state-of-the-art hybrid operating room will allow cardiologists, radiologists and cardiac, cardiothoracic and vascular surgeons to coordinate procedures for patients who need intensive heart and vascular intervention.

And the pro-am is a big

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we're recycling our water."

What taxpayers might welcome is the savings: Former water costs of \$80,000 a season have been slashed by an estimated \$50,000 to \$60,000 — well over half the one-time price tag.

Canton resident Mita Shroff brought her children Ayushi, 9, and Vir, 6, and her niece Rhea Vakil, 7, who was visiting from California.

"The water is fun because it's cold," Ayushi said.

Umbrellas usually keep water away, but not the one at the splash park.

"I like going under the umbrella," Rhea said.

Regina Kennedy of Belleville brought her son Damaian Smith, 7,



Flip-flops wait for Temperance and Verity Gorman.

and daughter Kaylen Smith, 3.

"It's free, and it's a nice little area with parks," Kennedy said.

"The water feels a little cold, but it feels good," Damaian said. "It's a good place for the family to come out and splash in the water and play."

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Verity and Temperance Gorman play at the splash pad.



Carrie Hodrosky, of Canton, plays with her children, 14-month-old Michael, and 3-year-old Madison.

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BUS

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follows:

► Passengers buying a monthly pass will see their costs spike from \$99 to \$125.

► The price of a 10-ride ticket will increase from \$40 to \$62.50.

► A single trip will cost \$6.25, up from \$5.

► A U-M-sponsored goPass will cost \$62.50, up from \$49.50.

Canton Township Supervisor Phil LaJoy had said he was hopeful AATA would find a way to continue what he called "a great service," though he said Canton couldn't single out a certain segment of the population to provide transportation subsidies to and from work.

AATA started the service in August 2009. Buses make two morning stops and two evening stops near the Canton Meijer and Cherry Hill Village.

Mary Stasiak, AATA's manager of community relations, has said about 35 passengers a day typically use the service. That meant Canton would have been paying more than \$400 a year to subsidize each rider — a move officials said wasn't a prudent use of taxpayer dollars.

The city of Chelsea already had agreed to pay \$15,000 to continue its commuter bus service to Ann Arbor, but LaJoy said Chelsea, as a city, gets certain state transportation dollars that Canton, as a township, does not.

U-M also has helped offset rider fares for its employees.

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CORRECTION

An article in Sunday's Observer should have read the Garden City Garden Club annual garden walk is set for 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 29.

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Canton police nab robbery suspects

Detroit men charged with home invasion, robbery

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Canton police nabbed two suspects following a robbery and home invasion that occurred around 7 p.m. Saturday at an apartment near Lilley and Warren, Detective Sgt. Craig Wilsher said.

Two men, with their faces partially concealed, knocked on the door and forced their way inside the apartment when the resident opened the door, Wilsher said.

"One of them got into a struggle with the resident while the other grabbed some items out of the apartment," Wilsher said.

The suspect who

struggled with the victim had a weapon, police said. No one was injured.

The pair fled the location in a vehicle, but Wilsher said the two men were later arrested during an investigation by Michigan State Police and Canton Police.

Detroit defendants Aaron Nathaniel Bourdreaux-Brown, 21, and Justin Deontae Echols, 19, were charged with one

count each of armed robbery, first-degree home invasion, unarmed robbery and larceny in a building.

During an arraignment Tuesday afternoon, 35th District Judge James Plakas set bond for both defendants at \$500,000/10 percent.

He ordered them back in court July 5 for a preliminary examination to determine if they should stand trial in Wayne County Circuit Court.

If convicted, the men could face penalties ranging up to life in prison.

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Charity helps women return to workforce

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

A Canton-area charity has helped a Plymouth woman achieve her dream of earning her degree as a registered nurse from Schoolcraft College.

Chicks 4 Charity awarded a \$1,000 scholarship to Margaret Rocker, who graduated in May after she spent five years earning a two-year degree.

"That \$1,000 helped with my tuition," Rocker said. "Otherwise, it would have been going on a credit card."

Rocker said the scholarship helped her finish her studies and start looking for a nursing job after she had taken years off to raise her two children while they were young.

"I always wanted to go into nursing," she said.

Stacey Sherman, a member of Chicks 4 Charity Woman's Life Chapter 827, said the organization offers \$1,000 scholarships to women who are full-time students and \$500 to part-time students.

Sherman said the scholarships are for women "residing in Canton and the surrounding areas that are looking to transition back into the workforce."

The new round of scholarships are for women who are attending an accredited Michigan college, university or trade school this coming fall. Sherman said preference will be given to women who demonstrate financial need, educational or training needs and those who are involved in the community.

Sherman said more information about the scholarships may be obtained by sending an email to Zlatina Dimova at dimova.zlatina@gmail.com. Applications must be postmarked by July 15; winners will be notified by Aug. 1.

Rocker said the \$1,000 scholarship helped her pay for much of her tuition last fall. She said such assistance is often hard to find.

"It was a huge help to me," she said.



Brian Cheesman of Canton swings on the tee for the 18th hole. He's watched by Chuck Duckwall of Battle Creek.

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PRO-AM

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part of making it happen, according to St. Joseph Mercy Ann Arbor CEO Rob Casalou, who said the tournament will raise "about 10 percent" of the funding needed.

"It's the leading edge of heart treatment... We can do surgery and interventional care in the same room," Casalou said. "This tournament has funded a lot of benefits to patients in Ann Arbor and Canton over the years."

The celebrity Pro-am drew stars from a variety of areas, most notably hockey players. Detroit Red Wings legend Ted Lindsay serves as the tournament's chair emeritus, while former Red Wings Stanley Cup champion Joe Kocur was among Monday's celebrity players, as was defenseman James Wisniewski of the

Columbus Blue Jackets.

Other celebrities supporting the cause were 2010 Olympic ice dancing champions Tessa Virtue and Scott Moir, sports radio personality Jeff Lessner and health reporter Lila Lazarus.

Lazarus, a television personality who has formed Orchard Lake-based Lila Productions, does health documentaries with St. Joseph Mercy. She said the tournament is a "great cause" and it gives her a chance to see the doctors with whom she works on-camera in a different setting.

"It's a great chance to see the doctors I work with outside the operating room," said Lazarus, who won a local Emmy for her documentary on the meningitis outbreak. "And it's a great cause. In life, you're given two hands — one to help yourself and one to help others."

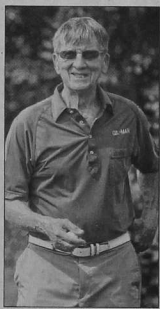
Casalou said the hospital

holds its annual fundraiser at Pheasant Run because Canton is a big part of the community the hospital serves, being home to the outpatient facility St. Joseph Mercy Canton.

"We consider Canton our community," Casalou said. "Pheasant Run has been so supportive of us. I can't imagine having the tournament anywhere else."

Canton Chamber of Commerce President Thomas Paden acknowledged St. Joseph Mercy as a "good partner" and said the relationship between event and course is a natural.

"St. Joe's is a huge supporter of the Canton community and Pheasant Run is a terrific golf course," Paden said. "Anytime we can get this crowd of people into our community, it's a plus."



Hockey great Ted Lindsay didn't play, but was on hand as chairman emeritus of the fundraiser.

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Car keys are stolen in home invasion while couple sleeps

By Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

A car was stolen from a Plymouth couple early June 11 after the keys were stolen from their bedroom while they slept, and surveillance video from a nearby gas station has given police a fresh lead in the case.

The home invasion occurred on Ross Street near Sheldon Road when the couple was asleep around 5 a.m. June 11, said Lt. Jamie Grabowski, a Plymouth Police Department detective. The house was apparently entered through an unlocked ground-floor window, Grabowski said.

The burglar or burglars went into the master bedroom and took a pair of shorts that contained the keys to a 2013

Honda Civic, plus a wallet with credit cards and cash in it, Grabowski said. The couple did not wake up during the burglary, he said.

Stolen was a charcoal gray four-door Civic with a license plate number of CNK 5731. Police later learned a debit card stolen in the incident had been used at a nearby gas station, the Speedway station at Ann Arbor Road and Sheldon, just after 3 a.m.

A security video from the station shows the man who used the card and police are seeking him for questioning.

Anyone with information about the incident or the man shown in the video can call Grabowski at 734-453-1234, ext. 272.

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Police are seeking this man, shown at a Speedway station in Plymouth Township, for questioning in the June 11 burglary of a house in Plymouth. The man used a debit card that had been stolen in the burglary, Plymouth Lt. Jamie Grabowski said.

PLYMOUTH CRIME WATCH

Account hacked

A Plymouth Township man recently reported the fraudulent withdrawal of \$17,000 from his savings account, according to a Plymouth Township Police Department report.

The man told police he was reviewing the transactions on his account when he noticed a \$6,500 June 13 withdrawal at a branch in Royal Oak, a \$7,000 withdrawal later the same day at a branch in Southfield and a \$3,500 withdrawal the next day at a branch in Grosse Pointe, none of which he had made.

The victim told police he was unsure how his account information had been compromised, as he was not missing any identification or bank paperwork. The bank, he said, closed his account and said it would reimburse him.

Fraud

More than \$1,000 in unauthorized purchases were reportedly made with a township man's debit card recently at stores in Redford Township, Dearborn Heights and Taylor, a police report said.

The fraudulent purchases included two charges for \$439.90 each from a MyWireless store in Taylor, the report said. The bank account linked to the card was closed.

Vehicle burglary

An iPod and a small amount of cash were reported stolen from a car parked outside a house on Turtlehead Drive, in the area of Ann Arbor Road and McLumpha, late June 18 or early the next morning. The Mercedes Benz had been left unlocked, a police report said.

— By Matt Jachman

CANTON CRIME WATCH

Money scam

A 38-year-old man accused of a money scam was arrested in Canton last Thursday, starting at the PNC branch at Canton Center and Warren, a police report said.

The incident unfolded last Thursday, starting at the PNC branch at Canton Center and Warren, a police report said. The suspect, from New York, produced another man's credit card, pretended to be him and withdrew \$5,235 from an account, the report said. The suspect then obtained a \$4,000 cashier's check and had it made out in yet another name.

A teller became suspicious after the man left and contacted loss prevention. A decision was

made to stop payment on the cashier's check. Meanwhile, the suspect had gone into another bank branch in Novi and, when he tried to cash the check, was arrested by Novi police, the report said.

Novi authorities notified Canton police, who were investigating the incident of alleged fraud.

Money returned

Canton police were investigating an incident after a customer allegedly stole — and later returned — \$5,000 from a Brinks security bag that had been placed inside a vestibule of the Checksmart store in the 4600 block of Michigan Avenue, west of Canton Center, a police report said.

Police received notice of the incident about 4 p.m. Friday. A Checksmart district manager told police that Brinks had delivered \$24,000 to what was described in the report as a "safe room" area, or vestibule, of the store. An employee, distracted by customers at the front counter, allowed another customer into the vestibule area to cash a check.

According to a police report, the Brinks bag had been left unsecured in the vestibule and it was later learned that \$5,000 was missing. The store used records it had on file to track down the suspect, who returned the \$5,000. It wasn't clear what charges the suspect might be facing.

Break-in

A 70-year-old woman notified police after she said someone forced their way into the sun room of her home in the 45100 block of Geddes, near Canton Center.

The incident happened between 3 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, June 18. The woman called police after she noticed the side entry door was ajar and slightly damaged, though no items appeared to be missing from the sun room. Officers noticed a small amount of damage had been done to the lock.

Hit and run

Canton police issued a citation to a local teen driver accused of hitting another car and leaving the scene near DSW, or Designer Shoe Warehouse,

house, about 2:45 p.m. Saturday, a police report said.

Police located the driver after a witness jotted down the license plate of a 2003 Pontiac Grand Prix that was seen leaving the scene after striking a 2011 Buick in the parking lot. The Buick belonged to a 55-year-old Canton woman.

A witness saw a blonde, teenage female take a wide turn in the Grand Prix, striking the Buick on the left rear bumper. Using information provided by the witness, police went to the suspect's house.

The teen told police she didn't know what to do after she struck the car, so she left, the police report said. She was issued a citation for leaving the scene of a property damage accident.

No trespassing

Canton police issued a trespassing citation to a 19-year-old man following an incident that occurred in the Sherwood Village mobile home community, southeast of Michigan Avenue and Haggerty on the township's southeast side.

Police went to the neighborhood after reports that people had been jumping a resident's fence into his backyard. The man told police he confronted a suspect and warned him to stop jumping the fence into his yard.

Police found the suspect by a swimming pool and issued a trespassing ticket to him.

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from Canton Police Department reports

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July 26	Demetrius "Krayon" Nabors	Lowe's Ford between Sheldon & Morton Taylor	
August 2	Tim Bowman	Home Depot Ford & Loza	
August 9	Randy Scott	Super Bowl Ford between Canton Center & Sheldon	
August 16	Charles & Gwen Scales	JC Penney Ford between Sheldon & Morton Taylor	
August 23	Thornetta Davis	Home Depot Ford & Loza	

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Four-year-old Charleigh Sutton (left), 13-year-old Haley Koble and 7-year-old Camron Green were selling leis outside the Best Friends for Life booth.

KILLING CANCER

Relay walkers devoted to wiping out disease

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

Kathy Ritchey of Plymouth is on sort of a first-name basis with cancer, and it's a relationship she'd love to see kicked to the curb.

Ritchey, a member of the Best Friends for Life team that took to the track Saturday for the 24-hour Plymouth Relay for Life, beat thyroid cancer in November 2010. After losing her husband in July 2011, Ritchey was diagnosed with breast cancer in August that same year. While fighting her breast cancer, Ritchey lost her best friend.

One of 48 cancer survivors to take part in the 2013 Relay, Ritchey has seen enough of the disease to last a lifetime.

"Everything from that year is really foggy," Ritchey said. "I would just like to get rid of cancer. I hope nobody else ever has to have it."

Kim Lawrentz is thinking the same thing. Her mother-in-law Tony Lawrentz died of cancer a little more than a year ago. Before she passed away, she was "one of the most giving people" Kim Lawrentz said she ever knew.

On Saturday, Kim Lawrentz tried to match that giving spirit, walking in honor of her mother-in-law, whom she called "the greatest mother-in-law anyone could ever have."

