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Canton teenagers thwart home invasion

By Eric Lawrence
Gannett Michigan

Canton Police Deputy Chief Debra Newsome.

The arrest of Michael Toth, 28, of Garden City closed out at least four cases in Canton, Newsome said, noting that a number of other departments in the area are also looking at Toth as a possible suspect in other burglaries.

Toth was arraigned Thursday in 35th District Court in



Toth

carries a possible 20-year prison sentence for a conviction.

Plymouth on nine charges, including home invasion, possession of burglary tools and larceny, according to Canton Police. The most serious home invasion charge

Judge Michael Gerout set Toth's bail at 10 percent of \$1.5 million and set his preliminary examination for May 2.

Toth was arrested Monday morning. Newsome said he pried open a back door at a house on Emerald Pines Drive and the teens, a 17-year-old boy and his 16-year-old sister, called 9-1-1 when they heard loud banging sounds. A dis-

patcher told them to hide, which they did, while staying on the line, until officers arrived and made the arrest.

Toth was not on "the radar" of Canton Police in two recent break-ins and other attempts, but he's "no stranger to law enforcement," Newsome said without elaborating.

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A couple of Canton teenagers called police and hid in an upstairs closet until officers arrived when a man broke into their home this week.

The man was getting ready to leave with jewelry and jewelry boxes when officers arrested him, according to

HAUTE CUISINE

Culinary team cooks up fourth trip to nationals

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

Plymouth-Canton Educational Park culinary coach Diana Woodward said the national culinary competition is "an experience like you've never had."

If anyone should know, it's Woodward and her culinary arts team. They're making their fourth straight trip to the national event, this time headed to Minneapolis, Minn. The culinary team will try to improve upon last year's 10th-place finish (it was second in 2012 and its management team finished fourth in 2011).

P-CEP qualified for nationals by winning the Michigan ProStart Culinary competition earlier this month. Woodward's team, with only one returning member, now represents the state in Minneapolis.

"When you go to a national competition, it's really like nothing you've ever seen before," Woodward said. "People watch cooking shows on television, but that doesn't give you any idea. These teenagers ... train all year at multimillion-dollar facilities and their mentors are some of the most influential people in the business. Every single team in the country comes to play."

Salem High School senior Paul Di Nicola is the most experienced member of the team, having been to nationals last year. He's joined in the 10-foot cooking space by Salem senior Kristin Maretta, Plymouth High School senior Abby Lovelace and Plymouth junior Zachary Chouinard.



Abigail Lovelace (from left), Kristen Maretta, Zachary Chouinard and Paul Di Nicola practice for the national competition. PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



ON THE MENU

Here's what the Plymouth-Canton culinary team is cooking up for the national competition:

Appetizer: Scallop mousseline in a molding crepe, with a serrano-pickled cucumber-citrus salad, served with a lemon-pepper auili (technically a mayonnaise)
Entrée: Roast chicken breast, braised chicken thigh, crispy chicken skin chip, carrot puree and an asparagus/turmeric/turnip, potato fondant and a

potato/turnip puree.
Dessert: Pineapple brulee marinated in rum/brown sugar/vanilla/cinnamon; Coconut crumble/streusel with coconut/lemongrass/vanilla bean panacotta; Coconut yeast doughnut with coconut glaze, served with a fruit salad, steeped in fruit glaze of mint/vanilla/bean/lemongrass, with kiwi/mango/strawberry/passion fruit/coconut milk sorbet; Passion fruit tulle.

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Come join the fun, enter to win at Tuesday's O&E Expo

Exhibits, demonstrations, refreshments, prizes and entertainment are all part of the lineup for Tuesday's Spring Expo, sponsored by *Observer & Eccentric Media*.

Life in Go is set for 2-7 p.m. April 29 at Visi-Tech Center at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty Road, between Six and Seven Mile roads in Livonia.

Come early, starting at 1 p.m., for the pre-event enter-

tainment and play a version of the popular game Family Feud to win prizes.

More than 50 exhibitors will take part.

Be among the first 100 through the door and receive a prize.

Admission is free, parking is free and all workshops and demonstrations are free.

Learn about super foods, how to keep a healthy smile, how to reduce stress, how to

improve your social media skills and more.

Get your photo taken at the free photo booth sponsored by Humana.

For a full schedule of workshops and demonstrations, go to hometownlife.com and click on Expo in the Don't Miss module.

Cover contest

Come to the Spring Expo for the chance to be a cover star

and be noticed by more than 125,000 readers in print and thousands more online at hometownlife.com.

Dress up in your zaniest, brightest, most traditional or goofiest Christmas outfit (Santa, elves, trees or any other holiday angle that you can think of), then come to the expo to get your photo taken. Adults, teens, children and

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BeckRidge auditions 'The Odd Couple'

BeckRidge On-Stage is auditioning for its production of the Neil Simon classic *The Odd Couple*. Auditions take place 6-9 p.m. Monday, April 28, at the BeckRidge Rehearsal and Performance Studio, 40525 Koppernick, in Canton.

The play will be directed by Olivia Rhodes, who BeckRidge officials said has choreographed and/or directed a large volume of work at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton, where *The Odd Couple* will be



Rhodes

staged. Rhodes is currently finishing her master's degree in speech and language pathology.

Performances are set for June 19-22 at the Village Theater, 50400 Cherry Hill, Canton.

The Odd Couple centers around the relationship between Felix Ungar, a neurotic, neat-freak new writer who is thrown out by his wife

and moves in with his sportswriter friend Oscar Madison. The cast consists of six male characters and two British sisters who live in Oscar's apartment building.

Brandon Walden-mayer will be playing the role of Felix Ungar. Connor Rhodes is playing Oscar Madison, the slovenly, recently divorced sportswriter.

"We believe in casting Brandon and Connor as main leads, we can offer an educational experience for less experienced actors by working with

and learning from two really gifted performers and a wonderful director," said Michael Gross, BeckRidge's artistic director.

BeckRidge On-Stage is an educational theater program dedicated to developing young talent (middle school through college) by offering specialized training, educational experiences and performance opportunities. For additional information, visit www.beckridgechorale.org and click On-Stage or call 734-667-3127.

EXPO

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families are invited to participate.

The winner will be selected in part by readers voting at facebook.com/OEHometown and by O&E Media staff. Voting on Facebook begins May 2 and ends May 23. Staff selection will follow May 27.

The winning adult, teen, child or family will be featured on the cover of the Christmas in July special section, published July 24, and receive a \$100 gift card.

Contestants must be photographed at the Spring Expo to be eligible for the contest.

'Dear Dad' contest

Also at Tuesday's Expo, celebrate your dad and show him how much you love him by entering the inaugural O&E Media "Dear Dad" contest.

You must enter the contest in person at the expo, at which time you and your dad will have an impromptu photo taken (which will also serve as the photo for the contest).

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/OEHometown and voted on by the public. The winner will have their photo tribute featured in a local print edition. Up to 13 winners are possible.

Selected winners will:

- Be featured in a quarter-page color promotional ad in their local community newspaper.
- Receive movie passes to any Emagine Theatre.
- Receive Buddy's pizza coupon for dads and kids.
- Receive a \$20 gift card.
- Receive a coffee mug featuring the quarter-page promotional ad.

Dads, daughters and sons from the following communities are eligible to participate: Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills, Bloomfield Township, Franklin,ingham Farms, Southfield, Royal Oak, Berkley, Lathrup Village, Livonia, Redford, Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Canton, Westland, Wayne, Garden City, Farmington, Farmington Hills, Northville, Northville Township, Novi, South Lyon, Lyon Township, Milford, Highland, Salem Township and New Hudson.

We'll see you Tuesday, April 29, at the Spring Expo!

Foundation set for golf outing



The Canton Community Foundation is getting ready for its annual golf outing, set for June 5 at Pheasant Run.

As the Canton Community Foundation celebrates its 25th anniversary, officials are preparing for one of the foundation's biggest fundraisers.

The CCF hosts the 23rd annual Jack Demmer Ford Golf Outing, presented by Canton Waste Recycling, set for Thursday, June 5, at Canton's Pheasant Run Golf Club.

Proceeds from the outing will help fund the foundation's grant-making fund.

"This year, the Canton Community Foundation is celebrating its 25th anniversary," said Michelle Malamis, CCF executive director. "We are reassessing our goals and looking at opportunities for collaboration that will lead to greater positive impact. This year's golf outing is special, as it will engage area nonprofit organizations, as well as the local business community."

"We hope our old

friends, as well as some new local businesses and groups, will come out and enjoy a wonderful day on the beautiful Pheasant Run course."

Space is limited, so Malamis recommends early registration. Sponsorship opportunities are still available. Cost for golf is \$195 per person or \$750 per foursome.

For golfers, the day will include a light breakfast, 18 holes of golf at Pheasant Run, lunch at the turn, a dinner ban-

quet, complimentary beverages, a participation gift, awards and prizes. The day will also include several contests, including a \$5,000 putting contest and a hole-in-one contest with an opportunity to win a two-year Ford Escape lease, courtesy of Jack Demmer Ford.

For more information or to register as a golfer or a sponsor, go to www.cantonfoundation.org or contact Beth Meade at 734-495-1200 or bmeade@cantonfoundation.org.

Last year, a fundraiser conducted by students from the STEM Academy at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park focused on the engineering field.

This year, the kids wanted the fundraiser to focus on something in the medicine field. With a couple of students having fought cancer, the beneficiary of this year's event was an easy call.

That's why proceeds from a fundraiser they did in the fall (which raised some \$3,000) and money raised in a Cookie Le Jewelry Trunk

and Fashion Show will go toward Mott Hospital's Childhood Cancer Research Awareness.

The fundraiser is a Cookie Le Jewelry Trunk and Fashion Show, along with Jam Berry Nails and chair massages by The Ashiatu Room from Birmingham. It takes place 6-8:30 p.m. Thursday, May 1, in the Canton High School media center, 8415 Canton Center.

For information, email Ramos at Danielle.Ramos@pccs.mh.net or call 734-416-7922.

STEM kids raise cash for research

Celebrate the Fourth Annual Canton Acts of Culture Week

Saturday, April 26 through Saturday, May 3, 2014 where the arts are in the spotlight.



Don't miss a special Lunch Buffet and Panel Discussion on Wednesday, April 30 from 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. by the glassworks and photography artists currently exhibiting "Beauty Beyond Nature" at The Village Theater. This special event is sponsored by Meier of Canton, Health Alliance Plan (HAP) and Atchinson Ford. Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased online at Cantonvillagegtheater.org or at 734-394-5460.

Other Cultural Activities:

*** April 13 - Gallery @ Village Theater Exhibition** - "Beauty Beyond Nature" featuring three dimensional glassworks and photography. Artists: Paul Starkard, Ron Farina, Bernie Meyers, Dave Chemeslowski & Dennis Krukowsky Free & open to the public. Call 734-394-5300.

*** Sunday, April 27 - "Acts of Fashion"** - Charity fashion show at the Summit on the Park from 3:00-4:00 p.m. Proceeds will benefit "Alternatives for Girls" (Detroit) and "The WWII Veteran's Dormitory" (Canton). Cost: \$5 per person. 10 & under free. www.actsoffashionshow.wix.com/actsoffashion

*** Tuesday, April 29** - Free Artists Reception from 6:00-8:00pm at The Village Theater. Meet glassworks artists and photographers currently displaying "Beauty Beyond Nature" in The Village Theater's gallery. Enjoy refreshments while experiencing these unique works of art.

*** Saturday, May 3** - Michigan Philharmonic presents Composer & Narrator Andre Myers. Attend a family concert for 'kids' of all ages! MI Phil musicians will talk to children and share their instruments before and after the concert. 7:00pm - Instrument Petting Zoo; Tickets: Adults \$20, Seniors \$15, Students \$5 available at www.cantonvillagegtheater.org or by calling 734-394-5460.

*** May 1-31 - Gallery @ Village Theater Exhibition** - "Collective Reading". Works on Paper and Beyond," featuring a wide selection of quality book and paper art. Artists: Sandra Abbo, Barbara Brown, Cecilia Escobar, Norma Penchansky-Glasser, Ian Peter Hoesfeld, Avey Jones, Ann Pearman, Ted Ramsay & Jack Summers. Free & open to the public. Call 734-394-5300.

Free artists workshops for students at the Canton Public Library. Register online at www.cantonpl.org

*** April 26 & May 3, 3:30 - 5:00 p.m.** Folding Paper for Fun - Make Your Own Mini-Book. Instructor: Artist Cecilia Escobar

*** April 28, 3:30 - 5:00 p.m.** Cellography Portraits & Cell Phone Photos. Instructor: Photographers Jack Kenny & Bob Mosher (students should bring digital camera, tablet or cell phone)

*** April 29, 3:30 - 5:00 p.m.** Rick Lucier Nature Photography. Instructor: Painter and Photographer Rick Lucier (students should bring digital camera, tablet or cell phone).

A calendar is available at www.cantonfun.org. For more information, please call 734-394-5460.



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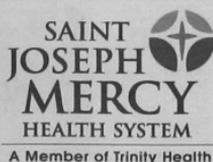
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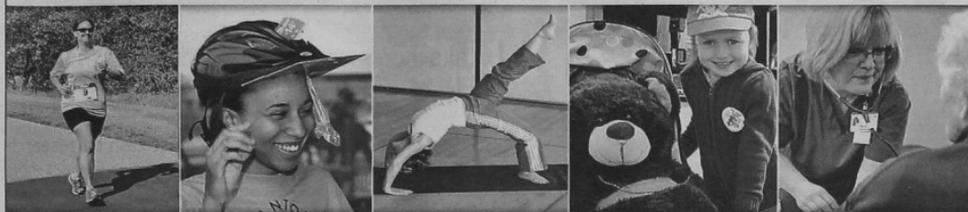
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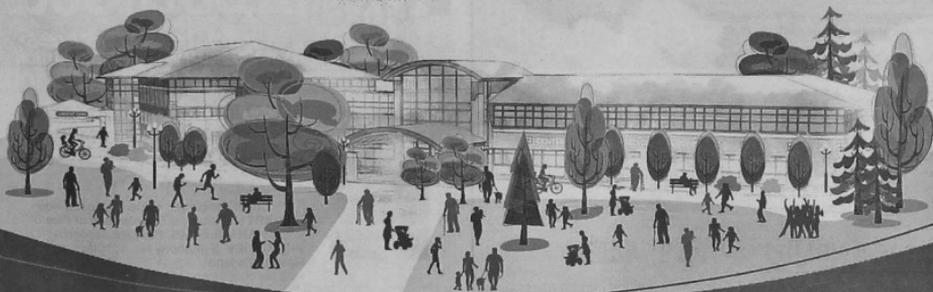


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Plymouth grad in MSU President's Report

Claire Babala, a sophomore at Michigan State University from Plymouth, is one of nine students featured in MSU's President Report: "Inside Out - An In-Depth Look at the Student Experience."

"Inside Out" followed the nine undergraduates and documented their lives throughout the fall 2013 semester by a team of student filmmakers. The finished product, which includes a 26-minute documentary (<http://report.president.msu.edu/insideout/documentary/>) and website (<http://report.president.msu.edu/insideout/>), serve as this year's annual report about the university released by MSU President Lou Anna K. Simon.

The project offers a different type of university president's report, giving viewers an inside look at the lives of students, demonstrating how each taps into the university's vast and varied opportunities to create their own paths of extreme personalization.

Babala, who is majoring in professional writing and the Residential College in the Arts and Humanities, is also a member of the Honor's College. She

is a volunteer youth mentor with My Brother's Keeper in Detroit, serves on the KCAH council, is involved with a student improvisation group and does social media projects as an intern with MSU's Communication and Brand Strategy office.

