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By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Canton officials are urging residents to take seriously a survey that is being mailed to 3,000 households to gauge community opinions on recreation, parks and library services and needs.

The 30-question surveys are expected to arrive in Canton mailboxes this week after an independent research company, Leisure Vision/TC Institute, randomly selected households to reflect the broader community.

Canton Leisure Services and the Canton Public Library, already acclaimed for their

offerings, are teaming up to gather opinions that can help officials steer short-range goals and long-term planning.

"This survey will help us, better understand the needs of our residents and help the library prioritize our efforts for the next several years," library Director Eva Davis said.

Validating plans

She said she hopes the survey will validate the library's strategic plan and help its leaders shape future programming in a community that has become increasingly diverse. Canton Leisure Services last conducted a survey five

years ago, when results showed 91 percent of residents had visited a park during a one-year period and 97 percent of those polled gave high marks to local recreation amenities.

This year, CLS and the library chose to share costs for the \$24,000 survey and benefit jointly from results that will be unveiled later this year. The questions should take no more than 10 minutes to complete. The methodology was developed to ensure objectivity, reliability and validity.

"This joint project between Canton Township and the Canton Public Library will enable both organizations to gather

current information, assess local needs and help make important decisions that will enrich the future of our community," CLS Director Debbie Bilbrey-Honsowetz said.

Surveys useful

Canton officials have shown how past surveys were used to help develop plans for parks and recreation needs. Five years ago, for example, residents indicated they wanted more walking trails, which CLS operations manager Greg Hohenberger said led to the installation of wooden pedestrian bridges linking the Lower Rouge River Recreation Trail that winds through Canton.

CLS updates its master plan every five years to help Canton qualify for state grants for parks and recreation improvements.

The library's portion of the survey comes after the facility, just weeks ago, unveiled an interior remodeling project intended to make it more user-friendly.

Local officials are urging residents to fill out the surveys and return them as quickly as possible. For more information, go to www.cantonfun.org or call 734-394-5360.

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District eyes opening borders

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

Facing a \$5.3 million deficit in its 2014-15 budget and struggling to find revenue streams, the Plymouth-Canton Schools Board of Education is strongly considering turning the district into a schools of choice option for students outside district boundaries.

As part of their budget workshop considerations, trustees Tuesday talked about opening some 200 seats in kindergarten through second-grade classrooms in an effort to offset a projected loss of nearly 600 students.

The move, which administrators said would raise some \$1.5 million in revenue, would extend the district's schools of choice options to neighboring districts. Right now, the only non-Plymouth-Canton students allowed to attend the district are children of employees who live outside the boundaries.

The move would come without the addition of any staff as the district also considers cutting 41 teachers ahead of the 2014-15 school year.

"This wouldn't require adding teachers," Brodie Killian, the district's deputy superintendent for business and operations, told board members at Tuesday's Board of Education meeting. "These seats would be available in classrooms that have teachers."

In an informal vote to gauge consensus, the board showed some support for the schools of choice idea. Supportive trustees pointed out the district has very few options to increase revenue in an era where legislators are unlikely to do anything about Proposal A and the state, trustees believe, continues to under-fund public education.

Trustee Kim Crouch said the board has been considering any number of cuts in an effort to balance the budget, but has spent little time talking about increasing revenue.

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Mike Eberz of Walled Lake, Montaque Stewart of Ann Arbor and Anthony Patton of Detroit hang a door in the basement. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

CHRISTMAS COMES EARLY

Volunteer army helps with home repairs for grateful residents

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

With her health deteriorating after contracting an illness during two tours in Iraq, U.S. Air Force veteran Rachael Brown knew she was going to need help taking care of her 2-year-old daughter.

She's bringing in a caregiver, but the accommodations for her roommate — a basement bedroom in dire need of work — weren't that great. Knowing she couldn't do the work herself, Brown

reached out — after a conversation with a social worker — to Canton Township's Christmas in Action program.

That's why an army of volunteers from Home Depot spent most of last week at Brown's Canton Township home, renovating the basement, adding an egress window to the lower level and building a 10-by-12-foot barn, among other projects.

Watching it all unfold, Brown admits she wept at times.

"I'm not going to lie ... I cried several times at all of the things they're doing for me," Brown said. "They're putting on a new roof, they built a barn from the ground up and it's absolutely beautiful.

All of the things they're doing for me are crazy awesome."

Brown came home from her second deployment in 2009 and has since suffered from illnesses caused, she believes, by exposure to toxic chemicals while guarding burn pits in Iraq. The pits were used, according to Brown, to dispose of everything from leftover food to dead bodies and refuse from portable bathrooms.

Focus on vets

She has a hard time walking and suffers "a slew of medical issues" which

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Competency hearing delayed for bank suspect

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer



Kuhn

A Canton bank robbery defendant remains jailed as he awaits a competency hearing — delayed Monday for a month — that is expected to lead to a judge's ruling on whether he should stand trial in Wayne County Circuit Court.

Nathan Michael Kuhn, 28, could face penalties ranging up

to life in prison if he is convicted of bank robbery for an incident Canton police say occurred last Oct. 24 at a Comerica branch inside the Kroger store near Canton Center and Ford roads.

Kuhn's trial has been delayed as attorneys wrangle over whether he should be held

criminally responsible for his alleged actions and whether he is competent to aid in his own defense. His case is pending in Wayne County Circuit Judge Richard Skut's courtroom.

Kuhn remains jailed on bond set at 10 percent of \$500,000, meaning it would take \$50,000 for his release. He has been described by authorities as a drifter who has lived in Livonia and Westland.