Lawrentz was one of more than 250 registered participants from 21 teams taking part in the 2013 Plymouth Relay for Life, the American Cancer Society's annual fundraiser to raise money and awareness in the fight against cancers of all kinds. The event raised some \$73,000, nearly double its 2012 total and far over the event's \$45,000 goal.

"She was always giving," Lawrentz said of her mother-in-law. "No matter what, where, when or why, she was

the most giving person ever."

Lawrentz was part of Kickin' Cancer, a team of friends and colleagues – largely employees of various McDonald's restaurants – who banded together to walk the relay. Alex Duda of Plymouth, who works at the Plymouth McDonald's on Ann Arbor Road, walked the event in honor of his grandmother, Joan Hetkowski, who died of cancer six months ago.

"The first 12 years of my life, she lived two doors down from us," Duda said. "I was always over there. She was like a second mother to me."

Peggy Sikora of Belleville, who manages the Ann Arbor Road McDonald's, worked with Lawrentz to co-captain Kickin' Cancer. Sikora lost her mom in June 2012 to colon cancer. Like many people, Sikora used to view cancer as something that "happens to other people." This year, she decided not to stand on the sidelines.

"We wanted to help spread the word," Sikora said. "You never know when you're going to be that person who loses a loved one. Then it happened to me."

It happened in Alison Duda's family, too. Cancer claimed three of Alison's grandparents – Frank and Shirley Duda and Josef Goecke. Shirley died in 1996, Josef in 1999 and Frank most recently in 2012. Alison, 15, wore their names lovingly on a tattoo just below her neck in Saturday's Relay.

"It was very rough for me when Grandpa Frank died," Alison said. "I was very close to him. I decided we should do something more."

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Sydney Schultz (left) and Alison Duda, both 15 and part of Friday Night Fun, get their groove on during Saturday's Plymouth Relay for Life. Duda said she was walking for all three of her grandparents who fell victim to cancer.



Luanne Andes takes a razor to the mustache of Plymouth Relay for Life committee chairman Larry Johnson, who agreed to give up the facial hair in order to support the relay. Johnson has had the mustache nearly his entire adult life.



Jennifer Bell of Salem (left) and Kimberlin Ash of Canton fill out their pledge cards, promising to do something in the fight against cancer.



Members of Kickin' Cancer do a line dance during Saturday's Relay for Life.



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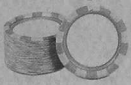
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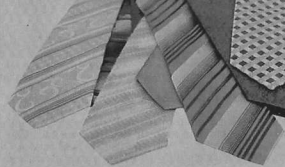
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PRO Martial Arts hosts karate, character camps

School's out for summer and one local business has the cure for the summertime blues.

PRO Martial Arts is hosting a series of martial arts-focused summer camps. Organizers said the camps are a "great way for kids to stay active while learning how to defend themselves without harming their peers" with martial arts techniques.

Officials said the camps will place an emphasis on activities that build character along with the standard fun camp staples like movies and arts and crafts.

PRO Martial Arts founder Grand Master Ed Samane said he was bullied as a child so he believes in the importance of self esteem and the positive impact interaction with peers can have.

"Whether trying out karate for the first time or building on their existing skill set, our camps are a great opportunity



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for children to interact with their peers in a setting that encourages respect, discipline and fun," Samane said. "We want them to head back to school with great memories,

new skills and friends."

PRO Martial Arts offers three camp options varying in duration and activities.

In the Kidz Camp, campers spend three hours a day learn-

ing basic martial arts techniques, playing games, and learning to work together as a team.

The Character Camp is an all day camp where partici-

pants will learn about character education, along with martial arts activities, movies and games. This camp also gives campers a unique cultural experience by teaching them Korean characters.

The Advanced Camp is designed for existing PRO martial arts students who are looking to focus on their karate advancement. Campers will get an additional 14 hours of martial arts training that could allow them to move up a belt level faster. Students in the advanced camp will also work with a local charity in their area to learn about discipline, respect and giving back.

Prices vary by dojo and camp. Discounts are available for families with several children, and those who refer a friend. Contact your local dojo for more information. PRO Martial Arts' Canton location is at 44948 Ford Road. For details, call 734-459-4000.

PLYMOUTH-CANTON BUSINESS BRIEFS

Fox Hills honor

Fox Hills Golf Course and Banquet Center was recently recognized by the Huron River Watershed Council for its dedication to limiting pollutants coming off of its property. The council does regular water quality checks on Fleming Creek, which is Fox Hills' tributary, and its results showed that the creek's study site is healthier now than ever.

Fox Hills has also been certified as an Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary through Audubon International since 1996, and was the third course in Michigan to receive this achievement. The facility completed certification in Environmental Planning, Wildlife and Habitat Management, Chemical Use Reduction and Safety, Water Conservation, Water Quality Management, Outreach and Education.

They had many successful environmental projects completed during the past 12 years, including 10 years of water testing, 78 nest

boxes for birds, wetland plantings, buffer zones, a quarter-mile nature trail and much more.

Growth spurt

Officials at Bridal Couture of Plymouth announced that, due to an increase in business, the shop is growing and, as a result, will soon be moving to a new location.

In order to facilitate the move, the store will be closed Thursday June 27, and Friday, June 28. The store re-opens Saturday June 29 in its new location at 223 N. Main Street.

The store's telephone number and e-mail address will remain the same after the move: 734-455-1100 and bridalcouturemi@hotmail.com.

Landfill manager

Advanced Disposal, an integrated environmental services company, announced the hiring of Matt Neely as Midwest region landfill manager. Neely will be responsible for overseeing the operation and environmental compli-

ance of landfills in Illinois, Minnesota, Missouri and Wisconsin.

"Matt brings more than 25 years in the waste industry to his new role," said Advanced Disposal Corporate Director of Landfill Operations Jay Wazinski. "His experience and depth of knowledge make him a great addition to the Advanced Disposal team."

In his last role, Neely spent 13 years with Republic Services, Inc. as area president and general manager for both Michigan and Ohio. His responsibilities included creating a growth strategy for more than 1,000 employees across hauling companies, transfer stations, recycling facilities and numerous landfills. He also oversaw landfill gas-to-energy projects.

Prior to that he was at Waste Management, Inc. for 14 years serving in various roles across the country. Neely is a Professional Engineer and holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.

Specs Howard offers scholarships

Specs Howard School of Media Arts is making \$250,000 in scholarships available to individuals seeking training in technology driven courses, including Broadcast Media Arts, Graphic Design and Digital Media Arts.

With businesses looking to enhance and develop the skill set of their current employees, Specs Howard wants to assist these businesses by offering scholarships in the amount of \$5,000 per award toward tuition for any Specs How-

ard program. Applications are available online at www.specshoward.edu/mibusiness. Candidates will be selected based on the letters of recommendation and will need to meet the standard entrance requirements.

PLYMOUTH-CANTON CHAMBER CHAT

Email marketing

The Canton Chamber of Commerce Institute of Business Development hosts its Series 2 workshop, "The Power of Email Marketing," 8-9 a.m. Tuesday, July 9, at the Canton Chamber of Commerce office.

Presenter Derek Freund of Rogue Marketing Systems will help participants discover how communicating with customers regularly can help a small business stay connected and generate increased referrals, repeat sales and unwavering customer loyalty; and learn how to start and build a strong permission-based customer list, get their audience to open, read and act on their email and use their past results to sharpen their email marketing program as they go along.

Admission is free to chamber members and first-time guests. To make a reservation or for more information, call the chamber office, 734-453-4040.

Grub crawl

Reservations are now being taken for the 12th Annual Canton Grub Crawl which will be held on Tuesday, July 16, 2013. This event features 16 local restaurants who offer free sample portions of their specialty foods throughout the evening. Drink specials are also available for purchase throughout the evening. Each attendee is given a starting point in one of the participating restaurants. You arrive there and park - and then move to another restaurant.

Tickets (T-shirts) are \$35 each and include transportation to and from participating res-



Grand opening

A ribbon cutting was held Tuesday, June 18, by Children's Garden Montessori to celebrate their opening. Children's Garden Montessori is located at 10980 Ford Road in Superior Township. Family members, employees, Canton Chamber of Commerce members and residents were all among the attendees.

For more information call the Canton Chamber of Commerce, 734-453-4040.

Networking coffee

St. Joseph Mercy Canton Health Center hosts the latest chamber networking coffee 8-7 p.m. Thursday, July 25, at the center located at 1600 S. Canton Center in Canton.

Those planning to attend should RSVP to 734-453-4040.

Sidewalk sale

The Downtown Plymouth Sidewalk Sales take place Friday, July 26, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Saturday, July 27, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Downtown Plymouth's wide variety of unique shops and boutiques will offer special discounts and bargains during the annual sidewalk sales. Participating shops include Basket Creations; Beauty Haven; Bella Mia; Candy Trail; Creatopia; Dazzling Daniela; Genuine Toy Co.; Gigi's Mode; Hands on Leather; Haven; Home Sweet Home; Lolarian; Maggie & Me; Magnolia; Merle Norman; Old World Olive Press; Opn Door; Ply-

mouth Yoga Room; R.S.V.P.; Simply the Best; Sun & Snow Sports and TranquilTea.

Call the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce at 734-453-1540 for more information.

Oklahoma help

MSA Delivery Service, Canton Township and the Canton Chamber of Commerce are joining forces with other businesses, churches and individuals to take much-needed supplies to Oklahoma.

Those groups are looking for help filling the 53-foot MSA Delivery Trailer that will head to Oklahoma in mid-July. All donations should be new.

The Canton Chamber of Commerce will be collecting toothbrushes and dental items, hair products, shoes (children and/or adult), school supplies and pet food. Chamber members can drop off their donations at the chamber office Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. through July 1.

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Taking to the sky

Signal Seekers introduce aviation to newcomers

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

A late afternoon shower may have brought an abrupt end to the Michigan Signal Seekers RC Club's fourth annual open house Saturday, but not before Alex Parkyn showed what it takes to be No. 1 in the nation in discus, or hand-launched, remote-controlled gliders.

A member of the U.S. F3K junior team, Parkyn stopped by to demonstrate the sport he took up three years ago. Displaying the grace of a discus thrower, Parkyn spun around several times before sending his carbon fiber and Kevlar glider skyward. It's no simple feat, considering the plane has a six-foot wing span.

"It took a lot of practice and learning about how the atmosphere works," Parkyn said. "The goal is to find a good thermal and stay up an hour." A.J. Jaffe of Westland also used his hands to man the controls of his Thunder Tiger Rapture E720 helicopter that zipped around the Signal Seekers airfield off Henry Ruff in Westland.

Jaffe moved here from Pennsylvania for his dream job, working at Experience RC in Livonia. His passion is RC helicopters and competing in aerobatics.

"It's challenging and difficult," said Jaffe, who put his helicopter through its paces for spectators. It did barrel rolls and loops, buzzed around the airfield on its side and hovered inches from the ground upside down.

"My father had a helicopter. We're a helicopter family," Jaffe said.

Jaffe got into the hobby when he was 10 years old. Now in his 20s, he admits the technology has had a huge impact on RC flying and that there's no mastering an RC helicopter.

"I do fairly well," he said. "I can't imagine having something like this when I started flying. Technology has just

accelerated development so much. There's no ceiling with these things. They go further than you can see it."

In attendance

The fourth annual Friends and Field Day attracted several groups of Cub Scout packs, who came out to try their hand at the controls of an RC airplane with a buddy pilot. The youngsters flew the planes, but when it appeared they were having difficulty and might crash, their buddy pilot, a Signal Seekers Club member, took control. The Scouts earned an aviation patch for participating in the field day.

"We had close to 15 Cub Scouts here," said club president Scott Packen of Livonia. "We had Pack 440 from Canton and Pack 865 out of Westland. They came to visit and helped out."

"Once I went straight down, one time it went up and down and up and down," said Grant Pierfelice of Canton, who enjoyed his second experience flying a remote-controlled plane. "The hardest part was figuring out the controls – turn this way, turn that way, what to do."

"I think it was really fun. There was a lot of open space to fly the planes," he added.

"This is something we do every year," said Bob Shuler of Canton, club treasurer. "We bring people out and give them an introduction to aviation. The whole purpose is to get a younger crowd into remote-controlled aviation."

The club got its start in the early 1960s as a nonprofit organization with the purpose of building, instructing, promoting, advancing and, ultimately, flying model aircraft. It's chartered by the Academy of Model Aeronautics and currently has about 80 members.

Its airfield is located in what had been the gardens for Wayne County Hospital-Eloise Ford Motor Co. bought the land in 1995 and lets the club use space for its airfield. The club



Dave Schneck shows off his CAP 232 plane during the Signal Seekers RC Club's fourth annual Friends and Family Day Saturday. ALL PHOTOS BY STEPHEN CANTRELL | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

has a 400-foot landing strip and a half-mile of clear airspace in all directions. Club members, including instructors, are usually at the field around 5-5:30 p.m. each Wednesday through September.

Headed to Denmark

Parkyn's father Chris, a former Signal Seekers member, watched his son send his glider aloft. The teen will be headed to Herning, Denmark, in mid-July for the 2103 FAI World Championship for Hand-Launched Gliders after taking the top spot in juniors competition in Denver.

"He did two preliminaries and a tryout in Denver," Chris Parkyn said. "You have to be one of the top three juniors in the country to make the team. He was first place."

Although relatively new to discus gliders, Parkyn has flown various types of powered and glider free flight and radio-controlled aircraft most of his life. He's a member of the Detroit Balsa Bugs free flight club. He has competed as a junior in free flight at the national competitions held in Muncie, Ind.

For more information about the Michigan Signal Seekers RC Club, visit its website at www.michigansignalseekers.org.



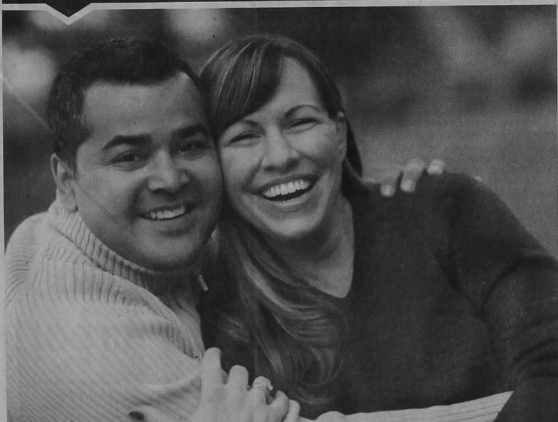
David Schneck's Scimitar plane takes to the air during Signal the Friends and Family Day Saturday.