"With each new opportunity, I get closer to reaching my goal of professional stability and happiness after I graduate," said Babala, the only sophomore featured in the report.

In addition to being part of the full documentary, each student is individually featured on a page of the report that includes a five-minute video, photo gallery and reflections by the student. Babala's page can be found at <http://report.president.msu.edu/insideout/claire/>.

"The report provides a window on the tremendously rich student experience at MSU," said Heather Swain, vice president for communications and brand strategy at Michigan State.

The students featured in the report were nominated by deans, directors and chairs.

Alma College

More than 130 Alma College students participated in Alma College's 18th annual Kapp Honors Day program April 3. This day provides a forum when traditional classes are canceled and students share their original research, creativity and talents with an audience of their peers.

In sessions spanning nearly eight hours, students perform in music and dance productions, give oral presentations of scholarly research and lead poster discussions. With nearly 10 percent of the student body participating, other students are encouraged to attend as many presentations as possible both to support their fellow students and to learn from them.

Students who made their presentations included:

- **Chelsie Myers**, a senior from Canton - "The Effects of a Six-Week Aqua Aerobics Training Program on Aerobic Power in Relatively Inactive College-Age Women."
- **Lindsey Schmidt**, a senior from Canton - "Protecting

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Masculinity Through the Second Amendment: The Importance of Militias and the Right to Bear Arms in Early American History."

University of Detroit Mercy

Psychology major **Rachel Zarem** was awarded the Kappa Gamma Pi at the University of Detroit Mercy's Honors Convocation.

Students in the Honors Program must maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or better and complete 100 non-paid hours of volunteer service to society and/or individuals in need.

Canton native **Chase Zebari** of University of Detroit Mercy's College of Health Professions was awarded the Dean's Scholar Award at the University's Honors Convocation.

Students from University of Detroit Mercy were recently recognized at the University's Honors Convocation.

Students honored from Plymouth included **Margaret**

Gordinier, Kylie Birney, Michael Birney and Annelise Niemann.

Students honored from Canton included **Chase Zebari, Monica Garay, Hufsah Bhatti, Navkiran Munday, Caleb Fuller, Rosanna Reynolds and Rachel Zarem.**

University of Findlay

Jacob Boucher of Canton has been accepted to the University of Findlay for the 2014-15 academic year. Boucher plans to major in education.

Saginaw Valley

Three Saginaw Valley State University students earned honors from the National Society of Leadership and Success, an organization that fosters leadership in part by hosting seminars for universities nationally while also connecting members from chapters at 417 institutions across the United States.

Canton students earning honors include **Emily Upa, Anna Bushey and McKenzie Haack.**

Local schools compete in Science Olympiad

Schools from the Plymouth-Canton area were among teams taking part Saturday in the state tournament of the Michigan Science Olympiad (results weren't available at press time).

Taking part in the Science Olympiad, held at Michigan State University in East Lansing, were student teams from East Middle School, Pioneer Middle School and Plymouth Scholars Charter Academy in Plymouth and Canton, Plymouth and Salem high schools in Canton.

More than 400 high school and middle school teams competed at regional competitions during February and March, resulting in 96 teams selected to compete at the state tournament. Students participated in 46 competitive events held in various locations on the MSU

campus that include a broad range of scientific topics, including experimental design, thermodynamics, remote sensing, chemistry, astronomy, technical problem solving and forensics.

The top two overall tournament winners in each division, plus runner-up teams from each division, will compete May 16-17 in the National Science Olympiad Tournament at the University of Central Florida in Orlando. This year marks the 32nd anniversary of the Michigan Science Olympiad, part of an international event that is one of the premier science competitions for middle school and high school students.

Aimed at increasing student interest in science and recognizing outstanding achievement in science edu-

cation by students and teachers, Science Olympiad tournaments are rigorous academic competitions that consist of a series of team events for which students and their coaches and volunteers prepare during the entire year. The blend of engineering, knowledge, problem-solving, technology and process skills makes Science Olympiad unique in the world of science competition. In Michigan, participation has increased from 600 students in the first event 32 years ago to more than two million currently.

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Jon Gary, 68, helped downtown Plymouth bloom

By Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

Jon William Gary, who channeled his passion for Plymouth into both community service and a career, died unexpectedly April 19. He was 68.

Mr. Gary and his wife Carey, both retired educators who taught culinary arts, also ran the bed and breakfast 932 Penniman for 15 years, turning an older house on Penniman into an inn with five guest rooms. The move allowed her husband to combine handyman skills — he was a woodworker, and the couple did much of the restoration themselves — with his talent for cooking and a love of hospitality. “It was such a rewarding career move,” Carey Gary said, explaining that running 932 Penniman introduced them to people



Mr. Gary

from around the world, some of whom became close friends.

Her husband, she said, went out of his way to help their guests, even finding homes for several who later moved to Plymouth.

“I think he would be very surprised at how many people he touched,” she said.

Downtown presence

Mr. Gary was also a 14-year member of the Downtown Development Authority board of directors, serving during a downtown renaissance that saw the arrival of a new shops and restaurants and increased pedestrian traffic.

“He was iconic down-

town. A lot of people knew who Jon was,” said Tony Bruscato, the IDA director. Mr. Gary liked to walk downtown and keep an eye on things and wasn’t shy about sharing his opinions on what was needed, Bruscato said. “He would stop in and say, ‘Hey, I see the weeds are starting to grow here,’” he said. “He was aware of what was happening downtown at all times.”

Mr. Gary was born in Pontiac and graduated from Clarkston High School. He attended the University of Michigan and earned a bachelor’s degree in hotel management from Michigan State University and a master’s in vocational education from Wayne State University.

Inspired by a stay at a B&B during a trip East, the Garys bought 932 Penniman in 1995 and spent a lot of time

restoring it, opening, with just one guest room, in 1997. They sold the operation in 2012 with three guest rooms in the main house and two more in a carriage house.

Dual careers

Mr. Gary taught in vocational education programs for 34 years, retiring in 2006 from the William D. Ford Career Technical Center in Westland. Carey Gary ran the culinary arts program at Salem High School and, as they worked different shifts, their schedules allowed them to run 932 Penniman as well, where Jon typically prepared breakfast for their guests.

“He really liked to talk to the people,” Carey Gary said, and tell them about things to do in Plymouth, which would lead to broader conversations.

Mr. Gary also enjoyed reading, playing golf and rooting for the U-M football team.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by daughter Krista Mince and her husband Randy, daughter Kaarina Bodnar and her husband Tim; one brother, George Gary; one sister, Elizabeth Rogala; and four grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a sister, Mae Anne Schryver.

A funeral was Wednesday at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Livonia, with Schrader-Howell Funeral Home handling the arrangements. Memorial contributions to the Salvation Army Bed and Bread Club or the Salem culinary arts department are suggested.

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Madonna Career Fair draws throng

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.

Drug suspect waives hearing

By Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

A 50-year-old Dearborn man facing a drug charge in Plymouth waived his preliminary hearing Friday in 35th District Court.

Bryce M. Koth, who is accused of passing powdered cocaine to a waitress at the Ironwood Grill, without her seeking it, is charged with the manufacture or delivery of less than 50 grams of cocaine, which carries a sentence of up to 20 years in prison.

Represented by attorney Randall Lewis, Koth on Friday told Judge Mike Gerou that he would waive his right to a preliminary hearing, so Gerou scheduled Koth’s arraignment on the felony charge for Friday, May 9, in Wayne



Bryce M. Koth during an earlier appearance in 35th District Court. FILE PHOTO

County Circuit Court.

According to a Plymouth Police Department report, officers found Koth with 16 grams of suspected cocaine, plus nearly \$2,900 in cash, when he was arrested the night of Nov. 16 outside the Ironwood. The white powder later tested positive for cocaine, the report said.

Officers had been called to the Ironwood, where Koth was sitting at

the bar, by a restaurant manager after a waitress reported to him that he had slipped her packets of cocaine, the report said.

The waitress later told police Koth had given her cocaine, without her soliciting it, on two separate occasions earlier in November, the report said. On one of those occasions, she said, he also returned later the same day and handed her a note telling her to meet him for “good coke.” The waitress told police she threw out the cocaine on both occasions and also threw out the note.

Koth, who had a not-guilt plea entered for him when he was formally charged, remains free on bond.

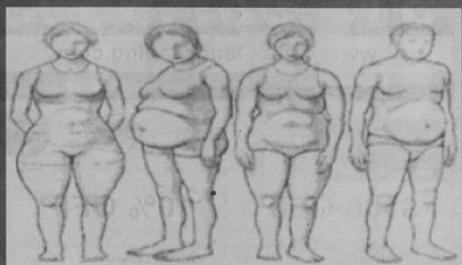
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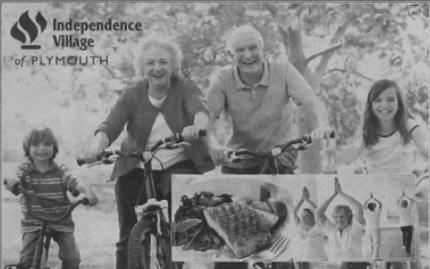
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Wearing bright yellow "Mormon Helping Hands" vests, many of the youth volunteers came from congregations of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints from all over western Wayne County, including Riverview, Trenton, Canton, Detroit, Livonia, Redford and South Lyon.

Olivia and Alison West, 12-year-old twins from Canton, decided to spend the Saturday be-



Samantha Barrera, 14, of Detroit and Hannah Ferenc, 14, of Canton who met at a church girls camp, worked together on the tree-planting project.

fore their 13th birthday planting trees.

"I like being outside and helping others," Olivia said. "We don't have school on our birthday, so we'll sleep in late and open presents then."

Their first task was to carry a five-gallon

bucket of water to each sapling. Antonio Ordaz, 12, Garden City, said, "My shoulders hurt because I made the mistake of carrying two buckets at a time."

Pablo, 40, and Stephanie Carbajal, 32, of Northville are currently



Antonio Ordaz, 12, of Garden City, with Braeden Beauchamp of Redford, said his shoulders hurt "because I made the mistake of carrying two buckets at a time."

serving as leaders for the youth in the Detroit River Branch of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. They left their house at 8 a.m. with their 6-month-old daughter Olivia in tow, to drive to Detroit and pick up some youth who committed to help.

When they arrived, Elier de la Cruz Garcia, 13, of Detroit and his friend, Lisandy Felix, 13, of Detroit were still asleep, but were ready to go within 10 minutes.

Samantha Barrera, 14, of Detroit and Hannah Ferenc, 14, of Canton had met at a church girls camp the previous summer and were delighted to see each other again. When asked why she came, Hannah said, "I like to see my friends and go to activities," and shyly admitted to have a school project that required a group service project.

The Westland Michigan Stake (a stake is similar to a diocese) of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints encompasses much of western Wayne, Monroe and parts of Oakland counties.



Alison and Olivia West, 12-year-old twins from Canton, spent the Saturday before their 13th birthday planting trees.



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YMCA program offers more than exercise

By Linda Rose
Correspondent

Plymouth Township resident Nancy Gullet saw information about the YMCA Silver Sneakers program in the newspaper and she was curious.

The Silver Sneakers program is designed to improve muscular strength and range of movement.

Participants have fun moving to music, through a variety of exercise and activities. Hand-held weights, elastic tubing for stretching, chair exercises and other physical activities are part of the program. Classes are free for those with participating health plans.

"I decided to give it a try and I love what the Silver Sneakers program has done for me," Gullet said. "I have gained muscle strength

and I can really see the difference in my physical health since I started. But I also love the social aspect, being with other people and having fun. I was a Y member many years ago and I am so happy to be back."

Carol Wells of Plymouth attends the Thursday morning session on a regular basis, with her husband Ed.

"This is part of my routine every week and it keeps us physically and mentally fit," Wells said. "It provides more than just exercise. We really make an effort not to miss a session. We have been part of Silver Sneakers here since it started."

Wells said she has also participated in other YMCA programs in the past. "The Y has given us so many wonderful activities and we have really gained a lot



Carol Wall (from left), Ed Wall, Marge Rouseau and Nancy Gullet enjoy themselves during their Silver Sneakers class.

from this program. Our instructor is just excellent and she keeps us moving and motivated," Wells said.

Currently the Y offers classes two days a week at Friendship Station in Plymouth Township.

"The participants in this program have really made some improvements," Silver Sneakers instructor Jennifer Atkinson said. "When we started with this group, we did 15 minutes of cardio in the workout and now we are up to 30

minutes. That is a really great achievement and shows how much you can improve your health at any age."

Atkinson said she tried to make the program enjoyable for both men and women. Atkinson said there is

enough repetition of activities so that people can learn the exercises, then new elements are added to keep things interesting.

"I have been teaching the Silver Sneakers program at the YMCA for two years now," Atkinson said. "It is really rewarding to see the positive impact this program has on the health of the seniors who participate. Physical fitness is important at any age, but this class not only allows for physical improvements, but it helps mental well-being, too. It provides a social aspect and a fun atmosphere, creating a great reason for these seniors to come out and be together."

For more information about Silver Sneakers or other YMCA programs, call 734-453-2904 or visit the website at ymca-detroit.org/plymouth.

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Rick Bloom
MONEY MATTERS

A: Hybrid annuities have become a marketing buzz word used by salespeople. It refers to an annuity policy that can do more than one thing and provides for multiple benefits.

There are many different types of annuities that can be called hybrid. For example, the type of annuity you have, an equity-indexed annuity,

is sometimes referred to as a hybrid annuity. The reason is that from a benefit standpoint, you have

tax deferral. I am not a big fan of annuities. First, with regard to variable annuities, they make very little sense to me. They are very expensive, they limit your investment options and they tie your money up in many situations for an unreasonable amount of time.

The main beneficiary of variable annuities is the salesperson. From an investor standpoint, they are not very good. I recognize that one of the

advantages of variable annuities is that the money will grow tax-deferred. That sounds like a great benefit, but keep in mind that money earned in an annuity is taxed at your ordinary income bracket, not the more favorable capital gain rate. By deferring taxes, you are actually increasing your tax liability.

Should you cancel your annuity and buy a new one? No. In today's low-rate environment, it doesn't make sense. Salespeople will continue to push annuities and will tout all sorts of benefits. Unfortunately, it's nothing more than salespeople puffing their product.

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Madonna president to retire in 2015

By Karen Smith
Staff Writer

Madonna University President Sister Rose Marie Kujawa, CSSF, has announced her intention to retire June 30, 2015, following her 14th year as president.

"The timing is right for me as we celebrate the completion of our \$50 million comprehensive campaign and the accomplishment of several projects, including the Gold Level, LEED-certified Franciscan Center for science and media. It is time for new leadership to implement several visionary plans that are in various stages of development, and to bring fresh ideas to the table," Kujawa told the university's Board of Trustees

on Wednesday.

Her plans for retirement include a sabbatical, writing an update to her book *Madonna Milestones* and supporting the work of the Felician Sisters in Kenya and South America.

Kujawa, 71, said she is most proud of not only the Franciscan Center, but the Franciscan values taught and practiced at Madonna, especially the emphasis of showing respect for the dignity of all people, in addition to the Athletic Complex and athletics program. She said the athletics program has made the university stronger academically, as the athletes are good students. "Those are all accomplishments I look back on with great pride," she said.

A national search will be undertaken to find her replacement, she said. The new president, who will be the university's seventh in 78 years, will oversee the construction of new buildings, including a student welcome center, and possibly a new athletic building for baseball and volleyball, plus the development of new professional programs to reflect changes in society, such as those having to do with technology.

She said she may travel to Kenya, where she hopes to offer Madonna scholarships to some "African Sisters" there.

Dan West, president of the Livonia Chamber of Commerce, said Kujawa led Madonna into the 21st century by overseeing continuous modernization of the school, especially with the state-of-the-art, green-certified Franciscan Center and expanding global learning opportunities for students.

