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Maintenance crews could be seen working Thursday afternoon at The Crossings at Canton. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Canton OKs legal action against apartment complex

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Canton has authorized legal action against The Crossings, a sprawling north-end apartment complex, unless its management company fixes faulty furnaces and addresses fire code violations that officials say could threaten the safety of hundreds of residents.

"It's a huge problem," township Trustee John Anthony said. "It's just been a real sore spot and has been neglected for a while."

In a sweeping decision, the Canton Township Board of Trustees has agreed to take The Crossings management to court unless it addresses what Supervisor Phil LaJoy called longstanding problems.

A woman who answered the

telephone Wednesday afternoon at The Crossings said she had no comment and hung up.

'Luxury apartments'

A website for The Crossings, a large complex southeast of Joy Road and I-275, portrays it as a luxury apartment community offering up to four bedrooms, patios and balconies, spiral staircases, vaulted ceilings, a clubhouse, a fitness center, an indoor Olympic-size swimming pool and a billiards and game room - located in the Plymouth-Canton school district.

Township Attorney Kristin Kolb, however, said the complex has faulty furnaces and water heaters and doors that fail to meet fire safety codes, among other issues. She said the neighborhood is more than

40 years old.

Kolb, along with a township fire inspector, a building inspector and a code enforcement officer, met with apartment management representatives Wednesday to try to address problems. Kolb said the company proposed a schedule to fix issues, starting with the most serious.

"We wanted furnaces replaced in a week," Kolb said, but the management company proposed a longer time span.

LaJoy said in March that "at least" 62 furnaces have been revealed as having potential safety problems, prompting an inspection by Canton's building and public safety departments. He said some of the problems surfaced after a contractor

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Fire Chief Joshua Meier says Canton's calls for help have increased as firefighter paramedic training has improved. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

PARAMEDICS HANDLE SPIKE IN RESCUE CALLS

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Canton firefighter paramedics are responding to a sharp increase in calls for help, even as they have worked for years to boost the level of medical care and fire suppression they bring to the doorstep, local officials say.

The Canton Fire Department received 6,612 calls for service in 2013, a startling 21-percent increase since 2007, Fire Chief Joshua Meier said. He attributed the change to a spike in population, an aging citizenry and an uptick in traffic acci-

idents.

Calls for help through March 22 of this year have totaled 1,557, compared to 1,425 for the same time period in 2013.

Despite the increase, officials say the Canton department and its 61 sworn officers have spent years improving the medical skills they bring to this community of more than 90,100 residents and countless visitors.

"We're bringing emergency room level care with us to the doorstep," Meier said.

Public Safety Director Todd Mutchler said the fire department's efforts have

caused some local residents to question why, during certain medical runs that don't involve fires, a Canton ambulance is accompanied by a fire engine.

"We get that question fairly often," he said.

Heard the remarks

Meier, too, has heard the remarks.

"The big question we get," he said, "is why did a fire truck show up when all I needed was an ambulance?"

Some residents question whether the practice is a wise use of money and personnel - until they learn it could mean

the difference between life and death.

Each of Canton's three fire stations has an ambulance and a fire engine. (Canton also has a fourth ambulance as a backup, a ladder truck and a heavy rescue rig, used for situations such as traffic crashes requiring the Jaws of Life to pry victims out.)

By sending an ambulance and a fire engine to a life-threatening medical emergency, such as a heart attack, it places four paramedics - not two - at the scene, while leaving other rigs to respond to

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Online encounter leads to robbery charges

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

A Van Buren Township man has been charged amid allegations he was involved in robbing a 42-year-old Canton man after they became acquainted through Craigslist, an online advertising website that includes personals.

Eric Lee Taylor, 35, was arraigned Thursday in 35th District Court on charges of unarmed robbery, identity theft, receiving and concealing stolen property less than \$20,000, theft of the victim's vehicle and using a financial transaction device - or credit card - without consent.

Taylor faces an April 21 preliminary examination that will determine if he should stand trial in Wayne County Circuit Court. He could face penalties ranging up to 15 years in prison, if convicted.

Taylor was jailed with a \$50,000/10-percent bond, meaning it would take \$5,000 for his release. A not-guilty plea has been placed in his court file as he awaits his court hearing.

Canton police are continuing to seek two other suspects who authorities believe actually went inside the victim's house, confronted him and robbed him of his 2012 Ford Escape, a laptop computer and credit cards.



Taylor.

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Canton library honors 28 volunteers with president's award

The duties of service volunteers at the Canton Public Library involve cutting scrap paper, dusting library shelves, watering plants, shelving books and processing library materials.

Year after year, service volunteers perform tasks from the mundane to the unusual, making a valuable contribution to the library.

In 2013, library volunteers contributed a total of 8,128 hours of service, with 28 library volunteers earning the President's Volunteer Service Award from the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation.

At a luncheon to honor the volunteers, Canton Public Library Trustee Kim Schulz presented

the award to the 28 individuals, along with a certificate of the honor, a letter signed by President Barack Obama and a service star based on the amount of hours earned:

- » Gold service star: Shirley Kelley.
- » Silver service star: Surmeet Gill, Bevis Richardson, Judy Richardson, Ilene Saunders

and Maha Zahid.

- » Bronze service star: Barb Backes, Nancy Camp, Chris Dancy, Quinn Ebner, Tammy Farley, Linda Garret, Dorothy Ham, Joyce Hoesechele, Charlie Hou, Loretta Keller, Lisa Kluka, Max Kuang, Linda Luke, Diane Miner, Loretta Olson, Nihar Pandya, Ghanshyam Patel, Gene Scharf, Kathy

Sonnastine, Carolyn Sumner, Jody Trueme and Vibha Venkatesha.

The President's Volunteer Service Award represents each volunteer's commitment to civic participation, not only with the library, but also with other organizations.

The President's Council on Service and Civic Participation was established in 2003 to recognize the valuable contributions volunteers make in communities. The President's Volunteer Service Award program was created by the council as a way to thank and honor Americans who, by their demonstrated commitment and example, inspire others to participate in volunteer service.



The Crossings at Canton is on Joy Road just east of I-275. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

COMPLEX

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hired by The Crossings management company investigated the situation.

Proactive stance
LaJoy said Canton is adopting a proactive stance to assess the

scope of problems and "figure out if there are any (furnaces) leaking carbon monoxide or anything like that." He said Wednesday that one furnace already had been removed.

Koib cited other potential problems with dryer vent connections and plumbing codes. She said The Crossings already "went through a

bankruptcy process." Meanwhile, the township board's vote Tuesday night authorizes Canton to take the matter to court unless the management company moves to fix problems and make the complex safer for residents.

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ROBBERY

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Anyone who has information is asked to call the Canton Police Department at 734-394-5400 or make an anonymous tip by calling Crime Stopper at 800-SPEAK-UP (773-2587).

Canton Detective Sgt. Chad Baugh said police found the victim's vehicle in the Ypsilanti area and recovered his laptop computer from the defendant's home.

Expecting a visit
The victim was expecting a return visit to his home on Hunters Way Court, near Geddes and Canton Center, from a man he had known about a year when he was robbed, Baugh said.

The victim opened his garage door about 11:30 p.m. Saturday, April 5. Rather than being paid a friendly visit by the acquaintance, the victim was confronted by two intruders who entered

his home through an access door off the garage, robbing him and fleeing the scene, Baugh said.

"We believe there was a gun involved," he said. Baugh said the victim described the intruders as black males who had their faces partially concealed.

After reviewing the case, the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office approved a flurry of charges, including an unarmed robbery against Taylor.

Baugh said it is believed the victim had known Taylor for about a year, adding, "He had met a man on Craigslist and had a relationship with him."

Baugh said the incident should serve as a warning to others who may be contemplating a private meeting with people through an online service.

"It can be very dangerous," he said.

Craiglist is used by people selling everything from cellphones to appli-

ances to bikes. The site also includes job listings, personals and other sections.

According to the website, the "overwhelming majority" of users are "trustworthy and well-intentioned." However, the site itself advises users to take commonsense precautions.

When meeting someone, Craiglist urges the following:

- » Insist on a public meeting place.
- » Do not meet in a secluded place or invite strangers into your home. In the Canton man's case, however, he apparently had known the defendant for some time.
- » Be especially careful when buying or selling high-value items.
- » Tell a friend or family member about any scheduled meeting – or consider being accompanied by a friend.
- » Trust your instincts.

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RESCUE

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other emergencies.

That means more medical attention to patients, Meier said, and, in dire situations, more paramedics can stay on an ambulance en route to a hospital and work along the way to

save a life.

"Our number one goal is to have positive patient outcomes," Meier said.

With the advanced medical care, patients, such as those suffering heart attacks, can often skip the hospital emergency room and be taken directly to a cardiac lab.

"By the time they get

to the hospital," Meier said, "all the preliminary care has been done by the firefighter paramedics on the ambulance."

Work with students
Once in awhile, Canton firefighter paramedics also may be accompanied at medical and fire scenes by students who, through area col-

leges, are engaging in clinical internship opportunities as they work toward careers.

All this comes as the Canton Fire Department's workload – documented by the increase in calls for help – has grown. Aside from fires, Meier said firefighter paramedics handle medical calls, hazardous materials situations,

motor vehicle accidents and public education efforts, among other duties.

Canton Fire Capt. Jamie Strasser has said firefighters have even responded to calls such as an elderly woman who couldn't manage to replace an outdated smoke alarm in an atrium of her home, so she called for help.

"It's an evolving career in a bustling community, but Canton is trying to stay ahead of the curve."

"Today's firefighters," Meier said, "are doing so much more than just putting out fires."

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South Canton Scholars Charter Academy fourth-grader Rhea Sridhara won the poetry category in the Kroger "I Can Make History" writing contest.

Fourth-grader wins poetry contest

South Canton Scholars Charter Academy fourth-grader Rhea Sridhara won the poetry category in the Kroger "I Can Make History" writing contest. The contest was held during Black History Month.

Rhea is involved in South Canton's advanced writing club. Her teacher Diana Nati encouraged all of the students in the club to enter the Kroger contest. Rhea wrote a poem about Frederick Douglass and her appreciation for his perseverance and work for freedom.

"I am very proud of Rhea and of the other students who submitted poems," Nati said. "Her poem was carefully crafted and the result was a very effective piece with a message that obviously resonated with the judges."

Kroger opened the contest to all fourth- through 12-grade students in Michigan. Students could enter one of four categories: art, essay, poetry or music.

Rhea, her family and Nati attended the winners luncheon Saturday, April 6, in Dearborn. Rhea won a laptop for earning first place in the fourth-grade poetry category.

RHEA SRIDHARA'S WINNING POEM

Dear Fredrick Douglass,
Born a slave
Then separated
From your mother
You had no rights
No freedom either
You were sold to a nicer family
Learned to read and write
This helped you with your secret plan
That no one knew
No one
It took you years of hardship
But with help
You escaped as a sailor
Finally, FREE!
Becoming a writer
You told your story
The whites knew now
How you felt
How the others felt too
You made "free"
A word to describe every-one
More supported you and the others
Now we're all free
You inspire me to persevere
Never give up, keep on trying
Without a struggle, there can be no progress
This is what you said
And this is what is true



The winning alliance at the Bedford district included Team 1023, Bedford Express of Bedford; Team 862, Lightning Robotics of Plymouth-Canton; and Team 240, Tempest of Monroe. MIKE SAUNDERS

P-CEP Robotics team competes at state finals

This year's FIRST robotics competitions are about alliances and, at the recent Bedford district, the Plymouth-Canton team was part of the winning alliance.

P-CEP FIRST Robotics Team 862 combined with Team 1023, the Bedford Express, and Team 240, Tempest of Monroe, to win the Bedford competition.

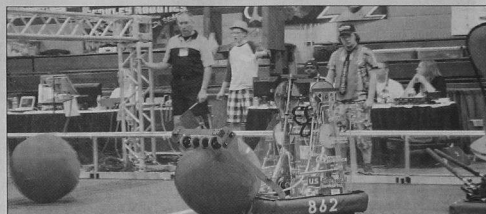
The win allowed the team to move onto the state tournament this weekend (results weren't available at press time) at Eastern Michigan University. The team went into the state competition as the 17th-ranked team in Michigan, out of 328 teams.



The drive team sends hearts to the team in the stands before a match. Team members are pilot Julian Gabriel, human player Matthew Mallinak, ref/teacher-adviser Jay Obsniuk and co-pilot Matt Dunklee.

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Egg Hunt set for April 19 at Nazarene church

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Sharon Zalewski of Farmington Hills is a pro at organizing the annual Community Egg Hunt of First Church of the Nazarene.

"I think this is my 14th hunt," said Zalewski, a church member and volunteer. "It's a lot of fun." The Community Egg Hunt will take place at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, April 19, at First Church of the Nazarene, on Haggerty north of Eight Mile.

Last year, about 1,200 people attended, Zalewski said. Preregistration is required at dncnazarene.org and will close when the limit of 600 children is reached, due to safety concerns, or April 16, whichever comes first.

"It's actually grown significantly since I started," she said, with attendance her first year at the helm around 100. "So we have grown quite a bit over those years."

It began more with the congregation members and expanded as a community outreach. "I think word of mouth has actually made our attendance grow significantly," said Zalewski, who with other volunteers also use cable TV and newspaper notices, as well as a church sign.

The hunt draws heavily from Northville, Novi, Farmington Hills and Livonia. "It's a great event for the kids, but we also try to make

it fun for the adults," she said. She and the other volunteers like that it's free to participants.

"We try to make it more than just picking up eggs," she said. The day will feature "Excellent Eggsperiments" with Madam Scientist, music and prize giveaways.

More than 15,000 eggs will be there that day for hunting, divided into these age groups: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8, 9-11.

There will be pictures with the Easter Bunny, games and a gift for bringing your friend (as well as a gift for the friend). Hot dogs, chips, cookies and drinks will be served.