Matt Komar of Westland experiences the joy of flying using the buddy flyer program with Dale Hatcher of Dearborn Heights.

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OUR VIEWS

Play it safe

Fireworks can hurt, if not used properly

Fireworks are synonymous with the Fourth of July, and with the holiday just a week away, it is a good time to remind people about fireworks safety.

With Michigan now allowing the sale and use of consumer fireworks like Roman candles, bottle rockets, sky lanterns and other items that leave the ground, more people than ever are putting on their own backyard shows. As a result, safety is critically important.

Fireworks can cause blindness, third-degree burns, permanent scarring and even death. According to the National Council on Firework Safety, 9,300 people suffer serious injuries due to fireworks every year, with 400 losing sight in one or both eyes. Forty percent of injuries are caused by illegal fireworks, and 45 of injuries sustained by children are to those under age 14.

Even fireworks that are labeled as safe can cause injuries. As children, we've all enjoyed waving sparklers, but they have caused more injuries to youngsters under age 5 than any other type of fireworks. Sparklers burn at temperatures of about 2,000 degrees. They're hot enough to melt some metals, imagine what they can do to a child.

The Office of the Michigan State Fire Marshal has some tips to help make Fourth of July fireworks safe. Some are common sense, but still worth repeating.

- » Buy ready-made fireworks rather than making your own, even from a kit.

- » Make sure an adult is present at all times.

- » Don't allow children to operate fireworks, even sparklers.

- » Buy only legal fireworks that have a label with instructions for proper use. If your fireworks don't have an instruction label, they're probably illegal to use.

- » Choose fireworks that are appropriate for the area you'll be using them in. For example, avoid using rockets or other aerial fireworks in the backyard or a busy street.

- » Follow all the directions on the label closely.

- » Always use fireworks outside with a bucket of water or hose nearby. Keep fireworks away from dry leaves or other materials that can easily catch on fire.

- » Point fireworks away from people. If you're lighting a firework, wear eye protection and don't lean over the firework.

- » If a firework doesn't seem to work, do not go over to it or attempt to light it. If you can reach with a hose or bucket without getting too close, douse it with water.

- » Soak all fireworks in a bucket of water before throwing them away.

- » If someone gets an eye injury from fireworks, don't rub the eye or attempt to wash it out. Call 9-1-1 or go to the nearest emergency room. It could make the difference between saving a person's sight, permanent blindness, or significant burns.

Another bit of advice: Avoid buying fireworks in brown paper packaging. That's often a sign that the fireworks were made for professional shows and could pose a danger to consumers.

And if you're planning on putting on your own fireworks show be considerate of your neighbors. While you might consider it OK to do your fireworks show at 2 a.m., your neighbors may not appreciate the noise.

Lt. Gov. Brian Calley last week signed into law what he called a "common sense bill" that allows local governments to prohibit the use of consumer fireworks between midnight and 8 a.m. on the day before, day of, and day after national holidays. People who ignore the rules, could face fines of up to \$500.

Dr. John Hall, manager of the National Fire Protection Association's Fire Analysis and Research, may have said it correctly: "Safe and sane fireworks don't exist. When things go wrong with fireworks, they go very wrong, very fast, far faster than any fire protection provisions can reliably respond."

This Fourth of July play it safe. Leave the pyrotechnics to the professionals. It's better to be safe than sorry.



The professional fireworks displays, which always attract large crowds, are a safe way. FILE PHOTO

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COMMUNITY VOICE

Have fireworks in your neighborhood bothered you since the state loosened the regulations on them?

We asked this question outside the U.S. Postal Service station on Penniman in downtown Plymouth



"Late at night, yes. When you hear them at 12 o'clock at night. I'm not too happy about that. ... If they can do it they will."

Dave Manly
Canton Township



"Yes. I just don't like them. We've been sitting outside, and one went by my mom's face. Three inches."

Sherry Wicker
Livonia



"No. They just don't bother me."

Fred Klein
Plymouth



"No, not really. Once in a while I hear something go off ... but it's not too bad."

Judy Wilkin
Plymouth Township

LETTERS

There you go again

During a presidential debate, Ronald Reagan used the phrase "there you go again" to his opponent. I would like to reuse this quip and address it to Sen. Patrick Colbeck, R-Canton.

During the debate in the Michigan Senate June 20, on the bill to expand Medicaid to the poor, the senator joined forces with the Americans for Prosperity (i.e., Tea party, i.e., Prosperity for the Rich) to kill the bill. There you go again, senator! This so-called public servant has repeatedly stated our state cannot pay for the Affordable Care Act. But he had no problem giving his corporate backers over \$4 billion in tax money so far. According to published reports, Sen. Colbeck's allies threatened fellow Republicans that if they voted for the bill, they would lose the Tea Party support and not get re-elected.

I would like to tell these Republican politicians that getting re-elected is not up to the Tea Party, but is in the hands of our people, the same people who have seen their taxes raised, schools and local governments short-changed just to make sure the rich get richer.

We have a number of moderate political men and women waiting on the sidelines to give the Tea Party a well-deserved pass into oblivion.

James Huddleston
Canton

Alarm expensive

I am in Boy Scouts and am working on my communications merit badge. A requirement I have is to write to a local newspaper discussing my opinion on an article.

I read the article entitled "All Saints Alarm Blazes Trail" from the June 16 *Canton Observer*. I think that they should invest the money for other purposes instead of paying 30 grand a year for a security system. I think that they should have some type of security so random strangers are not able to just walk into the school with a gun.

GUEST COLUMN

Help save historic bomber plant at Willow Run Airport

The Yankee Air Museum and its partner, the Michigan Aerospace Foundation, are on a mission to save a cornerstone of the Arsenal of Democracy.

The historic bomber plant at Willow Run Airport, which turned over more than 8,700 B-24 Liberator heavy bombers in World War II, is headed for demolition. The legacy of this factory goes well beyond building armaments. This complex helped build a nation in every way imaginable.

My good friend, the great broadcaster and meteorologist Sonny Eliot, passed to a better place, Nov. 16, 2012. Sonny was a pilot and combat veteran of the U.S. Army Air Forces in World War II. He commanded a B-24 Liberator in the strategic air war against Nazi Germany. His B-24 was shot down, but he survived. For 18 months, he was a prisoner of war. Sonny was also a life member of the Yankee Air Museum.

If he were here, I'm sure he



Bob Hynes
GUEST COLUMNIST

would be working to save the bomber plant. Now my friend is forecasting with his inimitable charm, perpetually happy atmospheres in his heavenly realm. Sonny's brilliance could shed light on light. So I'll take a cue from his style manual and keep this message simple, direct and true.

We need help to save the bomber plant. The opportunity to save a critical portion of the plant arose just recently. More importantly, we have only until Aug. 1 to raise the needed funds. At present, we need to raise more than \$5 million. We've raised \$3 million so far. The Yankee Air Museum and Michigan Aerospace Foundation need media champions. We simply do not have the

needed in *Market Watch*, WSJ. Total individual tax burdens from all sources (state, federal, local including all fees, use taxes and payroll levies) are at or near modern lows.

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Mitch Smith
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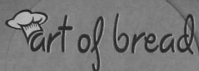
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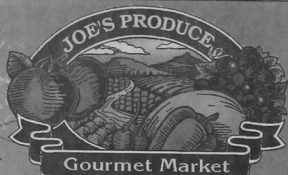


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Martin gets his shot at pro ball

Farmington High grad was NCAA Division II
Pitcher of the Year at Minnesota State

By Dan O'Meara
Staff Writer



Martin

mington High School and Minnesota State University, is starting that process all over again with the Milwaukee Brewers farm team in Helena, Mont. He had hoped to be drafted after being named an NCAA Division II All-America and national Pitcher of the Year. He was

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Harvey Martin of Farmington pitches for Minnesota State in the NCAA Division II tournament. MINNESOTA STATE ATHLETICS

Maybury run set July 27

The Northville Road Runners will stage their annual 8-kilometer and 1-mile Classic run-walk Saturday, July 27, at Maybury State Park, located off the Eight Mile entrance (one mile west of Beck).

The event, which will benefit the Friends of Maybury, starts at 5 p.m. with the 1-mile (pre-registration cost \$5) followed by the 8K (pre-registration cost \$25) on dirt and paved trails at 5:30 p.m.

The 8K participants will receive a tech T-shirt and all children in the 1-mile will receive a finishers medal. Awards will be in five-year increments.

Family fun includes a story hour, face painting and hands-on activities during the race. Post-race activities include pizza, live music, libations, homemade baked goods and awards ceremony.

Application forms can be downloaded at www.northvilleroadrunners.org, or you can register online at www.active.com.

Race day registration begins at 3 p.m. (\$35 for the 8K and \$8 for the 1-mile). A recreational park passport is required at the gate and day passes are available.

For more information, call Peg Campbell at 248-417-5710, or email peggya.campbell@gmail.com.

Bucks stop Rovers, 4-1

The Michigan Bucks avenged their lone setback this summer in the Premier Development League with a 4-1 win Saturday over the host River City Rovers (Ky.) in a match played at the Shelby County Athletic Complex.

Gerald Ben and Drew Ruggles each collected a goal and assist as the first-place Bucks improved to 7-1-0 (21 points) in the Great Lakes Division of the PDL's Central Conference.

Dion Peters and Nathan Steinwascher also scored for the Bucks, while brothers Matt and Nick Walker drew assists. Bucks goalkeeper Adam Grinwis made three saves.

The Bucks will go after their seventh consecutive win beginning at 7:30 p.m. Thursday when they face the Toronto Lynx at Pontiac's Ultimate Soccer Arenas.

Tickets, available at the gate, are half-price at \$5. For more information, visit www.bucksoccer.com.

Miss Softball: Ladywood's Fidge sings a happy tune

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

Celeste Fidge admits she wasn't a born hitter.

But the way the Livonia Ladywood third baseman crushed the ball during her senior year was a far cry from her days with the 12-and-under summer league team Livonia Storm.

"Actually it's a funny story," said the newly crowned Miss Softball. "When I was younger I was used to be at the end of the batting lineup. I really didn't have much interest in the sport of softball until I had this one coach (Jeremy Avery), who gave me a bunch of instructions to become a better hitter. And finally, one time when I made contact with the ball, it went right over the outfielder's head, and I said, 'I think I'm going to give this sport a try.'"

Fidge, who has signed with the University of Toledo, was named the Field Player of the Year by the Michigan High School Softball Coaches Association, while Sterling Heights Stevenson's Alyssa Huntley earned Pitcher of the Year honors by the MHSAA.

Fidge, who hit .500 this season with five homers, 18 doubles and 35 RBI, became the second straight Ladywood player to earn the Miss Softball award joining former teammate Briana Combs, who was the 2012 MHSAA Pitcher of the Year.

"I was very much shell-shocked," Fidge said of the honor. "I was not expecting to get it at all, but very happy. My teammates were really supportive of me getting it, too. I think it that was the best part of it was everyone else's reaction. It was a good feeling."

Ladywood coach Scott Combs informed Fidge of the honor last Monday, but made the announcement a little suspenseful.

"It was funny the way he presented it," Fidge said. "Early on that day he said, 'I have a secret to tell you.' I said, 'Oh, really, this should be great.' Then he calls me up later that evening and said, 'Go get your mom and your dad.' I was like, 'OK,' and he told me I was Miss Softball."

Fidge, who lives in Westland, attended Nankin Mills Elementary in grades K-four before going to Livonia St. Michael's School for grades five-eight.

She began playing organized softball at age 9 starting with the Storm's 10- through 14-and-under teams before moving over to Compupure's 16- and 18-and-under squads.

Meanwhile, she landed at Ladywood as a ninth-grader where she started four straight seasons earning Division 2 first-



Livonia Ladywood's Celeste Fidge was named Miss Softball Field Player of the Year. BILL BRESLER / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

team All-State honors three straight years helping the Blazers to an MHSAA state title in 2012 and a Final Four berth in 2013 as the Blazers finished 32-10 overall.

"She came in at a time four years ago when there were some veterans on the team and some people that had played heavy

travel ball," Scott Combs recalled. "As a freshman, she was a totally different person. I don't think she said three words her freshman year around the team. I'd see her walking around the infield or the outfield singing to herself, so it got to be a joke

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Miss Softball winner

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MARTIN

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terribly disappointed when that didn't happen, but the Brewers called shortly after the draft ended to offer him a free-agent contract.

That was late in the day Saturday, June 8. He packed his belongings on Sunday and was on a plane Monday for Montana and the Advanced Rookie League.

"It's kind of a blessing in disguise," Martin said, adding he begins the next phase of his career with an inner chip on his shoulder. "I knew I would play professional baseball at some point from all the feedback I was getting, but free agency wasn't the first priority on my list."

"It's a motivating factor for me. I've always had to prove myself, at Central (Michigan) and Minnesota State. It won't be easy here and I don't expect it to be. Going through the things I did in college – the surgery, the transfer, the ups and downs during my career put me in a good mindset to handle the free agency deal."

Regardless of how he got there, Martin has his foot in the door. He plans to make the most of his opportunity and, hopefully, move up the chain of minor league teams.

"I can't change the fact of free agency," he said. "I told the Brewers, 'I promise I will not take a day off all the time I'm here. I'll keep working and getting my nose dirty.'"

"I don't have the luxury of being an 18-year-old who signed for a lot of money. It's great playing here, but my goal is to be in the big leagues."

The season just started last week for the Helena Brewers, who were 1-3 in the Pioneer League standings at the ARL level. Martin's first appearance went well, however.

He pitched two scoreless innings of late-game relief Friday against the Missoula (Mont.) Osprey in the team's



Harvey Martin was 19-1 over two seasons and helped the Mavericks win two Northern Sun Conference titles. MINNESOTA STATE ATHLETICS

lone win.