She was also active in the community, once serving as a chamber board member. "We congratulate Sister Rose Marie on a wonderful career of service and education, but we will miss our regular interaction with her smile, wit and wisdom," West said.

Nursing student Alyssa Cline said Kujawa was one of the reasons she chose to attend Madonna. "She inspired a sense of family, community. Thank you, Sister," she tweeted upon hearing the news of her upcoming retirement.

Pastoral ministry



Sister Rose Marie Kujawa is retiring after 14 years as Madonna University president.

to enhance student learning; science laboratories were substantially increased and improved to facilitate more research projects; and the media center now houses the latest high-definition, digital television and radio studios and editing suites.

Leonard Charles Suchyta, chairman of the Madonna Board of Trustees and special counsel with Hunton & William LLP, said he observed Kujawa's dedication and commitment to Madonna while working closely with her. "While her presence and influence will be missed, her accomplishments will long be remembered. I and the other members of the Board of Trustees thank her for devotion, focus and tireless efforts on behalf of Madonna University and we wish her the best as she embarks on her new journey."

Among other accomplishments, Kujawa also was instrumental in adding acreage and buildings to the 97-acre campus, creating a top-level athletic complex, providing all new "green" renovations in the residence hall, renovating former science and technology wings, updating the vast main building complex with 21st century technology and beautifying the grounds with landscaping, sculptures and gardens. More than \$40 million in capital improvements have been made to the Livonia campus during her tenure.

Other improvements

Other improvements include increases in faculty salaries, expanded scholarships, launch of the First-Year Experience program, more opportunities for service-learning projects, several new academic programs and outreach programs in Macomb County and Southwest Detroit.

Kujawa also fostered the expansion of study abroad programs and focused increased attention on diversity and programs for underserved populations. She took a hands-on approach to creating distance learning degree programs and partnerships in China, Haiti and the United Arab Emirates. Last summer, she joined a group of nursing students and faculty members on a service learning pilgrimage to Lourdes, France.

Prior to her presidency, Kujawa served 17 years as academic vice president during which she led the college's transition to a university, and six years as provincial secretary of the Felician Sisters. She earned her bachelor's degree at Madonna University in 1966 and taught high school and college mathematics. She received her master's and Ph.D. from Wayne State University.

Kujawa has been extremely active in Livonia and surrounding communities, working with the Rotary Club and the Livonia Symphony, in addition to the chamber board.



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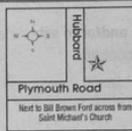
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Autistic boy must overcome challenges for normal life

By **Lionie Humhan**
Staff Writer

Every autistic child shares some traits, but each is a unique individual. Northville resident Dominic Jankowski, 10, provides the perfect example.

Since he was diagnosed with autism, Dominic's family has been trying to bring awareness to who he truly is. Autism can cause a variety of different perceptions from those who don't know much about it and many will focus on the challenges, which is characterized by impaired social interaction, verbal and non-verbal communication and repetitive behavior.

Awareness has become even more important with autism on the rise. The number of autism cases has increased 30 percent in two years. In the U.S., one in 68 children is classified as having an autism spectrum disorder, up from one in 88 just two years ago.

A normal life

Dominic has a severe case of autism, which was diagnosed when he was 2 years old. And even though each year since has been challenging for him and his family, they have each ap-

proached it with positivity and love.

"My best gift to Dominic was probably giving him his siblings. They have helped normalize his life and have helped mom and dad tremendously," said his mother Nicole, who has four children of her own plus two step-children with her husband Mike.

April is Autism Awareness month and, for Nicole and her family, this is a time to remember how normal yet special Dominic really is.

Bringing some normalcy to his life has been her goal for a long time. She writes about it weekly in her blog: www.momof4s-tired.com.

"Autism really is a wide spectrum. Each individual has their own needs and challenges, but also their own, specific talents," she said. Some autistic children don't like sounds; Dominic does.

He loves books and is reading at a third- or fourth-grade level. And he likes visiting the DJA, Henry Ford Village and Cedar Point, where he went on every roller coaster.

But he has his daily challenges, which some will be life-long ones. He isn't potty-trained,

doesn't like to be in a crowded room too long and communicates generally through writing on a pad of paper or typing into his iPad, which was supplied by his school.

And just this past year, he began identifying his brothers and sisters by their names. Communication has been his biggest challenge.

Raising awareness

It was difficult for Nicole in his first year or so because she didn't know why he wasn't progressing like other children, especially with his talking. She found some relief after his diagnosis, because then she knew what they were dealing with and with that awareness they began learning and growing together.

Giving him a normal life starts with his family. However, Nicole said it's also helped by the community, especially his school, Power Upper Elementary of Farmington Public Schools. Dominic is in the ASD program.

She said the school has played a big part in his development, starting with the iPad, which has been a huge communicative facilitator for him.

"I could never sur-

vive without the work they do for Dominic every day," Nicole said. Her husband Mike, who married Nicole a year ago, said each day with Dominic has helped him learn more about autism and how it is specific to each person.

"It's been truly amazing getting to know him as an individual," he said. "It's given me a whole new perspective." Nicole said Dominic's life is touched by many people. From his bus driver to neighbors to his doctor and dentist, they all see just a little boy.

This awareness and perspective helps give him a normal life. As Nicole says, "Because in spite of his disability, he is still, just a 10-year-old boy."



Dominic Jankowski, who is autistic, uses a pad of paper to answer a question posed by his mother Nicole. Despite his challenges, the 10-year-old Northville boy has plenty of unique talents.

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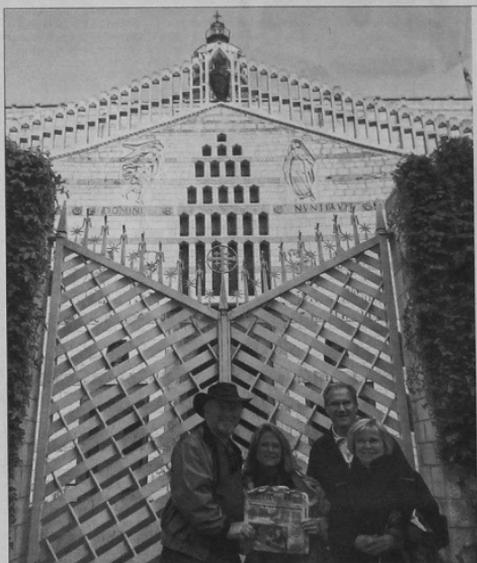


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Wish you were here



Randy and Gale Knight of Livonia, along with Mike and Ellen LaGory of Canton, visited the Basilica of the Annunciation church in Nazareth, Israel, during a most memorable "bucket list" trip to the Holy Land in March.

Schoolcraft board OKs tuition hike

The Schoolcraft College Board of Trustees approved Wednesday a new \$6 per credit hour infrastructure fee and a \$3 to \$4 per credit hour tuition hike for fall 2014.

The new infrastructure fee is to cover operational expenses such as water, sewer, telephone and other basic business needs, said Frank Ruggiero Jr., Schoolcraft's director of communications. None of the money will go to infrastructure improvements for the new Schoolcraft to U partnership program with Wayne State University and University of Toledo that will start in

the fall, he said.

Tuition will go from \$90 to \$93 per credit hour for residents, \$131 to \$135 for non-residents and \$195 to \$199 for out-of-state and international students.

A resident student is one whose legal residence is within the public school districts of Clarenceville, Garden City, Livonia, Northville, Plymouth-Canton and part of Novi.

The board approved the new fee and tuition increase in a 4-1 vote. Trustee Joan Gebhardt, who cast the lone dissenting vote, said in a telephone interview she

has voted no on tuition and fee increases for the past four years because she's concerned about making college unaffordable for resident students. "I'm adamant that we are there to help our residents," she said, adding she doesn't want them to have to go into debt to pay for community college.

The new infrastructure fee is in addition to service and instructional equipment fees, going up from \$5 and \$7 to \$6 and \$8 per credit hour, respectively, and a per-semester registration fee being increased from \$40 to \$42 next fall.

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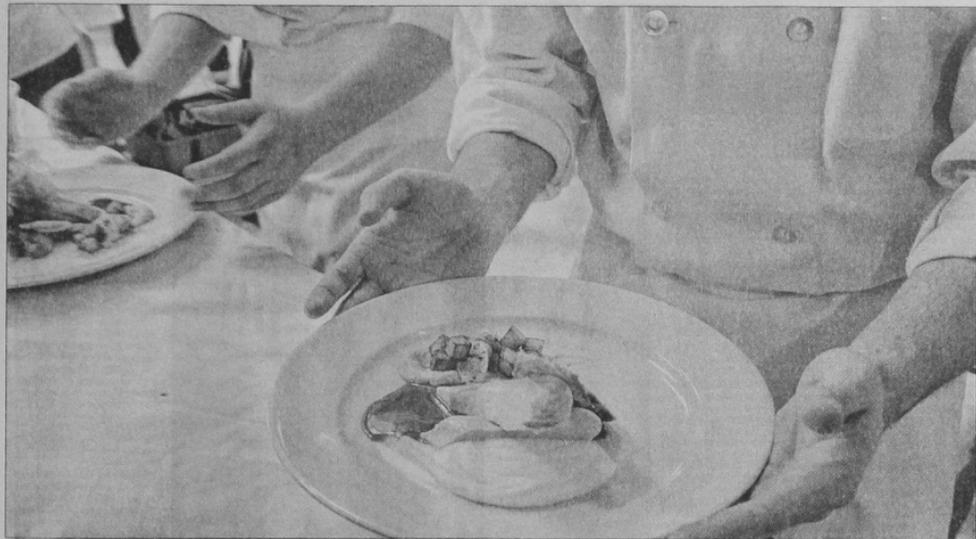
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Paul Di Nicola presents the entrée as Zachary Chouinard finishes plating the second serving. PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

CULINARY

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Plymouth junior Zachary Bergquist serves as the team's alternate.

Pressure is on

Di Nicola said while the national competition is "a celebration for all the people who won their state competitions," the pressure at the national competition will be heightened.

"Obviously there's a lot more at stake, but we're used to that," Di Nicola said. "There's definitely a lot more pressure because we're representing our whole state instead of just our school."

After conquering the state competition with turkey as the main protein, team members who decided on the proci for nationals – made chicken the focus of the entrée. Woodward said the decision was made partly because chicken would be a lot easier to get and keep fresh during the four days they'll be in Minneapolis.

The P-CEP team is getting help from mentors of its own. Former team members A.J. Strong and Jeffrey Sartor, members of the 2004 team that won the national championship and now both professional chefs, are helping out with advice and, in some cases, product for the team to use.

Woodward said the two are extremely valued additions to the team.

Team mentors

"They've been everywhere and done everything, even at such a young age," Woodward said. "They're so knowledgeable they're able to provide a lot of insight. The fact they were ours and they've come back and are giving back, is remarkable."

The 2004 national championship produced partial scholarships for both mentors to study at the Culinary Institute of America in New York. Sartor is executive chef at Volturn in Ann Arbor, while Strong is executive chef at Zin in Plymouth.



Kristen Maretz and Zachary Chouinard prepare a lemon-pepper aeoli.

Strong said the competition has changed and gotten more difficult as it has evolved.

"It's gotten more involved, more intense," Strong said of the national competition. "It's definitely gotten more challenging; it pushes them harder. As the industry has evolved, this has evolved."

The expected intensity is something the newcomers will have to deal with.

"I actually don't know what to expect from nationals besides, tensions will be high," Maretz said.

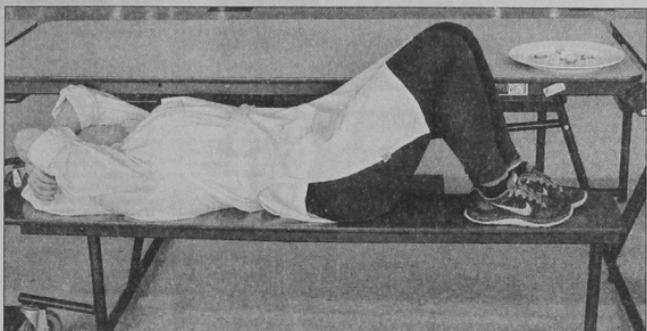
While the team has enjoyed continued success at the state level, its members believe they can't assume that will lead to national honors.

"I'm going to approach nationals headstrong," Lovelace said. "I definitely don't want to be that team that walks in pretty cocky. I want to walk in with gratitude that we made it there and that we get the chance to be there."

While P-CEP has enjoyed much success over the years – the national title in 2004, second in 2012 – members know previous prowess doesn't necessarily translate into current success.

"How will we do?" Woodward said. "It's impossible to say because of the level of quality you're up against at a place like this."

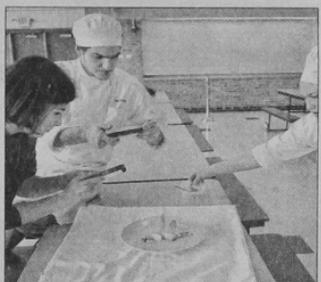
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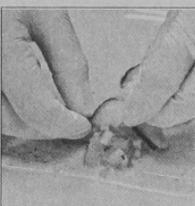
The frantic hour of prep and cooking is complete. Abigail Lovelace takes a moment before the team's work is critiqued.



Abigail Lovelace caramelizes the sugar in pineapple slices.



Diana Woodward (from left), Paul Di Nicola and Abigail Lovelace photograph the plated dessert.



Kristen Maretz plates the appetizer of scallop mousse, molding crepe, serrano-pickled cucumber-citrus salad with a lemon-pepper aeoli.



Plymouth-Canton culinary coach Diana Woodward prepares an outline for the team's menu.

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Doctors cannot always practice according to the accepted rules. For example: A patient who is undertaking cardiac rehabilitation following a heart attack and placement of a stent, sees her primary doctor because of a swollen knee.

The problem occurred when the patient began stationary bike riding as part of her rehabilitation program. The doctor finds the patient has fluid on the knee; draining the knee will relieve her pain and allow her to continue her rehabilitation program. The physician takes fluid off the joint and injects a steroid. The patient feels well and continues on her rehabilitation program.

However, two weeks after aspiration and injection, knee pain and swelling recur; the patient returns to the doctor asking that he drain her knee again, including the injection of a steroid, so she can continue her rehabilitation program with no interruptions.

The standard medical response would be that it is too soon to aspirate and inject a joint again; the expected wait is at least six to eight weeks. But the patient makes the point that with the aspiration and injection now, her rehabilitation continues, without the intervention her program is disrupted.

In most instances, the physician would remove fluid from the knee and inject steroid at this time, the rehabilitation program the patient is undertaking takes precedence over the customary physician response.

It happens repeatedly that what is most beneficial for the patient lies in the face of medical convention. In case of such conflict, what is best for the patient at that moment, wins the day.

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- Canton-49100 Ford Rd., Canton-734-453-9517-May 14, 5:30pm
- Plymouth Scholars-48484 N Territorial Rd., Plymouth-734-459-6149-May 19, 6:30pm
- South Pointe Scholars-10550 Geddes Rd., Ypsilanti-734-484-0118-May 8, 5pm

Copies of the Budgets for the listed Public School Academies will be available at the school office.