Attendees should bring their Easter baskets.

Planning for the church hunt starts three or four months out and many church members, including teens, volunteer. The volunteers stuff the eggs and pack the prize bags "so we can make sure our guests have an enjoyable day," Zalewski said.

"Hopefully, we'll have another really great day," she said. Weather has been good generally, although it's a rain or shine event. Organizers are pleased this Easter is later.

"We manage to pull it off one way or another," Zalewski said.

First Church of the Nazarene is at 21250 Haggerty, north of Eight Mile, and can be reached at 248-348-7600.

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Livonia resident and volunteer Emily Snitlicher helped with crowd control at last year's annual Marshmallow Drop at Nankin Mills in Westland. FILE PHOTO

COUNTY MARKS 30TH MARSHMALLOW DROP

On Friday, April 18, marshmallows will fall from the sky.

Join Wayne County Parks that day as it celebrates the 30th anniversary of Marshmallow Drop. Marshmallows will be dropped at two Wayne County Parks locations: Elizabeth Park in Trenton at 9 a.m. and the Nankin Mills area of Hines Park in Westland at 11 a.m.

More than 20,000 marshmallows will be dropped from the Easter Bunny's helicopter to children who scramble to collect these goodies and trade them in for a prize. Children will be divided into age groups - 4 years old and younger, 5-7 years old and 8-12 years old -

to ensure that everyone has an opportunity to fully participate.

There will be one colored marshmallow to be found for each of the age groups. The finder of the colored marshmallow will receive an extra special prize, commemorating the 30th anniversary of Marshmallow Drop.

"I am happy we can provide the opportunity for families to create special memories in our Wayne County Parks," Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano said. "It is a fun, friendly and free event for our residents and visitors."

Nankin Mills is at Hines Drive and Ann Arbor Trail in

Westland. The Marshmallow Drop is the first of many warm-weather events planned by Wayne County Parks for 2014.

For more information on Marshmallow Drop or any other Wayne County Parks event, call 734-261-1990 or visit www.parks.waynecounty.com.

The Wayne County Parks Marshmallow Drop is co-sponsored by Trenton Parks and Recreation, ITC Holdings, Taylor Ford, Co-Op Services Credit Union, Shore to Shore Federal Credit Union, KSP Insurance, UAW AI, N Zone Sports, Wayne County Community College and Friends of Wayne County Parks.

Commissioner Price announces district office hours



Price

Wayne County Commissioner Shannon Price, R-10th District, has announced district office hours 1:30-3 p.m. Monday, April 14, at the Canton Public Library, 1200 S. Canton Center Road.

The session is intended to allow constituents the opportu-

nity to discuss with Price and sit down with Price and discuss matters of concern within the community.

"This type of participation from my constituents is greatly appreciated," he said in a statement. "This is a wonderful opportunity to meet and listen closely to the questions

and concerns they have. I look forward to these sessions and the input from my constituents as we continue to explore new ways of governing in Wayne County."

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"I had bad burning in my feet, this is the best thing that ever happened to me. I don't have any more pain." - Bev M., Farmington Hills, MI

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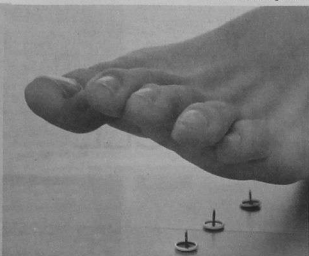
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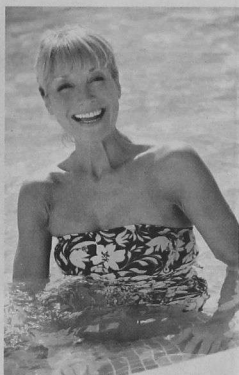
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High school welcomes veterans to USO dance

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

Michele Anderson isn't one to rest on her laurels. A history teacher at John Glenn High School in Westland, she received state recognition for her and her students' work last year on a World War II veteran's oral history project and USO-style dance.

The last musical note hadn't even been played at the dance and Anderson was already looking forward to a second project for Korean War veterans. The culmination of that project will happen this week, when Korean War veterans will be invited to the high school for their own USO dance.

"Last year's event turned out to be such a great project, with the students and veterans coming together. You could see the bond," Anderson has said.

The Remembering the Forgotten War USO dance will be 7-10 p.m. Wednesday, April 16, in the cafeteria of the high school, 36105 Marquette, west of Wayne Road, Westland. The free event is open to the public. WYCD-FM (99.5) radio personality Linda Lee, a John Glenn graduate, will be the master of ceremonies.

The evening will include recognition of the Korean War veterans and defense workers, dance music performed by the high school band and choir, a performance by singer Matt Walch, Bob Hope and Elvis impersonators and an open dance floor. Last year's swing dancers have brushed up on their dance steps and will be back.

Last year's event attracted more than 600 people and both projects have involved more than 400 students at the high

school. Students have been busy interviewing Korean War veterans and videotaping their recollections of the war. The interviews are being cataloged. They will be sent to the Library of Congress to be part of the nation's permanent cultural record.

Students also have been researching the period, producing posters about the defense industry and businesses, as well as different Korean War veterans. The displays will line the hallway leading to the cafeteria as part of the welcome. Outside will be a display of military vehicles provided by the Detroit Arsenal of Democracy.

Last year's project was funded by a more than \$6,000 grant from the Michigan Humanities Council. This year's event is being supported by donations from VFW

posts in Northville, Redford, Lincoln Park, Detroit and Carleton and veterans from those posts will be among guests at the dance.

Anderson is in the process of seeking another grant to fund next year's project, which will honor Vietnam War veterans next school year. Anderson said that when asked why she decided to do the project, she responded that "it needed to be done and it was fun." And she's already looking ahead to next year and beyond.

"If all goes well and the community continues to support the dance, I'll look at doing it another five years to talk to other veterans," she has said. "This is probably the last generation that will be able to say I spoke to those veterans."

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Wayne resident Dottie Witt, a Korean War veteran, dressed as Rosie the Riveter for last year's USO dance at John Glenn High School. FILE PHOTO

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Church recreates DaVinci's Last Supper for passion play

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

There will be something very familiar looking about the presentation of the Last Supper in Merriman Road Baptist Church's passion play this weekend. Using a scrim, the right and left sides of DaVinci's Last Supper will be displayed, showing six disciples — three on each side — while the center section will be live actors.

It's the first time the Garden City Church has used the screen in its theatrical productions and, a week before the first of two performances, director Russ Weathers was working on getting the DaVinci images the right size.

"We try not to do the same thing every year," said Weathers, a Livonia resident. "We've never done this and I have to match the table and middle with the right poses to create the painting."

The congregation will present *It Is Finished* at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, April 18-19, at the church, 2055 Merriman Road, just west of Ford Road, in Garden City. The performances are free of charge and, while they begin at 7 p.m., the Rev. Wade Parker suggests people get to the church early to get a seat.

"It tells the story of the Passion of Christ through the witness of the Apostle Peter," Parker said. "The setting is about 10 years after the Crucifixion. He reflects on what happened as he shares the meaning of Easter."

Cast members

Parker's son Evan is returning in the role of Jesus after a four-year hiatus. Scott Lefler of Westland will play the Apostle Peter. And a young Scott Van Nispen will appear as a young version of the Apostle John.

"I came and was sitting the church watching when they asked if I'd be a young Peter, but they changed me to a young John," said Van Nispen, who's been in previous productions at the church, but in lesser roles. "I'm glad I get to represent Jesus and God and how He died for our sins."

That's a sentiment shared by Weathers' son Michael. He has been cast as Nathaniel, who in one scene is confronted by a Roman guard, played by Parker's son-in-law Brian Wade, when he runs out and asks his friends if they had met Jesus.

"I've had mainly small parts in the shows, but one year, I was Jesus when he was 12 years old," he said. "This is kind of fun to do and great that I get to share the word of God."

The church has been doing Easter plays almost since the day Parker became pastor. He started staging them in



Pastor Wayne Parker has been producing Passion plays at Merriman Road Baptist Church since 1997. PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

1997 and Wade estimates he's played a Roman guard in 12 of them.

"I play the villain every single time," the Garden City resident said. "I've been involved in crucifying Jesus every single time. I've beaten Him, I've whipped Him and I've 'pounded' nails in His hands and feet. As Marcus, I see Nathaniel preaching the word of Jesus. This is the first play where I've had to stunt slap a child."

Glorify to Jesus

Wade was in all of his high school musicals and when he found out they did musical productions at Merriman Road, he got involved. His first role was a Roman guard and he's "been doing it ever since." He jokes that he has played a Roman guard so many times that his uniform has "blood" on it from the previous shows.

"When I first started playing the role, I had a guilt about what I was



Brian Wade of Garden City, playing Marcus, a Roman soldier, throws Scott Van Nispen of Westland, playing John, toward the group. In the background, Roman soldier Amicus, played by Dave Ferraro of Garden City, finds himself growing closer to the group, which includes Nancy Van Nispen of Westland as Jerusha, Pat Aynes of Garden City as Tabitha, Rachel VanNispen, who plays a young girl, and Scott Van Nispen as John.

doing, but I realized that the more the people saw how cruelly Jesus was treated, the more glory He gets. It's one of the few parts that the more cruel and mean you are, the more glory it brings to Jesus."

Weathers, a Livonia resident, has been directing the plays for more than seven years. He started out helping with the productions and then "inherited the job as director."

His goal is to not have anything go wrong dur-

ing the production that will distract from the story. If it goes right, "God gets the glory," he said.

"The one thing I've learned is that every person is important in the production," he added. "The actors get the attention, but if the sound doesn't come on or the props don't come out ... my goal is that everything goes smoothly on Friday and Saturday."

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June 12-13, Brighton Scramion Middle School, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Fundamentals Camp for ages ages 6-14).

July 19, 26, Aug. 2, Southfield Inglebrook Park, 10-11 a.m. (Lil' Li-

ons Academy for ages 4-8).

July 21-23, South Lyon Volunteer Park, 6:15-7:15 p.m. (Lil' Lions Academy for ages 4-8). One scholarship will be offered for the **June 30 through July 3 Plymouth Central Middle School Camp** from 8:30 a.m. to noon (Fundamentals Camp for youth ages 6-14).

The camps offer age-appropriate high-energy football instruction and technique training by high school and college football coaches and interactive drills, chalk talks and skill competitions.

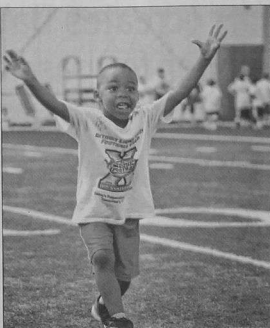
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Deadline to enter is April 30.



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Tax Freedom Day in Michigan is April 17

Michigan's Tax Freedom Day, the day on which the state's residents have collectively earned enough income to pay off their total federal, state and local tax bill, will arrive April 17 this year, making it the 28th state to reach 'Tax Freedom Day.'

According to the annual report released by the non-partisan Tax Foundation, national Tax Freedom Day falls April 21, three days later than last year.

The states with the earliest Tax Freedom Days are Louisiana (March 30), Mississippi (April 2) and South Dakota (April 4). The latest dates fall in New Jersey (May 9), Connecticut (May 9) and New York (May 4).

Tax Freedom Day is a significant date for taxpayers and lawmakers because it represents how long Americans as a whole have to work in order to pay the nation's tax burden.

"Arguments can be made for why the collective tax bill is too high or too low, but in order to have an honest discussion, it's important to understand where we stand," Tax Foundation economist Kyle Pomeroy said. "Tax Freedom Day gives us a vivid representation of how much we pay for the goods and services provided by governments at all levels."

Historically, the date for Tax Freedom Day has fluctuated significantly. The latest-ever nationwide Tax Freedom Day was May 1, 2000 — meaning that Americans paid 33 percent of their total income in taxes. A century earlier, in 1900, Americans paid only 5.9 percent of their income in taxes, meaning Tax Freedom Day came Jan. 22.

The study's key findings include:

» The national Tax Freedom Day is three days later than last year due mainly to the continuing economic recovery, which will boost federal tax revenue collected through the corporate, payroll and individual income tax.

» Americans will spend more on taxes in 2014 than they will on food, clothing and housing combined.

» Americans will spend 42 days working to pay off income taxes, 15 days for excise taxes and 11 days for property taxes.

» Americans will pay \$3 trillion in federal taxes and \$1.5 trillion in state and local taxes, for a total bill of more than \$4.5 trillion or 30.2 percent of the nation's income.

» If you include annual federal borrowing, which represents future taxes owed, Tax Freedom Day would occur May 6, 15 days later.

Employers, students make the most of Madonna Career Fair

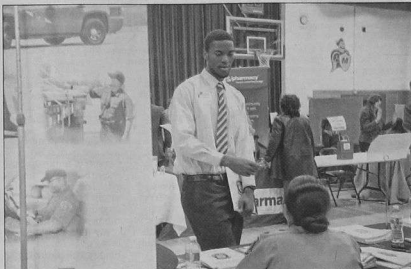
Some 37 employers and more than 145 students and alumni attended the Madonna University Spring Career Fair on April 3. Employers were recruiting students for part- and full-time work, as well as internship opportunities. Employers at the fair included Home Depot, CVS, Quicken Loans, the Michigan State Police, Hyatt, U.S. Marines and several restaurants and marketing companies.

The following day, future teachers from Madonna's College of Education participated in a job fair specifically for teachers and child care providers. There were 13 schools or school districts in attendance and

more than 50 Madonna juniors and seniors interviewed with some or all of the representatives.

"We're starting to see many more openings for teachers and substitutes," said Karen Osnik, dean of the College of Education. "And the market for students majoring in early childhood offers additional opportunities, because the government is funding numerous preschool programs."