Canton police arrested Kuhn from a Wayne motel room after investigating the Comerica bank robbery. He is accused of passing a note to a teller, implying he had a gun and demanding money.

Canton Detective Sgt. Chad Baugh has said no shots were fired and no injuries reported during the incident. Baugh said

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Chamber hosts first Girls' Night Out

Canton Chamber of Commerce President Thomas Paden knows it's important to find ways to help potential merchants connect with businesses in town.

That's why Paden is excited for the chamber's inaugural Girls' Night Out, set for 5-9 p.m. Thursday, May 8.

The event is designed to be a "fun night of socializing, shopping, discounts, refreshments and other special surprises," Paden said. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the American Cancer Society and Canton Relay for Life.

"This is a fun way for the Canton chamber to connect customers with merchants," Paden said. "The chamber is always looking for opportunities to help the business community and this is a new way for us to do that."

The evening includes:

- 5-6 p.m., ladies will begin by coming to the chamber office (45325 Hanford), where they will receive a shopping bag with goodies, as well as a list of all the participating businesses.

- 5-9 p.m., ladies can go to any or all of the

participating businesses, which will be offering refreshments, discounts and other special gifts.

At 9 p.m., the schedule calls for everyone to head to Bailey's (Ford Road and Canton Center) to close out the evening with more socializing, drink specials, light refreshments and lots of door prizes.

Participating businesses include Canton Newsroom, Clearly You Professional Skin Care, Consign & Design, Curves, D & M Studios—Once Upon an Easel, Devz Pharmacy, Flowers & Gifts, Green & Glamorous, Hallmark Creations, Indigo Salon, Spa & Boutique, Keller & Stein Florist, Let's Party Supplies LLC, Lucky Hair Salon & Spa, Mary Kay Cosmetics, Menchie's Frozen Yogurt, New U Nutrition Club, Office Depot, Orange Theory Fitness, Serenity Day Spa, Showroom of Elegance, Stella & Dot Jewelry, Thirty One Gifts, Village Market by Fat Chef, Vintner's Canton Winery and Zap Zone Golf.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call the chamber at 734-453-4040.



Daniele Ekmeim of Westland paints trim molding for the interior of the home. PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

CHRISTMAS

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kept her from being able to do the work herself.

Up stepped volunteers from Home Depot, taking part again in the Christmas in Action program. House captain Howard Campbell said Home Depot likes to focus on helping disabled veterans and Brown's plight fit right into its mission. While Christmas in Action was actually held Saturday, work on Brown's home started the previous Monday.

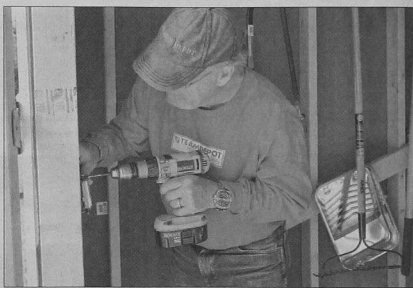
"We felt it was important to help disabled veterans when they come back from deployment, so it's a huge focus for Team Home Depot," Campbell said. "It's important to our country for these people to know we appreciate what they've done and what they've sacrificed."

Christmas in Action, the Canton effort to help families who, for whatever reason (disability, financial, etc.) need the help, has done work at more than 100 homes, including 10 this year, the program's 10th.

Marie Morrow, president of the Plymouth Community United Way, believes the Christmas in Action mission fits in well with that of the United Way. The PCUW provided Christmas in Action a \$2,500 grant.

"We are pleased to continue our partnership with Christmas in Action to help repair homes of low-income senior citizens in Canton," Morrow said. "It has been the mission of our local United Way to reach out and serve human needs since 1944."

The army of volunteers — there were nearly 200 this year, including skilled and non-skilled tradesmen, local companies and local handymen — provide a number of services, including roofing, asphalt paving, siding, carpeting and painting. The effort is organized by Jim Cisek, a self-employed contractor with experience in the building business who



Len Harrington of Fenton installs a switch for lighting in the backyard storage barn.



Christine Nelson of Belleville plants flowers, while Angie Williams of Flint evens the soil in the bed with a rake.

also consults for a company that owns 11 nursing homes.

"It's my way of giving back," Cisek said. "This is something I know how to do. I think I've all help a little, it matters."

What comes around ...

That's what Greg Flamini thinks, too. A Northville resident who grew up in Livonia and graduated from Churchill High

School, Flamini works with Cisek and was eager to help out.

He was house captain for a home on Canton Center, where volunteers repaired rotting wood, did repairs on a porch, put in windows and did a complete landscaping.

"It's a good thing to do," Flamini said. "What comes around, goes around. If I do some good deeds for other people, maybe if I ever need



Disabled veteran Rachael Brown watches volunteers work on her home during Saturday's Christmas in Action event in Canton. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

help, people will be there for me.

Anton and Julie Vandeven, Canton residents for more than 30 years, were among the army of volunteers spread across the township. Anton had read about it in a township publication.

"He's been wanting to do it for years, so this year we finally said, 'Let's just make sure our calendar is clear,'" said Julie Vandeven, who has volunteered for the Salvation Army and Habitat for Humanity. "We wanted to do it to help people. Anton is good working with his hands and just thought he'd like to help people. I think it's very good for the community."

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HEARING

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police had to force their way into the Wayne motel to arrest Kuhn after receiving a tip of his whereabouts.

As he awaits trial, Kuhn has had a not-guilty plea placed in his court file. Even if he is able to post bond, Skutt has ordered him to stay

away from the Kroger store, the Comerica branch and the employees in the building.

Before his arrest, Kuhn had been paroled just 11 months earlier for crimes involving uttering and publishing, or forging a check or other financial document.