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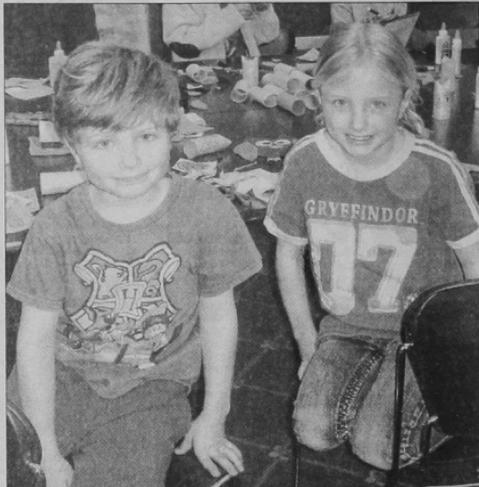
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PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Hogwarts hi-hinks



Luken (left), 6, and Tierney Rasmussen, 9, wore their Hogwarts finest as they took advantage of Harry Potter Day at the Plymouth District Library. More than 80 children attended the Potter programs.

Blood drives

Dates/Times/Locations:

• Monday, May 12, 9 a.m. to 2:45 p.m., Webster, 14967 Pilot Drive, Plymouth

• Friday, May 16, 1-6:45 p.m., Calvary Baptist Church, 43065 Joy Road, Canton

• Monday, May 19, 1:30-11:30 p.m., Trinity Presbyterian Church, 10101 W. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth

Details: The American Red Cross hosts blood drives at the above locations. Appointments can be made, and walk-ins are welcome.

Contact: To make an appointment, call Diane Risko at 313-549-7652 or email Diane.Risko@redcross.org.

Medicare 101

Date/Time: Tuesday, April 29, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Location: Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Franklin, Plymouth

Details: The Plymouth Community Council on Aging will host Bettie Hughes and her expert staff from the Senior Alliance in Plymouth to answer questions and guide beneficiaries to the most beneficial plan for their Medicare coverage.

Contact: RSVP at 734-453-1234, ext. 236

Crafters wanted

Date/Time: Sept. 5-7

Location: Plymouth Fall Festival, downtown Plymouth

Details: The Plymouth Fall Festival has openings in the Craft Show, that runs during the festival. Applications are available on the Craft Show page at www.plymouthfallfestival.com. Deadline for jewelry booth applications is June 30. Deadline for all other craft applications is July 15th. More information can be found on the website.

Contact: Email Colleen craft-show@plymouthfallfestival.com.

Mother's Day tea

Date/Time: Saturday, May 3, 3 p.m.

Location: Abundant Life Church of God, 2100 Hannan, Canton

Details: Abundant Life Church of God hosts a Mother's Day tea, open to both men and women. Guest speaker will be Monica Kelley. Tickets are \$18.

Contact: For more information, call 313-815-3715.

Food pantry

Date/Time: Open every Tues-

day, registration 2-3 p.m.

Location: Abundant Life Church of God, 2100 Hannan, Canton

Details: Abundant Life Church of God hosts New Dimension Outreach Food Bank for anyone who needs food. The pantry is run by people who love and care. Registration is 2-3 p.m., free rallies are at 3 p.m., and food distribution follows the rallies. The pantry serves more than 100 families per week. Users will need a photo ID and proof of address.

Contact: For more information, contact Donna at 734-383-9568, Pastor Dan Smitheman at 734-664-5848 or the church at 734-722-7588.

Relay fundraiser

Date/Time: Friday, May 2, 6:30 p.m.

Location: Plaza Lanes, 42001 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth

Details: The American Cancer Society and the Relay for Life of Plymouth will benefit from an annual bowling fundraiser at Plaza Lanes. Cost is \$20 per person, which includes three games of bowling, shoe rental, pizza and soda. The event will also feature a DJ, silent auction and door prizes. Want to join the Relay for Life of Plymouth? Visit [www.relayforlife.org/plymouthmi](http://www.relayforlife.org/) or email abigailstenerok@caner.org.

Contact: For more information or to register email team captain Nancy Little at nl2009@wowway.com or call 734-455-6605.

Teen drug series

Dates/Times: 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 7 (Part 1) and 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 14 (Part 2)

Location: Canton High School Media Center, 84015 N. Canton Center, Canton

Details: Growth Works presents a two-part series on how to understand and identify teen substance abuse and how to help when a young person may have a problem with alcohol or other drugs. Part 1, "What To Know," concerns how to understand teen substance abuse problems and recognize when a teen may be harmful involved with alcohol and other drugs. Part 2, "What To Do," is about what should and should not be done to effectively help when a teen alcohol/drug problem is suspected or identified.

The program, presented by Brian Spitsberger, is coordinated and presented by Growth Works with supporting sponsors for this event including

Dawn Farm, the Livingston/Washtenaw Regional Coordinated School Health Program Advisory Team and Plymouth-Canton Community Schools. The program is targeted primarily to parents, guardians and relatives of teens, but is inclusive of teens, people who work with or care about teenagers, students, and anyone interested, for any reason. Admission is free.

Contact: For additional information visit www.teensusing-drug.org, call 734-495-1722, ext. 102, or email bspitbergen@growth-works.org.

Spring pottery sale

Date/Time: May 2, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.; May 3, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; May 4, noon to 4 p.m.

Location: Village Pottery Guild studio, 340 N. Main, Plymouth (behind the Crossings restaurant)

Details: Kids and their dolls are invited to a tea party at the Plymouth Historical Museum. Children can dress up, choosing from an assortment of outfits with fancy bows or beautiful hats. Kids can get their photos taken while dressed up and also participate in make-and-take activities, where they will make a Mother's Day card. A frame for their photo and will get a flower to plant in the yard. A discussion of dolls through the years will also be a part of the mix, providing ample entertainment for the kids, while giving them a delightful tea party they are sure to remember for years to come. Tickets for the tea are \$25 for one adult and one child; additional children's tickets can be purchased for \$13 each. Tickets purchased after April 25 will be \$35 more.

Contact: Tickets may be purchased at the Plymouth Histori-

cal Museum or at the museum's website using PayPal (<http://www.plymouthhistory.org/events/Hello-Dolly-Tea-ET170.html?SortBox=210405>).

Pamper Yourself

Date/Time: Wednesday, May 7, 7 p.m.

Location: Sunflower Clubhouse, 4500 Hartford, Canton

Details: The Canton Newcomers and Neighbors host an evening of pampering. The evening features a cocktail like setting with pampering stations, a charity raffle sponsored by iWorkouts to benefit Warm Hearts, refreshments from Mango's Fruit Market and raffles all evening.

Contact: RSVP is required to hollieannet@me.com. For more information on the club and/or to request a May newsletter, contact Noreen at nrybar@nyc.com or 734-981-6466.

Musuem tea party

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

Location: Plymouth Historical Museum, corner of Church and Main

Details: Kids and their dolls are invited to a tea party at the Plymouth Historical Museum. Children can dress up, choosing from an assortment of outfits with fancy bows or beautiful hats. Kids can get their photos taken while dressed up and also participate in make-and-take activities, where they will make a Mother's Day card. A frame for their photo and will get a flower to plant in the yard. A discussion of dolls through the years will also be a part of the mix, providing ample entertainment for the kids, while giving them a delightful tea party they are sure to remember for years to come. Tickets for the tea are \$25 for one adult and one child; additional children's tickets can be purchased for \$13 each. Tickets purchased after April 25 will be \$35 more.

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Drive 4 UR School

Date/Time: Thursday, May 22, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Location: Blackwell Ford, 41001 Plymouth Road, Plymouth

Details: Test drive any vehicle at Blackwell Ford and it will donate funds to help support Salem High School football. Blackwell Ford and the Salem Linebackers Booster Club are partnering to help raise up to \$6,000 in support of the Salem High School football program as part as part of Blackwell Ford's Drive 4 UR School program. For every person who test drives a new Ford vehicle at this one-day

event, Blackwell Ford will donate \$20 to Salem's football program (limit one donation per household). Funds raised from this event will help the Salem football team "Go Further" through the purchase of new equipment, improve current facilities and provide necessary supplies for players in training.

Contact: For additional information, contact Blackwell Ford at 734-453-1100.

Wildflower walks

Dates/Times: Sundays, April 27 and May 4

Location: Miller Woods (entrance is on Powell, just east of Ridge), Plymouth Township

Details: Join the Friends of Miller Woods for their annual wildflower walks through Miller Woods. Tours start on the half hour and are led by members of the Friends. The walks will highlight the beautiful native spring wildflowers along with the history of the woods and the Miller family's donation to our community. Tours are free and last about 60 minutes. Dogs are not allowed and strollers are not recommended.

Contact: For last-minute weather changes that may affect the bloom times of the flowers, visit the website at millerwoods.com.

BNI meeting

Date/Time: Red Olive Thursday, 7:30 a.m.

Location: Red Olive Restaurant, 1051 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth

Details: The BNI Northville/The \$1 million Referral Challenge meets every Thursday morning. Contact for more information, visit www.NorthvilleBNI.com.

Jazz @ the Elks

Date/Time: Tuesday, April 29, 7-10 p.m.

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

Details: Jazz @ The Elks happens on the last Tuesday of each month, there is a \$10 donation at the door which includes hors d'oeuvres. This month features Trudell Trudell playing jazz favorites with Trudell on trumpet and flugelhorn, Ray Yin on bass, Chuck Shermertaro on piano and Bill Cairo on drums. Contact for more information, call 734-453-1780 or email plymouthelks1780@yahoo.com.

Hopside support

Date/Time: Third Saturday of each month, 10-11:30 a.m.

Location: Compassionate Care Hospice, 5730 N. Lilley, Suite A, Canton

Details: Compassionate Care Hospice conducts a grief support group, "Compassionate Words," providing emotional support to any adult grieving the loss of a loved one. The group focuses on the various stages of grief and incorporates basic journal writing as a way to express feelings. The program is free of charge.

Contact: To register, contact Ann Christensen, Compassionate Care Hospice Bereavement coordinator, at 888-888-9800 or email annchristensen@cnhnet.net.

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Zonta Club members hear stats on human trafficking

While spending an afternoon of fun and creativity, members and friends of the Zonta Club of Northwest Wayne County mixed in a little information about the dangers of human trafficking in their most recent meeting.

Michigan State Trooper Walt Crider, stationed at the Oak Park MSP Post, talked to Zonta Club members about the incidence of human trafficking in the local area.

Crider and his partner, among their duties, track and try to curb trafficking in the Detroit area. Crider told club members one of the reasons trafficking is so prevalent in the area is "the easy access to our state by water." Crider noted that, while Michigan "happens to be one of the top five locations" throughout the country, "it can happen any-



Michigan State Trooper Walt Crider delivered statistics and other information on human trafficking at the recent meeting of the Zonta Club of Northwest Wayne County.

where."

According to Crider, most victims of slavery are U.S. citizens. Many of them, he said, are

young runaway girls, some as young as ages 12-14. According to information Crider imparted at the Zonta meeting, 100,000-300,000 victims worldwide are sexually exploited each year in what has become a \$32 billion industry. Some 14,000-18,000 victims of human trafficking are exploited in the area yearly, he told club members.

Human trafficking, Crider told club members, is an industry which "thrives on secrecy and anonymity," making it extremely difficult to challenge. In 2011, the U.S. Department of Justice charged only 118 defendants.

Anyone who thinks they are a victim of human trafficking or suspect it of someone else can call the Human Trafficking Center hotline at 888-373-7888.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Plymouth Housing Commission is pleased to be opening its Housing Choice Voucher (Section 8) Waiting List on May 8, 2014 through May 13, 2014. After May 13, 2014, the waiting list will be closed and the application will no longer be available. All applications must be completed and submitted on-line.

The application can be obtained via a link on our website <http://www.pchousing.net> or go directly to <https://plymouth.hdwaitinglist.com>. DO NOT come to the Plymouth Housing Commission offices, we will NOT be handling out any applications. If you need access to a computer and the internet, you can go to your local library. For any updated information refer to our website. For any updated information you may call (734) 455-3670, extension 224.

Farmington Players spread 'Rumors' on their stage

By Tony Targan
Correspondent

Rumors is a zany, fast-paced comedy by playwright Neil Simon in which knowledge is power.

A developing scandal involving an apparent suicide attempt by the deputy mayor of New York is the backdrop, as the characters try to stay one step ahead of each another to hide what they know. Hilarity ensues as four aristocratic couples join the party and the covers up spirals out of control — just as the police arrive.

The Farmington Players production of *Rumors* runs through May 17 and is sponsored by Tru Vista Wealth Advisors, a financial advisory practice of Ameriprise Financial.

Rumors is in the genre of comedy known as "farce." What is farce, you might ask? While it is often characterized by physical humor and slamming doors and is sometimes confused with slapstick, farce is actually much more sophisticated than that.

In farce, the characters all take themselves very seriously, and even though their situations become far-fetched, the characters are not in on the joke and never play for laughs. To me, FARCE stands for Fast Action Requiring Comedic Excellence. Good farce requires great comedic timing and strong characters, each with his own agenda, and each willing to do almost anything to achieve his purpose.

Director Cynthia Tupper of Farmington Hills is fond of reciting her cardinal rule for farce, which is to make it "fast, loud and funny." She has cast the show with veteran performers who do a convincing job portray-



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

ing "wealthy, well-educated couples acting like lunatics."

Leading the lunatic brigade is Jim Moll of Farmington Hills, who plays the frenetic lawyer, Ken Gorman. Moll expressed a "fondness for Neil Simon's work. His writing style is both conversational and comic. And, being a farce, this show relies both on the wonderful comedy of the script and sight gags and physical comedy."

Moll is paired with Erin Osgood of Brighton who plays Ken's wife Chris. Osgood knows that "audiences will love this show because it's a non-stop party. Nothing is funnier than watching people stumble through chaos and the craziness that unfolds."

Next on the scene are Claire and Lenny Ganz, played by Sue Rogers of West Bloomfield and Frank Markus of Royal Oak. Marcus expands on what makes Neil Simon's brand of farce special: "Neil Simon has a real knack for compelling, engaging dialogue and he's written non-fiction books about the art of writing farce well. He knows what he's talking about, too. I personally view many farces with

some skepticism, because too many of them rely too heavily on lowest-common-denominator sight gags and door slamming for laughs."

Julia Spina-Kilar of West Bloomfield and Ross Grossman of Farmington Hills play Cassie and Glenn Cooper, a political couple who are anything but politically correct. Spina-Kilar said that while farce is just a "tick-tock away from reality, *Rumors* is a situation people might be able to relate to or at least enjoy watching at a safe distance! People panicking, behaving badly and showing their true colors is most likely somewhere in everyone's experience."

Rounding out the cast are Mary Ann Tweedie of Novi and Nick Szczerba of Brownstown, who play police officer partners Cookie and Ernie Cusak, and Erik Carlson of Southfield and Kristi Schwartz of Canton Township, who play police officer partners Welch and Pudney.

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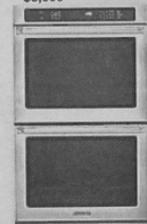
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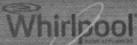
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Watching the PCS Penguins girls hockey team practice during the 2013-14 season is Mary Beth Smith, who stepped down as head coach following the season. PHOTOS BY JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

HORNET INVITATIONAL

Rocks strut stuff in Saline

Salem boys earn 26 medals at invite

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Yes, last week was spring break at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park. But the Salem varsity boys track and field team didn't slow down one bit at Thursday's Saline Hornet Invitational.

Although no team scores were registered, according to Rocks head coach Steve Aspinall, a number of athletes had outstanding performances — eclipsing personal bests and garnering medals for their efforts.

"Overall, this meet gave us a chance to try some different things with our lineup as we gear up for the next couple of weeks," Aspinall noted. "The next three weekends are vitally important to our season as we host the Observeland Relays, go to the KAA Championships, and host the regional championships" during that span.

Salem had a big day at the Hornet invite, with 17 athletes earning 26 medals.

Nice mix

"We were led by our seniors but the younger guys are doing a great job of mixing in to varsity spots and showing they belong," Aspinall said.

Sprinters Steven Homrich and Jacob Miller picked up where they left off at the previous week's Bolger-Mangan City Championships.