"We were thrilled with the turnout of employers and students," said Christine Brant, director of Madonna's Career Services Office. "We haven't set a date for our next career fair, but we are looking forward to growing the event."



Criminal justice major Don Owens of Detroit talks with recruiters from the Michigan State Police at Madonna's Spring Career Fair.

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PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP MAN'S RADIO CAREER SPANS DECADES, CULTURES

By Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

Narendra Sheth's career in music and radio has taken him from 78-rpm records and reel-to-reel tapes to digital mini discs and computer hard drives.

Sheth, of Plymouth Township, is an expert on the popular music of India who last month marked 40 years of hosting a weekly radio show — *Geetmala*, meaning “garland of melodies” — that’s focused on Indian music, but also includes interviews, news and information.

Born in India and educated at the University of Bombay (now Mumbai) and the University of Michigan, Sheth worked as an engineer and statistician for more than 30 years, co-authored a college textbook on applying statistics to engineering, produces concerts, is on the board of the Michigan Philharmonic and on several other boards, has been active in the area's Indian community for decades, plays keyboards and harmonica and recently learned computer video production.

Most of his basement studio is crowded with accolades and memorabilia, plus he has an extensive collection of Indian music, especially the music of Bollywood, the Hindi-language film industry based in Mumbai.

Always learning

“It’s the satisfaction of doing things, passion for doing things and, most important, always learning new things,” Sheth, who is in his mid-70s, said last week. “One should never stop being a student.”

Geetmala is heard from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. each Saturday on WCXI-AM (1160) and also online at www.wpon.com. It grew out of a friend’s suggestion that he put together a radio show and has become an exploration of Indian folk, classical and movie music and the way the music of India and the music of the West have influenced each other.

Sheth boasts broad musical tastes. “People who are old like old music. People who are young like new music. I like all music,” he said.

He researches, gathers the music for and organizes his shows at home, then goes to the radio station every Saturday to broadcast it. Each musical show has a theme and 99 percent of the music aired, Sheth said, comes from his own collection.

Old, new technology

Sheth’s music library has thousands of recordings — old records, cassette and reel tapes, compact discs and mini discs. About 80 percent of his collection, he said, is cataloged on his computer, so he can easily retrieve a specific recording when needed. While he often brings the music for *Geetmala* to WCXI in a digital format, he also brings in tapes and vinyl records. “Fortunately, there’s still one record player” at the station, he said.

Sheth takes a partic-



Narendra Sheth of Plymouth Township, an expert on Bollywood music and an activist in the local Indian community, in his music library, which houses thousands of recordings. PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Narendra Sheth's collection of music includes everything from 78-rpm records to reel-to-reel tapes to DVDs.

Narendra Sheth, who retired from Ford Motor Co. as its chief statistician, last month marked 40 years of hosting a radio show, “Geetmala,” focused on the popular music of India as well as news and information.



Early Indian records are part of Sheth's collection.



Indian art decorates Sheth's studio space, where he researches and puts together his radio show “Geetmala,” heard from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. each Saturday on WCXI-AM (1160).

ular interest in musical cross-currents; he’ll show, for example, how a popular American song has influenced an Indian musician. “I’ll play a little bit of that American song and then the Indian song,” he said.

Last July, Sheth produced a concert at the Suburban Collection

Showplace in Novi that fused traditional Indian music with Western classical and included 60-some musicians, including Michigan Philharmonic members. It took six months to plan, he said.

“People came from all over the country and this is the first time they had seen this kind of show. They were just amazed,” Sheth said.

Sheth retired in 2002 as the chief engineering statistician at Ford Motor Co.; he had been with Ford for 34 years. Before that, he had a research fellowship at U-M, where he had earned both bachelor’s and master’s degrees in mechanical engineering.

He had studied mathematics and statistics at the University of Bombay, receiving both a bachelor’s and a master’s.

Sheth and his wife Suhas have a daughter Neha, a son Neel and three grandchildren.

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 2. Second, to allow a rear setback of 12.5 feet where 20 feet is required to construct the drive through lanes and ATM. The variance requested is 7.5 feet.

The meeting will be held at Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N Haggerty Road in the Town Hall Meeting Room.

For further information contact Plymouth Township Building Department 734 354-3210.

Nuns embrace life of prayer, service

Farmington Hills monastery is open to the public

By Joanne Maliszewski
Staff Writer

Away from the public, but not from God, the cloistered Dominican nuns at the Monastery of the Blessed Sacrament in Farmington Hills embrace their lives of intense prayer, adoration and service.

"It's a calling. It is falling in love with God," Sister Faustina Marie said. "It is a responsible calling from God. It is a desire to come away with the Lord and to have a deeper life with the Lord."

Sister Faustina Marie is one of four nuns at the monastery who are "externs" — whose vocation is to serve as bridges between the sisters and the public. When members of the public visit the monastery or stop for services, one of those four sisters will be on hand to greet and talk. "We felt the draw to the external vocation," she said.

Though the nuns are cloistered, the monastery is open to the public for worship. The chapel is open daily from 6:45 a.m. to 5 p.m. for those who need a quiet place to attend Mass and the liturgy of the rosary.

Strong community

The monastery was established in Detroit in 1906. In 1966, it was moved to property owned by the Detroit archdiocese on Middlebelt, north of 13 Mile. The 60,000-square-foot monastery sits on 11 acres.

"For a monastic community, we are the strongest," Marie said. Each religious house



The cloistered Dominican nuns at the Monastery of the Blessed Sacrament embrace their lives of prayer and adoration.

is independent and survives on public donations. The sisters are in the process of fundraising to finance needed improvements at the monastery.

When asked why the center is called a monastery, a term typically used to describe an organization for monks, Marie took the time to find out. The word, monastery, derives from a word that means "literally, the act of living alone."

While the cloistered Dominican sisters at the monastery may live secluded from the public, they aren't alone. The 23 nuns who are cloistered celebrate their faith and adoration — chanting prayers — together beginning at 5:30 a.m.; 9 a.m.; noon; 4:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. And they attend Mass, have two hours of prayer and study daily.

During the remaining hours of the day, each sister has a job or duties

that involve taking care of the monastery and each other. Those duties include monastery upkeep, working in the infirmary, laundry, housekeeping or dietary.

And that's not all. The monastery has a print shop and a gift shop. And there is typically one sister who is in charge of communications. That means that correspondence is completed in long-hand, not typed into a computer — not that the monastery doesn't keep up with the technological times, as evidenced by the sisters' website, www.opnuns-fh.org.

"It means something to us that if a person donates or sends us a letter, we respond in a personal way," Marie said. Everyone has a role, including the prioress or mother superior, subprioress and the novice mistress who oversees the new residents to the monastery. "It takes six



Two Dominican nuns, called externs, who bridge the gap between the sisters and the public, work at a vocation event.

years from entry to final vows," she said.

A calling

Women don't only have to be a young adult embarking on a career decision to enter the order. Many of the sisters chose the cloistered life later in their own lives.

Marie, for example, was a medical technologist and worked in public health for years before deciding to take her vows and to live at the

monastery. "I loved my job," she said.

But as her life evolved, Marie realized that "when I started to pray, I couldn't get enough of God. I knew that what I wanted was more intense prayer. This was a radical change from going to work every day. It was a choice I made."

What also drives the cloistered sisters at the monastery is service. "It is important to service the people of God," Ma-

rie said. "It is an ideal where you want to make your life worthwhile."

And it is a lifetime. The monastery is not a retirement home. The sisters at the monastery don't retire. One of the sisters, age 93, still wakes up — long before the rest of the world — and participates in an adoration from 11 p.m. to midnight.

While serving God, the sisters have also made the monastery their home in every sense of the word. They gather for activities, including picnics, and have rescued three dogs, who like to jump on the beds. And as Marie admits, junk food isn't out of the question. They — like everyone — have their favorites, including potato chips and cookies.

Yet young or old, there are fewer women joining the order. In the past year or so, three sisters completed varying degrees of taking vows with the order. They include Sister Marie Thérèse of the Trinity, who like Sister Maria of Jesus, completed the profession of their first vows, while Sister Dominic Marie received her habit.

Marie blames the decrease in new sisters and a devotion to the church on her generation. After Vatican II, during which she was a senior in high school, the turmoil in the church "was traumatic." She told the story of two sisters who taught at her high school who then left their orders. "We de-emphasized the importance of church and God," she said.

But she will continue to hope there will be a change of mind in young people: "Come back to the Lord. It is worth it."

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Monastery improvements depend heavily on public contributions

By Joanne Maliszewski
Staff Writer

The cloistered Dominican nuns — with a mission of perpetual adoration and prayer — need help to maintain the Monastery of the Blessed Sacrament in Farmington Hills.

"Now, honestly, we need help," reads the flier requesting donations for the 60,000-square-foot monastery. "All religious houses are independent," Sister Faustina Marie said, meaning the sisters rely on contributions and donations to keep the monastery going.

The sisters already have the plans to repair and renovate the monastery. The Farmington Hills City Council approved the plans last October. "We are going to do it, pending fundraising," Marie said.

Built in the 1960s, the monastery, which includes an infirmary, needs to be brought up to contemporary building conditions that will allow the sisters to use energy-efficient sustainable practices.

Plans include expand-



The Monastery of the Blessed Sacrament is on 13 Mile in Farmington Hills.

ing the infirmary, renovating the chapel, the monastery and a new bell tower and improvements to the public gift shop/book store.

While the sisters are cloistered, the monastery is open to the public for worship and to shop at the gift store, Marie said. The ultimate goal of improvements and the fundraising effort is to maintain and sustain the monastery for at least another 50 years.

Contributions for initial and immediate work includes the following upgrades:

- » Heating and cooling system upgrades: \$1.35 million.
- » Energy saving updates, including insulations throughout the facility: \$235,000.
- » Infrastructure improvements, including age-related maintenance work: \$425,000.
- » Donations are accepted by mail at the Monastery of the Blessed Sacrament, 29575 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills, MI 48334 or online via PayPal at www.opnuns-fh.org

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Lenny Gantz (from left), played by Frank Markus of Royal Oak; Claire Gantz, played by Sue Rogers of West Bloomfield; and Ken Gorman, played by Jim Moll of Farmington Hills. KURT MATYKAK

Rumor has it: fun at the latest Farmington Players show

Rumor has it the Farmington Players next production will shake you up — with laughter.

The Players are wrapping up the season with the Neil Simon classic *Rumors*, a zany, fast-paced farce loaded with slamming doors, mistaken identities and physical humor.

The show opens April 25 and runs through May 17 at the Farmington Players Barn in Farmington Hills. Tickets are on sale now at www.farmingtonplayers.org or at the box office at 248-553-2955.

The show is set in 1988 with no cellphones, no Facebook and no shortage of word-of-mouth functioning as the main mechanism to spread rumors.

The fun begins with the Deputy Mayor of New York shooting himself in the ear on the day he's hosting a party for his wedding anniversary. When upper-class couples arrive for the celebration, they realize the politician and his wife are missing and the mad rush is on to con-

ceal the truth from the media and police.

"The pleasure of directing such an exceptional cast is that they take the framework of your direction and run with it. They bring so much of their own to the table to make their characters unique," show director Cynthia Tupper said.

Tupper's cardinal rule for directing a farce is to make it "fast, loud and funny."

The first two to arrive at the party are lawyers Ken and Chris Gorman, played by Jim Moll of Farmington Hills and Erin Osgood of Brighton. They fear the mayor is the victim of a failed suicide attempt. So they carefully create a cover story, hoping to avoid a scandal.

They are joined by Claire and Lenny Gantz (Sue Rogers of West Bloomfield and Frank Markus of Royal Oak), whom Tupper describes as "The Bickersons."

The "nice" and "successful" couple, Cookie and Ernie Casak are played by Maryann Tweedie of Novi and

Nick Szczerba of Brownstown, while the "political couple" Cassie and Glenn Cooper are played by Julia Spina Kolar of West Bloomfield and Ross Grossman of Farmington Hills.

The fifth couple — a pair of police partners, Welch and Pudney (played by Eric Carlson of Southfield and Kristi Walter of Canton), have an interesting relationship. They aren't married, but they are called on to investigate the bizarre story.

The hilarity kicks into high gear as the guests try to make sense of the circumstances using bits of rumors, including some about extramarital affairs the mayor and his wife may or may not be having. One rumor laced with lies follows another and tiny misconceptions lead to some amazing comedy.

Rumors is sponsored by Tru Vista Wealth Advisors, a financial advisory practice of Ameriprise Financial. Several blogs with show photos are available at <http://playingthebarn.blogspot.com/>.

Teaching children about money

Last week, I participated in the Federal Reserve's Money Smart Week Program and gave a variety of seminars about how to raise financially aware kids. I was asked whether children should have to do something for their allowance or receive it as a matter of right. I was also asked if families should have formal meetings to discuss finances.

I wanted to discuss both questions for my column readers.

I believe kids should do something for their allowance. The reason children receive an allowance is to begin teaching them responsibility with money. What they need to know is that money doesn't grow on trees and that one must earn it. If kids don't do something to earn their allowance, they should not get one.

Family meetings on



Rick Bloom
MONEY MATTERS

finances, although helpful. Teaching kids to have an appreciation and understanding of money is something to do all the time, not just in a formal manner. It's like sports. If you are a Tigers fan, you don't talk about the Tigers only at the beginning of the season. Typically, you're talking about the Tigers all year long.

The same thing applies to personal finance. Parents should have casual conversations with their children about finances all of the time. It's not something that should only be brought up occasionally.

The more children are interested and involved,

the better things will be for them. It is important to recognize that kids today are bombarded with messages to buy. Many of these messages target children and they are successful.

If parents don't teach their children about money, who will do it — the charge card companies? I recommend that parents teach their children — no matter what age — how to handle money. Research shows the more you make your kids aware of money and how it works, the more they will value it.