"I struck out the side in the first inning, which was kinda awesome to start my pro career," Martin said. "The next inning was a real quick inning with a couple pop-ups and a ground ball."

"There were a lot of nerves in that first inning, but I got it out of the way. When you have a successful first inning, you feel like you belong a little bit. Obviously, it's something to build on."

Big sky country

In the short time he's been there, Martin is enjoying the experience in Helena and revealing in the knowledge he's actually playing professional baseball.

"It's pretty awesome," he said. "Every now and then, I sit back during practice and realize where I'm at and kinda living my dream. We wear Brewers across our chests and it's a cool feeling every day to realize I'm employed by a Major League baseball team. It's been a great time so far."

The 6-foot-1, 185-pound Martin transferred two years ago from Central Michigan to MSU. He played two of four seasons at CMU where his mound time was limited to spot appearances in relief. He was redshirted in 2008 and had Tommy John surgery on his pitching arm in 2010.

He took a chance and left for Mankato, Minn., with something to prove as a potential starting pitcher. He was 10-0 and was named the Newcomer of the Year in the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference last year.

"I definitely did what I set out to do by leaving and getting the opportunity to pitch," Martin said. "I was given the opportunity to do something that wasn't going to be given at Central Michigan. I had the opportunity to do that at Minnesota State and it worked out. I'm very thankful for that."

Repeat performance

The challenge facing Martin at the start of the 2013 season was to prove the previous one was not a fluke, that he could back it up by having another great year. He did that and more.

The right-handed Martin posted a 9-1 record with a 2.06 earned run average and was nationally ranked in several categories. He was second in strikeout-to-walk ratio with 91 and seven, respectively, in 78.2 innings.

He helped lead the 42-9 Mavericks to a second straight NSIC championship and consecutive runner-up finishes in the NCAA Division II College World Series. Martin's only loss in his two years at MSU occurred in the final game of

this year's CWS. Top-ranked Tampa won, 8-6.

"I don't regret going to Central at all," he said. "I earned a degree there and made a ton of great friends. In going to Minnesota, I thought it was kinda crazy, going to a Division II school where it was colder than Michigan. My decision to leave was probably the toughest I had to make, but it was the best decision I've made in my baseball career."

And the 2013 accolades piled up for Martin, who was named to the All-America first team and was selected the national Pitcher of the Year by Rawlings/ABSA, Daktronics and the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association. He also was the NSIC's Pitcher of the Year and one of eight finalists for the Theodore Award as the top player in Division II.

"If I had been told all of this was going to happen to me when I left (CMU), I probably would have laughed about it," Martin said. "Awards come with team success. If a team is going to the national championship, you're going to have some All-Americans on it. I was just fortunate to be one of those guys."

"Award-wise, that was never the goal of leaving. The goal was to pitch and try to get into professional baseball. Anything else was an added bonus. I'm where I wanted to be."

Place in history

Martin ends his college career as the most decorated player in MSU baseball history and the first to win the Pitcher of the Year honor.

"His accolades on the field won't overshadow the impact he left off the field," MSU coach Matt Magers said, regarding Martin's ability to motivate his teammates. "His mental approach and passion for the game enabled him to compete at a level most players never attain. Despite only playing here for two seasons, Harvey will go down as one of the best to ever wear the Mav-

erick uniform."

Martin's most memorable game was this year's regional final in which MSU defeated Missouri Western, one of the best hitting teams in the country, according to Martin. He pitched a complete, 10-inning game and the Mavericks won, 4-1.

"Obviously, that catapulted me into a lot of the awards I got at the end of the season," Martin said. "To help lead the team into the College World Series was a lot of fun. I loved playing those guys at Minnesota State. We were fortunate to host the regional two years in a row and play in the (CWS) twice."

Moving forward

Not only has the 24-year-old Martin stepped from a good memory like that, he has put the disappointment of not being drafted behind him, too. The bottom line is he's playing pro ball now.

"I thought I was going to get drafted last year and it didn't work out, which made me a stronger person – to keep chasing it, developing patience and working toward what you want," Martin said. "A lot of people wanted to see more strikeouts out of me. I think that's why they wanted the Pitcher of the Year, because my strikeout-to-walk ratio was up there."

"One thing that hurt me in the draft was that I was older and had arm surgery. Teams aren't interested in older guys who've had arm surgery. I thought, with the season I put up there, I couldn't be denied the chance. I thought 250 innings was enough to show what I could do."

"If I never played in the Major Leagues, I wanted to leave with people saying, 'Harvey Martin was the best pitcher I've seen all season.' If I did that and made sure Year 2 wasn't a fluke, I thought I'd get a shot to be where I am. It's still sinking in. I haven't taken a day for granted and don't plan to do that."

FIDGE

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between me and her. But that made her relax. She was a little bit scared and intimidated by the rest of the team as a freshman, but we threw her right into the fire and we said, 'You're going to have to hit.' She was designated hitter the first year. I said, 'You're going to have to improve your arm and you're going to play third base, so stop being afraid of the ball.'"

"She took all those things and worked on them day-after, day-after, day, and I think she has one of the best arms in the state of Michigan. I really do."

Fidge proved to be a sponge, soaking up all the instruction she could gather.

"I told her, 'You're arm gets stronger by throwing hard,'" Combs said. "You're going to be a little sore, but work at it." She took it to heart and turned out to be one of the best third basemen I've seen in a long time. She's extremely dependable. In fact, I had to rein her in many, many times. She'd run into fences, ran into bad lips of grass ... roll her ankle a few times. She did it by pure work and saw the other kids around her and said, 'I want to play, I want to excel. I gotta up my work ethic.'"

Fidge will be honored July 24 in the Struble Coaches Association All-Star game at Michigan State University.

She'll be playing summer softball for Finesse before enrolling at Toledo where she plans to study marketing. She also considered Madonna University, but fell in love with the surroundings and the academic support offered at Toledo.

"It touched my heart, I said, 'This is where I want to go,'" Fidge said. "I hope to make my way there. I'm going to have to open a couple of doors to get there, but hopefully I'll make my way there."

Fidge's development during her four years at Ladywood has been remarkable and a joy for Combs to see.

"Her personality has been an absolute pleasure to see develop," the Ladywood coach said. "Coming from a 14-year-old, little snort-nose kid as a freshman, thrown into the fire, we were eyes and not knowing what's going on around her, too ... She's an extremely mature young lady now, a pleasure to have. She has her goals in her sights and didn't let anybody deter her from it."

She wanted to play Division I ball and worked her way into that mix. It's been a great four years. It went by very fast, but her maturity has been off the scene this year and it's been great."

And Fidge will cherish each and every moment playing for the blazers.

"I would definitely say it's been the best times I've ever had at Ladywood," she said.

"There were such great memories, especially the team."

"All four years everybody was great and supportive. That's really what made Ladywood the best four years."

Fidge enjoys music and art when she's not playing softball. She even bills herself the team's undisputed "Adele."

"She's the team singer although there's a couple other people coming up underneath her that think they can challenge her," Combs said. "We have a little ritual where we sing Adele's songs on at that start of each practice where we walk four or five minutes away from everybody. Everyone has their own separate way. I'll be raking the field and I can hear her singing over everybody with the earphones on. I can tell that she's in there. I would imagine she's in the shower at home singing pretty much all the time."

And while Fidge won't admit to being a born hitter or singer, she can definitely hold her own. "I do like singing and I'm comfortable singing even though I might not be the best at it," said the newly crowned Miss Softball.

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All-area baseball talent teams on basepaths

Dan Cameron, sr., Liv. Churchill: The senior catcher, bound for Henry Ford Community College, batted .442 with 26 RBI, 22 runs scored and 13 extra base hits, while striking out just three times.

"Dan was the leader of our team," Churchill coach Ron Targosz said of the all-district and all-KLAA selection. "Offensively and defensively he was one of the best around. He led our team in most offensive categories and was a leader behind the plate. Dan was four-year varsity player that will be extremely hard to replace next season."

David Lett, jr., N. Farmington: The junior shortstop made the coaches association's Division I all-state second team after hitting .453 with a team-best 62 hits.

The leadoff batter also drove in 29 runs, was hit by a pitch 16 times, had seven walks and led the Raiders in runs scored with 56. Lett's (combined) on-base and slugging percentage is 1.049. He had a .960 fielding percentage and helped turned 16 doubles plays. "David is the best baseball player on my team," coach Mike O'Connell said. "He's tremendous in every aspect. He's the real deal. If you transposed his numbers into the big leagues, he'd be making \$10 million a year. He's a complete baseball player."

"His baseball IQ is over 200. He moved from second on a ground ball hit to first base to give you an example of his speed and smarts."

Travis Harvey, sr., Liv. Stevenson: The senior third baseman hit .406 with 31 RBI en route to second-team Division I all-state, all-region, all-district and all-KLAA honors.

Harvey, headed to Henry Ford CC, collected 18 extra base hits including 15 doubles. He also had a team-best 14 stolen bases.

Once again Travis had a second good year for us," Stevenson coach Rick Berryman said. "He played a spectacular third base for us and was instrumental in going to the regionals again. He's probably the fastest player on our team."

Brian Schmid, sr., Plymouth: The senior batter hit .389, smacking five homers and 28 RBI while being named to the All-District team.

Interim coach Mike George, who took over the Wildcat state in the offseason, said Schmid was a solid, consistent performer both at third base and pitcher and was the unofficial team MVP.

"Brian was a kid that was a definite leader," George said. "He was the kid that everybody turned to. He hit four home runs for us in the seven games that I was on the bench. He had an opportunity to play at the next level."

Eric Stanis, sr., N. Farmington: As he did in hockey, Stanis was a leader that his team and was deceptively talented. The 145-pound senior is also a versatile player, making the all-district team as a second baseman and the all-league team as a catcher.

He played in every game and helped the Raiders (30-9) to an outstanding season. Stanis hit .415, led the team with 31 RBI, was second in hits (44) and was named the co-MVP. As a catcher, he threw out 18 runners trying to steal, and he was involved in 14 double plays as a second baseman. His fielding percentage was .985.

"Eric is just a complete player," O'Connell said. "He's probably the best small ball player I've ever seen. He batted in the four spot and, when he came up to bat, other than getting in the outfield because they thought he couldn't hit the ball. And then he'd hit it down the left-field line."

He has great baseball smarts. I can't say enough about him. He was a shortstop when he came to high school. We needed a catcher when he was a sophomore and he volunteered."

Chase Bovia, sr., John Glenn: The senior shortstop, who will attend the University of Michigan-Dearborn in the fall, helped spark the Rockets' first 20-win season since 2002 by hitting .360 with 16 RBI while earning team MVP and all-district honors.

"Chase played in every game for us," Glenn coach Lawrence Scheffer said. "He carried a 3.7 grade point average and he led our team by example on and off the field."

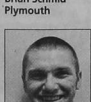
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Dan Cameron Churchill



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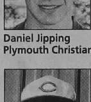
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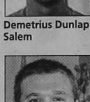
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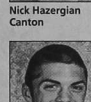
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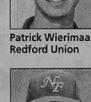
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Mike O'Connell N. Farmington

"He is a great leader for our young guys and he'll be greatly missed."

Daniel Jipping, jr., Plymouth: The junior catcher pretty much was a one-man wrecking crew in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference.

Jipping batted .685 (54-for-80) with 24 extra-base hits (including seven homers), driving in 40 and scoring 36. His slugging percentage was 1.556 and his power hitting helped him win all-district all-MIAC first-team and MIAC Red Division MVP honors. He was a strong pitcher for the Eagles, posting a 5-1 record and 2.97 ERA. He struck out 60 in 35 1/3 innings.

In addition to his on-the-field prowess, he carried a 3.97 grade-point average and earned all-district academic kudos.

"Players like Daniel don't come along very often," assistant coach Joe Bottorff said. "And I feel very fortunate to have had the opportunity to coach him. I can't wait to see what he does next year as a senior."

Nick Hazergian, jr., Canton: A bulldog who will do whatever is necessary for the Chiefs to have success, Hazergian batted .375 with 47 RBI while playing solid first base.

And whenever coach Mark Bishield needed him to dazzle on the mound he did just that, going 6-1, striking out 61 in 43 innings and fashioning a nifty 1.90 earned run average. The junior earned all-district and all-conference honors for the second season in a row.

"Nick had a great junior year for the Chiefs on the mound and at the plate," Bishield said. "Nick's RBI production was impressive with runners in scoring position indicating the type of clutch player he has been this season."

Mike Kanitra, sr., Stevenson: The senior first baseman and pitcher, who signed with Madonna University, led the Spartans with a .422 batting average, including 14 doubles with a team-high 37 RBI and a .635 slugging percentage.

Kanitra, a right-hander, also excelled on the mound as Stevenson went going 6-4 with 2.08 earned run average with 43 strikeouts in 61 1/3 innings of work.

The team MVP earned first-team Division I all-state and with all-region, all-district and all-KLAA honors.

"Mike was an unbelievable pleasant surprise," Berryman said. "Not only did he excel in hitting, he pitched in all the big games and that's why he was our MVP."

Mike Stafford, sr., Canton: The senior left-hander finished a dominant, four-year prep career with a flourish, going 7-3 and striking out 93 in 56 innings. His ERA was an impressive 1.00 and he finished no-hitter against Livonia Stevenson.

For his Canton career, he collected 247 strikeouts and will take that pitching talent to Liberty University (Va.) next year.

Stafford also earned all-district and all-conference selections for the third consecutive season.

"Mike was a standout because he is a three-pitch pitcher who can run his fastball into the 90s with good movement," Bishield said. "He had great mound presence and is a leader both on and off the field. Because he is a four-year letter winner and three-year starter, he's pitched in a lot of big games."

"Mike was able to learn from these experiences and continue to improve each year, both physically and mentally, therefore becoming the blue chip ball player he is today."

Patrick Wierma, jr., Redford Union: Wierma's right arm lead-off skipper helped lead the Panthers to a 14-7 record in head coach Bob Miller's first year at the helm. Serving as the Panthers' ace, Wierma carved out a 10-4 record with a 1.50 earned run average. He struck out 105 batters in 64 innings while yielding just 15 walks. At the end, the junior hit .318 with 15 RBI and seven doubles.