Senior Homrich (11.24) and sophomore Miller (11.56) placed first and third, respectively in the 100-meter dash.

They also were part of the third-place 1,600-meter relay team with sophomore Dominic Hodge and freshman Trey

GOING OUT ON TOP

Penguins coaches leaving team after winning third title in five years

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Usually stories about coaches leaving at the pinnacle are about men or women who are much older than Mary Beth Smith and Brad Johnson. But the "twentysomethings" are stepping down from the helm of the Plymouth-Canton-Salem Penguins varsity girls hockey program, having coached the team to three state championships during their five-year stint.

Smith and Johnson, PCS head and assistant coach, respectively, announced their decision to leave the team during its recent end-of-season awards banquet.

That announcement shortly followed the Penguins latest triumph, a 2-1

win over Walled Lake for the Division 2 championship of the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League. Smith also was named the league's coach of the year.

"It was really tough telling all of the players and parents at the banquet," Smith said. "I only told some of the board members towards the end of the season so the news was a big shock to everyone at the banquet."

"As I gave my speech at the end of the banquet, I began to get a little emotional as I talked about the last five years of my life and how much I have enjoyed coaching this program."

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Mary Beth Smith's ability to personally connect with players such as goalie Becky Lough (right) undoubtedly contributed to a winning culture with the Penguins.

"State titles are great. But the positive comments from players and parents at the end of the season is what it's all about."

MARY BETH SMITH, former Penguins coach

ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE

Whalers' Nedeljkovic hooks top OHL goaltender award

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Anybody connected to what's going on in the hockey world knows about Plymouth Whalers goaltender Alex Nedeljkovic, who is destined to be drafted by a National Hockey League club in late June.

Providing further evidence that Nedeljkovic is a budding star was the announcement earlier this month that he was named the Ontario Hockey League's goaltender of the year.

Often facing 40 or 50 shots per night, keeping the offensively challenged Whalers in the playoff hunt in the OHL Western Conference, Nedeljkovic went 26-27-0-7 in 61 games while making 2,042 saves (second most in the league).

Nedeljkovic, an 18-year-old

from Ohio who attended classes at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park during 2013-14, posted an admirable 2.88 goals-against-average and .925 save percentage (second best in the league). He currently is listed fourth among North American goaltenders by NHL Central Scouting.

"To receive this award is an incredible honor," Nedeljkovic said. "There were many other goaltenders in the league this year that also had great seasons. Credit must be given to all of my teammates that helped me to achieve this award."

"Game in and game out they would do their best to help make my job easier, and I would try my best to do the same for them. This award recognizes what a goalie has

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Stretching to make this glove save during a recent playoff game against Guelph is Plymouth Whalers goalie Alex Nedeljkovic. RENA LAVERY | PLYMOUTH WHALERS



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Encore for Kelly's Kidz



Salem High School's baseball program is hosting its fifth annual Alumni Game at noon Saturday, June 22, and former Rocks are encouraged to join their ex-teammates for the event. Registration and batting practice begin at 10 a.m. All profits from the game will go to the Kelly's Kidz nonprofit program. It is the second year in a row that Kelly's Kidz will benefit from the event. Shown in the photo are alumni after the 2013 game. Players interested in participating can contact Mary Theisen at salemrocksalumni@gmail.com or check out the Salem Rocks Baseball Facebook page.

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP BASEBALL
Monday, April 28
 Canton at St. Louis, 4 p.m.
 Plymouth at Stevenson, 4 p.m.
 John Glenn at Salem, 4 p.m.
Tuesday, April 29
 Luth. Westland at Oak Christian, 4:30 p.m.
 HV, at St. Paul Christian, 4:30 p.m.
Wednesday, April 30
 Franklin at Canton, 21, 4 p.m.
 Plymouth at John Glenn, 21, 4 p.m.
 Salem at South Lyon, 21, 4 p.m.
 Luth. Westland at Luggert, 4:30 p.m.
Thursday, May 1
 Our Lady of Laker at PCA, 21, 4 p.m.
 Oak Christian at Luth. Westland, 4:30 p.m.
 St. Paul Christian at HV, 4:30 p.m.
Friday, May 2
 Luggert at PCA, 21, 4 p.m.
 Luth. Westland at Baggett, PE, 3:45 p.m.
 Plymouth at Canton, 7 p.m.
GIRLS SOCCER
Tuesday, April 29
 PCA at Romeo, 5:30 p.m.
 Luth. Westland at Baggett PE, 3:45 p.m.
 Plymouth at Canton, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, April 30
 Luggert at PCA, 21, 4 p.m.
 Parkway at Luth. Westland, 4:30 p.m.
 Oak Christian at PCA, 4:30 p.m.
 Wayne at Canton, 7 p.m.
 South Lyon at Salem, 7 p.m.
Friday, May 2
 Luggert at Canton, 7 p.m.
 Plymouth at Canton, 7 p.m.
THROW & FIELD
Tuesday, April 29
 John Glenn at Canton, 3:30 p.m.
 South Lyon at Salem, 3:30 p.m.
 Plymouth at Wayne, 3:45 p.m.
 M.M.A. Imboden at Greenhills, 4:30 p.m.
Thursday, May 1
 Canton at Charleix, 3:30 p.m.
 Franklin at Plymouth, 3:30 p.m.
Friday, May 2
 L. East vs. Luth. Westland, 4 p.m.
Saturday, May 3
 Stevenson Invitational, 9 a.m.
 Observation Boys Relays at Canton, PREEN, 3:30 & 7 p.m.
GIRLS TENNIS
Tuesday, April 29
 KIAA crossovers, 8 p.m.
 Ladywood vs. Mercy at Schoolcraft College, 4 p.m.
Wednesday, April 30
 Ladywood at Centonok, 4 p.m.
Thursday, May 1
 KIAA crossovers, 8 p.m.
BOYS GOLF
Tuesday, April 29
 S.L. East vs. Salem at Fox Hills, G.C., 3 p.m.
 Plymouth vs. Canton at the Woodlands, 3 p.m.
Wednesday, April 30
 S.L. East vs. Salem at Fox Hills, G.C., 3 p.m.
 Luth. Westland vs. Plymouth at Ivy Wild, G.C., 3 p.m.
 Plymouth vs. Canton at the Woodlands, 3 p.m.
Friday, May 2
 Kensington Tour at Fox Creek, 3 p.m.
Saturday, May 3
 Northville Inv. at Hudson Mills, 3 a.m.
GIRLS LACROSSE
Wednesday, April 30
 N.D. Prep at Ladywood, 4:30 p.m.
 Salem at Canton, 7 p.m.
 Plymouth at South Lyon, TBA
Thursday, May 1
 Ladywood Invitational, 3 p.m.
 TBA - time to be announced.

PREP BASEBALL

HVL pitcher fans 15 in win over C'ville

By Brad Emmons
Staff Writer

It's two more games into the baseball season, but Westland Huron Valley Lutheran left-hander Ryan Schaffer appears to be in mid-season form.

The senior posted his second consecutive 15-strikeout performance Tuesday to chill host Livonia Clarenceville, 8-1.

Schaffer gave up a hit in every inning, but kept the Trojans hitters off-balance in throwing the complete game. He didn't allow a walk and hit just one batter. The only run allowed was unearned in the sixth.

"I felt pretty good," Schaffer said. "My arm felt great and I was ready to go. My mind-set is, if they're hitting the ball, just have them hit it to our fielders. If I get strikes on them, then my mind-set is striking them out."

Clarenceville starter Cameron MacIver pitched three scoreless innings, but had to exit before entering the fourth.

"He said his arm hurt a little bit," Clarenceville coach Craig Cotter said. "It's still early in the season. We want to make



Huron Valley Lutheran left-hander Ryan Schaffer struck out 15 in an 8-1 win over Clarenceville. DOUGLAS BARGESTRUCK

sure to protect our arms."

After reliever Evan Gregg pitched a scoreless fourth, the Hawks struck for five runs in the fifth. Jeremiah Stockdale and Adam Hodgson each had an RBI single in the rally.

The Hawks added three more in the sixth; Schaffer and Stockdale each had an RBI single to make 7-0.

Clarenceville's lone run came in the sixth, when Carlton Davis got his second hit and Mitch-

ell Kubiak came around on two HVL throwing errors.

"That's two games in a row that he's had 15 strikeouts," HVL coach Matt Schaeve said of Schaffer. "He's looking strong. He's had good control so far."

"He's doing what he needs to do. He's been a starter all four years and has been one of the top players every year."

The loss dropped the Trojans to 3-7 overall. The Hawks, who were idle for 11 days, are 2-0.

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Blues to honor Scott

The South Farmington Blues will dedicate a ball field at Founders Sports Park next week in honor of the late Dave Scott, a former coach in the organization.

The dedication ceremony will take place 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 29, at field No. 2 prior to the opening day game for the 11-and-under Blues, the team for which Scott's son Danny plays.

All six of the Blues baseball teams will honor Scott and his memory by wearing black 'DS' patches on their home uniforms during the 2014 season. The Blues have received special permission from the city of Farmington Hills to dedicate the Founders Park diamond to Scott, who died of a heart attack in September.

Scott's wife Julie and their four children are expected to participate in the ceremony.

Scott was a member of the Blues organization from 2009 through the 2013 season.



Salem sophomore Jacob Miller (left) and senior Steven Homrich pace the field at the recent Bolger-Mangan City Championships. They also were excellent at Thursday's Horner Invitational in Saline. JOHN KEMSKI/EXPRESS PHOTO

MEDALS

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Anderson; Homrich and Hodge joined senior Brenden Sherrod, sophomore Christian Pearson to win the 400 relay.

Salem's quarter of junior Spencer Torok, sophomore Jared Zella, senior Brendan McCann and senior Russell Sharpe nabbed third place in the 3200 relay while junior Justin Cook, junior Zachary Newsom, Anderson and Hodge came in fifth in the 800 relay.

Miller's versatility showed itself in the long jump. He tallied a mark of 19 feet, 10 inches to finish in second place. Senior teammate Harsha Sajja's 18-8.75 jump was good for sixth place.

Sajja and junior Paul Vander came in fifth and sixth, respectively, in the 300 hurdles.

Also sixth was junior Patrick Casey, in the 800 run.

In other field events, junior Hunter Burn finished fourth in the pole vault, junior Tony Przulski placed fourth in the discus and sophomore Christian Pearson

placed sixth in the shot put.

On the horizon
 The Oberverland Relays are set for Saturday, with finals beginning at 6:30 p.m. at P-CEP's varsity turf stadium.

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Shelby Cheston (seated) signs to play Division II women's basketball at Tiffin. Standing (from left) are David LaGrande (Cheston's AAU coach with the Michigan Monarchs), parents Steve and Michele Cheston of Plymouth, Wildcats coaches James Jones, Nick Brandon and Nancy Blaylock.

COLLEGE GOLF MU women's golfers runner-up in WHAC



Madonna University junior Chelsea Collura finished third in the WHAC Championships. MADONNA ATHLETICS

The Madonna University women's golf team saw its hopes for a second straight trip to the NAIA National Championships dashed Tuesday as the Crusaders finished runner-up in the 2014 Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Championships at Coyote Creek Golf Course in Fort Wayne, Ind.

Host Indiana Tech shot a second-round 326 for a 649 total to capture the title and claim the conference's automatic bid to the NAIA National Tournament, May 20-23, at Wilderness Ridge Golf Club in Lincoln, Neb. MU improved one shot from an opening-round 328 on Tuesday for a 657 total and an eight-shot stroke deficit. Aquinas finished third with a 692 while Davenport (700) and Siena Heights (706) rounded out the top five.

Indiana Tech's Wiebke Schelnder was individual medalist with a 36-hole, two-day total of 77-77-154. Madonna junior Chelsea Collura (Riverview Gabriel Richard) took three strokes off her opening round 79 for a 161 total and third-place finish.

Top-10 showings
Other top-10 finishers for the Crusaders included: freshman Natalie Blazo (Dearborn Divine Child, 153 (83-83-66)); senior Kaitlyn Brasher (Grand Blanc), tied for sixth (84-83-167); and junior Jordyn Shepler (Livonia Churchhill), tied for sixth (80-87-167).
Shepler was MU's low scorer on day one with an 18-hole total of 80.

Other Madonna finishers included freshman Ayla Bogie (Clio), tied for 12th, (85-83-171) and sophomore Holly Laginess (Monroe St. Mary Catholic Center, tied for 15th (91-85-176)).
The Crusaders bid good-bye to just one senior, Brasher, from a team that finished second in both the WHAC regular season and tournament.

It was a highly productive spring for coach Scott Marzoli's team, which captured first place April 11 in the Siena Heights Spring Invitational in Tecumseh.
Madonna also finished in second place at the Laura Bump Invitational, April 13, in Ostrander, Ohio, and fourth April 6 in the Ohio Valley Invitational in Marietta, Ohio.

HOT FOR THE DRAGONS

Plymouth's Cheston to take her new-and-improved game to Division II Tiffin University

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Last summer, Shelby Cheston went to work with her Amateur Athletic Union coach on knocking down short jumpers and free throws.

By the time Michigan Monarchs coach David LaGrande finished working with Cheston, the 6-4 center was a much more complete player entering her senior season with the Plymouth Wildcats.

One hugely successful season later — both for Cheston and the Wildcats — LaGrande was on hand to witness his protégé sign to play Division II women's basketball at Tiffin University (Ohio).
"He (LaGrande) really helped me over the summer to develop as a player," said Cheston, who averaged more than 12 points and eight rebounds in 2013-14 for Plymouth. "We traveled across the country, to Georgia, Washington D.C., all the different levels of intensity was so much higher. That really helped me this season."

Her time with LaGrande paid dividends for the Wildcats, too. With a remarkable im-

provement in free-throw shooting, Cheston led the team to an 18-5 record under first-year head coach Nick Brandon.

Already a threat in the post, Cheston became the kind of confident, complete player that appealed to D-I colleges, not to mention Tiffin coaches Pam Oswald and Kylene Spiegel (who recruited her from the start of the year).

Cheston had a D-I offer from Tennessee State University and was going to visit another D-I school (Coastal Carolina University) with parents Steve and Michele Cheston before deciding Tiffin was the place to go.

The right choice
"She showed a lot of things that colleges of all levels would have been really attracted to," Brandon said. "The fact is, Shelby is probably too humble to really talk to a lot about this, but she had several D-I schools after her and received a couple D-I offers."

So Shelby is a D-I player that didn't make the choice out of any ego gratification or anything like that. She made the choice on where the best



Plymouth senior center Shelby Cheston is all smiles about her future as a student-athlete at Tiffin University. PHOTOS BY JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

fit is.
"And that's what you want to see out of your players: Identify the best fit, no matter what level it is, go there and get a great education, and be an outstanding player and outstanding student-athlete and that's what Shelby's going to do."

The full-ride scholarship was a major plus for Cheston, along with the smaller size of Tiffin's campus, its proximity to her Plymouth roots (a drive of about 100 minutes) and the welcoming atmosphere around the Dragons' team during campus visits.

"Having my school paid for and not having to worry about it afterwards is really exciting," said the always-smiling, soft-spoken Cheston. "And being able to play basketball during that time, too."
"I really liked the

team and the way the coaches had the team as like a family oriented kind of thing, like we do here (Plymouth). The campus is beautiful. It's smaller, it's in a small town, but I like small towns. It was perfect for me."

Big strides
According to Steve Cheston, he concurred about all the reasons his daughter liked Tiffin enough to choose it over a D-I school.
"It's an awesome opportunity for any person to have that head start and not have any student loans to pay back," he said. "It's a great campus, great environment. The coaching staff was bar none some of the friendliest people I've ever met, and we actually got to see her out on the floor playing with her future teammates. She was holding her

own."
Cheston added that the growth Shelby showed her senior season had plenty to do with working with LaGrande and playing for the AAU team.