Reading, writing and arithmetic are important. Personal finance is just as important.

Good luck.

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Study: Hands-free cellphones don't make driving any safer

By Mary Elizabeth Dallas
Gannett Michigan

Hands-free cellphone use while driving is not risk-free driving, new research shows.

Eighty percent of U.S. drivers think hands-free smart phones are safer than hand-held ones when they are behind the wheel, the National Safety Council found. But the council's experts analyzed 30 studies and found using a hands-free device while driving is no safer than using a hand-held phone because both are distractions.

"While many drivers honestly believe they are making the safe choice by using a hands-free device, it's just not true," David Teater, senior director of transportation initiatives at the National Safety Council, said in a news release.

"The problem is the brain does not truly multi-task. Just like you can't read a book and talk on the phone, you can't safely operate a vehicle and talk on the phone. With some state laws focusing on hand-held bans and car makers putting hands-free technology in vehicles, no wonder people are confused."

Although 12 states and the District of Columbia have banned the use of hand-held cellphones while driving, hands-free



Research finds using a hands-free cellphone device while driving is no safer than using a hand-held phone, because both are distractions. METRO CREATIVE SERVICES

devices have not been regulated by any state or municipality, the council says.

More cars are equipped with dashboard systems that allow drivers to make hands-free calls, send text messages, email and update their social media statuses, the study noted.

The researchers found that 53 percent of those polled believe these devices are safe because they were installed by the car's manufacturer. Moreover, 70 percent of those surveyed said they use hands-free devices for safety reasons. The National Safety

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The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration provides more information on distracted driving at <http://www.distraction.gov>.

Council has designated April as Distracted Driving Awareness Month to draw attention to the fact that hands-free cellphone use while driving carries its own risks.

Westland library hosts World Book Night event

A free book? That's right.

The William P. Faust Public Library is joining more than 6,000 libraries and book stores around the country in spreading the love of reading, person to person, Wednesday, April 23.

The library is participating in World Book Night U.S., when more than 500,000 books will be given away.

The Westland library is hosting a reception at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 15, where the local givers can meet the library staff and each other. The public is welcome to attend and find out more about World Book Night. Light refreshments will be available.

Book selection

Each year, 30-35 books are chosen by an independent panel of librarians and booksellers. The WBN picks are by a wide array of award-winning and bestselling adult and young adult authors, as well as classics, books in Spanish and books in large print. The authors waive their royalties and the publishers agree to pay the costs of producing the specially printed World Book Night U.S. editions.

"I can't imagine any greater compliment to a book — or an author — than to know his work has been selected to welcome people to the pleasures of reading," best-selling author Scott Turow said.

After the book titles are announced, members of the public apply to personally hand out 20 copies of a particular title in their community. World Book Night U.S. vets the applications and the givers are chosen based on their ability to reach light and non-readers.

The selected givers pick up the 20 copies of their book in the week before World Book Night, then April 23 give their books to people who don't regularly read and/or people who don't normally have access to printed books, for reasons of means or geography. The volunteers will share the books in locations such as hospitals, mass transit, nursing homes, food pantries and underfunded schools. It's not a random giveaway, but a person-to-person, carefully planned outreach.

World Book Night takes place April 23 — Shakespeare's birthday — and is in its third year in the U.S., after the U.K. launch in 2011. World Book Night's reach in the U.S. includes all 50 states, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands and overseas military bases.

Free eBook

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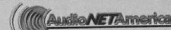
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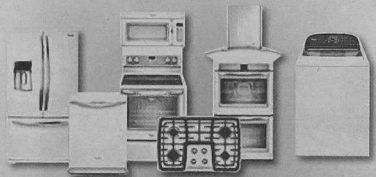
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PREP BASEBALL

Wildcats
sweep
ChargersBy Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Slowly but surely, Plymouth's varsity baseball team is getting games and coming together as a unit.

The Wildcats kept moving forward in that regard Wednesday with a doubleheader sweep of KLAAs South Division opponent Livonia Churchill.

The host Wildcats edged the Chargers 4-3 in the opener, behind a complete-game, four-hitter by pitcher Kevin Anthony. Plymouth followed that up with a convincing 9-4 triumph in the nightcap.

"The team is really starting to jell and we are getting contributions from a lot of people," Plymouth head coach Jason Crain said. "The season is a marathon and we hope to build each game from what we did the previous game. So far, we have been able to do that."

Plymouth's team work has resulted in three straight come-from-behind wins, improving to 6-1 overall and 2-0 in the KLAAs South.

"I am proud of the guys and the resolve they have been showing," Crain said. "I look forward to continued growth."

An example of that resolve was the pitching of Anthony, who buckled down after giving up three runs in the first inning to the Chargers (1-3, 1-3). Two of those early runs came in on a triple by his pitching counterpart, Nick Mistak.

"Kevin settled down and shut them down for the rest of the game," Crain said.

Sparking Plymouth's offense in the opener was Matt Busch, with a 2-for-3 performance including a double and two runs scored. Cameron Anstess also had two hits for the Wildcats.

Plymouth's Cameron Stella closed out the second game with three scoreless innings of relief for starter Derek Ebeling, who went the first four and picked up the victory.

Collecting two hits for the 'Cats were Cameron Stella (triple, double, two runs), Patrick Downing (three RBIs) and A.J. Convertino.

Andrew Hejka scored three runs.

GIRLS TENNIS

Wildcats netters
right on target

Plymouth overcomes rain, Chargers to claim 5-4 triumph

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Plymouth's varsity girls tennis team needed to handle some adversity to get past visiting Livonia Churchill in a rain-delayed KLAAs South Division match.

The teams started things off Thursday and were deadlocked 3-3 when weather forced the proceedings to be finished up on Friday. Plymouth prevailed 5-4 to improve to 2-1 overall and 2-0 in the division.

Wildcats head coach Rob McLaren said it was the contest at No. 3 singles between senior Miranda Cerny and Churchill's Madison White that made all the difference.

"This match was delayed to Friday," McLaren noted. "So it took a lot of mental toughness for Miranda to maintain her focus the next day."

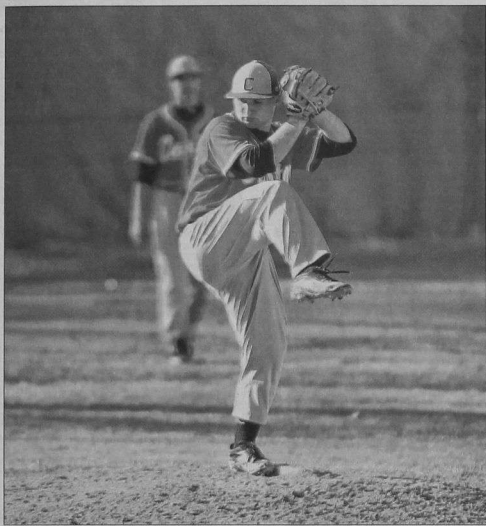
Cerny earned a three-set win (6-4, 6-7, 6-1) for the key victory, while another strong showing by the duo of juniors Teahn Horton and Emma Mullenax.

Horton-Mullenax earned a 6-1, 6-1 victory over Allison Hill and Angelica Zhou.

"They are playing great ten-

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PREP BASEBALL



Delivering a pitch during Wednesday's opener is Canton pitcher Nick Hazergian. He also started and won the second game against John Glenn. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

FIRING BLANKS

Canton pitchers throw back-to-back shutouts against Rockets

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Thanks to abysmal spring weather, high school baseball teams such as Canton and Westland John Glenn have been slow to crank things up at the plate.

The pitchers definitely had the edge Wednesday as visiting Canton swept a twinnit from KLAAs South Division opponent Westland John Glenn, 2-0 and 6-0.

The Chiefs (2-1), who lost 10-4 Tuesday to Livonia Stevenson in their season opener, were sparked by starting pitchers Brent Mattson (who threw 5½ scoreless innings in the opener) and lefty Nick

Hazergian, the starter and winner in Game 2.

Hazergian also closed out the first game and pitched the nightcap, which was called after five innings due to darkness. Hazergian, Noah Spencer and Weston Price combined to no-hit the Rockets (1-2).

"(Against) Stevenson we had a rough game, but we came back strong," Hazergian said. "I'm proud of the way my team came back and performed today. I felt great."

"Obviously, I started the no-hitter, but I owe it to Noah Spencer and Weston Price, too. They kept it going. Kudos to them, too."

Building a staff

Canton head coach Mark Blomshield said he knew Hazergian was throwing a no-hitter, but personal achievements do not supersede trying to develop a pitching staff behind his top two hurlers.

"We're just trying to establish a bullpen, we're trying to find a number three (starter), we're trying to find a closer," Blomshield said. "So as soon as we jump out to a lead like that, what's more important is just to try to find the pieces of the puzzle versus personal achievements like a no-hitter."

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Stay tuned

The schedule has Canton hosting Wednesday's baseball doubleheader against Plymouth, beginning at 4 p.m.

But there is a very good chance the games will be played at Plymouth's field, due to ongoing construction at the Chiefs' home diamond.

As of late last week, construction (part of a district-wide bond issue) on building new dugouts at the Canton field had yet to begin. Chiefs head coach Mark Blomshield said. He added that the left field scoreboard also needed to be upgraded before games could take place there.

The problems with the field have been exacerbated by this spring's cold weather, which has made early games this season more than challenging. On Wednesday, the Chiefs did get in a twinnit at Westland John Glenn.

"I know our field's under construction still, but it's good," Canton pitcher Nick Hazergian said.

"Thank God we got out to a nice field today and I'm just happy to finally be out here, man."

Summer camps

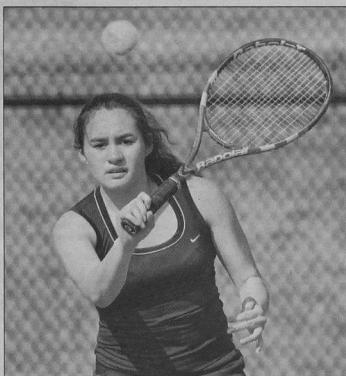
On tap this summer through Canton Leisure Services are basketball and baseball summer camps instructed by long-time coach Pat Watson.

The camps will emphasize drills and skills that cover offensive strategies and defensive plays in game situations. Mornings will be spent on drills focused on improving fundamentals, while afternoons will be used for scrimmages. Participants should pack a sack lunch and a water bottle.

» Basketball: There will be three weekly basketball camps at Summit on the Park, 4600 Summit Parkway. Those sessions (for ages 7-14) will run from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. as follows: Session 1, July 7-11; Session 2, July 11-25; Session 3, July 28 through Aug. 1. The fee is \$150 for residents and \$160 for non-residents.

» Baseball: The baseball camp is slated to run from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. July 14-18 at Canton Sports Center, 46555 W. Michigan Ave. Ages 7-14.

To register, go to canton.org or call Canton Sports Center (734-483-5600) or visit either Canton Sports Center or Summit on the Park and inquire.



Sarah Gamble, Plymouth's No. 2 singles player, returns a volley during last week's action. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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KENSINGTON VALLEY 55-PLUS MEN'S SOFTBALL LEAGUE

Senior circuit links to growth

By Chris Jackett
Correspondent

It's never too late to get out on the ball diamond.

If anything, the Kensington Valley 55+ Men's Senior Softball League has proven that over the past few years. Starting with three teams in 2012 and growing to six teams in 2013, the league is hoping to continue expanding this summer with three other teams already joining the fray.

"Carrying over from 2013, we have teams from Northville, South Lyon and two South Lyon teams, but is still welcoming new additions. The senior softball league is good fun, as demonstrated here by the team calling itself Who Let The Dogs Out? On the team is Charlie Gabbart, who coordinates the KVSSL's Northville Division.



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League's growing

"The growth of the league is a result of dedication by its founders in hitting every possible venue to promote the league, networking with other senior leagues that exist throughout southeast Michigan, something as simple as passers-by viewing the games and good old-fashioned face-to-face, 'Hi, I'm so and so and was wondering if you would be interested in playing senior softball,'" Gabbart said. "What is interesting (is) the number of people who reply, 'Gee, I haven't played in 15 or 20 or even 30 years,' but yet declining to that youthful athlete which compels them to take the field again."

Although it may have been a while since the last time some of the players picked up a glove and bat, it hasn't cut into the good times the guys – and a few gals – have had on the ball diamonds the past few summers.

"Many of our players are those who haven't played in 15-30 years, but find it's like riding a bike,

though bending over for ground balls is a little more challenging," Gabbart said. "Those with challenges such as knee and hip replacements, along with stents, are able to join in the fun since we offer unlimited courtesy runners.

(About 98 percent of the guys are in their 60s, with a few younger and a few older.")

Gabbart said players register individually and are placed on existing teams. If numbers allow, new teams are formed from those who sign up. Because the players may not be as spry as they were a few decades back, several house rules emphasize safety on top of the standard ASA rules. In addition to courtesy runners and an 11th defensive player, the league uses a 2- by 3-foot strike/ball mat within the height regulation of 6-12 feet. There are existing chalked out lines to induce health preservation.

"A scoring line is utilized at the plate to eliminate 'contact' plays and potential for injury; the catcher must receive the ball while standing on the mat before the runner crosses the scoring line that is established three

feet to the left side of the plate," Gabbart said. "In addition, a 'commitment line' is checked halfway between third base and home plate. If the runner crosses the line, they are allowed to go back to third.

"At first base – like the majority of leagues now use – is a double first base, which one is white for the defensive player and the attached is orange for the runner.

A play at first requires the defense to touch the white, while the runner must go to the orange, otherwise an out is recorded. There is an exception to that rule in the case of the defense having to pursue a bad throw.

Rekindling youth

Games typically take place at 10 a.m. each Tuesday, starting May 13, although players from past seasons will get a little spring training in beforehand at local sports complex's dome fields.