"Not only was Pat our best pitcher, but he was a great hitter for us this season," said Miller. "He's one of those kids who just loves to play the game and he puts a lot of time into his craft. I'm looking forward to coaching him again next season."

Sherrill Sharp, sr., N. Farmington: The senior ace posted a 24-5 record during a four-year varsity career, which

2013 All-Observer Baseball Team

FIRST TEAM

C - Dan Cameron, sr., Liv. Churchill
INF - Travis Harvey, sr., Liv. Stevenson
INF - Brian Schmid, sr., Plymouth
INF - Eric Stanis, sr., N. Farmington
INF - Chase Bovia, sr., John Glenn
INF - Zak Kmet, sr., Garden City
INF - Josh Gorman, sr., Franklin
INF - Nick Hazergian, jr., Canton
OF - Connor Mohr, sr., Farmington
OF - Demetrius Dunlap, sr., Salem
OF - Nick Andrzejewski, sr., Lutheran Westland
UTL - Daniel Jipping, jr., Plymouth
P - Mike Kanitra, sr., Liv. Stevenson
P - Mike Stafford, sr., Canton
P - Patrick Wierma, jr., Redford Union
P - Sterling Sharp, sr., N. Farmington

SECOND TEAM

C - Alex Shimmone, jr., Redford Union
C - Casey Sudz, sr., Plymouth
C - Luke Peterson, sr., Liv. Stevenson
INF - Kevin Turner, sr., N. Farmington
INF - Kyle Penn, sr., Salem
INF - Brad King, jr., Garden City
INF - John Symanski, sr., Liv. Churchill
INF - Jack Driscoll, jr., Salem
INF - Ross Williams, sr., Farmington
INF - David Vinick, sr., Farmington
INF - Kevin Nisun, sr., Livonia Franklin
INF - Jake Boucher, jr., Canton
OF - Josh DeForte, sr., Liv. Stevenson
OF - Nick Kasper, sr., N. Farmington
OF - Jack King, jr., N. Farmington
P - Jake Semak, sr., Liv. Stevenson
P - Nick Schuch, sr., John Glenn
P - J. Thompson, sr., Farmington
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COACH OF THE YEAR

Mike O'Connell, North Farmington

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included a 5-3 state last season. The 6-foot-4 right-hander, who will play at Eastern Michigan next year, also had two saves, including one against Catholic Central in the

Sharp, a repeat member of the all-area first team, pitched fewer innings (50) this year due to the poor weather in April, which kept him walking 12. He also played some shortstop and hit .368 with 18 RBI. Sharp was an All-Observer basketball player this year, too.

"His potential is so great," O'Connell said. "Major League and college scouts look at him and go, 'Wow! Everybody who sees him says they could put 30 pounds of muscle on him, he'd be throwing 94 mph.'"

"He tried to be a complete pitcher this year instead of just being a hard left arm blowing everybody away. He worked on his changeup and offspeed stuff. His four-year high school career was exemplary."

COACH OF THE YEAR

Mike O'Connell, N. Farmington: In O'Connell's third season as varsity head coach, the Raiders (30-9) set a record for single-season victories, captured the Oakland Activities Association White Division crown and won their first district championship in nine years.

O'Connell, who has coached at North since 1997, has been an assistant coach at the javay and varsity levels and the varsity coach of the 1997-98 varsity record is 64-37, and his javay teams were 140-46 during a span of nine seasons (2002-10).

"I can't say enough about the kids," O'Connell said. "I've had more talented teams and better athletes, but I haven't had this many kids who were as dedicated to baseball."

"What made us 30-9 was our depth. Everybody has a great pitcher, a leadoff guy and a No. 4 hitter. What really makes the difference is the last three or four guys in the lineup."

"We won 25 games with other guys on the mound (besides ace Sterling Sharp). It was the strength of the pitching staff that really made the difference."

O'Connell added longtime assistant coach Kurt Yockey played a key role for the Raiders, too.

"We would not have had the success we did without him," O'Connell said.

knew he had to get better at certain skill levels. He hit No. 2 in the lineup and set the table for us."

Zak Kmet, sr., Garden City: Kmet was a hitting and pitching force for the Cougars. A four-year starter at shortstop, he hit .420 this past spring with eight doubles, three triples, two home runs, 27 runs scored and 23 RBI. He struck out just six times in 86 plate appearances. An all-league and all-district performer, Kmet capped his career at Garden City as the school's all-time leader in runs scored (89) and hits (109), and he is second on the RBI list with 77. Kmet will play college baseball at Connecticut University.

"Zak Kmet is one of the best players that has ever played at Garden City High School," said Garden City coach Steve Herman. "He has led us at shortstop for four years and very few can say that at any school. His career numbers speak for themselves. But what they don't tell is the kind of person and leader that he has been. Not loud, Zak has led by example for four years, working harder than anyone despite being one of our best players year after year. Zak is also a great student and an even better young man. Zak is a great role model for all future Garden City High School players."

Josh Gorman, sr., Liv. Franklin: The senior infielder and pitcher, bound for Indiana Tech, earned all-KLAA and all-district honors while hitting .340 with 16 RBI.

Gorman, a first-team All-Observer pick last year, also went 4-2 on the mound for the Patriots.

"Josh was a third baseman by trade, but because of team needs, he played shortstop and second base for us," Franklin coach Matt Fournier said. "He was willing to give up his position for the betterment of the team. He's a four-year varsity player who progressed nicely through the program and has a good future ahead of him."

Connor Mohr, sr., Farmington: The senior center fielder was selected for the All-Observer first team a second time after another outstanding season for the Falcons. He hit .479 with 13 doubles, five triples, seven home runs and 23 RBI

from the leadoff position. Mohr, who has a scholarship to Michigan State, had 56 hits, was successful stealing a base 10 of 14 times and scored a team-high 49 runs. His slugging percentage was .855 and on-base average .519.

He fielded .968 with 51 putouts and nine assists. He pitched the second-most innings on the team (37 1/3) and had a 4-3 record.

Mohr also earned an all-state, first-team accolade from the coaches association and will play in the East-West All-Star game at Comerica Park on Monday, July 1.

In his prep career, Mohr batted .408 with 145 hits, which included 32 doubles, 13 triples and 11 home runs. He had 59 RBI and 53 stolen bases.

Demetrius Dunlap, sr., Salem: As smooth and talented a center-fielder as you will find at the prep level, Dunlap once again was an all-around standout for the Rocks.

Awarded Salem's Defensive Player of the Year award, Dunlap posted a perfect 1.000 fielding percentage, handling 83 putouts. Over his three-year varsity career, he made just seven errors while making 230 putouts.

At the plate he was a force, too, batting .339 with five homers, 31 RBI and a .414 on-base percentage.

Dunlap, who will play college baseball at Saginaw Valley State University, was named to the all-conference and all-district teams.

"Demetrius is an outstanding player, a great teammate and is a better person than he is a player," coach Dale Rumberger said.

Nick Andrzejewski, sr., Lutheran Westland: The senior outfielder posted a .523 batting average for the MIAC Red Division champions, who finished 21-5 this season.

He scored a school record 56 runs and has the Warriors' career mark with 144. Andrzejewski also posted 46 hits, including 11 doubles, 10 29 RBI. He also walked 21 times and had 25 stolen bases.

"Nick has been a four-year starter, won two division titles, three district titles, one regional and has been to the quarterfinals," Lutheran Westland coach Kevin Wade said of the all-MIAC and all-district pick.



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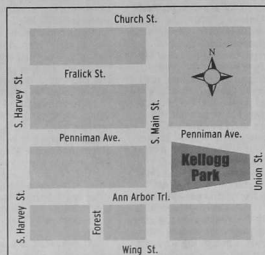
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Metro West hockey team wins gold medal

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Silver is nice, but it wouldn't suffice for the 2013 Metro West high school hockey team heading into last weekend's talent-rich Meijer State Games tournament in Grand Rapids.

The squad of Observance-area iceers met its gold standard on Sunday when it skated away with the top prize at the four-day competition after laying a thorough thumping on Team South, 10-0, in the title tilt.

Metro West was the runner-up in the 2012 tournament, which features a vast majority of Michigan's elite prep hockey talent.

"The key to our success was that everybody bought into the system," said Metro West head coach Ryan Ossennmacher,

who was orchestrating the team for the fourth time. "Most of these players are top-line guys on their high school teams, but some were asked to play on the third or fourth lines because we're so deep. Everybody accepted his role, which is why we were able to win the gold."

Metro West was so dominant in the championship game that the contest was halted after two periods when the mercy rule kicked in. "We just came out flying and we never let up," Ossennmacher said, referring to the gold medal game.

Ossennmacher's skaters advanced to the final after smothering Team West, 3-0, on Saturday. The champions opened with a 4-1 victory over Team Central on Thursday, one day before rocking Team South, 5-1.

Metro West's lone loss was a 5-4 overtime setback to Metro East.

"We had five or six guys back who played on the 2012 team, so they were extremely motivated to improve on the silver we won last year," Ossennmacher said.

"Our expectations were to win this tournament. Our goal was to have fun, obviously, but the boys knew they'd have the most fun if they won it."

Familiarity bred success for the team's top three lines. One line consisted of Division 2 state champion Livonia Stevenson's No. 1 line, while another was made up of quarterfinalist Plymouth's best three skaters. The other top line included two NHL draft picks.

"It would be really hard to single anyone out because everybody played well," Ossennmacher said.

Sharing the goal-tending duties were Salem's Parker Godfrey, Livonia Churchill's David Turel and Novi's Austin Petty.

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Members of the Metro West hockey team celebrate after winning the gold medal at the 2013 Meijer State Games in Grand Rapids.

Rams feel the Sting in trio of setbacks

Danny Essian collected five hits on Sunday leading the Michigan Rams to a double-header sweep of the Michigan Rams in Livonia Collegiate Baseball League action at Bicentennial Park.

The Troy High grad, a catcher at Alderson-Broaddus College (W.Va.) and son of former Major League Jim Essian, went 2-for-3 with a run scored as the Sting took the opener, 3-1, followed by a 3-for-3 effort with two runs scored in the nightcap in a 4-3 victory.

The Sting improved to 9-7 in league play, while the Rams fell to 7-8-1.

Sting starter Kevin Marnon went all seven innings to win Game One allowing just one run on five hits and two walks. He struck out seven.

The Rams' Spencer Goebel, who took the loss, allowed two runs (one earned) in five innings. He allowed two hits, walked three and

struck out four. Reliever Donnie Eaton gave up one run on two hits in two innings.

Taylor Grezjakowski, Kyle Jusick and Dylan Ahern each knocked in a run for the Sting, while Justin Sherman went 2-for-3 with a double and Trent Drumheller added two hits and one RBI for the Rams.

In Game Two, Nathan Weiss pitched all seven innings scattering six hits and a walk to go along with six strikeouts as the Sting rallied from a 3-0 deficit by scoring three times in the sixth and one in the seventh for the one-run victory.

Jusick also went 2-for-4 with a double, while J.P. Maracani went 2-for-3 with a double and two RBI for the Rams. Matt Avromov also added two hits in the loss.

Rams starter Evan Piechota (Livonia Stevenson/Madonna University) went 5½ innings, allowing three runs, all unearned,

on six hits. He struck out four, walked one and hit a batter.

Reliever Jake Gardner, who came on for the final 1½ innings, gave up the game-winning run and took the loss.

STING 2, RAMS 2 On Monday, J.J. Jusick pitched a four-hit complete game leading the Michigan Rams (10-7) to an O.C.L. victory over the Michigan Rams (7-9) at Bloomfield Hills Lahser High School.

Jusick struck out five, walked one and hit three batters.

Rams starter Jake Balaski, who took the loss, went five innings allowing two runs on five hits and two walks. He struck out four before Chris McDonald (Livonia Stevenson/Madonna College) pitched as scoreless sixth.

Jeff Segal went 2-for-3 with a run scored, while Danny Essian added two RBI.

Trent Drumheller hit a 2-run homer in the fifth for the Rams.

RAMS 11, LIGHTNING 6 Brett Ramirez (Livonia Stevenson) pitched in three runs while Miles Sorlie went 2-for-3 and scored twice as the Michigan Rams (7-6) downed the Michigan Lightning (1-13) in a game called after six innings due to a 2-1 time limit Friday at Bicentennial Park.

Ben Yax, Tyler Baker and Brandon Katta also knocked in runs for the Rams, who erased a 4-2 deficit with nine runs in the fourth inning.

Kirk Stambaugh, in relief of starter Jeff Sorenson (Livonia Stevenson), pitched the final 3½ innings to pick up the victory. Brett Ramirez (Livonia Franklin) took the loss for the Lightning.

Willard Brown went 3-for-4 with two RBI in a losing cause.



New Schoolcraft College women's basketball coach Kara Kinzer (center) signed her first two recruits, landing Teneice Roberts (left) of Windsor and Victoria Fletcher of Mason (Dansville H.S.). RENA LAVERTY

New Lady Ocelots coach signs recruits

By Brad Emmons
Staff Writer

New Schoolcraft College women's basketball coach Kara Kinzer has entertained thoughts of putting a "Help Wanted" message on the electronic marquee off Haggerty Road heading into the 2013-14 season.

"It's been a struggle, but we'll get there," said Kinzer, who replaced Kevin Brathwaite, who posted a 33-26 record in his two seasons with the Lady Ocelots. "We're always looking for players, but I'm very excited."

The 27-year-old Kinzer signed her first two recruits last week landing Victoria Fletcher, a 5-foot-9 guard from Dansville High School, along with Teneice Roberts, a 6-foot-center who graduated from Windsor (Ontario) Assumption in 2010.

Fletcher was a four-year all-league and all-conference starter in basketball and soccer.

"I'm looking for Victoria to be an aggressive

player," said Kinzer, who spent two seasons as an assistant at Oakland Community College. "I would like for her to be able to play the shooting guard and the small forward position."

Roberts, who attended a full semester at Schoolcraft, has not played competitive basketball since graduating from high school.

She will graduate next May with a science degree.

"Teneice is a very quick learner on and off the court," Kinzer said. "She's a little raw, but she's really working hard on her fundamentals during the summer workouts."

She also has secured two more verbal commitments from a pair of 5-6 point guards — Sara Gammons from Flint Atherton and Chelsea Wesley from Morrice.