"She made big strides under him," Cheston said. "He was a shooting guard in college and he took her shot to the next level, took a 54 percent free-throw shooter and turned her into a 85-88 percent free-throw shooter in two years."

"Just that alone made her a more complete player. Instead of being a back-to-the-basket number five player, she's a perimeter threat now."

Brandon added that her time with LaGrande and the Monarchs helped unleash a newly confident player, one not afraid to take open shots "and to be freed up" to show her whole skill set.

"She was able to do that with the Monarchs, she was certainly able to do that with us and that's one of the biggest reasons we had such a successful season," Brandon said. "I couldn't be more proud of her. Shelby's a dream to coach."

"I told every college coach I spoke with about Shelby that she'll go on to steal for the Class of 2014." Tiffin got the steal, for sure.

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Flood of memories

It apparently was a two-way street, as Smith was "very shocked" when the parents and players gave her a standing ovation when she walked off the stage following her speech.

By the time she got off the stage, a five-season highlight video culled by former coach Jeff Carter (whose daughter Jenna was a standout player for the past four seasons) was shown on the screen, to the musical backdrop of Green Day's *Time of Your Life*.

"I was completely taken aback and was beyond emotional," said Smith, about Carter's montage of state title nights (2010, 12, 14), senior night pictures, on-ice coaching and more.

"He even captured us skating off the ice for the very last time at our last practice before the championship game," she noted. "Needless to say, there was not a dry eye in the room."

According to Smith, there was a tug at her heartstrings trying to

decide whether now was the right time to hand the clipboard off to somebody else.

She concluded that, there never really is a perfect time to leave a high school athletics program.

"It's hard to leave any year as I will be missing out on a class that I have had for three seasons," Smith explained. "If I stay for just one more class (for the senior season), I will want to do that every year."

Smith stressed that for all the success the Penguins had during the past five seasons, it means much more knowing how much of a positive impact she made on the young people from Plymouth, Canton and Salem.

"State titles are great," she added, "but the positive comments from players and parents at the end of the season is what it's all about."

An undeniable factor in her decision to end her Penguins coaching career was wanting to spend more time with her new husband, Chad Smith.

"It's a good time to go out, being a newwlywed," she said. "I would like to focus a lot of my time



The 2013-14 coaching staff of the PCS Penguins included (from left) Mary Beth Smith, Brad Johnson, Ashley LeBlanc and Amy Coleman. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

and energy on our new life together."

The right time
Johnson said he decided the time was right to leave the Penguins (a team of players taken from all three Plymouth-Canton Educational Park high schools), and devote time to coaching the national finalist Victory Honda 19-and-over women's hockey team which recently reached the national finals.

Incidentally, Smith is a goaltender for that Victory Honda team, based

in Plymouth.
He will have a summer coaching gig leading up to the 2014-15 Victory Honda season, however. Johnson is set to coach a 19U girls team for the Meijer State Games of Michigan.

"I loved coaching high school," Johnson said. "But the schedule is just too demanding for someone who is not an educator for a career. (After-school) practices three days a week is not realistic for someone who works in the corporate world."

"... As far as accomplishments, personally, I am most proud of the kids we coached and what some of them have gone on to since."

Johnson noted that some of the players from the first Penguins team (2009-10) he helped guide are finishing up college "and they are all on to bigger and greater things. I just hope that some of the lessons we taught them are being applied to their everyday lives."

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COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL

Hawkins signs letter-of-intent with

Abraham also adds pair of JUCO transfers

Livonia Stevenson's Amanda Hawkins is among Madonna University's women's volleyball coach Jerry Abraham's initial 2014 recruiting class that was announced on Wednesday. Hawkins, a first-team All-Observer selection, is joined by junior college transfers Emily Johnson (Grandville), a 6-foot outside and middle hitter from Grand Rapids Community College, along with 5-8 setter Spencer

Stokes (Clio) of Oakland Community College. "I like our class so far," said Abraham, who guided the Crusaders to a 41-2 record last season and a No. 5 NAIA final ranking. "We knew what our needs were and we started off by trying to fill those needs right away." The 6-foot Hawkins, who holds the Spartans' single-season record for total blocks (222), helped Stevenson to a 41-14-2 overall record and a berth in the state Class A quarterfinals as a senior. "She was also a part of Stevenson's three straight district titles and two Elite Eight appearances (2011 and 2013).



Hawkins Johnson

Hawkins is a two-time All-Kensington Lakes Activities Association selection and three-time All-Region pick. The academic scholar-athlete also played club volleyball in 2012 for USA High Performance. "Amanda is a really strong, agile player with good footwork," Abraham said. "Her best position right now is probably in the middle, but she also



Stokes

can hit outside as a left-side hitter. She has good all-around skills and hits a heavy ball. She has a real knack at the net for blocking. Her best attributes are attacking the ball for kills and blocking the opponents' best hitters." Johnson was a member of Grand Rapids' 2012 NCAA Division II national championship team. Last season, she helped the Raiders to a sixth-place finish at the Nationals en route to All-Region XII and All-

MCCA honors. "Emily's a middle and right-side hitter who is a tall, lanky, athletic player," Abraham said. "She has good arm control and good footwork and she plays with a lot of intensity and a will to win. She has a good game sense, the ability to be a terminating hitter and has experience at the college level." Stokes, meanwhile, led OCC to the MCCA championship as a sophomore as well as back-to-back NJCAA Division II District E championships in 2012 and 2013. She earned All-Region XII, All-MCCA and All-Eastern Conference first-team

honors and was named MVP in District E as a sophomore. "In losing one of the nation's best setters in Evia Priditis, we were able to find a young junior college transfer who led her team to a Final Four berth," Abraham said of Stokes. "She delivers the ball antenna-to-antenna, has great athletic ability and a great sense for the game. She picks up with the same style that Evia left off. Really has good control on the floor as a leader and is able to run multiple offenses and multiple sets. I think it will be an easy transition for us at the setter position."

COLLEGE BASEBALL

Piechota's gem gives Crusaders split against ITU

Madonna University's Evan Piechota justified why he was the reigning Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Pitcher of the Week. The redshirt sophomore right-hander from Livonia Stevenson threw his fifth complete game of the season April 19 as the Crusaders split a WHAC baseball double-header against host Indiana Tech.



Piechota

Piechota, who improved to 4-3 and lowered his earned run average to 2.06, went all nine innings, scattering six hits and two walks while striking out eight as MU captured the opener, 2-1. Piechota out-duelled Tech's Jared Harvey (1-3), who allowed two runs (both unearned) on six hits in eight innings. He struck out five and walked only two. MU got a run in the first inning when Shane Dokey singled and later scored on one of the Warriors' four errors. Ben Mattigan (Livonia Churchill) scored what proved to be the game-

winning run in the fourth on a double steal. Victor Barron went 3-for-4 to pace the Crusaders' six-hit attack. In that game, MU coach Greg Haeger was ejected in the seventh inning. In Game Two, Indiana Tech bounced back for a 6-4 win as reliever Curtis Wise (6-0) retired all five batters he faced after taking over for starter Brian Gremaux in the sixth inning. MU reliever

Dylan Cooper, who gave up three earned runs on four hits in 1 1/2 innings, suffered the loss. Starter Travis Schuba went the first 1/3 of innings allowing three earned runs on four hits and two walks. Homer Portes went 2-for-3 with three RBI, while Wes Darrow went 2-for-4 with two RBI as the Warriors improved to 22-19 overall and 14-8 in the WHAC. The Crusaders (22-21, 9-13) were led offensively by John Lauro, who went 2-for-3 with an RBI triple. Taylor Grzelakowski and Barron each added an RBI.

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:
Spring I Camp: The camp is for players entering grades 10-12 in fall 2014. Times are 8-5 p.m. June 16 and 5-8 p.m. June 17. 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 16, 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 Mut, (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 Ena Lanava, (313) 300-1173.

Wildcat football

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 freshman football players.

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 Player/Parent Mandatory Meeting on Tuesday, May 20 (same time and location).

'Meet the Coaches'

Canton High School's football program is hosting a mandatory "Meet the Coaches" meeting for incoming freshmen players and their parents at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, May 1, in the Canton North Building gymnasium. Players and parents are asked to arrive for the meeting at 6 p.m. Contact Julie Baehler at julieb@chls.edu

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accomplished ... but it is also a symbol of what the entire team did over the course of the season to be as good as they possibly could defensively.

No surprise

His goaltending was a primary reason why Plymouth qualified for the OHL playoffs for a record 23rd consecutive season. That fact was not lost on veteran Whalers head coach and general manager Mike Vellucci. "It doesn't surprise me at all that Alex is receiving this award," Vellucci said. "I thought he was by far the best goaltender in our league this season and was certainly our team MVP in

SPORTS ROUNDUP

'FootGolf'

Fox Hills Golf and Banquet Center of Plymouth is proud to announce that it is the first and only golf course in Michigan to offer FootGolf. Fox Hills will host a FootGolf kick-off tournament open to the public.

These rules are similar to the rules of golf. FootGolf is a game that is played throughout the world in many different forms, but as a sport, it is regulated by the Federation for International FootGolf. Fox Hills is located at 8768 N. Territorial. To sign up for FootGolf, visit www.foxhills.com.

'Super Jezz' 5K run

The Plymouth-Canton Educational Park's National Honor Society will host its fourth annual "Super Jezz" 5K run at 8 a.m. Sunday, May 4, on the grounds of the school.

The event was created in 2011 in honor of 16-year-old P-CEP student Jesse Lindbauer, whose sino-art abscess which ruptured, causing a traumatic brain injury.

This year, the race will support one pressing P-CCS student and a P-CCS alum: Salem Senior Jerrica Fitzgerald and Salem alum Amy Ladenberger.

Jerrica Fitzgerald was diagnosed with hydrocephalus, a rare medical condition in which fluid builds up in the brain. Jerrica had to undergo more than 30 surgeries and countless nights in the hospital since she was diagnosed in 2009.

Amy Ladenberger is a 25-year-old Park graduate who attended Hudson Elementary and Discovery Middle School.

She was diagnosed with cystic fibrosis, a disease which causes thick, sticky mucus to build up in the lungs, digestive tract and other areas of the body, when she was 3 months old.

Registration will continue until race day. Sign up forms can be found on the SJSK Facebook page, P-CEP website or in Canton, Plymouth and Salem main offices.

Event fees are \$25 for adults over 18 and \$20 for all others. For questions about the race or volunteering, contact the student coordinator of this event, Shannon Perry, at SJSKCommunity@gmail.com.

Summer camps

On top this summer through Canton Leisure Services are basketball and soccer camps instructed by longtime 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, 46000 Summit Parkway. Those sessions (for ages 14) will run from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. as follows: Session 1, July 7-11; Session 2, July 21-25; 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, visit cantonsportscenter.com, call Canton Sports Center at 734-483-5600 or visit either Canton Sports Center or Summit on the Park and inquire.

Woods top netter

The weekly honors continue to roll in for the Davenport University

women's tennis program as they grabbed their fifth WHAC Tennis Player of the Week nod in Annetta Woods.

Woods joins Alyssa Fuentes, Emily Spiech and Puck Luttkihuis in being honored as the WHAC Women's Tennis Player of the Week after helping the Panthers defeat Aquinas and Spring Arbor.

Woods, who is 20-9 in singles matches this season, will lead her team into the NAIA National Tournament qualification this weekend as the WHAC will be paired with schools from Iowa in an Unaffiliated group.

Think spring golf

PGA teaching professional Tim Bealert is offering a series of spring golf classes and clinics at Hickory Creek Golf Course, 4523 Napier Road, Superior Township.

Among the first sessions for adults include: Get Golf Ready - 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 5; Senior Casual Golf - 10 a.m. Tuesday, May 6; Senior New Golfer - 1 p.m. Tuesday, May 6; Ladies Clinic - 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 League (ages 8-11) - 5 p.m. Saturday, May 3.

Adult drop-in clinics are also available including: Golf Fundamentals session - 6:35-8 p.m. each Monday (locations and times subject to change by season); and Golf Conditioning - 10:30-11:30 a.m. on Sunday (January through November) at Hickory Creek.

To register for classes, visit Bealert's Facebook page at TrainwithTimHickory.com.

For more information, email TrainwithTim@gmail.com or call 734-733-0238.

MU cross country

Madonna University will stage its summer cross country meet camps for senior class runners from 8:45-9:45 a.m. July 28 through Aug. 1. The cost is \$75.

For more information, email Madonna cross country coach Pat Daugherty at pdaugherty@madonna.edu.

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MIKE VELLUCCI, Plymouth Whalers coach/GM

both the regular season and playoffs.

"We had such a young team this year and needed the stability in goal that Alex provided, and without him I don't think we would have kept our playoff streak alive."

Nedeljkovic was recognized as a star of the game 25 different times and made at least 40 saves in 19 different games—including four performances with 50 or more saves.

OHL general managers of both teams were eligible to vote for Nedeljkovic, who tallied

67 points ahead of Sault Ste Marie's Matt Murray (57 points).

"The Whalers have a history of outstanding goaltenders that have come through our organization with guys like Michael Neuvirth, Jeremy Smith, Justin Peters, Matt Hackett, and Scott Wedgewood, who are all great goaltenders," Vellucci said. "At this stage of his development I think Alex is farther along than all of those players."

"He was a playoff starter at 16-years-old last season (2012-13) and

to accomplish what he has in such a short time is an impressive array of stats volumes about his character and goaltending ability."

Nedeljkovic is currently representing the United States at the 2014 IIHF Under-18 World Championship. He helped backdrop the team to a 3-0 record in preliminary play, followed by Thursday's 6-2 win over Slovakia in the quarterfinals. Team USA will play Sweden in Saturday's semifinal matchup.

He will be presented with the OHL's Goaltender of the Year Award on Tuesday, June 3 at the OHL Awards Ceremony held at the Hockey Hall of Fame in Toronto.

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Karmanos Cancer Institute to add music therapy program to improve care

The Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute is one of organizations nationally to receive the LIVESTRONG Community Impact Project award to implement the Jeffrey Frank Wacks Music Therapy Program. Each of the 13 finalist organizations will be awarded \$15,000 to help replicate and implement the program in cities across the U.S.

Finalists for the project award were determined through an online voting campaign that accumulated more than the 100,000 votes over an 18-day period, from March 24 through April 11. Finalists for the awards were determined by individual votes within each region.

Kathleen Hardy, oncology social worker at Karmanos' Weisberg Cancer Treatment Center in Farmington Hills, submitted the application to the Community Impact Project. Karmanos was selected along with more than 100 other qualified hospitals, cancer centers, university students and community organizations in seven regions across the U.S., to participate in the online voting campaign.

"We are thrilled to be able to bring the Jeffrey Frank Wacks Music Therapy Program to our healing arts program and we are so grateful to everyone who voted for us," said Hardy. "Music therapy can help reduce some of the symptoms associated with cancer and cancer treatments such as pain, anxiety and depression. It also promotes a medium for self-expression which encourages relaxation, provides a sense of well-being and enhances the quality of one's life." As soon as funds become available, Karmanos will begin implementing the music therapy program. A music



Kathleen Hardy

therapist will work with patients in the bone marrow treatment unit to help them through their two-week long hospital stay. The therapist also will work with outpatients at Karmanos' Weisberg Center who are undergoing chemotherapy.

In addition to the LIVESTRONG Foundation's financial support, Karmanos will receive various materials including facilitator manuals and participant materials; training and support from the model program; and access to additional tools and resources.