"It's the great thing about the KVSSL and many of the recreation senior softball leagues is the recapturing of the players' youthful enthusiasm for being back on the playing field," Gabbart said. "As my wife put it, who had not attended one of my softball games since 1974, after viewing as a fan in 2013, I really enjoyed the games. It was all about having fun and none of the drama like in the younger days. You guys were having a ball."

Chris Jackett is a freelance writer.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Wildcat freshmen football meeting

There is an informational meeting and pasta party 6-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 6 in the Plymouth High School cafeteria for all incoming freshmen football players.

At the meeting coach Mike Sawchuk and his staff will provide information on what will be required to become part of the "Wildcat Family" and help understand what is going on at the All-Play Parent Mandatory Meeting on Tuesday, May 20 (same time and location).

On May 6, freshmen will have the chance to meet coaches, players, and booster members and have the opportunity to ask questions.

Chiefs host 'Meet the Coaches'

Canton High School's football program is hosting a mandatory "Meet the Coaches" meeting for incoming freshmen players and their parents.

The meeting is 6:30 p.m. Thursday, May 1 in the Canton North Building gymnasium. Players and parents are asked to arrive for the meeting beginning at 6 p.m.

Contact Julie Baehler at jbaehler@chiefsfootball.com for additional information.

Canton football camps

Three summer football camps being run by the Canton Chiefs high school program are slated for June and July. All three offerings will take place at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park varsity field.

Go to www.cantonchiefsfootball.com to

download a flyer. ■ **Wing T Camp:** The camp is for players entering grades 10-12 in fall 2014. Times are 2-5 p.m. June 16 and 5-8 p.m. June 17-19. Contact Tim Baehler, (734) 455-7691.

■ **Skills Camp:** The camp is for players entering grades 7-9 in fall 2014. Times are 5-7:30 p.m. June 9-12, 5-7:30 p.m. July 14-17. Participants who sign up can get both camps for the price of one. Contact Richard Mui, (248) 229-2738.

■ **Fundamental Camp:** The camp is for players entering grades 3-6 in fall 2014. Times are 9 a.m. to noon June 23-26. Contact Erica Lanava, (313) 300-1173.

■ **Think spring golf** Professional Tim Baehler is offering a series of spring golf classes and events at Hickory Creek Golf Course, 3325 Napier Road, Superior Township.

Among the first sessions for adults include: Get Golf Ready – 6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 17; or 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 7; Senior Casual Golf – 10 a.m. Tuesday, April 15 or May 6; Senior New Golf – 1 p.m. Tuesday, April 15 or May 6; Ladies clinics, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 6.

Among the first sessions for youths include: Junior (ages 8-17) – 5 p.m. Thursday, May 8; Little Linksters (ages 8-11) – 5 p.m. Monday, April 14 and 11 a.m. Saturday, May 3.

To register for classes, visit Baehler's Facebook page, or contact TrainTwm@Gmail.com.

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The Motor City Dragons, a boat team that provides exercise opportunities, support and camaraderie for breast cancer survivors, will hold its training camp, Saturday and Sunday, May 3-4, at the Ford Yacht Club on Grosse Ile.

Callia Gutay of Plymouth Township founded the team, which has approximately 60 members, both cancer survivors and supporters. Dragon boating is a centuries-old sport from China. Twenty rowers, sitting side by side, paddle a long decorated boat, which also has a steerer, and a drummer to set the rowing pace. According to Gutay, the sport caught on with breast cancer patients after research in the 1990s showed that upper-body exercise is helpful, especially for those who had lymph nodes removed.

U.S. National Dragon Boat Team member Ellen Law, a steerer, will coach the sessions. One 30-minute session on Saturday costs \$35 and includes a

video review. Two paddle sessions on Saturday or Sunday cost \$55 and include the video review. A massage therapist and a yoga instructor will be on hand.

"People can then take what they learned and paddle in the two local Festivals in Windsor on July 12-13 or Lake Orion Aug 24, or perhaps they can join our team, Motor City Dragons," Gutay said, in an email.

The team also will hold a fundraiser 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, April 16-17, at Buffalo Wild Wings, 22216 Michigan Ave., Dearborn. A percentage of food and beverage sales will go toward the team, which is raising money for a boat and paddles. Visit the team's Facebook page to print a certificate that must be presented with purchase.

For more information, email Gutay at motorcitydragons@yahoo.com.



Team members paddle their dragon boat across the water at Green's Park in Lake Orion.

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UPCOMING

Affordable Care Act

Learn about the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA), the health insurance exchange or marketplace, and how Botsford Hospital assists patients with its financial resource programs, 6-8 p.m. Monday, April 14 and 21, in the hospital's community room, located in the Zieger Center, 28500 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills, 248-442-7986.

Blood drive

Monaghan Knights of Columbus will hold a blood drive April 21 at Monaghan Hall, 19801 Farmington Road in Livonia. All blood donors will receive a free gift certificate, for a dinner at the K of C Hall, compliments of Rose Catering. Call 734-591-3237 for an appointment.

Cancer screenings

Henry Ford Health System will offer free head and neck cancer screenings Wednesday, April 23, and Botsford Hospital and Livonia, Michigan

Comprehensive Cancer Center will offer the screenings Saturday, April 26.

9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Henry Ford Hospital, 2799 W. Grand Boulevard, Detroit
11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Henry Ford Medical Center-Fairlane, 19401 Hubbard, Dearborn
9 a.m. to noon, Henry Ford West Bloomfield Hospital, 6777 W. Maple, West Bloomfield

9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Botsford Cancer Center, 27900 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills. Exams performed by ear, nose and throat surgeon Dr. Warren Brandes, D.O., and his team of residents.

9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the U-M Taubman Health Center, 1st Floor, Reception A, 1500 E. Medical Center Drive, Ann Arbor.

Head and neck cancer symptoms can be vague, but warning signs include hoarseness, persistent throat and ear pain for more than four weeks, mouth sores that won't heal and a lump in the neck. Make a screening appointment at Henry Ford by calling 313-916-3275 or visit www.headandneck.org. Call 481-8120 to register at Botsford. Call 800-865-1125 to register at U-M.

Caregiving

Wayne State University Shifman Medical Library Outreach Services will present "Conversations for Caregivers," an all-day conference featuring a panel discussion, forum and breakout sessions that will connect caregivers to legal, financial, health care, long-term care and research experts, 9:30 a.m. April 16, at the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History, 315 E. Warren Ave., Detroit. The event is free but registration is required. Call LaVentra Ellis-Dangquah at 313-577-9083.

Cooking class

Chef Rebecca and Denise Cykier, a Botsford Hospital registered dietitian, will demonstrate how to make healthy, light, and satisfying salads, 6-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 29, at Busch's Fresh Foods Market, 37083 Six Mile, Livonia. They'll show how to use grains and proteins to create a variety of food combinations. Gluten-free recipes and vegetarian options will be included. Tickets are \$15 and include a \$5-off-\$50 coupon for Busch's, giveaways, recipes and samples. Call 734-779-6100 or stop

by the Busch's Livonia Guest Services desk for tickets.

Food cravings

Sandy Baumann, author of *Control Food Cravings*, will teach ways to cut cravings for potato chips, chocolate, sweet treats, ice cream, bread and more, 6-9 p.m. Wednesday, April 16 at Stevenson High School, 33500 Six Mile, Livonia. She'll show how to break the craving cycle with "no willpower" lifestyle strategies and inexpensive supplements. Cost is \$32. Workbook fee is \$13, paid in class. Register by calling the Livonia Family YMCA at 734-261-2161 by April 14. Non-YMCA members welcome.

Healthy aging

Aaron Ellenbogen, Garden City Hospital health expert and neurologist, will talk about what's normal and what's not in brain function as individuals age, at a lunch and lecture event, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, May 3, in the Westland Mall Community Room, lower level, 35000 Warren Road, Westland. He'll also explain how to take better care of

the brain. The free event will include a Q&A lecture, lunch, health screening and prize drawings. Register by calling 734-458-4259.

Hearing loss

Nan Asher will talk about lip reading skills at the Hearing Loss Association of America meeting, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 14, at Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster Road, Garden City. For more information, call Tony at 734-664-3297 or email afack@comcast.net.

Lupus

The Michigan Lupus Foundation annual symposium runs 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, May 3, at Holiday Inn, 3600 Plymouth Road, Ann Arbor. It's aimed at individuals with lupus, fibromyalgia, chronic pain and autoimmune diseases. Cost is \$15 and includes continental breakfast and lunch. No charge for foundation members. RSVP to 800-705-6677 or email britney@mlupus.org.



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Glory: Choir director says he lives to honor and praise God

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Folders, music and program plans—a complete road map for Holy Week worship services—have been stacked four inches high this month on Jerry Smith's desk at First Presbyterian Church of Livonia.

Smith, 79, of Livonia, director of music ministry, has been in the thick of planning for one of his busiest weeks in the congregation.

"I'm bringing in a percussion ensemble for Palm Sunday. I'm bringing in a brass ensemble for Easter. We have contemporary services, so I'm bringing in more contemporary players for Easter morning. That's music arranging, contracts. It's all prep. And suddenly, it's Palm Sunday morning and it all has to click."

"I love the prep. I love it, working with musically-inclined people who want to be here. I have a choir of very

dedicated people."

As Smith works his way through Holy Week with his 50-voice church choir, he also heads into the home stretch for the annual Livonia Prayer Breakfast. It's set for 7 a.m. Thursday, May 1, at St. Mary's Cultural Center, 18100 Merriam in Livonia. Tickets are available for the event through Friday, April 18 by mailing a check payable to the Livonia Community Prayer Breakfast to Sally Butler, 18858 Mayfield, Livonia, MI 48152. Cost is \$16 for adults and \$10 for K-12 students. Call 248-476-9427 for more information.

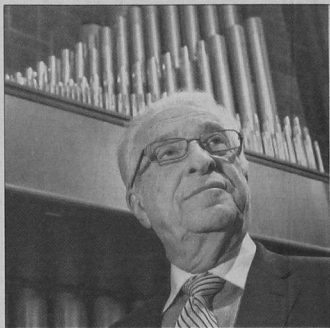
Apollo 16 astronaut, Gen. Charles Moss Duke, will be the guest speaker. Smith, who has lined up the prayer breakfast's musical performances for the past 20 years, has asked his sister-in-law, Debbie Hart, of Orlando, Fla., to sing *The Star Spangled Banner* and *God Bless America*. His wife, Sharon, a pianist, also performs pre-breakfast music every

year.

Life philosophy

"Faith is important to me and sacred purposes in life are important to me," said Smith, explaining his longtime involvement with the annual breakfast. "I am a born-again Christian. I was raised in a Bible church by very devout parents. My sister and I are still very active in church work. To me, the purpose in life is to honor and praise God and it is my purpose in life. It really is."

His resume says it all. Before becoming music director at First Presbyterian of Plymouth, Smith, who holds a master of music degree and a Ph.D. in education from the University of Michigan, spent 30 years directing choirs at Ward Presbyterian Church. He also worked at Trinity Baptist and Redford Baptist. At nearly the same time, from 1959-85, he was music director for Bentley High School in Livonia.



Jerry Smith, Ph.D., stands in front of the pipe organ at First Presbyterian Church in Plymouth, where he is music director. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

When the school closed, he developed the Creative Arts and Performing Arts Program (CAPA) at Churchill High School. He resigned from the school district three years

later, but continued on at Ward. "I had almost two full-time jobs at the same time and it was wonderful. It was exciting."

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Livonia native will sing patriotic songs at local prayer breakfast

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Debbie Hart's "a belter." She sings high, medium and low, but prefers the medium range where she can sing out loud and proud.

"When I took voice, they train you to do more classical music. But I never lost who I wanted to be as far as my music is concerned. I took what they taught me and tweaked it to sing the way I wanted to," said Hart, a Florida resident who will return to her native Livonia to perform at its annual prayer breakfast on May 1.

Her brother-in-law, Jerry Smith, invited her to sing, knowing that she has belted out songs at political and patriotic rallies and often shows a



Debbie Hart, a former Livonia resident, will sing two patriotic songs at the annual Livonia Prayer Breakfast.

multi-media presentation while performing.

"When she sings, you are moved," said Smith, who is married to Hart's sister, Sharon.

"She has this kind of voice that builds and has this rich quality."

Hart is one of four siblings who grew up in a musical family that lived in Livonia and Detroit before moving to Missouri during her sophomore year of high school.

"My mom played the piano and my dad sang. It was like the talent hour. We'd all be singing."

She started singing when she was 10 years old, first in church, and later at youth rallies and revivals. She studied music at Lincoln University in Missouri and at Owosso College in Michigan, but left school to marry and raise a family. She and her husband have four children and 15 grandchildren.

Her "day job" at the Timothy Plan, a Christian mutual fund, where she works with shareholders, has led to some of her performance opportunities.

"The Timothy Plan supports a lot of ministries through its funds. I've had the opportunity to sing at America-type events and rallies, get-out-the-vote type of things. I traveled to Israel with Mike Huckabee (former Arkansas governor) and was able to sing with Pat Boone," she said.

She also took a mission trip to Russia years ago and sang on street corners.

"I was there two months before communism fell in Russia. I'll never forget the people, reaching out to God, wanting the Word, but not

being able to get it."

Hart has three albums to her credit and will have her most recent CD on hand when she performs in Livonia next month.

She said that although she enjoyed listening to Barbra Streisand and Karen Carpenter while growing up, she preferred to sing sacred rather than secular music.

"I've always done gospel and patriotic music. I believe every opportunity that has been given to me, God has given to me," she said. "He always has opened doors and I've just walked through them. I'll keep singing until he tells me not to sing any more."