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DISTRICT

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"I'd be supportive of schools of choice,"

Crouch said. "We've been talking about the deficit and how we're going to grow our student population and this would be one way."

"I've heard a lot about how we're going to cut our way ... I haven't heard much about how we're going to grow."

But trustees Mike Maloney and Mark Horvath were skeptical of the idea. The district has lost some 1,700 students in the last five years, Horvath said, yet only closed one building.

And Maloney pointed

out the district has done a millage on its own, while Wayne County RESA is going to ask for additional money from taxpayers in the fall.

"I'm real skeptical of (schools of choice) on a lot of levels," Maloney said. "To ask people in our district to be taxed to educate kids in another district is the wrong thing to do."

Board members agreed to conduct a community forum on the topic, much like the forums they conducted when they were considering school closures a couple of years ago, to gauge the public's reaction to the idea. No date was scheduled.

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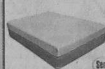
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CANTON CRIME WATCH

Pedestrian struck

A 66-year-old driver from Oregon, Ohio, was issued a traffic citation after the rear-view mirror of his Chevy Silverado pickup truck grazed a 47-year-old Garden City man's shoulder outside the IKEA store at Ford and Haggerty roads, a police report said. The incident happened about 7:45 p.m. Friday.

The Garden City man told police he and his girlfriend were walking along the curb outside IKEA when the truck hit him, prompting the driver to get out and accuse him of hitting the truck, a police report said.

An argument ensued and

the truck driver left while the Garden City man and his girlfriend went to alert store security of the incident, the report indicated. However, Canton police used a license plate number to trace the truck to Ohio, where authorities there made contact with the driver.

The suspect called Canton police and maintained the pedestrian had caused the incident. The two men agreed to meet police Sunday at IKEA. The pedestrian identified the truck as the one involved in the incident, prompting police to issue a citation to the driver.

Neighbor dispute

A 70-year-old Canton man, accused of threatening his

upstairs neighbors after they reported him to police for playing his radio too loudly before 5 a.m., has been cited for breach of peace.

Police went to the man's residence on Victorian Square, near Michigan Avenue and Geddes, after neighbors reported him for a third time shortly before 5 a.m. Monday. He told police he is getting older and his hearing isn't what it once was.

After advising him not to disturb neighbors, police were called back Monday morning amid accusations he could be heard from his apartment making threats of an assault. A police report said the man also threatened to make up a com-

plaint against his neighbors and call 9-1-1.

Police resolved the situation by issuing the citation for breach of peace.

Improper dumping

Canton police advised two men, ages 65 and 56, to stop dumping sand on vacant property on Haggerty south of Palmer after authorities received reports of the activity Sunday afternoon.

Police had received reports of possible illegal dumping by men in a Ford Ranger. The men said they had dumped sand from a home improvement project along the vacant property.

Police advised the men not

to dump the sand unless they have permission from the property owner.

Tax fraud

A 53-year-old Canton man notified police this month after he tried to file his federal income taxes electronically and got a rejection notice indicating his Social Security number already had been used to file.

The victim is one of many here and elsewhere to become victims of identity theft during tax season. The Internal Revenue Service advised the man to notify the Canton Police Department to document the situation.

—By Darrell Clem

PLYMOUTH CRIME WATCH

Retail fraud

A 62-year-old Livonia woman was charged with third-degree retail fraud following a Friday shopping incident at the Kmart on Ann Arbor Road.

A store security worker confronted the woman around 6 p.m. Friday, according to a Plymouth Township Police Department report, and she turned over a package of underwear and three shirts that had been concealed in her purse. Police were called.

The employee told police the woman had been seen, via a security camera, putting the underwear in her purse. The employee then went to the sales floor for further monitoring, the police report said, and saw the woman walk past the cash registers.

The woman was released after being issued a ticket with a mandatory Tuesday, May 13, court date.

Identity theft

A township woman reported Friday a credit-card scheme in which more than \$4,900 had been wrongly charged to her Discover card. The woman said that her Social Security number had been used to have a dupli-

cate Discover card mailed to each of two different addresses in Detroit. One duplicate was used to make purchases totaling \$2,424 at a Target in Harper Woods, she said, while the other was used for a cash advance of nearly \$2,500 made at the MGM Grand Casino.

The woman told police she had a fraud alert placed on her credit record and later learned that attempts had been made to get duplicates of two of her store-issued credit cards. Those duplicates were denied and the store credit accounts were canceled, she said.

Tax fraud

A township woman reported late last month that her Social Security number had been used on someone else's tax return.

The woman told police she filed her federal income taxes April 12 and was contacted later by the Internal Revenue Service and told her Social Security number had already been used on a return. She was told to file a local police report.

A township man later reported a similar occurrence.

—By Matt Jachman

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Staff Writer

An early Saturday fire that caused substantial damage to a building in a Plymouth Township industrial area remains under investigation. One firefighter was treated for a minor injury suffered while fighting the blaze, but has returned to duty.

The fire, at a building on Cleat Street occupied by an electrical contractor and a private workshop, was well under way when it was reported shortly before 3 a.m. Saturday, said Chief Mark Wendel of the Plymouth Community Fire Department.

"There was a pretty big hole in the roof by the time our guys even got there," the chief said.

The chief said a passerby had reported the fire. Cleat Street is in the Metro West Industrial Park, just west of Sheldon Road, south of Five Mile.

Seven PCFD firefighters, including Wendel, responded, and mutual aid was called in from the Northville, Northville Township and Canton Township fire departments, Wendel said. Firefighters used two aerial platforms to get above



A Saturday fire collapsed the roof of a building on Cleat Street in Plymouth Township. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

the building and pour water on it, he said, and also sprayed water into it through overhead doors.