The Jeffrey Frank Wacks Music Therapy Program has become an essential component of the integrative approach to caring for cancer patients at hospitals and treatment centers around the country. The program is named in honor of Jeffrey Frank Wacks, a gifted artist and writer who turned to music and his guitar to find a measure of comfort during his hospitalization and treatment for non-Hodgkin's lymphoma. After his death in 1996 at the age of 27, the music therapy program was established in his name.

The Jeffrey Frank Wacks Music Therapy Program at Karmanos is funded for one year. Karmanos will seek additional support from other organizations and individuals to help continue the program after the first year. In addition, musicians who are interested in donating their time and talents to the music therapy program may email Hardy at hardyk@karmanos.org.

Call 800-KARMANOS or visit www.karmanos.org.

New St. Mary primary care practice in Farmington Hills

St. Mary Mercy Hospital last week opened a new primary care practice, the St. Mary Mercy Medical Group, 36650 Grand River Ave., Ste. 101 in Farmington Hills.

The practice includes Dr. Neesha Berry, M.D., who is board-certified in internal medicine, and Dr. Barbra Alvir, D.O., board-certified in family medicine.

Starting in June, Westside Obstetrics and Gynecology physicians Dr. Catherine Winslow, M.D., and Dr. Karol Otteman, D.O., also will hold office hours at this new location.

The physicians at St. Mary Mercy Medical Group Farmington Hills provide primary care for patients of all ages including general medical exams, yearly physicals,



Barb Alvir, D.O.

acute illness, sports physicals and sports injuries, women's wellness, adolescent and pediatric health care as well as treatment for adults with complex medical conditions. Office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday with



Neesha Berry, M.D.

extend hours until 7 p.m. Wednesday and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday. The office includes on-site lab draw. Same-day appointments and walk-in hours are available. For more information, call 734-655-8220.

Walk for babies, variety of health causes

Lace up those sneakers and get ready to walk for a variety of health causes this spring:

» Walk MS starts at 9 a.m., with opening ceremonies at 9:45 a.m. and the 5K (3 miles) walk at 10 a.m., at Comerica Park in downtown Detroit. Walk as an individual or as a team. Call 800-344-4867; walk@mg.nms.org.

» March for Babies, sponsored by the March of Dimes, starts at 9 a.m., Sunday, April 27, at 5045 Anthony Wayne Drive on the Wayne State University campus. Registration begins at 8 a.m. for the 3.4-mile walk. Visit Marchforbabies.org for more.

» The 2014 Kidney Walk starts with registration at 8 a.m., followed by the walk at 8:30 a.m., May 17, at The Detroit Zoo, located at Woodward and the I-696 service drive, in Royal Oak. Detroit Lions running back Joique Bell and PAWS, the Detroit Tigers mascot,



are set to walk. Registration, which includes parking, zoo admission, and activities, is \$20 per person, over 12, and \$10 per child, 2-12. Kids under 2 are free. For more information or to register, call Lisa Schutz Jelic at the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan at 800-482-1455, Ext. 210, or visit www.nkfm.org/walks. On-site registration will also be

accepted.

» Hearing Loss Association of America presents a 5K walk, with registration starting at 9 a.m., followed by the walk at 10 a.m., May 17, beginning at the west boat dock in Kensington Metropark, in Milford. Walk4Hearing will include light refreshments, entertainment, information about hearing, hearing loss and services of the Association. Visit walk4hearing.org.

» Tri County Celiac Support Group, which is based in Farmington Hills, presents "Making Tracks for Celiacs," a run/walk, Sunday, May 18, at the Edsel and Eleanor Ford House, 1100 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores. Registration starts at 8 a.m., followed by the run at 9 a.m. and the walk at 9:30 a.m. Gluten-free food and refreshments will be served after. No dogs are allowed at the event. For more information, visit tcscg.net.

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Customers at Back to the Past in Redford check out comic book choices last year on Free Comic Book Day



Store co-owner Andy Cirinesi, dressed as Ironman, poses with a young customer during last year's Free Comic Book Day

Calling all superheroes — Free Comic Book Day is on its way to your hometown

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

If you can't wait to see the superhero film, *Guardians of the Galaxy*, this summer, you can pick up a new story about its characters for free, next weekend.

And if you're wondering what the future holds for Batman, you won't have to spend a dime to find out.

Both Marvel's *Guardians* and DC's *New 52 Futures* comic books, along with 55 other comic book titles, will be given out during the 13th annual Free Comic Day, Saturday, May 3, at comic book stores nationwide.

"This year, we have over 2,000 retailers involved and 4.6 million comics will be given out," said Deborah Moreland, spokeswoman for Diamond Comics Distributors, a Maryland company that coordinates the event. "There is a good variety of different stories this year ... *SpongeBob*, *Hello Kitty*, *Teen Titans*. You have your superheroes, sci-fi, action comics and ones that are more toward horror, scary."

A California-based retailer founded the event to bring more readers into comic book shops, including first-time comic book readers.

"What was happening around that time was the release of the first Spider-man movie," Moreland noted. "If you like the movie, you'll like the comics, so come in and check it out."

"We want people to go in and pick up comics they can read and pass on to others and also see what the comic

shop has in store. It allows people to discover new types of comics."

Justin Vahosky, manager of Comic City in Canton, says the event is a good way to "give back" to the community.

"We'll have a separate section where we'll have all the free books," he said, adding that customers may choose three free books. "But what we're also doing is a canned food drive as well. We'll have a box there to collect it for Gleaners."

Patrons can get additional free comic books if they donate canned foods or wear a costume to the event.

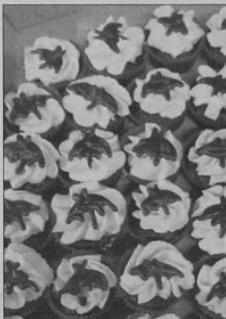
"We do get pretty packed and we'll have additional sales going on, too. Our computer crashed on us twice last year and for the first two hours it was a little hectic," Vahosky said. "Everyone comes in and we see new faces, too."

Costumes to cupcakes

Some customers at Back to the Past Pop Culture Collectibles in Redford dress as their favorite comic book character for the event. Last year, store co-owner Andy Cirinesi donned an Ironman costume to pose for photos with patrons. A few superheroes will be on hand at the store again this year.

"Last year, one of the customers made Captain America cupcakes," said co-owner Scott Lovejoy. "And she made Thor cupcakes that had a hammer made out of a pretzel and a marshmallow."

"The fun thing about Free Comic Book Day is that it runs the gamut with people of all ages. People bring their families and kids through teenagers, on



A comic book fan brought homemade cupcakes, decorated with Batman's insignia, to Free Comic Book Day last year at Back to the Past in Redford.

up through old folks come in. It's cool because it is one of the days you see a giant cross section of humanity."

Lovejoy said some of his regular customers were introduced to comic books on Free Comic Book Day. Lovejoy read his first comics while sick in bed one weekend in 1992. His wife offered to pick up reading material for him and came home with comic books.

"It hooked me," Lovejoy said. "I not

only became a giant collector, but I hooked up with the guy who founded the store. The next thing I know, I got involved in the shop."

Readership

Lovejoy said comic books have always appealed to mostly men, between 18 and 40. According to Moreland 69 percent of readers are men and 31 percent are women.

"In recent years there has been an effort to diversify the product mix and find things that speak to women and younger kids," Lovejoy noted. "We have a lot more female readers." He said some new superheroes, for example, have been written in a "new voice" from a female perspective.

Independent comic book companies also have found an audience for topics not covered in stories published by DC and Marvel.

"*Walking Dead* is a big one. It's an independent creation and has been out about 10 years now," he said, adding that it spawned the television show of the same name. "What we see is newer readers coming in. They've seen the TV show and hear it's based on a comic book and they want to read the source material."

Back to the Past will give away one free comic book per person from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. on May 3. Shoppers get two additional free books with a purchase. The store is located at 12670 Inkster in Redford; 313-533-3130. Comic City is at 42727 Ford Road, Canton; 734-981-3561. For a list of the free titles, see freecomicbookday.com.

Mid-Michigan antiques fest finds 2nd home in Detroit area

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

The Midland-based Michigan Antique & Collectible Festival will move a little closer to home next weekend when it opens a two-day show in Davidsburg, in northern Oakland County.

It will bring with it, many of the attractions that have become favorites of antique-hunters at the Midland show, including a vintage car display, Taste of Michigan and Made in Michigan vendors, live entertainment, and decorating demonstrations in addition to several hundred antique and collectible dealers.

The show runs 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, May 3, and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, May 4, at Springfield Oaks County Park, 12451 Andersonville Road, Davidsburg. Admission is \$6 per person. Children, ages 11 and under are free. An October show also is planned for the Davidsburg site and the Midland show runs May 31-June 1, July 19-20 and Sept. 20-21 at the Midland County Fairgrounds.

The show in Davidsburg is going crazy. I have friends going out and putting flyers up. It's exciting," said Lori Oberlin, the Orchard Lake woman who purchased the 46-year-old show in 2005.

"The owner of the festival became ill and died and his wife wanted to sell the show. What do you buy with a festival? You buy the name and website and lists of vendors. I bought it from the family. It was the worst economy ever at



Shabby Chic items include re-purposed and painted furniture.



Shoppers buy goodies from Taste of Michigan vendors at the festival.

that time, but I brought (the show) back," Oberlin said.

Closer to home

After nine years in Midland, Oberlin decided it was time to

like the "cottage look." Oberlin has set aside space at the Davidsburg show for vendors with "Shabby Chic" items, including furniture that has been re-purposed and re-painted. Industrial Way will include vendors with unique industrial items.

Farmhouse painting demonstrations are set for 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. on Saturday and 1 p.m. on Sunday; paper decoupage is at 1:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. Saturday and 1:30 p.m. Sunday; and "shabby" lamp shade demonstrations are at 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday.

An interior decorator from KH Homes in Clarkston will be on hand to answer questions and offer decorating ideas. Donations will be accepted and proceeds will benefit SCAMP for handicapped children in Oakland County.

Free antique appraisals will run from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. both festival days.

The Michigan Craft Beer Garden with live entertainment also will run both days. The Michigan Traveling Vietnam Memorial Wall will be on display and a flag raising will be at noon both days. Desert Angels will receive donations for Miracle Boxes that will be sent to active military personnel. Boxes include socks, snacks and other items. Festival patrons may submit names and addresses of military men and women.

For more information about the Michigan Antique & Collectible Festival, visit miantiquefestival.com; 989-687-9001.

duplicate the show's success in metro Detroit. Many of her Midland vendors will be on hand in Davidsburg.

"I'm thrilled that she is trying to get another venue going," said Faye Ignash, a vendor from Birmingham. "Lori is one of the most upbeat promoters I've ever met. I can't say enough about her because she tries so hard."

Ignash will set up six-eight tables at the show for the jewelry, glass and china items that she sells.

"I don't carry shabby chic — that's kind of an updated girly girl look. I carry a lot of recycled items. I like the clean look," Ignash said. But because many shoppers

MILESTONES

ENGAGEMENT

HERZOG-GOLLA

Emily Herzog and Derrick Golla announce their engagement.

Emily, daughter of Howard and Deborah Herzog of Belmont, Mass., graduated from the University of Michigan with a degree in environmental studies and earned a master's degree in energy policy and climate from Johns Hopkins University. She works as an environmental consultant at ICF International in Washington, D.C.

Derrick, son of Dennis and Terri Golla of Farmington Hills, is a 2004 graduate of Farmington High School. He graduated from the University of Michigan with degrees in environmental studies and sociology. He works as an environmental consultant for Booz Allen Hamilton in Arlington, Va.

The couple currently lives in Alexandria, Va. A June 2014 wedding is planned in Boston, Mass.



Derrick Golla and Emily Herzog

BIRTH

LEAH PAIGE JUNGERHELD

Leah Paige Jungerheld was born March 18, 2014, at University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor. She weighed 8 pounds, 1 ounce, and was 19 inches long.

Her parents are Mark and Jessica Jungerheld of Plymouth. Grandparents are Joe and Marlene Jungerheld of Chesaning and Terry and Laura Covert of Higgins Lake. The great-grandparents



Leah Paige Jungerheld

are Garry and Patricia Covert of Sanford and Henry Pellikka of Calumet.

ANNIVERSARY



The Lanphears of Plymouth on their wedding day in 1954

CELEBRATING 60 YEARS

Lawrence Lanphear Jr. and Janet (Schneider) Lanphear, lifelong residents of Plymouth, will mark their 60th anniversary May 1.

Bud and Janet were high school sweethearts who married in 1954 at the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth. They raised three children in their home of 58 years across from Smith Elementary School.

Bud retired from Don Massey Cadillac in 1994. Janet retired in 1996 from Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.

The couple celebrated their anniversary at home with their children Carol (Mat) Joyce, Leanne (Peter) Baumeier and Larry Lanphear and granddaughter, Kate Joyce.



Janet and Lawrence Lanphear Jr. of Plymouth

WEDDING

WALKER-WILSON

Emily Walker and Daniel Wilson were married Aug. 17, 2013, in Mt. Morris Pastor Doug Klein and the Rev. Floyd Wehner officiated.

The bride, daughter of Margie Wallace and Frank Walker of Flushing, and the groom, son of Steven and Patricia Wilson of Livonia, both attended Ferris State University and are employed as registered nurses at Spectrum Butterworth Hospital in Grand Rapids.

A wedding reception was held in Grand Blanc. The couple took a honeymoon trip to Playa Del Carmen, Mexico. They reside in Grand Rapids.



Emily Walker and Daniel Wilson on their wedding day

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BREITMEYER, LOIS PATRICIA (FROMM)
Age 91, born February 16, 1923 in Detroit, Michigan, died April 24, 2014 at home in Royal Oak. Daughter of Bess (Meech) Fromm and Eric Fromm, proprietors of the Detroit area's Famous Hardware chain from the 1930s until the late 1960s. Widow of lawyer and restaurateur John F. Breitmeyer, Jr., to whom she was married for 46 years. Lois is survived by her six children, Susan Payne, Thomas Payne, Carol Breitmeyer (Don Jones), Patricia Breitmeyer (Tim Batscheider), John Breitmeyer (Gina) and Jenne Breitmeyer (State Rep. Jim Townsend) and has 10 loving grandchildren and many loving nieces and nephews. Lois was predeceased by her brothers and sisters-in-law James and Joanna Fromm and Harold and Sue Fromm (also Lois's college roommate and dearest friend), and sister-in-law and her husband, Loraine (Breitmeyer) and Jack Prock. Visitation at William Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 155 W. 11 Mile, Royal Oak, from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 8, 2014. Memorial Service at the Birmingham Unitarian Church, 38651 Woodward Avenue, Bloomfield Hills, on Friday, May 9, 2014 at 4:00 p.m. to be followed by a celebration of her life. Friday evening. In lieu of flowers, the family requests contributions be made to the American Civil Liberties Union or the United States Fund for UNICEF.

DEUBY, MONICA MARIE (MAHONEY)
Age 91, born in Iowa on June 25, 1928 in Boone, Iowa to Dr. Lee and Eileen (Whelan) Mahoney. Monica grew up in Livonia, Michigan. She graduated from Bentley High School in 1946. After high school she attended Schoolcraft College where she studied business administration and began work for Michigan National Bank (which later became La Salle Bank) and then acquired by Bank of America) where she worked for over 30 years. Monica was a licensed stock broker, financial planner and worked at a number of bank branch offices throughout her career. She advised her customers and coworkers - with many she developed deep, lifelong friendships. Monica was a member, and first female president, of the Kiwanis Club of Livonia Early Years. Monica had a boundless sense of humor, a passion for music, reading, traveling, parlaying with family and friends and, most of all, performing random acts of kindness. Monica was a devoted and loving mother and grandmother; she embodied her favorite sayings "Live, Laugh and Love" and "Don't Stop Believing." Monica was preceded in death by her treasured parents Dr. Lee Mahoney and Eileen (Whelan) Mahoney. Monica will be deeply missed by her beloved daughter Danielle Deuby and precious grandchildren Madison Walbeck of Westland, Michigan; siblings Kathleen (Thomas) Schmidt, (Francis Olewnik) Mahoney, Marian (Bill Rouston) Mahoney, Lee Mahoney, Anita (Glen Geis) Mahoney and Michael Mahoney, 10 nieces and nephews and five great-nieces and nephews. She also leaves behind M.C.F.A. A Celebration of Monica's life is planned for May 10, 2014 in Detroit, Michigan. Please send an email to monicalifecelebration@gmail.com to request event details. In lieu of flowers the family requests memorial donations be made to Gleasons Food Bank (www.gfb.org). It Gets Better organization (www.itgetsbetter.org) or Salvation Army (donate.salvationarmyusa.org).