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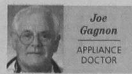
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Plastic-coated soap tablets cause dishwasher problems

For many years, the service technician hardly ever talked about detergent used in a dishwasher and then the phosphates were removed from detergents and homeowners searched high and low for a detergent that could do the job. The manufacturers came up with all sorts of new products that confused consumers and created a new class of flow like nothing before.

Today, there are many complaints about dishwasher detergents, but a bigger one comes from the consumer who pays to have a service technician tell them their filter and pump assembly are plugged with pieces of plastic. The following is an example of how this problem is created. Anita sent me an email that is very educational.



Joe Gagnon
APPLIANCE
DOCTOR

"I have enjoyed your column in the Observer & Eccentric for a number of years. Now it is my turn to ask a question. Have you been asked about the dishwasher soap tablets that have a plastic coating around them? Does the plastic cause issues with dishwashers and possibly bring harm by clogging the drain?"

Dishwasher's demise
"I had been using these handy plastic coated dishwasher soaps by Method and my dishwasher did not turn on one day. Upon further investigation, the water

was not draining and there was a bit of water on the bottom of the dishwasher. After checking the fuses and the outlet the dishwasher is connected to, I looked online about possible reasons. One of the common repairs was the food chopper and grinder getting clogged. I took it apart and there were a few surprises of broken glass and plastic. All in all there was not too much food or other items in the food grinder and chopper assembly.

"The next step we were going to do was check the water line and drain line, which has not been done yet. I wonder if the fuse was blown from the motor trying to pump out the water and could not, due to the clog from all the plastic coatings. Have you seen this

problem? My dishwasher is a KitchenAid Superba Model KUDS01 and is 11 years old. This dishwasher replaced a KitchenAid that was over 25 years old. Typically we run the dishwasher every day. When we have a full house with guests, we run it twice a day for about five days. I typically use Ecover Tablet Dishwasher Soap (these do not have a plastic coating) however, for the last month or two before the dishwasher's demise I was using Method's plastic-coated dishwasher soap. Thank you for any help and feedback. I look forward to hearing back from you."

Eliminate food scraps
Thank you, Anita, for bringing this to our attention. Now I am going to

use my new phrase given to me by so many of the readers I meet. I am going to tell you like it is. Service technicians love the advertising that points out that you don't have to scrape dishes anymore. They have the chopper on top of the motor impellers which grinds the food. A service technician will look you right in the eye and tell you, "that is a joke."

The dishwasher was never intended to replace the garbage disposer. I would ask you to remove food particles rinsing off the dishwasher. The other main point is the plastic that coats some of these dishwasher tablets. I've heard of many complaints where the plastic coverings do not dissolve completely and they plug up everything, especially the tiny

holes that are in the spray arms. The common cause of this problem occurs when the hot water entering into the dishwasher is simply not hot enough. The temperature of water coming out of your faucet should be 150 degrees or higher. This temperature water will melt the plastic coatings plus also kill the bacteria in the dishwasher. Caution must be used with hot water especially when there are little children around. Stay tuned.

Joe Gagnon can be heard at 8 a.m. Saturdays on WAAM 1600. You can email your problems and questions on appliances to apldr@vmi.com

GARDEN & NATURE CALENDAR

through Miller Woods, 2-4 p.m. Sunday, April 27 and May 4. Tours are free and typically last about 60 minutes. They leave every 30 minutes from the entrance on Powell Road, just east of Ridge Road, between Ann Arbor Road and North Territorial, Plymouth Township. Dogs are not permitted and strollers are not recommended because of the terrain. Website for updates is millerwoods.com.

Heritage Park
» A naturalist will lead an exploration of the wetlands in the park 7-8:30 p.m. Friday, April 25. Participants, ages 6 and up, will learn to listen to and identify native frogs and toads. Youngsters will complete data sheets and will take part



It won't be long before the bloodroot is in bloom at Miller Woods in Plymouth Township. Spring wildflower tours run April 27 and May 4.

in seasonal Heritage Park Frog and Toad Surveys. Cost is \$5.
» Full Moon Friday Night Hikes run 8:30-9:30 p.m. April 18, 9:30-10:30 p.m. May 16 and 9:30-10:30 p.m. June 13. Hikes are for ages 5 and up. Cost is \$3 per person.

Register for the programs at recrec.flgov.com. Heritage Park is located on Farmington Road between 10 Mile and 11 Mile in Farmington Hills. Call 248-477-1135 or email asmith@flgov.com for more information.

Send material for the Garden & Nature Calendar to Sharon Dargay, Observer&Eccentric, sdargay@hometowlife.com.

Butterflies
Carolyn Sohoza, president of Southeast Michigan Butterfly Association (SEMBA), will talk about ways to attract wildlife and butterflies to the garden, 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 16, at Nankin Mills Nature Center, 33175 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland. Parking on Hines Drive or Ann Arbor Trail. \$3 for SEMBA members. 734-223-5510; www.semabutterflies.com

Friends of Miller Woods
The Friends will offer spring wildflower tours

Send school reunion information to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometowlife.com.

CODY HIGH SCHOOL
CLASS OF 1964
50-year reunion runs 6 p.m. to midnight Friday, Sept. 19, at the Sheraton Detroit. 2014 2111 Haggerty, Novi. For more information, contact Mike and Barb Kerby, 734-525-0546, kerryb66am@msn.com.

GARDEN CITY HIGH SCHOOL
CLASS OF 1989
A 25th class reunion is planned for May 10 at Joy Manor in Westland.

For more information and tickets, contact Kelly at kalicamic@att.net, hoo.com or call at 734-347-1745.

LIVONIA BENTLEY
CLASS OF 1974
40th class reunion set for 6 p.m. Saturday, June 28, at One Under Bar and Grill in Livonia. \$40 per person. Visit www.bentley74.com for more details and to buy tickets.

ROSARY HIGH SCHOOL
CLASS OF 1974
A meet & greet is planned for 7 p.m. May 9 at Doc's in Livonia. Other

arrangements are pending for the reunion on May 23 at Beth Macdonald at 248-766-9531 or email beth.macdonald@mac.com.

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN
CLASS OF 1979
35th reunion starts with an informal get together, 7:30 p.m. to

midnight Friday, Oct. 24, at Docs Sports Retreat, 19265 Victor Park, Livonia. The reunion runs 6 p.m. to midnight Saturday, Oct. 25, at Joy Manor, 28999 Joy Road, Westland. Cost of \$65 per person includes dinner, open bar, dancing and DJ. Make checks payable to JGHS Class of '79 and send to JGHS Class of '79, 887 Eton Ct., South Lyon, MI 48178.

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The exhibit of the replica of the purported burial cloth of Jesus Christ will open with a special presentation by Msgr. Todd Lajiness, Rector of Sacred Heart Major Seminary, at 1:15 PM on Palm Sunday, April 13th, in the school cafeteria. Msgr. Lajiness will give a brief history of the shroud, an examination of the wounds, along with some contemporary debate points about its authenticity.

Please see the parish website for the complete exhibit schedule & map:
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For information or to register, contact Judy Richmond at jrichmond@jvsdetroit.org or 248-233-4200 or visit www.jvsdetroit.org/women.

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The fluid that causes the distending of the joint is one reaction to take out the fluid that accumulates in the knee. Another reason is that the knee joint is constructed so that one-half cc of fluid up to two cc of fluid provides the best lubrication for friction free movement. Any more fluid interferes, just as putting five quarts of oil into a car engine that calls for four quarts disrupts the motion of the pistons.
Furthermore, removing knees fluid allows the doctor to make a better diagnosis than possible by history, physical examination and x-rays. An analysis of the fluid will uncover whether the patient has osteoarthritis, an inflammatory condition, gout or infection. As each of these conditions has its own treatment and long-term outlook, it is important for the doctor to gain the information fluid analysis provides.
Finally, with the aspiration needle in the knee joint, the physician can undertake therapy. Most often that means injecting the joint with a steroid-cortisone type medication such as methylprednisolone. The cortisone dampens down inflammation and prevents return of joint fluid accumulation. Injecting into the joint also means that steroid does not enter the rest of the body, thereby sparing the patient from cortisone side effects.

Rescues offer fundraisers, wildlife advice

Bowl for animals

The ninth annual Bowl-4-Animal Rescue! is set for Aug. 9, but event sponsors Michelle Mullen and Aleta Sill of Aleta Sill's Bowling World plan to get a jump on the excitement.

They will launch the Bowl-4-Animal Rescue Pledge Drive with a "Yappy Hour" 6-8 p.m. May 1, at Country Lanes, 30250 W. Nine Mile in Farmington Hills.

The evening will include the Detroit Tiger Mascot, "PAWS," a demonstration of registration and online pledging, announcement of pledge incentives, raffles, prizes, appetizers and a cash bar, along with \$5 bowling.

The sponsors hope to raise \$50,000 this year for the Friends of the Dearborn Animal Shelter and the Michigan Animal Adoption Network.

For more information, call Mullen at 248-217-8275.



PET PROJECTS

Abandoned?

Each year, at the first signs of spring, the Michigan Humane Society Wildlife Department begins taking in healthy baby rabbits, birds, ducklings and other young animals that well-meaning finders believed were orphaned.

But for most of those wild babies, being alone for several hours was a normal part of their mother's protection.

Many won't survive or thrive if taken from their mothers. MHS is asking the public to exercise caution before intervening with wildlife.

"Those who come across wild baby animals and instinctively want to help them do so out of compassion and kindness," said Dave Bjarneisen, Michigan Humane Society wildlife technician. "However, unless they are at immediate risk, it is usually in the animals' best interest to not intervene or move them. When in doubt, those who find animals can call the MHS Wildlife Department first."

Although it may appear that baby animals are abandoned when they are without their parents, most of the time the mother is nearby. It is normal for many species to leave their young unattended for hours at a time. A doe may leave her fawn for up to eight hours before returning to nurse. Fawns do not carry a scent, so by watching her young from a distance, a doe helps keep her scent from attracting predators to them.

A duck may run in the opposite direction of her

ducklings in order to have a predator chase her instead of her young. She will return to them when the threat is gone.

Another often-misunderstood sight is when young birds, which typically do not fly as soon as they leave the nest, spend a few days on the ground to build up their flight muscles. During this time, they may appear to be injured.

If you find an injured wild animal or animals known to be orphaned, contact the DNR's Wildlife Department at 517-373-1263.

Questions? Call the MHS Wildlife Department at 248-852-7420, ext. 224. Hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday-Saturday, and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Wednesday. Visit www.michiganhumane.org/wildlife for more tips on wildlife.

The Michigan Humane Society is the largest and oldest animal welfare organization in the state, with shelters in Westland, Rochester Hills and Detroit.

CHOIR

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ing," said Smith recalling years spent at Ward and Bentley. He figures that over his nearly 30-year tenure at Bentley, he taught 1,700 students in Concert Choir alone. The elite singing group was known for its high standards, cross-country tours, awards and devoted students. Smith challenged his young singers to excel by requiring them to memorize all music, battle for chair positions — a process found mostly in orchestras and bands — and take on tour planning.

"I was in Men's Glee Club (at U-M) and it is student-run. The Men's Glee Club taught me that we had a spirit that was not to be denied and it was so much fun. I thought if I'd ever get to the point that I'd have my own music groups, I'd have student involvement. And I did."

"We aimed high. I was not going to be satisfied with an almost-good choir. I pushed them."

Thankful students

Concert Choir alumni gathered in Livonia five years ago to pay tribute to their former director, wish him a happy 73th birthday and celebrate with a musical reunion. More than 800 classmates attended the event.

"I started singing in grade school at Riley and the only thing I wanted to do was to be in his choir," said Terry Marecki, Livonia city clerk. She sang in Smith's Bentley and Ward church choirs.

"He was a huge part of my life. He set the standards high. You learned so much from him."

Marecki will introduce Smith when he is inducted into the 1835 Livonia City Hall of

ABOUT JERRY SMITH

His wife, Sharon, is a former Bentley Concert Choir member. They started dating after she wrote him a letter while at college, and he responded. After three dates, he proposed and they married when she was a college sophomore.

They have three children. His two daughters and their husbands sing in his choir at First Presbyterian. His son also sings and often joins in for special events and holidays.

He still gets butterflies on Saturday night. But, by Sunday morning he is "geeked" and ready to lead the church choir. He brings doughnuts to church for his singers every Sunday.

He loves to garden. When the couple lived in a house, Smith turned its yard into a showplace "sanctuary." Now they're living in a condo without much room for planting flowers and picking weeds. He applies his green thumb to flower boxes and hanging plants.

He is a genealogy buff who traced his family tree to the 1300s.

Fame in the fall. Livonia resident Bill Joyner created the tribute 10 years ago.

Smith said the nomination is "cool," but also humbling.

"I feel very honored that I've had the opportunity of doing what I've done. I am here (First Presbyterian) because I was led here. I have a wonderful family. Ward Presbyterian means the world to me. Bentley High School — just saying the words is like YES! because I was there for 27 years," Smith said.

Oh, my papa: Salute your dad in O&E Media

Attention, all local sons and daughters. Father's Day is Sunday, June 15.

Celebrate your dad and show him how much you appreciate him by entering the first Observer & Eccentric Media "Dear Dad" Contest.

Bring your dad to the Spring Expo on Tuesday, April 29, in the Vix-Tech Center at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia, and enter to win.

You must enter the contest in person at the 2014 Spring Expo at which time you and your dad will have an impromptu photo shot

(which will also serve as the photo for the winning contestants). On the entry form you must answer the question, "Why is your dad worthy of a tribute?" The photos and responses will be uploaded on FB.com/O&EHomeTown and voted on by the public. The winners will have their photo tribute featured in a local print edition. Up to 13 winners are possible.