Firefighters were on the scene for nearly seven hours, Wendel said.

Walls unsafe

Wendel said the fire started in the back of the building, but that investigators haven't been able to determine a cause. The walls in that area, he said, are unstable because of the fire and it would be too risky to send someone in there until the building is stabilized.

Engineers, Wendel said, will have to be called in to "determine what's going to make

those walls safe."

New Electric, a contractor that rents 12,000 square feet of space, lost equipment in the blaze, including tools and work vehicles, said Scott Clode, regional manager and a partner in the company.

"I'm not sure what's left," Clode said Tuesday. Seven New Electric employees typically work out of the building, Clode said, and are now reporting to the company's Sterling Heights office.

Vehicles saved

Clode said the facility on Cleat is an office and a staging area where workers meet before heading to customers' sites. Some company vehicles, he said, were saved from the blaze because they had been taken home by on-call employees, but others parked at the building were totaled.

"This week we're struggling a little bit, but we'll get vehicles by the weekend," he said.

Clode said New Electric would either move back into the building or to another facility in the Plymouth area, where there is a good customer base.

"We're a growing business and we want to keep growing," Clode said.



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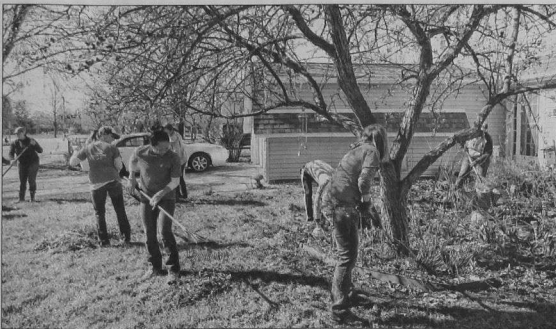
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Target volunteers teamed up to rake the yards of three homes during the Plymouth Community United Way's rake-and-go event Saturday.

Volunteers help locals with yard work

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

Last year, when Canton resident Virginia Johnson's home was chosen as one of the homes in the Plymouth Community United Way's annual rake-and-go spring cleanup project, she said "two or three" volunteers showed up to help with landscaping of her one-acre lot.

This year, Johnson was surprised when what "must have been 20 or 30 people" arrived at her door Saturday morning to help out again. The turnout did cause a little concern for Johnson, who last year baked cookies for the volunteers. "I made cookies for them last year," she said, smiling broadly. "(Saturday) I thought, 'I hope I made enough cookies.' And when the volunteers left, there were more than a dozen bags piled at her curb, the result of a couple of hours of raking, trimming and clearing at Johnson's Sheldon Road



Volunteers gathered for a group photo after helping Plymouth Township resident Joan Brady with yard work during the United Way rake-and-go event Saturday.

home. Volunteers had cleared leaves, cleaned out flower beds and put down mulch.

"It's help she said she very much needed. 'I'd never have been able to do it myself,' an appreciative Johnson said. "They were wonderful."

Johnson's was one of 35 homes where similar work was done in Plymouth and Canton. United Way officials said

some 170 volunteers signed up to help, down a little from last year.

Of the 32 residents who applied for help, officials said, enough volunteers signed up to help at 35 of the homes. One of them was Joan Brady's Plymouth Township home. The group that cleaned up at Brady's Innbrook home included master gardener Frank Allen, who oversaw the removal of a

couple of bushes, trimming other bushes and the raking and clearing of lawns and flower beds.

"I had a great group," Brady said. "I was very lucky to have (Allen). They were all very hard workers. I'm very thankful for the help I get from United Way."

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By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

As the father of a gay son, George Belvitch believes there aren't enough resources to help lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender people in need of some support.

So Belvitch, the former Plymouth-Canton Community Schools administrator who has long been a staunch supporter of gay rights, has helped do something about the lack of support.

Belvitch and others have formed the Plymouth-Canton area's first PFLAG (Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays) chapter, scheduled for its first meeting Sunday at Plymouth's St. John's Episcopal Church.

"(PFLAG) is a good resource in the community for families and people who've come to find out they have a loved one or a family member or a friend who is gay," Belvitch said. "It's good to have a support group where you can get answers to questions."

Founded in 1972, PFLAG's website claims it to be the "largest family and ally organization," with more than 350 chapters and 200,000 members nationwide.

The idea for a local chapter came for Belvitch after attending PFLAG meetings in Detroit with Ann Arbor. Realizing the Plymouth-Canton community is huge and it contains three high schools with more than 6,000 students, Belvitch thought the area could support its own chapter.

"The more I researched it, the better it

SUPPORT SYSTEM

What: Plymouth-Canton PFLAG chapter

Where: St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon, Plymouth

When: First meeting 3-5 p.m. Sunday, May 4

Why: PFLAG is a support group for parents, families and friends of lesbians and gays

Details: For more information, call George Belvitch at 734-358-8280

looked to me," Belvitch said. "My son is gay, so it wasn't a huge leap for me."

Finding a place to host the chapter's meetings turned out to be easier than he thought. Belvitch met with the Rev. Lisa Tucker-Gray, the pastor at St. John's Episcopal Church, and then with church leadership.

Belvitch said the church leadership overwhelmingly approved the idea of hosting the PFLAG chapter.

PFLAG meetings will take place monthly and are open to anyone, not just members of the LGBT community. Belvitch said guest speakers will be part of the program as the group tries to provide a support system. The group is not forming, Belvitch noted, out to try to get anyone to come out; instead, he said, it will be there simply as a means of support.

"I know there are (people) who are on this journey by themselves," Belvitch said. "If they see there's an organization in their community at least they'll know there's someone out there to help."