Among the four players scheduled to return off last year's 8-20 squad, which finished 5-13 in the MCCA's Eastern Conference, include Bri Berbert

(Salem), Alexis Smith (Livonia Franklin), Marwa Sayed and Taylor Bunyak.

"I'm expecting a lot from our incoming freshmen with only four returning players," Kinzer said. "The incoming freshmen will have a lot of responsibility on-and-off the court."

Kinzer, who lives in Ferndale and works in her family collision shop business in Mount Clemens, played high school basketball at Utica Eisenhower before going on to four-year career at Saginaw Valley State.

This is her first head coaching gig after spending the last two seasons as an assistant.

Kinzer said she plans on holding summer workouts and open gyms with the hope of landing a few more players.

And the door remains open.

Any players interested in a look should email the first-year Schoolcraft coach at kinzer@schoolcraft.edu.

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German, American dancers share stage at Livonia Spree

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Debbie Felton's Academy of Dance will add a little German flair to its annual appearance on the main stage Saturday at Livonia Spree.

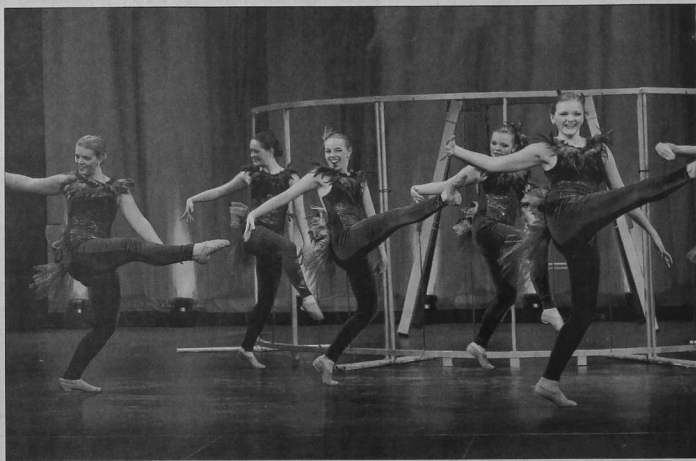
The Academy's competitive dance team will share performance time with Ballettschule Feibicke, a group of dancers from Berlin, Germany.

"At Spree we'll do jazz, contemporary, tap — we're bringing a little of everything," said Janet Coppola, the Academy's office manager. She suspects the German troupe will perform ballet and contemporary dances.

"Their ballet is more contemporary. Their pieces may have a more modern look. People love to watch other people express themselves. I don't think it matters if it's jazz, ballet or tap. Having these young ladies from Germany will be an experience for people in Livonia."

Ballettschule Feibicke is in Michigan this week through an 18-year-old exchange program with Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp, which is located in Twin Lake north of Muskegon. The German and American dancers take turns visiting each others' countries every other year. The German dancers have toured Michigan nine times since the program began.

Sarah Jozwiak, a dancer at Debbie Felton's Academy of Dance, attended Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp last summer and performed in four European countries through the exchange program. She and other troupe members stayed with Ballettschule Feibicke host families while in Berlin. Her mother, Terri, arranged for Ballettschule Feibicke to



Members of the senior troupe at Debbie Felton's Academy of Dance perform a jazz routine.

participate in Livonia Spree while it's visiting Michigan this month. She also sought host families from the Livonia area.

"I'll have five (dancers) at my house," Terri Jozwiak said. "Part of the exchange program is to live with an American family. We do have a few activities planned while they are here. We'll have a picnic and a pool party and the performance we'll stay at Spree so they can ride the rides. On

Friday we're going downtown to tour the Opera House, see, Campus Martius, the DIA, the river front."

Ballettschule Feibicke leaves Livonia on Sunday and heads to Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp and then Ann Arbor for performances.

The German group and the Academy's competitive dance team each will perform for 30 minutes from 2:30-3:30 p.m. on the main stage at Spree, which

is held at Ford Field, located at the corner of Farmington Road and Lyndon, in Livonia.

Dancers from Debbie Felton's Academy of Dance have performed at Livonia Spree since 2009.

Coppola said the event, which celebrates Livonia's founding, gives the dance team "great exposure" in the community.

Eighty percent of our students are from the Livonia

area," Coppola noted. "It gives them a chance to showcase what they do."

She said Livonia Spree also gives dancers an opportunity to "give back" to the community.

For more about Debbie Felton's Academy of Dance, see feltondance.com. For more about Livonia Spree, visit livoniaspree.com. Visit Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp's website at bluelake.org

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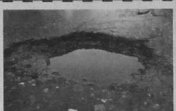
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Village Theater seeks art for fall exhibit

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill is accepting entries for the 21st annual Canton Fine Arts Exhibition, which will be held Oct. 3-28. Deadline for entries is Aug. 26. Juried result notification will be mailed by Sept. 15.

Michigan artists may enter online at www.cantonvillage.com or request an entry form by calling the theater at 734-394-5300, Ext. 8.

All media is accepted for the exhibit, but only digital image files on CDs will be accepted for review. No slides will be accepted for consideration. Paintings and hangings should not exceed 5 feet in width, 6 feet in height, or 40 pounds in weight. The work must be properly framed and prepared for hanging. Sculpture dimensions must not ex-

ceed 5 feet by 5 feet by 6 feet. Works must weigh no more than 200 pounds. Original works of art must have been completed in the last three years. A nonrefundable entry fee of \$15 for each submitted piece is required. The competition will award \$1,950 in cash prizes: \$750 for best of show, \$500 for second place, \$300 for third place, \$100 each for two honorable mentions, and

\$50 each for four merit awards.

Gilda Snowden, a graduate of Cass Technical High School and Wayne State University, will be the juror. Snowden holds B.F.A., M.A. and M.F.A. degrees. She is the interim chair and professor of the Fine Arts Department at the College for Creative Studies, and is also gallery director of the Detroit Repertory Theatre.



"My Friend Kate," a pencil drawing by Christina Czajka, won Best of Show last year at the Canton Fine Arts.

GET OUT! CALENDAR

ARTS CRAFTS ARTS AND ACTS FESTIVAL

Time/Date: 3-9 p.m. Friday, June 28, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, June 29, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, June 30

Location: Main and Center streets in downtown Northville

Details: The Festival includes the 25th annual juried fine art show "Art in the Sun," featuring more than 60 artists; the "Reel Michigan Film Festival" at Northville's Marquis Theatre; the "Sandbox Play Festival" produced by Tipping Point Theatre; "Short on Words," a literary contest; musical entertainment; children's activities, including a fairy door scavenger hunt and free mural painting; and a variety of festival food and drink

Contact: www.northvillearts.org or call the Northville Art House at 248-344-0497

CITY GALLERY

Time/Date: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. through July 19

Location: Crockett Center, 28600 11 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: Paintings by Marilyn Thomas are on exhibit

Contact: 248-473-1856

DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS

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

Location: 5200 Woodward, Detroit

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

Exhibits: Shirin Neshat, includes eight video installations and two series of photos, through July 7; printmaking by Ellsworth Kelly, through Sept. 8

Contact: 313-833-7900, www.dia.org

FARMINGTON ART FOUNDATION

Time/Date: 4:30-6 p.m. Friday, June 28

Location: In the Village Mall, southeast corner of Grand River Ave. and Farmington Road, Farmington

Details: Grand opening of Foundation art gallery. Meet the artists, view their works and enjoy complimentary refreshments and snacks

Contact: www.farmingtonartfoundation.org

NORTHVILLE ART HOUSE

Time/Date: 1-5 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, through June 30

Location: 215 W. Cady, Northville

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

Contact: 248-344-0497

VAAL

Time/Date: Through June 28

Location: Livonia Civic Center Library, 31000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia

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

Contact: 734-638-1204, www.vaalart.org

VILLAGE THEATER

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday-Friday and one hour before and during public performance at the theater, as well as by appointment; July 1-28

Location: 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton

Details: Kyle Culp and Scott Ferguson exhibit their works

Contact: 734-394-5300; cantonvillageattheater.org

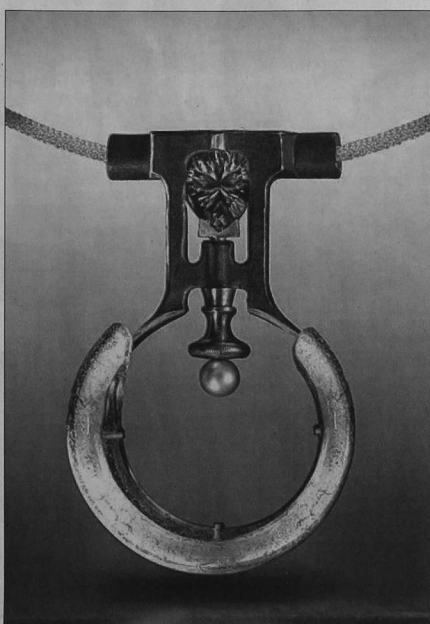
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COMPUWARE ARENA DRIVE-IN

Time/Date: Gates open at 7:30 p.m., movies starting around 9:20 p.m., daily, through Sept. 1

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

Details: 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 listed to the movies on the FM band of their car radio



"Cleopatra's Desire" is by Michael Stephens, one of the more than 60 artists who will show their work at Northville's Art and Acts Festival, Friday-Sunday, June 28-30.

Contact: 734-927-3284

PENN THEATRE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 28-29 and 4:35 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, June 30

Location: 760 Pennington Ave., Plymouth

Details: "The Sapphires," admission, "\$3

Coming up: "Iron Man 3," 7 p.m. and 9:25 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 6-7 and 4:15 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, July 7; "The Great Gatsby," 7 p.m. Friday, July 12, and 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, July 13-14

Summer Matinee: "Back to the Future," June 27; "Raiders of the Lost Ark," July 11, E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial, July 18; "The Goonies," July 25; "Annie," Aug. 1; "The Sound of Music," Aug. 15; "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang," Aug. 22; "The Muppet Movie," Aug. 29. Movies run from 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Contact: 734-453-0870, www.penntheatre.com

HISTORICAL PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL MUSEUM

Time/Date: 1-4 p.m. Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday

Location: 155 S. Main, Plymouth

Details: The current exhibit, B4TV, highlights leisure activities that families and individuals engaged in before television. The exhibit runs through Nov. 10. Admission \$5 for adults and \$2 for students 6-17

Contact: www.plymouth-history.org; 734-455-8940

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

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

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

Contact: 734-453-0870 or email to plymouthelks1780@plymouth-ohio.com

PLYMOUTH COFFEE BEAN

Time/Date: 7:30-10 p.m. every Monday

Location: 884 Pennington, Plymouth

mouth. Details: Open mic for music and poetry

Friday featured artists: Kenneth Michael, June 28, Signature Mistakes, July 5, Tritone Paradox, July 13; Potters Field, July 26. Featured performer concerts start at 8 p.m.

Contact: 734-454-0178

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Friday, June 28

Location: In the Forum Rectal Hall, on the main campus, located on Hagerty, between Six Mile and Seven Mile, Livonia

Details: Participants in Schoolcraft College's annual weeklong Summer Rhythm Camp for young pianists will perform a variety of solo and duet selections. Performers are in grades three-12. Admission is free

Contact: www.schoolcraft.edu

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: Genna and Jesse, June 28; Shari Kane and Dave Steele, June 29; Harpeth Rising, July 12; Brion Rihorn with Chris Dupont, July 13; Jarrod with Kelsey Rottiers, July 20; The Lost Dogs, July 27; Lindsay Loy and the Flatbellys, Aug. 2; Kaivana, Aug. 8. Most shows tickets are \$15, and \$12 for subscribers. Only cash and checks are accepted

Contact: 734-644-6302

VILLAGE THEATER

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, July 13

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

Details: Peter Karris, best known for his portrayal of the title role in Andrew Lloyd Webber's, "Phantom of the Opera," performs popular songs from musicals. Tickets are \$20 and are available from www.cantonvillageattheater.org

Contact: 734-394-5460

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Casting set in July for new Michigan film

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Actors of all ages, dressed in street clothes, are needed for filming July 28th and July 19 at Archie's Coney Island, 29433 Eight Mile, Livonia.

A casting call for all ages is set for July 22 at

St. John's Greek Orthodox Church, 11455 Metropolitan Parkway (16 Mile) in Sterling Heights. Actors should wear funeral attire.

Youngsters, 6-10, dressed in school-appropriate clothing are needed from July 26-Aug. 2 at the Academy of the Sacred Heart, 1250 Kensington, Bloomfield Hills.

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Makes about 12 servings

Crust:

- 1½ cups (16 ounces) roasted salted pistachios
- 2 cups sweetened flaked coconut
- ¼ cup granulated sugar
- 4 tablespoons (½ stick) butter, melted
- Leaf green icing color
- Filling:
- 3 packages (8 ounces each) cream cheese, softened
- ¼ cup granulated sugar
- 1 teaspoon imitation clear vanilla
- 1 cup heavy whipping cream
- 1 package (16 ounces) frozen whole strawberries, thawed, pured and strained (about 1½ cups)
- 1 envelope (½ ounce) unflavored gelatin
- No-taste red icing color
- ¼ cup mini chocolate chips, divided

In food processor, pulse pistachios until coarsely ground. Add coconut, sugar, butter and icing color; pulse until well combined. Press into bottom and ½ up side of 9-inch springform pan. Refrigerate while making filling.

In large bowl, beat cream cheese, sugar and vanilla until light and creamy. Add heavy cream and beat until combined.

In small saucepan, bring strawberry juice just to boiling, stirring constantly. Remove from heat. Sprinkle gelatin evenly over top and whisk vigorously to dissolve completely, about 3 minutes. Pour into cream cheese mixture. Add icing color and beat until well combined. Beat in ¼ cup mini chocolate chips. Pour into chilled crust. Sprinkle top with remaining chocolate chips. Refrigerate until set, about 3 hours.

SWEET SLIDERS

Makes about 24 Sweet Sliders

Cake Buns:

- 1 package (16 ounces) yellow cake mix
- ½ cup water and vegetable oil to prepare mix
- Brownie Patties:
- ½ cup all-purpose flour
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 3 tablespoons unsalted butter
- ½ cup granulated sugar
- 1 tablespoon water
- ½ cup semi-sweet chocolate chips
- ½ teaspoon pure vanilla extract
- 1 egg
- Toppings:
- Shredded coconut
- Leaf green icing color
- Assorted fruit flavored candies
- Red sparkle gel
- Yellow sparkle gel

Preheat oven to 350°F. Prepare whoopie pie pan with vegetable pan spray.