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Location: St. Theodore Social Hall, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland
Details: Pancakes, French toast, ham, sausage, scrambled eggs, applesauce, coffee, tea, milk, juice. Adults pay \$3; children 2-10 pay \$1.50
Contact: 734-525-4421
BREAKFAST, EASTER FAIR
Time/Date: Pancake breakfast, 8:30-10 a.m.; Easter activities, 9:30-11:30 a.m., Saturday, April 19
Location: Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia
Details: Free community breakfast, Easter Fair includes crafts, egg hunt, egg decorating, cookie decorating and more. Parents must accompany their children
Contact: 734-522-6830; christoursavior.com
EASTER WEEK
Time/Date: 7 p.m. Maundy

Thursday, April 17, 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. Good Friday, April 18, 9:30 a.m., Easter Sunday
Location: Lola Park Lutheran Church, 14750 Kinloch, Redford
Details: A free Easter breakfast will be served from 8-9:15 a.m. All visitors will receive a free DVD, "Come Follow Me"
Contact: 734-968-3523 or 313-532-8655
EASTER WEEK
Time/Date: Prayer at 8 a.m., 7:30 p.m. Liturgy followed by adoration in the Day Chapel until prayer at midnight, Thursday, April 17, 8 a.m. prayer, reflective silence at noon, Stations of the Cross, 2 p.m., Liturgy of Good Friday, 3 p.m., and Liturgy of the Hours, 8:30 p.m., Friday, April 18, prayer at 8 a.m., blessing of food, 11 a.m., Easter Vigil Liturgy, 8:30 p.m. Saturday, April 19, 6 a.m., 8 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. worship, Sunday, April 20
Location: Our Lady of Good Counsel Roman Catholic Church, 47650 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth
Contact: 734-453-0326; www.olgparish.net

EASTER WEEK
Time/Date: 7 p.m. April 17, Maundy Thursday worship; 7 p.m. April 18, Good Friday worship; 8 p.m. Saturday, April 19, Easter Vigil; 10:30 a.m. Sunday, April 20, Easter worship
Location: Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28680 Cherry Hill Road, Garden City
Details: Easter Sunday events include a pancake breakfast at 9 a.m. and Easter egg hunt at 9:30 a.m.
Contact: 734-427-3660
EASTER WORSHIP
Time/Date: 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Sunday, April 20
Location: St. Theodore of Canterbury Catholic Church, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland
Contact: 734-425-4421
EASTER WORSHIP
Time/Date: 6:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion at 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday, April 20
Location: Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 34715 Farmington Road, Livonia
Contact: 734-522-6830; christoursavior.org

FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY
Time/Date: 8 a.m., 10 a.m., noon and 3 p.m.
Location: Our Lady of Good Counsel Roman Catholic Church, 47650 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth
Contact: 734-453-0326; www.olgparish.net
GOOD FRIDAY FILM
Time/Date: 7 p.m. Friday, April 18
Location: Warren Road Light and Life Church, 33445 Warren Road, at Farmington Road, Westland
Details: A free special screening of the Mel Gibson movie, *The Passion of Christ*, will be presented in the church sanctuary to commemorate Good Friday. There will be a Q & A after about what guests saw, and refreshments will be served. Rated R, it is recommended for adults only
Contact: 734-458-7301
LENTE SERVICE
Time/Date: Noon to 1 p.m.

Wednesday, April 16
Location: Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia
Details: Worship followed by a light lunch
Contact: 734-522-6830 for additional information
MEN'S BREAKFAST
Time/Date: 8 a.m. April 18
Location: St. Michael Lutheran Church, 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton
Details: 39th Men's Good Friday Breakfast includes full breakfast and guest speaker, the Rev. Sunil Noah, founder of Emmanuel Bible School and pastor of Emmanuel Indian Fellowship. Tickets are \$6 for men, \$3 for boys, 10 and under
Contact: 734-459-3333
NEW DAWN CLUB
Time/Date: 6 p.m. Wednesday, April 16
Location: St. Edith, 15089 Newburg, Livonia
Details: New Dawn is a social club for widows and widowers that meets monthly at St. Edith Church in Livonia for companionship and at area restaurants for lunch or dinner. All faiths are

welcome.
Contact: Ann Lenehan at 734-495-0441
PASSOVER SEDER
Time/Date: 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 15
Location: Congregation Bet Chaverim, 321 Ridge Road, Canton
Details: Potluck seder, RSVP required
Contact: Michelle at 734-718-7025; betchaverim@yahoo.com
TRIVIA NIGHT
Time/Date: Doors open 6 p.m., game begins 7 p.m. Saturday, April 26
Location: St. Simon and Jude Catholic Church, 32500 Palmer, Westland
Details: Cost is \$20 per team of up to four individuals and includes 10 rounds of questions, popcorn, six hot dogs and six chips per team. No registrations at the door; www.stsimonandjude.com/trivia.html
Contact: Kathy Hansen at 734-716-4436; stsimonandjude.com
See RELIGION, Page B10

EASTER WORSHIP SERVICES

St. John's Episcopal Church
 Woodward Avenue and Fisher Freeway
 NEXT TO COMERICA PARK
 www.stjohnsdetroit.org
 (313) 962-7358

Good Friday - April 18
 Noon to 3pm
Come for all or whatever portion of service you can.
Music of John Stainer's The Crucifixion

Great Vigil of Easter - April 19
 6:00pm (in the Chapel)

Easter Day - April 20
 8am Holy Communion
 9:30am Brass Prelude
 10am Festive Holy Communion
Reception & egg hunt follows

Traditional Liturgy, Music, and Biblical Teaching

1928 Book of Common Prayer

RISEN CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH
 46250 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth
 (734) 453-5252

EASTER WEEK SERVICES
 9:00am Sunday - 9:30am
 Good Friday: 7PM
 Easter Sunday: 8AM & 11AM
 Easter Breakfast: 9-15AM

Website: www.risenchrist.info
 Facebook: www.facebook.com/RisenChristLutheranChurchPlymouthMI



ST. ANNE'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
 TRIDENTINE LATIN RITE MASS
 38100 Five Mile Road
 Livonia, MI 48154
 734-462-3200

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Historic Mariners' Church
 A HOUSE OF PRAYER FOR ALL PEOPLE
 Traditional Anglican Worship Since 1842

PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 13
 8:30 and 11:00am - The Holy Communion with the Blessing and Distribution of Palms

MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 17
 12:00pm - The Holy Communion appropriately called The Last Supper

On Hart Plaza at the Tunnel • Free Secured Parking in the Ford Underground Garage with entrance in the median strip of Jefferson at Woodland
 (313) 259-2206 • www.marinerschurchofdetroit.org

First Baptist Church-Detroit
 21200 Southfield Rd., Southfield
 (Located 1 block north of Eight Mile)
 (248) 569-2972 www.the-detroit.org

SERVICES
Palm Sunday, April 13, at 11:00 a.m.
Maundy Thursday, April 17, at 7:00 p.m.
Good Friday, 7PM
Good Friday, April 18, at 12:00 noon
Easter Sunday, April 20
 9:30 a.m. - "Son Rise" Easter Brunch
 10:00 a.m. - Program/Children's Pageant
 11:00 a.m. - Sunday Service



4/17 HOLY THURSDAY Confessions 5:00 - 6:45 pm
 Last Supper 7:00 pm
 Followed by the procession to Altar of Repose - The Stripping of the Main Altar and Adoration at the Altar of Repose until midnight

4/18 GOOD FRIDAY Stations of the Cross 2 pm
 Solemn Liturgy of The Passion of Our Lord at 3:00 pm
 No Confessions today.

4/19 HOLY SATURDAY Confessions 9:00 pm - 10:00 pm
 Easter Vigil 10:30 pm

4/20 EASTER SUNDAY Confessions 9:15 am
 Mass of The Resurrection 10:00 am

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church
 16360 Hubbard St., Livonia, MI
 734-421-8451

Our Holy Week Services are:
 4/17/14 Maundy Thursday, 6:00pm
 4/18/14 Good Friday, Noon - 3:00pm and 6:00pm
 4/19/14 Easter Eve Great Vigil, 8:30pm
 4/20/14 Easter Day, 9:00am



Saint John's Episcopal Church of Westland
 555 S. Wayne Rd., Westland, MI 48186

Christ is Risen! Truly He is Risen!
April 13, 2014 Palm Sunday
 Low Mass 8:30am
 Sung Mass 10:30am
April 17, 2014 Maundy Thursday
 Sung Mass 7:00pm
April 18, 2014 Good Friday
 Stations of the Cross 12:00pm
 The Liturgy of Good Friday 7:00pm
April 20, 2014 Easter (Pascha)
 Sung Mass 8:30am
 Solemn High Mass 10:30am

Call for more information 734-721-5023 or
 stjohnschurchwestland@gmail.com



Newburg United Methodist Church
 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia www.newburgumc.org

Easter 2014: "Belief that Make Sense"

Easter Fair - 11:30am-2pm on Good Friday, April 18
 Join us for free lunch, games & activities! For all ages!

Good Friday - Tenebrae Contemplative Worship at 7:30pm
Easter Sunday - "What Were You Expecting?"
 Sunrise Service at 7am at GreenMead (8 Mile at Newburg Road)
 Festival Worship at 9:15am & 11:00am at Newburg UMC

All Are Welcome! Join us every Sunday for Worship at 9:15 and 11:00am
 *Wednesdays for multi-generational mid-week programming.

CHRIST OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH
 14175 FARMINGTON RD., LIVONIA, MI 48154
 734-522-6830 www.christoursavior.org
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Good Friday
 April 18 at 12:30pm & 7:00pm Tenebrae

Family Easter Fair & Egg Hunt
 (Free Pancake Breakfast 8:30am-10am)
 April 19 at 9:30am-11:30am

Easter Sunday
 April 20 at 6:30am, 8:30am & 11:00am
 Closed Captioning provided at 11:00am service on 2nd & 4th Sundays & on Easter Sunday at 11:00am.

HE IS RISEN

BIRTH

JORDAN ELLSWORTH PATTERSON

Jordan Ellsworth Patterson was born March 26, 2014, at Sparrow Hospital, Lansing.

Proud parents are a Cassandra and Joseph Patterson of Holt.

Jordan Ellsworth Patterson

Passages

How to reach us: 1-800-570-7355 • fax 313-496-4968 • oecobis@hometownlife.com

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

NOWAK, JANE RUTH BLACK

Born to John and Jennie Ruth Black in Louisville, Kentucky, Jane departed this life March 8th 2014.

SNELL, ELLEN

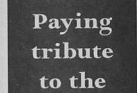
When little Ellen Rechalag was traveling through South Dakota's winter snow in 1923, she was the only girl (four brothers) in the family of Hans Adolf and Mathilde Rechalag.



Jane Ruth Black

PIERCE E.

April 11, 2014, Age 90. Beloved wife of Harry R. Dear mother of Janet Harris (Lezeran Perzanowski) and Raymond Byrum.



Pierce E.

Paying tribute to the life of your loved one.

MARIAN JOYCE

Passed away peacefully in Midland, Michigan on April 8, 2014, at age 89. She was born in Flint, Michigan December 27, 1920.

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS

William Cary and Barbara (Ellen) Cary of Canton will mark their 50th anniversary April 18.

They have two children, Susan Rickett (JR) of South Lyon and Jennifer Ealovega (Alex) of Canton, and two grandchildren.

William was a general supervisor of mechanical maintenance engineering

DOVE-ALLEN

Shelly Dove and Megan Allen were married March 12, 2014, in Kauai, Hawaii.

The Rev. Hans Peter officiated and Sarah Pernack served as an attendant.

Shelly, the daughter of Barbara Dove of Texas, and Megan, daughter of Cheryl Munro of Livonia, both work for the University of Michigan Medical Center.

WEDDING



Megan Allen and Shelly Dove. The newlyweds spent their honeymoon in Kauai. They plan to make their future home in Hawaii.

ANNIVERSARY

at the Ford Rouge Plant in Dearborn before retiring 23 years ago. He enjoys golf and wood working.

Barbara has been a stay-at-home mom and has volunteered at Botsford Hospital for approximately 15 years.

William and Barbara celebrated their anniversary with family and friends on April 5 at the Dearborn Country Club.