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LEGAL NOTICE

1954 PA 188 PROCEEDINGS NOTICE OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENT HEARING

Charter Township of Plymouth Wayne County, Michigan

TO: THE RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN, AND ANY OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that as a result of Petitions of property owners within the Township signed by the record owners of land whose front footage constitutes more than 50% of the total front footage of the hereinbefore described Special Assessment District and the Township Board of the Charter Township of Plymouth proposes a road paving project on Ridgewood Drive and to create a Special Assessment for the recovery of the cost thereof by Special Assessment against the properties benefited therein.

Notice is hereby given to all persons interested, that the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth has tentatively declared its intention to make the hereinafter described improvement:

The proposed improvements shall consist of removal of the existing bituminous road with the placement of a new bituminous pavement cross section, as well as miscellaneous driveway work, which may be needed to facilitate the replacement of the asphalt road pavement. It is understood that this is primarily a road improvement project and therefore any drainage problems existing prior to the project will not be corrected except where said modification is necessary to protect the life of the road pavement, and as allowed by County of Wayne. Existing water problems, such as standing water, etc., outside of the roadway will not be resolved by this program. It is further understood that this improvement will be constructed in accordance with the County of Wayne approval and permit for the site. The project commences at the north right-of-way line of North Territorial Road and proceeds northward on Ridgewood Drive for approximately 2130 feet to the south right-of-way line of M-14 Expressway.

That it has further been tentatively determined that the following described lots and parcels of land will specially benefit from said improvements and will constitute a Special Assessment District against which the cost of said improvement shall be assessed:

The district limit for frontage along Ridgewood Drive consists of parcels numbered R-78-031-99-0001-000, R-78-031-99-0002-000, R-78-031-99-0003-702, R-78-031-99-0003-701, R-78-031-99-0004-000, R-78-031-99-0005-004, R-78-031-99-0008-000, R-78-031-99-0009-001, R-78-031-99-0009-002, R-78-031-99-0010-000, R-78-031-99-0011-000, R-78-031-99-0012-000, R-78-031-99-0013-000, R-78-031-99-0014-000, R-78-031-99-0016-000, R-78-031-99-0018-000, and R-78-031-99-0019-000 located in the Northwest 1/4 of Section 27, T1S, R8E, and R-78-015-99-0002-000, R-78-015-99-0004-000, R-78-015-99-0005-000, R-78-015-99-0006-000, R-78-015-99-0007-000, R-78-015-99-0008-000, R-78-015-99-0009-000, R-78-015-99-0011-001, R-78-015-99-0015-001, R-78-015-99-0016-000, and R-78-015-99-0017-000 located in the Southwest 1/4 of Section 22, T1S, R8E of Plymouth Township, Wayne County, Michigan.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth shall meet on Tuesday, May 13, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at the Plymouth Township Hall, 9555 N. Haggerty Rd, Plymouth, Michigan 48170, for the purpose of reviewing said proposed Special Assessment District, and hearing objections to the improvement, creation of the Special Assessment District, and the assessment thereon. All persons may then and there appear and make any objections they may have to such improvement and assessment. Appearance and protest at the hearing is required in order to appeal the amount, if any, of the special assessment to the state tax tribunal. An owner or party in interest, or agent thereof, may appear in person at the hearing, or may file an appearance or protest by letter. All parties or agents appearing in person at the hearing for purposes of protest should request the appearance be entered into the record of the meeting.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the plans, specifications, estimates of cost and recommendations of the engineer for said proposed Special Assessment District have been filed with the Township and are available for public examination at the office of the Township Clerk. The estimate of costs of such construction is in the approximate amount of \$249,608.10.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that periodic redetermination of costs for the proposed Special Assessment District may be necessary and may be made without further notice to the record owners or parties in interest in the property.

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The proposed improvements shall consist of full depth removal of the existing concrete road with the placement of new concrete pavement at the entrances to the subdivision on Fellows Creek Drive, Maple Ridge Drive, Fellows Hills Drive, and various locations within the subdivision. It is understood that this is primarily a road maintenance project and therefore any drainage problems existing prior to the project will not be corrected except where said modification is necessary to protect the life of the road pavement. Existing water problems, such as standing water, etc., outside of the roadway will not be resolved by this program. It is further understood that this alternate, if permitted by the County of Wayne, could be subject to special conditions dependent upon the findings of the soils investigation report, existing subsurface conditions, etc. The proposed improvements to the existing two-lane concrete pavement shall consist of complete concrete pavement replacement, as well as miscellaneous driveway and drainage work, which may be needed to facilitate the replacement of the concrete road pavement. The project commences from the north right-of-way of Ann Arbor Road and proceeds northward on Fellows Creek Drive for approximately 5200 feet to the west right-of-way of Fellows Creek Drive. The project proceeds: West from Fellows Creek Drive along W. Fellows Creek Court, and East from Fellows Creek Drive along E. Fellows Creek Court, West from Fellows Creek Drive along Top of Hill Court, South from the south right-of-way of Powell Road and proceeds along Fellows Hill Drive to Fellows Creek Drive, North from Fellows Hill Drive along Fellows Hill Court, East from Fellows Hill Drive along Pine Court, Oakview Court, Powell Ridge Court, and Ash Court, West from Fellows Hill Drive along Top of Hill Court, South from Fellows Hill Drive to the south right-of-way of Powell Road and proceeds along Maple Ridge Drive to Fellows Creek Drive, West from Maple Ridge Drive along North Ridge Drive, South from North Ridge Drive along Maple Valley Drive.