For buns, combine cake mix, eggs, water and oil in large bowl; mix according to package instructions. Fill prepared pan cavities ½ full with cake batter. Bake 9 to 11 minutes, or until tops of cake spring back when touched. Cool in pan 10 minutes; remove to cooling grid and cool completely. Repeat with remaining cake batter.

For patties, combine flour and salt in small bowl. In small saucepan, melt butter and sugar with water; stir until sugar is dissolved. Add chocolate chips; stir until melted. Remove from heat. Stir in vanilla extract.

In large bowl, beat egg with electric mixer. Add chocolate mixture; mix well. Add flour mixture; stir until just combined. Divide batter evenly between whoopie pie pan cavities, filling about ⅓ full. Bake 9 to 11 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center comes out nearly clean. Cool 10 minutes; loosen edges of brownies and remove from pan. Cool completely.

For toppings, mix shredded coconut with leaf green icing color for lettuce. Roll yellow fruit candies into thin layers for cheese. Use red and yellow sparkle gels for ketchup and mustard. To assemble, top cake bun with a brownie patty. Add toppings and finish with second cake bun.

RED, WHITE AND BLUE TREAT POPS

Makes about 12 Treat Pops

Whoopie Pie Cakes:

- 1½ cups all-purpose flour
- 1½ teaspoons baking powder
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- 6 tablespoons butter, softened
- ½ cup granulated sugar
- 2 egg whites
- 1½ teaspoons imitation clear vanilla extract
- ½ cup milk
- Filling:
- 3 cups buttercream icing
- Christmas red icing color
- Royal blue icing color
- Patriotic mix sprinkles
- Rocket Treat Pops Toppers

Preheat oven to 350°F. Prepare mini whoopie pie pan with vegetable pan spray.

In large bowl, stir together flour, baking powder and salt. In large bowl, beat butter and sugar with electric mixer until light and fluffy. Add egg whites and vanilla extract and beat until well combined. Alternately add flour mixture and milk in three additions, beating until just combined. Spoon one tablespoon batter into each cavity.

Bake 9 to 11 minutes or until tops of cakes spring back when touched. Cool in pan 3 minutes. Cool completely on cooling grid. In separate small bowls, tint 1 cup buttercream red, 1 cup blue and reserve 1 cup white. To assemble: Place one cake in bottom of treat pop. Pipe a swirl of blue icing from back edge following the curve of the container to the front, then filling in the center; add sprinkles. Add second cake. Pipe a swirl of white icing; add sprinkles. Top with another cake. Pipe a swirl of red icing. Top with Patriotic Sprinkles or Rocket Treat Pops Toppers.

Tip: Substitute vanilla wafer cookies for whoopie pie cakes.

JUNE FEMININE ARCHETYPES

Time/Date: 1:8 p.m. Saturday, June 29
Location: Northwest Unitarian Universalist Church, 23925 Northwestern Highway, Southfield
Details: Rev. Kim Riegel and Kathy Igoe, life coach, will lead a "Crone Rave," a gathering of women, who come together in a ritual experience to explore sacred feminine archetypes and societal female stereotypes. The event will include a labyrinth walk and a celebration of community with dance, words, music and food. Attendees will receive a goddess book with sacred feminine archetypes by Jean Shinoda Bolen, M.D., a Crone Rave Journal and a Wise Crone photograph. They'll also have an opportunity to create a Maiden-Mother-Crone keepsake artwork. **Contact:** Register at www.igoe-walk.com. Call the church at 248-354-4488

JULY EMBROIDERY

Time/Date: 9:30 a.m. social time, 10 a.m. meeting, Wednesday, July 3
Location: Faith Covenant Church, 14 Mile and Drake in Farmington Hills
Details: The Farmington Hills Embroiders' Guild meets
Contact: 248-474-6771

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.staidanilivonia.org

RUMMAGE SALE

Time/Date: 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Friday, July 26 and 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, July 27
Location: Timothy Lutheran Church, 8802 Wayne Road, south of Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia
Details: The sale will be in the lower level of the church
Contact: 734-425-0062

SINGLE PLACE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday, July 11-25
Location: First Presbyterian Church of Northville, 200 East Main Street, Northville
Details: Terry Erchenbrecher of St. Mary's Church will talk about "Life's Simple Seven" - seven ways to manage cardiovascular risk factors and improving your lifestyle, July 11; a cookout will be held July 18; cards and games night is planned for July 25. Ice cream is available July 11 and 25 for \$5. The cookout costs \$7
Contact: www.singleplace.org

WOW JAM

Time/Date: 4:8 p.m. Friday, July 19
Location: Goudy Recreational Park, 3355 South Wayne Road,



Stephen and Linda Tavani sing to the crowd at a previous Cornerstone Church "Wow Jam" in Wayne. This year's event, which includes free giveaways, is set for July 19 in Goudy Recreational Park, 3355 S. Wayne Road.

Details: Cornerstone Church offers this event that will include free groceries, free haircuts and manicures, free family photos, free bike repair, free potted plants, free hot meals and a singing contest with a \$100 first prize. Stephen and Linda Tavani perform live, inspiring and uplifting music
Contact: hunt78@gmail.com or info-cornerstonechurch.org

AUGUST CAR SHOW

Time/Date: 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 14
Location: Livonia Church of Christ, 15431 Meridian, Livonia
Details: 12th annual Charity Car Show will benefit Angela Hospice. All makes of cars, trucks and motorcycles are welcome. There are cash trophies plus best of show, a club participation award, goodie bags for the first 75 entrants, door prizes, a live DJ, and food and drinks available for purchase. The entry fee to show a vehicle is \$15. No charge to view the entries. Organizations also are seeking sponsors for the show
Contact: 734-427-8743
CHOIR DIRECTOR WORKSHOP
Time/Date: 6:30-8 p.m. Aug. 12
Location: Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 30650 W. Six Mile, Livonia

Details: The three-day workshop at Holy Cross Lutheran Church is designed for choir directors and music educators, led by Michael Burkhardt
Contact: www.hearthands-voices.org; 734-427-1414 for more information.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Time/Date: 9:30 a.m.-noon, Aug. 5-8
Location: Fellowship Hall at Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, 9601 Hubbard, Livonia
Details: Designed for children, 3, through those entering fifth grade in the fall. Cost is \$10 per child and \$25 for families with three or more children. Each child will receive a free CD with all of the music from the week. Registration forms are available in the church office
Contact: Pam Gunderson at rgpcchurch@yahoo.com or 734-427-0894, Ext. 14

WORSHIP & MUSIC CAMP

Time/Date: 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Aug. 12-15
Location: Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 30650 W. Six Mile, Livonia
Details: "Hearts, Hands and Voices," is designed to help students in grades 2-7 grow spiritually and musically
Contact: Register at www.hearthandsvoices.org; 734-427-1414

ONGOING CLASSES/STUDY

Men's Bible study
Time/Date: Breakfast at 7 a.m. and study at 8 a.m.
Location: Kirby's Cone Island, 21200 Haggerty, 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
Our Lady of Loretto
Time/Date: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday
Location: Six Mile and Beech Daily, Redford
Details: Scripture study
Contact: 313-534-9000

St. Michael the Archangel

Time/Date: 7:8:30 p.m. the second and fourth Thursday
Location: School library, 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, Livonia
Details: Catholic author and scholar Gary Michuta, leads a study of the Gospel of St. Luke. The sessions are open to all, regardless of their faith or parish affiliation
Contact: 734-261-1455, Ext. 200, or www.livoniamichael.org

Ward Presbyterian

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Mondays
Location: Room A101, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville
Details: Learner's Bible study is held
Contact: 248-374-5920

FAMILY COMMUNITY MEAL

Time/Date: 5:6 p.m. every Thursday
Location: The Salvation Army, 27500 Shawneese, Farmington Hills
Details: Free meal
Contact: 248-477-1153, Ext. 12

FOOD BANK

New Hope Church
Time/Date: 5:7 p.m., every Friday by appointment only
Location: 44815 Cherry Hill, Farmington Hills
Contact: Call pastor Raney Brown to schedule an appointment at 734-270-2528.

MOMS

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 9:30-1:30 a.m. second Tuesday, MOPS; 7:8:30 p.m. first and third Thursday, MOPSnext. Both programs run September-May
Location: 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia
Details: Mothers of Preschoolers is aimed at mothers of infants through kindergarten; MOPSnext supports mothers of school-age children
Contact: Rebekah Creeden at 734-622-6830 for MOPS and Susan Magner at 248-478-3643 for MOPSnext details
Dunning Park Bible Chapel

Time/Date: 9:30-1:30 a.m. first and third Tuesdays
Location: 24800 West Chicago Road, Redford
Details: MOPS is a place where moms can build friendships, receive mothering support, practical help and spiritual hope.
Contact: Amy at 313-937-3084 or Kristin at 734-542-0763

PET-FRIENDLY SERVICE

Time/Date: 1 p.m. Sunday
Location: Dunk N Dogs, 27911 Five Mile, Livonia
Details: All Creatures ULC sponsors the service, which is conducted in an informal setting. Pet blessings are available after the service. All Creatures ULC describes the gathering as non-denominational and Christian. Water is available for dogs
Contact: 313-563-0162

PRAYER

Nardin Park United Methodist Church

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesday
Location: 29887 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills
Details: Participate in an open time of praying silently and aloud together as well as responding to personal requests.
Contact: 248-476-8860

St. Edith Church

Location: 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. Enter through the back

of the church.
Details: Music, singing, prayer
Contact: Grace at 734-464-1896, Shirley at 734-464-3656 or Geri at 734-464-8906

St. Michael Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 6:7 a.m. Monday-Friday
Location: 7000 Sheldon, Canton
Details: Praying silently or aloud together; prayer requests welcomed
Contact: 734-459-3333

SINGLES

Detroit World Outreach

Time/Date: 4:6 p.m. Sunday
Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford; room 304
Details: Divorce Overcomers group is designed for individuals going through divorce, those who are divorced or separated. Occasionally includes guest speakers; open to the public and visitors are welcome.
Contact: The facilitator at 313-283-2000, lebdw.org

First Presbyterian Church

Time/Date: 7:30-7:45 p.m., social time; 7:45-8 p.m., opening; 8-9 p.m., program Thursdays
Location: 200 E. Main St., Northville
Details: Single Place Ministry; cost is \$5
Contact: 248-249-0911 or visit www.singleplace.org

Passages

How to reach us:
 1-800-579-7555 • fax 313-406-4908 • ceobits@hometownlife.com

Deadlines: Friday, 4:15 p.m. for Sunday paper
 Wednesday, 9:45 a.m. for Thursday paper

CRANFORD, BILEY F.

79, died June 25 at St. Mary's Hospice, Livonia. He is survived by his wife of 56 years Maryann Cranford, daughter Lori Mifud of Brighton, sons Billy David Cranford of Hudson, MI, James Cranford of Ann Arbor, MI and Joel Cranford of Smyrna, TN, sisters Della Barker and Linda Smidwick of Union City, TN, brother Terry Cranford of Troy, TN, seven granddaughters, three grandsons, three great-grandsons. He is predeceased by parents Auty and Buncie Cranford of Homestead, TN, sisters Josephine Phillips (Troy, TN), Sarah Harris (Troy, TN), and Sammy Johnson (Union City, TN), a brother, Norris Cranford (Union City, TN) and a son-in-law, Joe Mifud (Brighton, MI). Visitation will be held Friday, June 28 from 6:00PM to 9:00PM at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth, Michigan. Celebration and memorial will be Saturday at 10:00AM with interment following at Knollwood Memorial Park, Canton, MI. In lieu of flowers the family warmly welcomes donations in Billy's name to Shula-Lewis Children's Home at www.Shula-Lewis.org. Complete obituary at www.SchraderHowell.com

JOHNSON, CATHERINE A.

June 23, 2013, age 76. Beloved wife of the late Ron Johnson. Dearest mother of Greg and Richard Passino. Loving grandmother of Bradley, Daniel and Richard. Also survived by 2 sisters. Memorial Service Friday 8 a.m. from the chapel of the L. J. Griffin Funeral Home 42600 Ford Rd. (W. of Lilley). Family will receive visitors at 6 p.m. until time of service. Share a "Memorial Tribute" with the family at a.griffinfuneralhome.com

GRIFFIN

L.J. GRIFFIN FUNERAL HOME, INC.

LAMB, THOMAS H.

November 11, 1941; June 25, 2013, age 71. Beloved husband of Gail Dear father of Lori Orsette, Trina Lay, Thomas (Jesse) Lamb and Nicholas Lamb. Grandfather of Kelsey, Mykela, Emily, Evan, Ryan, Clara and Tabitha. Brother of Robert (Diane) Lamb and Sharon Chalus. Visitation Thursday 2pm-8pm at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 South Main Street, Plymouth. Funeral services will be conducted on Friday 11am. Share your special thoughts and memories at www.schrader-howell.com

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 Sunday Mass 8:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.
 Confession: 1st Friday 7:00-8:00 p.m.
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 248-374-5920
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 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia, just north of I-96
www.christsaviorslutheran.org
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 Tuesday 8:30 P.M.
 Website: www.stpaulslivonia.org

ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL
 13451 Pennington
 Plymouth Church (734) 463-3393
 School Phone: (734) 462-0660
 Website: www.stpcp.org
 WORSHIP SERVICES
 Sunday Worship 9:30am

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Fellowship Presbyterian Church
 Adult Sunday: 9:30 - 10:15 a.m. • Worship: 10:30 a.m.
 Childrens Sunday School: 10:30 a.m.
 Services held at: Saint Andrews Episcopal Church
 16560 Hubbard Road in Livonia • South of Six Mile Road
 Nursery provided • www.fellowship-presbyterian.org

For Information regarding this directory, please call Sue Sare at 248-437-2011 ext. 247 or e-mail: ssare@hometownlife.com

REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

Investors

Investors ask: Can I get a mortgage with the new mortgage rules? How many? Costs? What government programs are available? Monthly meeting of the Real Estate Investors Association of Oakland Thursday, July 11, 5:30-9:30 p.m. at Club Venetian, John R just north of 12 Mile, Madison Heights. Semi-annual free to members and nonmembers. Call 800-747-6742 (www.REIAofOakland.com) e-mail: reianews@aol.com.