Barbara and William Cary of Canton

RELIGION

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MAY COMMON GROUND

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Friday, May 2 Location: Connection Church, 3855 S. Sheldon, Canton

ONGOING CLASSES/TUTOR

Men's Bible study Time/Date: 8:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Monday Location: Kirk's at 7 a.m. and 10 a.m. Monday

WARDSHIP

Time/Date: 7:15 p.m. weekly Location: Room A101, 4000 W. Sixteen Mile, Livonia

FAMILY COMMUNITY MEAL

Time/Date: 5-6 p.m. every Tuesday Location: 2700 S. Farmington, Livonia

MOMS

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. second Tuesday, September-May

PET-FRIENDLY SERVICE

Time/Date: 1 p.m. Sunday Location: Dunk N Dogs, 2911 Five Mile, Livonia

SUPPORT

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily Location: 29667 Wentworth, Livonia

APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily Location: 29667 Wentworth, Livonia

CELEBRATE CHILDREN'S BIRTHDAYS

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. every Tuesday Location: 24800 W. Chicago Road, Redford

Contact: 313-563-0162

PRAYER Nardin Park United Methodist Church

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesday Location: 29887 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills

St. Edith Church Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday Location: 15089 Newburgh, Livonia

St. Michael Lutheran Church Time/Date: 6-7 a.m. Monday-Friday

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday Location: 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton

Time/Date: 7-7:15 p.m., social time, 7:30 p.m., announcements; 7:30-8:30 p.m. program; 8:30-9 p.m. cream social, Thursdays

Steve's Family Restaurant Time/Date: 9 a.m. second and third Thursdays

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church Time/Date: 11 a.m. Sunday

Time/Date: 4:00-5:15 p.m. Northville Township

Details: Single Point Ministries, for 30 and up, offers Fellowship, coffee, snacks, conversation

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» Detroit World Outreach Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday

» Merriman Road Baptist Church Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. second Tuesday of the month

» Riverside Park Church of God Time/Date: 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday-Friday

» St. Andrew's Episcopal Church Time/Date: 10 a.m. to noon Saturday morning

» St. John Neumann Time/Date: 7:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesdays

» St. Thomas a Becket Church Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday

» Unity of Livonia Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday

» Woodhaven Retirement Community Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. every Tuesday

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EASTER WORSHIP SERVICES

Friends of Unity
774 North Division Road
(Off Plymouth Community Arts Council Building)

April 13 - 10:00 a.m. - Meditation and Reflection

April 13 - 10:00 a.m. - The Last Words of Jesus

April 13 - 10:00 a.m. - Welcome Easter People!
For more information, call 734-244-2013

Detroit Laestadian Lutheran Church
290 Fairchild, Plymouth, MI 48170
dlchurch.org

Palm Sunday Services: April 13th - 12th
Thurs - Zach 9:5
"Behold, thy King cometh unto thee"
Friday, April 13th @ 12:00 P.m.
Service with guest speaker Paul Heston of Seattle Laestadian Lutheran Church
Easter Services:

Wednesday, April 16th @ 7pm
Service with guest speaker Alan Hestonker from Marikand Garden
Friday, April 18th @ 7pm
Good Friday Service
Sunday, April 20th @ 11am
Easter Music Program and Service

Easter in the Village
Franklin Community Church

10:00 a.m. - Easter Celebration Service
Trumpets, Handbells, and Choral Choir

8:40 a.m. - Easter Sunrise Service Outdoors
Holy Communion in Memorial Garden

11:30 a.m. - Easter Egg Hunt on the Lawn
K-5th (Free food - 4th Grade)

1:00 p.m. - Good Friday Service

Everyone Welcome!
Located just behind the Village Commons Park
Franklin Road, South of 14 Mile Road
734-626-6076
www.FranklinChurch.us

Maundy Thursday APRIL 17 7:30 p.m.

Good Friday APRIL 18 Noon

Easter Saturday APRIL 19 8 p.m.

Easter Sunday APRIL 20 8, 9:30 & 11 a.m.

WARD CHURCH
More details and schedule info at www.wardchurch.org
40052 224 MILE ROAD | NORTHVILLE, MICHIGAN 48166 | (248) 274-7400

EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP
April 20th ~ 10:10 A.M.
Your Choice -
Formal or Informal Services

7:30 A.M. SONRISE Service

Plymouth First United Methodist Church
45201 N. Territorial Road
Plymouth, MI
(734) 453-5280 www.pfumc.org

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church
Knowing Jesus Christ And Making Him Known

Join us for our Easter Celebration
SUNDAY, APRIL 20
8:15 am - Traditional Service | 10:45 am - Family Service

28000 New Market Road • 248 | 553 | 3380

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
39020 Five Mile Road, Livonia
734.464.0211 www.holytrinitylivonia.org

Maundy Thursday, April 17 at 7 pm
Good Friday, April 18 at noon & 7 pm
Holy Saturday, April 19 Easter Vigil at 7 pm
Easter Sunday, April 20 at 8:30 & 11 am
Children's Egg Hunt at 10:20 am

This is Christ's church.
There is a place for you here.

Holy Week & Easter

Sunday, April 13 - Palm Sunday
9:00 & 11:00 AM
Sanctuary Service - Dr. Norman Pritchard
7:30 PM Concert
G.F. Handel's Messiah (Parts II & III) - Chancel Choir & Orchestra

Thursday, April 17 - Maundy Thursday
7:00 PM Communion Service in the Sanctuary
Rev. Troy Hauser Brydon

Friday, April 18 - Good Friday
1:00 PM Good Friday Service in the Sanctuary
Rev. Carol Tate

7:30 PM A Choral Meditation on the Passion of Christ
Chancel Choir

Sunday, April 20
Easter Sunday
7:00, 9:00 & 11:00 AM
Sanctuary Festival Service
Dr. Norman Pritchard

Kirk in the Hills
1340 W. Long Lake Road • Bloomfield Hills
(248) 626-2515 | kirkinthehills.org

Covenant Community Church

Easter Sunday Service Schedule
25800 Student - Redford, MI 48239
313-535-3100 - www.covenantredford.com

Good Friday, April 18, 2014 - 1 p.m.
Sunday, April 20, 2014 - 2 services
9 a.m. & 11 a.m. - Morning Worship
9:30 a.m. - Breakfast - Open to Everyone

Join Us For Easter Service
Sunrise Service hosted by the youth group 7:30 am
Sunrise Breakfast 8:00 am
Traditional Service 9:30 am
Casual Service 11:15 am

Farmington First United Methodist Church
33112 Grand River Ave.
(downtown Farmington across from Starbucks)
www.farmingtonfumc.org

NORTH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
36520 W. Twelve Mile Road, Farmington Hills
Phone: (248) 848-1750 NorthCongregationalChurch.org

EASTER SUNDAY - APRIL 20
9:00 a.m. Easter Family Service
10:30 a.m. Easter Worship

"Do Not Be Afraid, Go and Tell!"

Rev. Mary E. Bedron, Senior Minister

Holy Week Worship Schedule

April 17th - Maundy Thursday - 7pm
April 18th - Good Friday - 7pm
April 19th - Easter Vigil Schedule
Beginning at 5:30pm
A Light Supper
Puppet Show
Easter Egg Hunt
7pm - Easter Vigil Worship

April 20th - Easter Resurrection
Worship 9:30am

Celebration! Lutheran Church
9300 Farmington Road
Livonia, MI 48150
www.celebrationlc.com

Reverend James L. Fogle - Pastor

HOLY WEEK
at Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church

PALM SUNDAY - Sunday, April 13
9:00 a.m. Informal Worship
10:30 a.m. Worship for All Ages
Adult and Youth Choirs
Procession of Children with Palms

MAUNDY THURSDAY - Thursday, April 17
7:30 p.m. Sacrament of the Lord's Supper-Fellowship Hall
Nursery Care Available

GOOD FRIDAY - Friday, April 18
7:30 p.m. Service of Shadows (Tenebrae)-Chapel
Nursery Care Available

EASTER SUNDAY - Sunday, April 20
9:00 a.m. Informal Worship
10:30 a.m. Worship for All Ages
Adult and Youth Choirs
Adult Handbell Choir

Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church USA
9601 Hubbard at West Chicago
Livonia, Mich. 48150
734.422.0494
<http://www.rosedalegardens.org>

Join us for our **Good Friday and Easter Services**

Good Friday Service
Friday, April 18, at 12 Noon

Easter Musical & Drama, "It is Finished!"
Friday & Saturday, April 18 & 19, at 7pm

Easter Sunday Worship Services
Sunday, April 20, 9:30am & 11:00am

Merriman Road Baptist Church | 2055 Merriman, Garden City | mrbcc.us

The First Presbyterian Church of Royal Oak
629 Hendrie Blvd.
(Corner of 6th St. & Hendrie)
248.541.0108
www.fpcro.org

April 20 • Easter Sunday
Worship services at 9 am & 11 am
All Are Welcome! Celebrate Christ's Resurrection!

CELEBRATING OUR 100th ANNIVERSARY
"Always greeting us as a community of believers, reaching out in love to the world."

First United Methodist Church of Birmingham

Holy Week
Palm Sunday
April 13
8:15, 9:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Maundy Thursday
April 17
7:00 p.m.

Community Good Friday Service
April 18 - Noon
at First Presbyterian Church of Birmingham

Easter Sunday
April 20
Sunrise Service 7:00 a.m.
Traditional Worship 8:15, 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.
Shine Contemporary Worship 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

1589 West Maple Road
Birmingham, MI
(248) 646-1200
www.fumcbirmingham.org

Join us for a time of Spiritual Reflection and Renewal

Holy Week

Monday-Wednesday
Holy Eucharist 7 p.m.
also 7 a.m. Wednesday

The Three Days

Thursday Maundy Thursday Liturgy 7 p.m.
Friday Stations of the Cross 3 p.m.
Good Friday Liturgy 7 p.m.
Saturday Great Vigil of Easter 8 p.m.

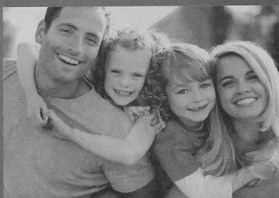
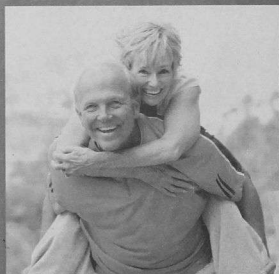
Easter Sunday
Festival Eucharists 8 a.m. & 10 a.m.

At the corner of West Maple and Chester in the Heart of Birmingham.
248-644-0820
stjamesbirmingham.org

St. James Episcopal Church



HE IS RISEN



Spring

Life in

GO

EXPO

The Spring Expo is for Active Adults on the GO!

Learn to live healthy, make wise financial decisions and enhance your life to make it the best ever.



When you are prepared you can live Life in Go!

Tuesday, April 29, 2014 2 p.m. – 7:00 p.m

Schoolcraft College
VisTaTech Center
18600 Haggerty Road
Livonia, MI 48152



Pre Event Fun 1:00 – 1:45 p.m.

Play a fun version of Family Feud and win great prizes
** First 100 people win passes for a movie and pizza!

During the Spring Expo 2 p.m. – 7 p.m.

- ▶ 50+ Exhibitors
- ▶ 19 Diverse Workshops & Demonstrations
- ▶ Free Photos taken at photo booth
- ▶ Entertaining version of "Win It In a Minute Show" by Entertainment Network
- ▶ Prizes
- ▶ Refreshments
- ▶ Free Admissions and Parking

For additional info including workshops & demonstrations times and topics, go to hometownlife.com/2014SpringExpo or call 313-222-2414.

Entertainment Sponsors:
St. Mary Mercy Hospital Livonia and Humana

Food Sponsors:
Smart and Twisted Rooster

Open Houses

Sunday, April 13

COLDWELL BANKER
WEIR MANUEL

Coldwell Banker Weir Manuel
248-731-5303 | cbwm.com
For a complete list of open houses
visit www.cbwm.com/openhouses



OPEN 2-5 | 9950 Colwell, Allen Park - Fantastic home with great updates. New kitchen. Updated baths. Beautiful wood floors. \$99,500
Jessica Tremonti (313) 486-5246



OPEN 1-4 | 443 Brown Street, Birmingham - Luxurious in-town condominium home. Quality built by Kojanian Homes. \$1,625,000
Gwen Schultz (248) 817-4567



OPEN 1-4 | 1212 Edgewood, Birmingham - Newly remodelled walk to town beauty! Move in condition, open plan & granite kitchen. \$385,000
Janet Burger (248) 817-4557



OPEN 12-4 | 6471 Forest Beach, Brighton - Your place in the woods, overlooking the lake, where you can relax in comfort. \$545,000
Rich Childs (734) 796-2071



OPEN 2-4 | 634 Parkside Court, Chelsea - Five bedroom, 2.5 baths. 2495 square feet plus 900 square feet in lower level. \$379,000
Howard Watts (734) 389-7705



OPEN 12-3 | 6856 Kingsbury, Dearborn Heights - This home offers the efficiency of space and quality of a bygone construction era. \$123,900
Kent Tyrrell (313) 403-4881



OPEN 2-4 | 5095 Lafontaine, Detroit - Nice brick home, with lots of space. Full bath in master bedroom, sitting room. \$18,500
Melinda Waire (313) 924-3083



OPEN 2-4 | 44 Regal, Grosse Pointe Shores - Great curb appeal in this spacious home w/3 car garage. Large foyer, open staircase. \$525,000
Lala Abud (313) 214-2320



OPEN 2-4 | 2002 Roslyn, Grosse Pointe Woods - Magnificent quad-level home. 5 Bedrooms, possible 6th bedroom. 3 bathrooms. \$159,900
James Addison (313) 214-2305



OPEN 2-4 | 19115 Woodland, Harper Woods - So many updates, every detail has been attended to. Spacious open floor plan. \$48,000
Marsha King (313) 214-2295



OPEN 1-4 | 41210 Windmill, Harrison Twp. - Venice Shores custom split level. Deep canal just minutes from lake St. Clair. \$529,000
Carol Paton (586) 554-2385



OPEN 2-4 | 37958 Seaway, Harrison Township - Meticulously kept tri-level featuring 120' canal space with a covered host. \$429,900
Matt Mannino (313) 214-2288



OPEN 2-4 | 3946 Lense Cressle, Harrison Twp. - Custom brick ranch w/full basement. Updated kitchen w/bath area & laundry area. \$192,000
Kay Rinke (313) 486-9143



OPEN 1-4 | 446 Indian Trail, Lake Orion - Beautiful 4 bedroom/3.5 bath home in the desirable Lakes of Indianwood sub. \$415,000
Amy Chermishe (248) 213-7826



Open 1-4 | 35265 Curtis, Livonia - Backs to Bell Creek & 40 acres of protected woods on low traffic dead end street. Inground pool. \$700,000
John Goodman (248) 639-4904



OPEN 2-4 | 1615 Balsam Way, Milford - Southern style Colonial surrounded by 1.92 acres of lovely landscaping. \$650,000
Karen Thomas (248) 639-4916



OPEN 1-4 | 616 Fairbrook St., Northville - New England cottage style, thoughtfully renovated and on the 105 historical home tour. \$460,000
Anne Smith (248) 213-7928



Open 1-4 | 22438 Paddington, Novi - Totally updated Bradford of Novi Colonial on private cul-de-sac! Gorgeous updated kitchen. \$600,000
John Goodman (248) 639-4904



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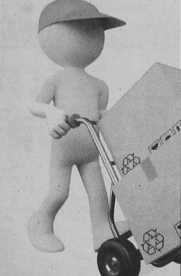
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