That it has further been tentatively determined that the following described lots and parcels of land will specially benefit from said improvements and will constitute a Special Assessment District against which the cost of said improvement shall be assessed:

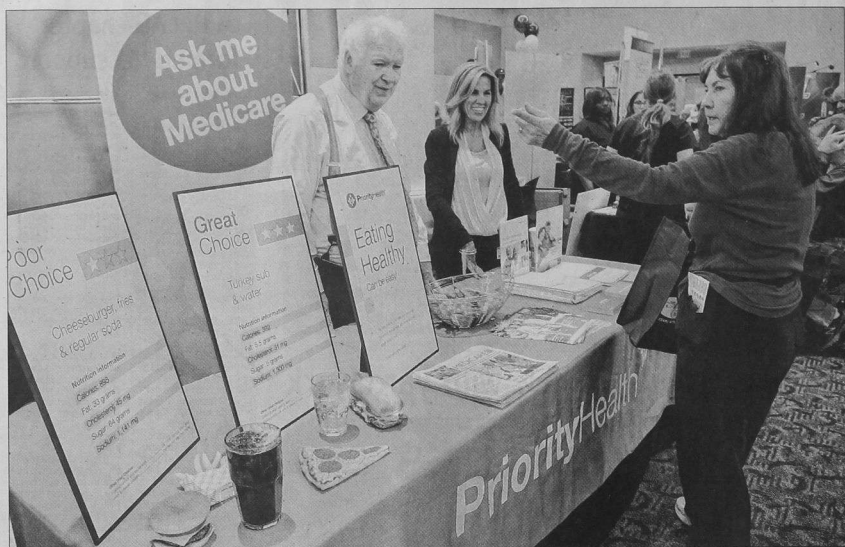
The district limit for frontage along Fellows Creek Drive, E. Fellows Creek Court, W. Fellows Creek Court, Fellows Hill Drive, Fellows Hill Court, Pine Court, Oakview Court, Top of Hill Drive, Top of Hill Court, Ash Court, Powell Ridge Court, Maple Ridge Drive, Maple Valley Drive, N. Ridge Drive, consist of lots 1-211 of Country Acres of Plymouth Nos. 1, 2 & 3 Subdivision located in Section 31, T1S, R8E, of the Charter Township, Wayne County, Michigan.

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Keith Hayward (from left) and Linda McCain of Priority Health speak with Virginia Genna of Canton. PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Hundreds attend Spring Expo

By David Veselenak
Staff Writer

Stopping at the Observer & Eccentric Media's Spring Expo is something Adelle Zawacki tries to do every year.

"The vast amount of information offered to attendees makes it a destination as spring starts," she said.

"The best places to come for info," the Farmington Hills resident said. "I think it prepares you more for the future."

Zawacki was one of hundreds of people who attended the Spring Expo — this year titled Live in Go — held Tuesday at the VistaTech Center at Schoolcraft College in Livonia. In addition to gathering information on a wide array of services that included health, legal and other information, many of those in attendance showed up to try their luck at winning one of many prizes offered by vendors.

Farmington resident Shirley Ziembra said she arrived well before the event started to try her luck at winning a prize for being one of the first 100 people through the door. She didn't win this time, but admits she was still happy to stop by early and play some Family Feud.

"It was fun playing Family Feud," she said. "We love the giveaways." Ziembra's daughter-in-law, Livonia resident Mercedes Ziembra, came to the expo for the first time. She said she was happy she came and

looked forward to sampling the food being offered by the vendors. "I'm still waiting for the food," she said. "It's a lot of fun."

One couple, John and Virginia Kay of Livonia, arrived and headed to the back of the food line to try some of the goodies. Tuesday was their first visit to the Spring Expo, a trip they made to attend a seminar done by attorney Nicole Wipp on trusts and wills.

They wanted to learn how to prepare as they get older to help their children and grandchildren in the future.

"As you get older, your needs change," John Kay said. "The best thing to do is get that advance (knowledge)."

Novi residents Larry and Laura Jansen came to the Spring Expo to gather more information to take back to their caregivers support group at Holy Cross Episcopal Church in Novi.

Laura Jansen said they planned on attending the wills and trust seminar as well and hoped to bring back some literature and info to the group, which meets the second Saturday morning of each month at the church, 40700 W. 10 Mile, in Novi.

She said attending the Spring Expo is a convenient way to get all the info they need to take back with them.

"We're always looking for good information to pass along," she said. "The Spring Expo puts everything under one roof."



Helen Torrance and Fran Lee, both of South Lyon, try the dementia simulator, sponsored by Botsford Commons. They experience the frustration with the loss of sensory input experience like those with Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia.



Indy Shah of Farmington Hills accepts a challenge of stacking chips on her hand without dropping them. Gerry Cann of Livonia waits for the chips to fall. The challenge is from Paul Spoerl of The Entertainment Network.



Carrie Sinitski and Diane Wendt, both employees of Schoolcraft, pose for a photo with Santa Claus, also known as Paul DiDonato of Redford.



June Mahle and her red hat are from Farmington Hills.

Confirm your Social Security earnings online

Articles on Social Security usually deal with one of two issues. The first is a theoretical discussion on whether Social Security is going to be around. The second deals with at what age should one collect Social Security – 62 or 66 – and if your spouse should collect at the same time.

These are important issues, particularly when it comes to a strategy regarding when to collect Social Security. However, what rarely gets mentioned and what is equally as important is whether the Social Security Administration has the right information regarding your earnings.

In the past, the SSA would send a yearly statement that provided Social Security information and estimated benefits. However, in 2011 due to budget pressures, it stopped. As a result, SSA set up an online tool to help people verify income. Unfortunately, only about 10 million wage earners, about 6 percent of all workers, have signed up.