Short sales

If you owe more than what your house is worth, you may be interested in a free informational seminar on short sale procedures. Organizers will also discuss the internal workings of short sales and the different steps involved.

Bonnie David, broker/owner of Quantum Real Estate, is the presenter. It will be 6-7 p.m. Thursdays at 129 N. Lafayette, downtown South Lyon.

Additional parking across the street in back. Please call the office at 248-782-7130 or e-mail: queen@quantumreal.com or 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@addedvalueforeclosure.com or visit FreeForeclosureTour.com.

Seminar on Tuesdays

A free Reverse Mortgage Seminar is 6:30 p.m. each Tuesday at Colonial Mortgage Corp., 3919 Plymouth Road, Livonia.

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

Investors

The Real Estate Investors Association of Wayne will have an open forum. Investors will answer questions and offer a market update. Seminars are at 7:30 p.m. each first Tuesday of the month at the Red Lobster on Eureka in Southgate. Members are free, guests \$20, which will be applied to their membership.

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



Artega Homes for Callaway Idea ShowHouse won in the homes priced as shown over \$650,000 category.

Award-winning homes highlight local lifestyles

The Home Builders Association of Southeastern Michigan announced the winners in its 24th annual Parade of Homes architectural judging. Parade of Homes is an exhibition of 43 new model homes under construction and pre-construction homes and condominiums located throughout southeastern Michigan.

The showcase takes place June 1-30. All 43 homes are featured at www.ParadeHBA.com. HBA and Bank of America Home Loans sponsor the event.

In this year's architectural judging, blue ribbons were awarded to the model homes in six categories. Winning homes were selected based on the following criteria: best value for the price, best use of space, most innovative design and aesthetic appeal. Before being judged in these categories, participating homes were divided into categories by price, with a separate category for attached condominiums.

The blue ribbon homes are:

» Attached condominiums - Moceri Companies for Clarenton

» Home base priced over \$200,000 - Infinity Homes & Soave Homes for Columbia

» Homes base priced \$250,000 To \$325,000 - Mark Adler Homes for Packard

» Homes base priced over \$325,000 To \$400,000 - Tall Oaks Ventures for St. Andrew IV

» Homes base priced over \$400,000 To \$500,000 - MJ Oakland Hunt for The Logan

» Homes priced as shown over \$650,000 - Artega Homes for Callaway Idea ShowHouse
A panel of local architects and industry experts judged the homes. Participating judges were Lonny S. Zimmerman, AIA, NCAARB of Siegal/Ziomala Associates; Benedetto Tiseo, FAIA, NCAARB of Tiseo Architects, Inc.; Michael J. Gordon, RA of Moiseev/Gordon Associates and Paul Salloum of Bank of America Home Loans. The Parade of Homes models are located throughout southeastern Michigan and can be viewed via open house tours, or online at www.ParadeHBA.com.

Free Parade of Homes magazines are available at area Bank of America Home Loans locations and Kroger stores. Addresses for those locations are at www.ParadeHBA.com. For additional information on the Parade of Homes, call (248) 862-1016.

Headquartered in West Bloomfield, HBA is a trade association representing over 600 builders, remodelers, multi-family property owners, developers and suppliers to the single family and multifamily residential construction industry. HBA is affiliated with the Home Builders Association of Michigan in Lansing and the National Association of Home Builders in Washington, D.C.

Check with lawyer on project

Q: Our developer has a portion of the property that he has labeled must be built, but has not completed the construction of the entire project and there are a couple of acres that lay dormant within the condominium. It has been seven and a half years since the project was established and I am curious as to how long the developer has.

A: You are best to call an experienced condominium attorney to speak with you about Section 67 of the Condominium Act which may have given you, already, the right as an association to claim the portion of the property that was not identified as must be built as a common element of the condominium having reverted to the co-owners since the developer may not have complied with his obligations to build within a six-year period from the time the developer exercised its rights with respect to either expansion, contraction, or

conversion, which could be as early as the recording of the master deed or, depending on the circumstances, the date of commencement of construction of the project. The buyers are very important in determining whether or not your developer has lost his right to build on this area which could result in potentially a substantial windfall to the association if it plays its cards right.

Q: I am the owner of an apartment co-op who entered into an exclusive agency agreement with my broker and accepted an offer, subject to approval by the co-op board. Meanwhile, the broker met with other prospective buyers at an open house and showed them other apartments, including another in the same building as mine. The deal went to my first buyer fell through, and the prospective buyer saw my apartment again, making an offer for slightly less than the asking price with the Broker reducing her commission to 5 percent. I accepted the offer, but I don't think I should be paying any commission because by showing the deal with other properties, the broker acted as a dual agent without having made full disclosure in obtaining consent of both the buyer and me. Do you think I have any recourse?

A: I think you should speak to an attorney, but if your only concern is with the broker showing other properties, then it is not likely that you have any recourse. In a recent case out of New York, on similar facts, the court held as a matter of law that the broker did not act as a dual agent. The court said that absent an agreement with the seller to the contrary, a broker has no duty to guide from showing prospective buyers other properties. The court in that case thought that any other holding would unreasonably restrain a broker from cultivating potential clients at open houses for their principals. If, however, the broker represented the prospective buyer in making the offer on your apartment, then you probably would have a cause of action.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of *Condominium Living: A Guide to Buying, Selling, and Operating a Condominium*. It is available for \$24.95 plus \$5.50 for tax, shipping and handling. *Condominium Living* is available in both print and e-book editions. The e-book is available for download through iTunes, Amazon.com, and BarnesandNoble.com. He is also the author of *Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Stay on the Right Track*, second edition. It is available for \$9.95 plus \$2.50 for tax, shipping and handling. Call (428) 644-4433 or visit meisnerlaw.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of March 4-10, 2013, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are city, addresses, and sales prices.

CANTON	
7364 Admiralty Dr	\$230,000
44121 Lexington Rd	\$168,000
44265 Cranberry Dr	\$160,000
2361 E Roundtable Dr	\$156,000
1148 Elizabeth Ave	\$113,000
7236 Glenhurst Dr	\$148,000
3870 Hawthorne Blvd	\$71,000
661 Merrimack Rd	\$148,000
4123 Monarch Ave	\$168,000
7236 Glenhurst Dr	\$85,000
2189 Premier Ln	\$77,000
6689 Strubridge Ln	\$180,000
6169 Valley View Dr	\$343,000
GARDEN CITY	
29085 Alvin St	\$92,000
31240 Alvin St	\$65,000
22751 Veno Cir	\$55,000
9411 Perce St	\$100,000
1409 Ralph St	\$90,000
19699 Sheridan St	\$70,000

LIVONIA	
8919 Beatrice St	\$80,000
36716 Bobbitt St	\$200,000
15582 Brookfield St	\$88,000
14220 Cavell St	\$93,000
29551 Curtis Rd	\$25,000
16476 Flamingo St	\$149,000
18622 Golfview St	\$160,000
36507 Grandon St	\$155,000
31121 Joy Rd	\$74,000
35216 Joy Rd	\$135,000
18328 Lathers St	\$15,000
17596 McNamee Dr	\$205,000
28521 N Clements Cir	\$140,000
14857 Park St	\$145,000
38668 Ross St	\$135,000
8843 Stonehouse Ave	\$137,000
21754 Summers St	\$100,000
37121 Turnbury Dr	\$310,000
18342 University Park Dr	\$60,000
35578 Veri St	\$119,000
9245 Virginia St	\$285,000
28090 W Chicago St	\$90,000
18797 Westbrook Dr	\$78,000
9411 Westwind Dr	\$242,000
4634 City Court Dr	\$135,000
NORTHVILLE	
4634 City Court Dr	\$135,000

PLYMOUTH	
16726 Forest Dr	\$504,000
48843 Freestone Dr	\$462,000
16789 Horseshoe Dr	\$496,000
17187 Maple Hill Dr	\$332,000
49520 Parkside Dr	\$320,000
49297 Rainbow Ln S	\$265,000
39819 Rockcrest Cir	\$140,000
47353 W Main St	\$630,000
259 Wing Ct	\$350,000
PLYMOUTH	
10634 Jo Ann Ln	\$500,000
522 Adams St	\$205,000
4182 Crestwood Dr	\$231,000
10634 Jo Ann Ln	\$246,000
675 Leisterwood Dr	\$241,000
797 N Holbrook St	\$325,000
1131 Pennington Ave	\$839,000
49866 Points Xing	\$150,000
11959 Sheldon Rd	\$50,000
REDFORD	
9970 Bervyn	\$60,000
17125 Drive	\$12,000
13552 Croley	\$49,000
26609 Duval	\$50,000
18908 Garfield	\$35,000
26234 Hope	\$36,000
9050 Leverette	\$75,000
14162 Leverette	\$30,000

ROCKFORD	
16694 Lola Dr	\$400,000
18219 MacArthur	\$468,000
9902 Norborne	\$65,000
15411 Woodworth	\$32,000
20137 Woodworth	\$17,000
WESTLAND	
38525 Chestnut Ln	\$79,000
37443 Colonial Dr	\$47,000
37505 Colonial Dr	\$55,000
8001 Coventry St	\$19,800
7507 Culpepper Ct	\$46,000
36768 Dartmouth Dr	\$89,000
36528 Deer Run Ct N	\$89,000
1232 Easley Dr	\$43,000
30949 Hivley St	\$79,000
33303 Lynx St	\$82,000
7272 N Globe St	\$45,000
8340 N Henry Ruff Rd	\$88,000
155 N Hix Rd	\$48,000
164 N Univille St	\$48,000
35849 Oregon Ave	\$57,000
33240 Parkwood St	\$40,000
847 S Dowling St	\$123,000
34310 Shawnee St	\$71,000
36026 Somerset St	\$37,000
35633 Somerset St	\$127,000
37131 Vincent St	\$100,000

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Feb. 11-15, 2013, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are city, addresses, and sales prices.

BEVERLY HILLS	
17549 Kirkshire Ave	\$225,000
30525 Stellamar St	\$300,000
BIRMINGHAM	
5955 N Old Woodward	\$185,000
544 Oakdale Ave	\$358,000
1717 Bates St	\$678,000
BLOOMFIELD HILLS	
3251 Chestnut Run Dr	\$567,000
2734 Courville Dr	\$250,000
3834 Quanton Rd	\$290,000
2930 Middlebury Ln	\$620,000
2957 N Westview Ct	\$275,000
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP	
751 Hawthorne Dr	\$345,000
1573 Hemsworth Ct	\$576,000
5855 Lahser Rd	\$699,000
9115 Lampwick Ct	\$325,000

CLINTON TOWNSHIP	
3843 Balmory Rd	\$175,000
5592 Bentwood Ln	\$340,000
5254 Bridge Trl E	\$280,000
2035 Brigantine	\$400,000
1638 Commerce Shrs	\$212,000
3087 Ivy Hill Dr	\$375,000
FARMINGTON	
3607 Alta Loma Dr	\$88,000
22849 Maple Ave	\$116,000
11621 Marblehead Rd	\$129,000
FARMINGTON HILLS	
31731 Belmont St	\$139,000
37473 Bortwick Pl	\$93,000
22386 Chapleigh Dr	\$150,000
24205 Farmington Rd	\$181,000
25105 Fox Creek	\$280,000
26193 Kittaton St	\$135,000
29606 Middlebelt Unit 180	\$50,000
31705 Nottingham St	\$150,000

FRANKLIN	
30594 Orchard Lake Unit 4	\$48,000
26070 Pillsbury St	\$210,000
21700 River Ridge Trl	\$198,000
38320 Saratoga Cir	\$147,000
28360 Shiloh Ct	\$212,000
MALDEN	
238 Noble St	\$92,000
20840 Duns Scotus St	\$92,000
NORTHVILLE	
50128 Carrington Dr	\$50,000
28258 Cypress Dr	\$50,000
44950 Bayview Dr	\$70,000
24332 Cavendish Ave E	\$419,000
44613 Ellery Ln	\$118,000
27877 Floyd Ln	\$176,000
50927 Glades Ct W	\$79,000
45091 Iroquois Ct	\$470,000
47282 Laurel Rd	\$50,000
29865 Lilley Trl	\$261,000
23627 N Rockledge	\$79,000
41135 S McMahon Cir	\$102,000
23837 W Le Best	\$125,000
29451 Weston Dr	\$160,000
42559 Whitman Way	\$240,000

SOUTH LYON	
794 Huntington Dr	\$259,000
21700 River Ridge Trl	\$198,000
SWANSEA	
354 HADGADORN ST	\$106,000
1034 Paddock Dr	\$203,000
SOUTHFIELD	
2160 Dartmouth Dr	\$130,000
20840 Duns Scotus St	\$55,000
17669 Jeannette St	\$70,000
17171 Lincoln Dr	\$70,000
28233 Red Leaf Ln	\$40,000
25720 Southfield # A206	\$30,000
29448 Spring Hill Dr	\$135,000
26701 W Carnegie Park	\$30,000
2965 Westhampton	\$40,000
TROY	
6588 Oakley Beach Dr	\$115,000
9199 Satellite Dr	\$142,000
8198 Sequoia Ln	\$195,000
8132 Trenton Dr	\$295,000
5203 Twin Lakes Ct	\$208,000
526 Woodstone Ct	\$456,000

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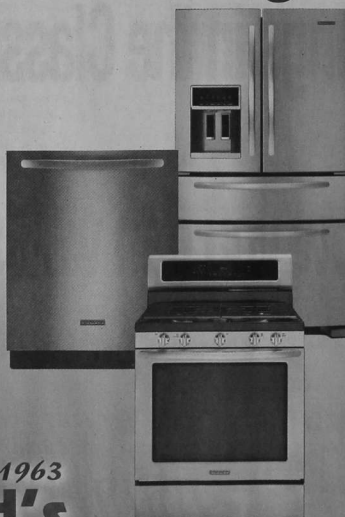


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