GARRETT, MARDELL
Passed away Sunday, April 20, 2014 at age 92 in South Lyon, MI, where she was residing at the South Lyon Str. Care and Rehab Center. Prior to 2012, MardeLL had been residing in Duluth, Minnesota, where in prior to retirement she had been an Office Manager at Northwest Artificial Limb & Brace Co. She attended Bethany Lutheran Church for most of her years in the Duluth area, and was proud to be a founding member of the Duluth chapters of Beta Sigma Phi service sorority. She was predeceased by her parents, K. Otto Holmstrom and Helma (Carlson) Holmstrom, of Duluth. She is survived by her only son, Bill Garrett and his wife Claudia, of Whitmore Lake, MI; four married grandchildren, Wendy Sly, W. Patrick Garrett, Mark Garrett (all in Michigan); Joy Harris (in Washington); 18 great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren. A Memorial Service will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 7 at Cornerstone EPC, 9455 Hilton Rd., Brighton, MI 48114. In lieu of flowers, love offerings are encouraged to Bethany Lutheran Church, 2308 W. 3rd St., Duluth, MN 55806 or to Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church, 330 E. Liberty, South Lyon, MI 48178, where MardeLL had been attending during her recent years in Michigan.

GARY, JON
Passed away suddenly on Saturday, April 19, 2014 at the age of 68. Jon was born in Pontiac, the son of George E. and Ester (nee Heitman) Gary on February 4, 1947. He graduated from Clarkston High School and then continued his education at the University of Michigan, Michigan State University, and Wayne State University. He obtained his Bachelor's in Hotel Management degree from Michigan State and his Masters of Vocational Education at Wayne State. He taught for 34 years, first at North East Oakland County Educational Center and then at the William D. Ford Vocational School in Westland, retiring in 2006. Together with his wife Carey, whom he married in 1981, they ran the 932 Pennington Bed & Breakfast in Plymouth until its sale in 2012. Jon had numerous interests, including a love of cooking, woodworking and home renovation. Reading, playing golf and supporting the University of Michigan's football team also brought great enjoyment to him. He is survived by his wife and his daughters, Krista (Randy) Mince and Kaarina (Tim) Bodnar, four grandchildren, Nolan, Madison, William, and Emilia, and siblings George (Cathy) Gary and Elizabeth (John) Rogala also survive. He was preceded in death by his sister Mae Ann Schryver. Services were held on Wednesday, April 23, 2014 at the First Presbyterian Church, Livonia. Contributions are suggested to the church, the Salvation Army, Bread Club, or the Culinary Arts Department of Salem High School. Share your memories at www.schryverlowell.com.

MCKEAGLE, TIMOTHY J.
Passed away on April 6, 2014, age 72. Beloved husband of Beverly of 52 years. Dearest father of Denise (Mark) Adams, Cindi Kozlowski and the late Deborah Eagle. Loving grandfather of Brian, Luke, Clare, Caitlin and Lauren. Brother of Patricia Nehls. Survived by many nieces and nephews. Tim was a retiree of the Ford Motor Company where he was a systems analyst. He loved to play golf. Tim will be missed by many friends. He also served in the U.S. Marine Corp. Visitation will be today and tomorrow at L.J. Griffin Funeral home, Canton, MI, www.griffinfuneralhome.com. Memorial Mass Tuesday, April 29, 10:30 a.m. at St. Thomas a'Becket Catholic Church, 555 Lilly Rd., Canton, MI.

MERKER, FRANCES WILSON
April 18, 2014. Beloved wife of the late Henry. Loving mother of Marilyn Fisher, Marcia Bennett (David), and the late Pam Welch. Devoted grandmother of Jake Bennett. Sister of the late Howard Wilson and George Wilson (Doris). Also survived by her sister-in-law Jean Wilson, four nieces and three nephews. A Memorial Service was held Tuesday, April 22 at First Presbyterian Church, 1669 W. Maple Rd., Birmingham. Memorial tributes to the Church, A.J. Desmond & Sons, 248-549-0500. View obituary and share memories at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com.

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HERRICK, JEAN A.
Age 88, April 21, 2014. Beloved wife of the late Vern. Dear mother of Dr. Daniel (Crisis) Herrick, Judy (Jeff) Jones, and Don (Peggy). Grandmother of six. Great-grandmother of eight. Visitation Thursday, May 22, 2014, 4-8 p.m. at the John N. Santeu Funeral Home, 1939 Inkster Rd., Garden City (between Ford Rd. and Cherry Hill). In state Friday, May 23, 2014, 10 a.m. followed by the 11 a.m. Funeral Service at First United Methodist Church, 4443 Merriman Rd., Garden City (between Ford Rd. and Warren Rd.). www.santeufuneralhome.com

WEDNESDAYS

May peace be with you in this time of sorrow.

GARDEN & NATURE CALENDAR

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River cleanup
Rouge Rescue, the Friends of the Rouge's annual river cleanup is scheduled for Saturdays in May. Volunteers of all ages will pull trash from the river and pull invasive plants, among other hands-on activities. Local work days and sites are 9 a.m. to noon. Maybury State Park in Northville and 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Holiday Nature Preserve in Westland. May 2 at Goff's Nature Preserve in Livonia, 9-11 a.m., May 10. Sites for the May 17 work day include 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., Flodin Park, 9 a.m. to noon, Workman Elementary Habitat and 9 a.m. to noon, Meadows of Ann Arbor in Canton Township 9 a.m. to noon, Shawwassee Park in Farmington; 9 a.m. to noon, Botsford Commons Senior Community 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Heritage Park, and 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Oakland Community College Orchard Ridge Campus, all in Farmington Hills; 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Coventry Gardens Park in Livonia; 8:30 a.m. to noon, Smith Elementary School-Byron Creek, Plymouth; 9-11 a.m., Plymouth Township Park in Plymouth Township; 9 a.m. to noon, Lava Valley Park in Redford Township and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Goudy Park in Wayne.

For more information, including the volunteer projects planned at each site, visit therouge.org.

Friends of Miller Woods
The Friends will offer spring wildflower tours 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.

Livonia Garden Club
Mary Pulick, a former member, will talk about the history of the Livonia Garden Club and will demonstrate shrub and show horticulture from its early exhibits and flower shows. 6 p.m. Tuesday, May 6, at the Civic Park Senior Citizen Center, 15218 Farmington Road, Livonia. Pulick is a member of the Saline Stone and Thisle Garden Club and a leader of the Landscape Design School. For more information, call Ruth Moline at 734-525-6167 or view livoniagardenclub.org.

Heritage Park
Full Moon Friday Night Hikes run 9:30 p.m. May 16 and 9:30 p.m. June 13. Hikes are for ages 5 and up. Cost is \$3 per person. Register for the program at creg.fhgov.com. Heritage Park is located on Farmington Road between 10 Mile and 11 Mile in Farmington Hills. Call 248-477-1135 or email asmith@fhgov.com for more information.



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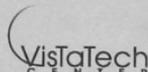
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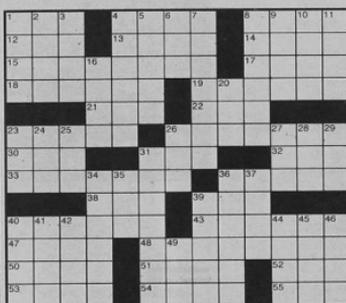
CROSSWORD PUZZLER

- ACROSS**
- Play a good joke on
 - Roman sculpture
 - View from the dorm
 - Pleased sigh
 - Mideast VIP
 - Cato's bear
 - Subway art
 - Disney CEO
 - Word of warning
 - Yellowstone grazer
 - Afore
 - Question authority
 - Hiding nothing
 - Emma in "The Avengers"
 - Almost grams
 - Bled, as a color
 - Flourish
- DOWN**
- Take in from a pet shelter
 - Not share
 - Black-eyed one, perhaps
 - Crowd
 - Oval-nest builder
 - Acuff and Bain
 - Gave no ground
 - Held with Bob — wrongdoing
 - Daxlerly
 - Playground game
 - Fallen log coverer
 - AAA suggestions
 - Unlatch, to a bard
 - Happened to
 - Make made of skins
 - Boat a lap
 - Iron-pumper's pride
 - Tremble
 - Strongly
 - On a cruise
 - Tapered seam
 - No longer in bondage
 - Woolf
 - Apply salve
 - Ostrich cousin
 - Lounge
 - 40-cup brewer
 - Pizzaro's quest
 - Forty winks
 - Dynamite's kin
 - More waterlogged
 - Specters
 - L-O-n-g time
 - Hawks' refuges
 - Podium
 - Search party
 - Zoo transport
 - Vagrant
 - Whiskey grains
 - Trains
 - Director
 - Preminger
 - "Look before you —"
 - Competitive advantage
 - Natalie's father

Answer to Previous Puzzle

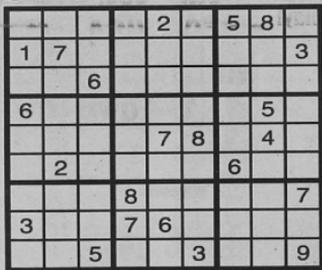


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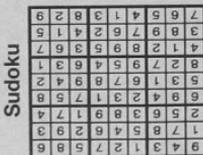
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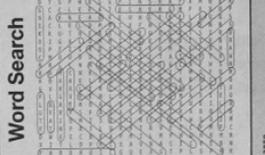
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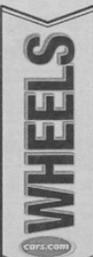
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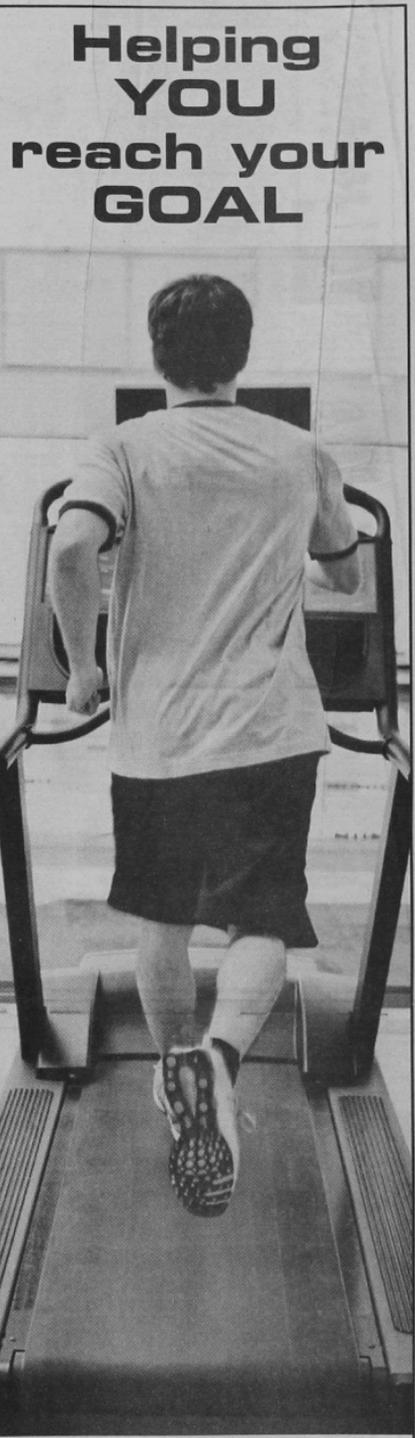
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Car Report

Ford Ramps Up Attention to Coming Launch of New Mustang



By Dale Buss

Ford has a pretty clear field for promoting the new 50th-anniversary version of Mustang these days, right up until the car goes on sale in the fall. And the company is taking maximum advantage of the opportunity with a variety of marketing initiatives designed, among other things, to broaden the traditional market for each new version of its iconic muscle car. These gambits range from the big splash that the new Ford Mustang made at the New York International Auto Show last week, to co-branded promotions with nail-polish brands and fashion designers, to clever new product placements on hit TV shows such as *The Blacklist*. Each of these moves is designed to help restore Mustang to the place of high cultural relevance that

it still enjoyed long after the original pony car's debut in 1964. And with about six months to go until launch of the 2015 Mustang—and no model introduction scheduled in the meantime by any other brand that could match Mustang's star power—Ford will command a lot of media discussion and consumer attention for its biggest move of 2014. Take *The Blacklist* placement. Mustang, of course, has been celebrated over the years for its effective and trailblazing role on TV and in movies ranging back to its first on-screen appearance, in Goldfinger, to the Mustang convertible driven by Efron Zimbalist Jr. in *The FBI* television series in the late Sixties. More recently, Ford scored an appearance for the new version of Mustang as the hero car in the movie

Need for Speed. Ford's latest placement twist involved a clever TV commercial for the car about half-way through the latest episode of the hit drama, *The Blacklist*, that drew on a significant plot twist that occurred in the show just seconds before the ad was aired. It's unlikely to be the last innovative example of placement undertaken by Ford before the Mustang's launch. The car probably would have served as a great getaway vehicle for Jack Bauer in next month's revival of *The 24* franchise on Fox—but the show is set in London this time. Meanwhile, Ford also this month announced a "global fashion collaboration" marking Mustang's 50th anniversary and heralding the new version. It will cooperate with five top fashion designers from around the world—including Detroit's Anna Sui—in Mustang Unleashed, a limited-edition line of 15 Mustang-inspired t-shirts. Mustang has always been a big seller for Ford in its mammoth licensing business, ranging from apparel to key chains to metal and plastic models of Mustang and even a Mustang-themed pool table. Expect the revelation of many more licensing deals for Mustang wares in the months ahead. Not coincidentally, Ford also announced another Mustang tie-in to



The fashion designers behind Mustang Unleashed

fashion as it attempts to broaden the demographic for the 2015 version to include more women, especially Millennials. Ford announced the OPI Fore Mustang collection of nail lacquers designed to put the "pedi to the metal." Co-developed by the co-founder of the Coy-owned major brand in nail care, Ford Mustang by OPI will sport six shades when it hits U.S. stores in July, including Race Red, Queen of the Road, and Girls Love Ponies. You get the idea. All of this news came only after Ford pulled a remarkable stunt during the press preview at the New York auto show by displaying the 2015 car on top of the Empire State Building, just as it did in a 1965 stunt with the original Mustang. Ford had a prototype of the new version cut into pieces and took it up the freight elevator of the world's most iconic skyscraper to the famous observatory on the 86th floor, then reassembled it and displayed it as part of a New York-based celebration of the 50th anniversary. During the hubbub, Ford Chairman William C. Ford II also announced a 50th Anniversary Limited Edition of the car that would be available only in 1,964 copies—to commemorate the year of the car's launch. No, Ford isn't missing a trick so far in building pre-launch hype for its new Mustang. And at a time when its main rival is hobbled by bad news about a recall that is obfuscating the appeal of GM's cars and brands, Ford could end up making more hay out of its celebration of the new Mustang than its marketers imagined even two months ago.



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