The reality is that Social Security makes mistakes. All sorts of things can happen, such as your employer reporting your earnings using the wrong Social Security number, your employer incorrectly reporting



Rick Bloom
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your earnings or you changing your name as a result of a marriage or divorce and failing to report it to Social Security. Mistakes happen. Unfortunately, Social Security has a three-year statute of limitation and if you do not correct your earnings or other mistakes within that time, you can be out of luck. Therefore, something that everyone – those getting ready to collect Social Security and those 30 years away – should do is confirm Social Security earnings.

The best way to confirm earnings and benefits is to create an account called "my Social Security," which allows you to review your record and to also receive an estimate of what your benefits would be.

I recommend reviewing the account for accuracy at least once a year. It is important to remember that Social Security is not a government assistance or welfare program. It is an insurance policy that you and your employer have paid into and you're entitled to receive all benefits you have earned.

For those who do not wish to set up an online statement with Social Security, there is some relief on the way. The SSA announced that beginning in September, it will once again send statements to taxpayers every five years.

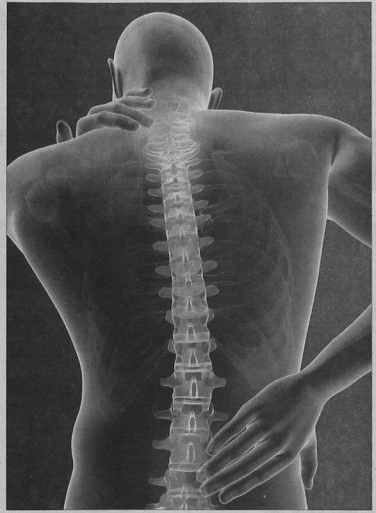
Earning statements will resume for workers who will be 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55 and 60. In addition, those over 60 who are not receiving Social Security benefits and who do not register with "my Social Security" will also receive a statement.

Although a positive move, checking your Social Security statement every five years is not sufficient. In a world where people change family situations and jobs relatively quickly, it pays to check more frequently. So visit Social Security's website and sign up for "my Social Security."

It pays to be proactive. If you want to make sure you receive every benefit from Social Security that you're entitled to, make sure you spend some time and confirm your earnings.

Good luck.

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



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County to host hazardous waste disposal

The Wayne County Department of Public Service will conduct a Household Hazardous Waste Collection from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, May 3, at the Wayne Community College District Western Campus, 9555 Haggerty, in Belleville.

This free event is open to Wayne County residents only and is an opportunity to make your home and environment safe by properly disposing of waste that is considered toxic, flammable or corrosive. Only household generated products from

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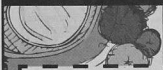


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Library touts music, DIA, eBooks, grocery savings

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Celebrating the music of Hoagy Carmichael, a new Detroit Institute of Arts exhibit, eBooks and frugal grocery shopping, the Canton Public Library is ushering in May by rolling out an eclectic array of programs.

"We try very hard," Nichole Welz, program librarian. "We're always trying to make sure we're hitting everyone." The latest programs come out of the library, 1200 S. Canton Center, has finished a major remodeling project and embarked on a community survey with Canton Leisure Services to steer future efforts by gauging public opinion.

Best of all, the new programs are free and

patrons don't need to register. Laurie Golden, the library's department head for community relations, announced the latest offerings as follows:

» At 7 p.m. Thursday, May 8, The Paul Keller AT SUNDOWN Quintet presents HUZAH for Hoagy: The Music of Hoagy Carmichael. The library promises an enchanting evening along with light refreshments as the quintet plays favorites from the 1930s and 1940s.

» 2-3 p.m. Saturday, May 10, patrons are invited to learn about the DIA's newest exhibit, Samurai: Beyond the Sword, from a museum docent. It's intended to help art lovers move beyond the stereotype of the warrior and learn the

role of the military arts and the Samurai engagement in the cultural, spiritual and art worlds.

» 10-11 a.m. each Friday, patrons are encouraged to bring their eBooks to the library to receive one-on-one help with setting up accounts, downloading items and learning ways to navigate through any other issues they find frustrating. Just ask at the reference desk.

» 7-8 p.m. Tuesday, May 20, Melissa Buckles, otherwise known as the Bargain Shopper Mom, returns to the library with tips on how to save on grocery bills and slash a monthly food bill in half.

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Bookstock runs through Sunday, offers bargains until the end

If you haven't shopped Bookstock 2014 at Laurel Park Place in Livonia yet this week, there's still plenty of time to find bargains.

Metro Detroit's biggest used book and media sale, featuring more than 100,000 donated items, runs through 6 p.m. Sunday. New stock is placed on the floor daily, so even those who have already shopped are encouraged to come back.

All proceeds benefit literacy and education projects in metropolitan Detroit.

From 3-9 p.m. Thursday, May 1, buy three books and get the fourth book free (the least expensive item). Spend \$25



Shoppers converge on the bargains at Bookstock.

or more and be entered in a special drawing for a football signed by Detroit Lions quarterback Matthew Stafford or a pair of club-level seats for a Lions home game.

From 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, May 4, all remaining books and media will be sold for half price.

Bookstock has more than 100,000 donated used books, DVDs, CDs, books on tape, magazines and records for sale.

Bookstock is brought to the community by the Jewish Community Rela-

tions Council and a consortium of communal nonprofit organizations that support education and literacy projects throughout metro Detroit. It has generated nearly \$1 million for literacy and education projects throughout Oakland County and Detroit.

For more information about Bookstock, call the Bookstock hotline at 248-645-7840, ext. 365, or visit bookstock.info.

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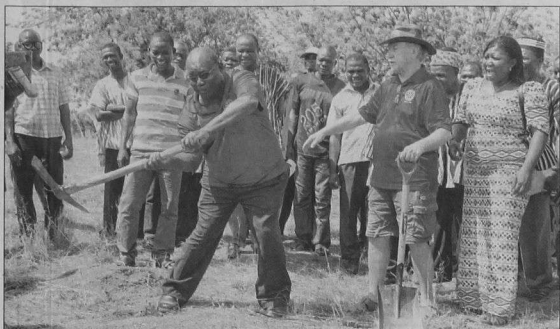
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The new school in Guo, in northwest Ghana, will serve about 150 students in kindergarten through second grade.

Benefit boosts Rotary's Ghana effort

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Members of the Plymouth A.M. Rotary are excited about their "From the Hearts of Plymouth to the Children of Ghana" fundraising dinner 6-10 p.m. Friday, May 2.

"It's cold and it's served in a pizza box and it's delicious," event chair Jeanne Knopf DeRoche said of the prime rib from caterer Jeff Zak. "We have celebrity waiters from Rotary and around town."

The celebrity waiters have been encouraged to dress up in costumes. Casual workplace attire is fine for those attending the benefit.

"There will be a small silent and a live auction, said Plymouth Township resident Knopf DeRoche, also current Plymouth A.M. Rotary treasurer. The Tabasco Cats, who also performed at last year's benefit dinner, will entertain.

"They play Dixieland, fun stuff," she said.



Local Rotarians are working with a Rotary Club in Accra and with a Rotary Community Corps by the building site.

The event takes place at the VFW Hall, 1426 S. Mill, in Plymouth. Cost is \$40 a person, \$80 a couple; reservations should be made as soon as possible by calling Knopf DeRoche at 734-455-4343.

Last year's dinner benefit raised about \$5,000, she said, with around 70 attendees. A Rotary District 6400 grant of \$4,000 to match is much appreciated from organizers of last year's gala.

"The bricks are drying in the sun as we speak," Knopf DeRoche said. School builders in Guo, in the northwest part of Ghana, have been

sent \$5,000 out of the total estimated cost of \$25,000.

It will be a three-room school for kindergarten through second grade. "These children are now going to school under a tree," she said. "We have promised them a school."

Plymouth A.M. Rotarians are working with members of Windsor 1918, a nearby Canadian Rotary club, with such international partnerships encouraged by Rotary International. Donations can be made at

www.plymouthamrotaryfoundation.org. Area Rotarians went

to Ghana for a "sod turning" for the school last November, said Knopf DeRoche, who was unable to attend due to illness. Organizers will return this November to assess needs and prepare for the school's opening. She traveled to Ghana about seven ago with a polio immunization group. The Plymouth A.M. school project participants began work about two years ago, she said.

The Guo school will serve some 150 students, with usually around 50 per classroom. There will be three teachers, she said, with a shared principal among several schools likely.

Local Rotarians are working with a club in Accra, Ghana's capital, but that's some 14 hours from Guo, Knopf DeRoche said. At Guo, a Rotary Community Corps group is working to build the school.

"They live in the area," she said.

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Military support groups host activities in May

Two local military support groups, Soldiers Around The World and the Michigan Armed Forces Hospitality Center Inc. (Freedom Center), are joining forces in May to support special activities for Military Awareness Month.

SAW is a military support group started by Tammy DeFord, an "Army mom" from Livonia. SAW collects non-perishable items and hygiene products and ships them to individual soldiers, sailors, Marines and airmen deployed to Afghanistan and other theaters. Shipping these packages overseas is a major expense and donations from community members and local businesses are used to pay for the shipments.

Michigan Armed Forces Hospitality Center Inc., a Michigan 501(c)(3), operates the Freedom Center military lounge at Gate A43 in the McNamara Terminal at Detroit Metropolitan Airport for traveling military, family members and veterans. It also recently opened a second lounge in Troy to support new recruits and their family members. The Troy Freedom Center also has a family support group that meets in Berkley. For more information, contact Sal at sal.hajji@freedomcenter.org.

Volunteers from SAW and Freedom Center are joining forces to create awareness and support for the military, with a number of special activities planned for May.

May 5 - A free movie presentation of Staff Sgt. Travis Mills - A Soldier's Story at 6:30 p.m. at VFW Post 9222, 3025 Coolidge Hwy,

Berkley. The movie tells Mills' story of his perseverance and fight to be a husband and a father again, after an IED explosion in Afghanistan left him a quadruple amputee. Mills is one of five surviving quadruple amputees in America. To attend, call 248-703-5907.

May 9 - Kroger U.S. Military Day: SAW and Freedom Center volunteers will collect food and financial donations at Kroger stores in Livonia, 30935 Five Mile Road; Northville, 17447 Haggerty Road; Plymouth, 44525 Ann Arbor Road; and Westland, 36430 Ford Road.

May 17 - Northville High School fifth annual Armed Forces Day Baseball Program. Starting at 11 a.m., the Northville High School varsity baseball team will host two games vs. Lakeland and Allen Park in recognition of veterans and members of the armed forces. The event will also showcase military vehicles, games, an obstacle course and other activities. Free hamburgers, hot dogs, pizza, soft drinks and ice cream will be offered in return for donations of non-perishable items or monetary donations.

May 26 - At the Dearborn Memorial Park in recognition of veterans and members of the armed forces. Center volunteers will march alongside three convertibles. The parade begins at 10:30 a.m. The Solemn Ceremony will commence at 11:30 a.m., followed by a Star Veterans picnic with live bands.

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Indie film 'Monsters' to shoot in metro Detroit

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Monsters is an indie film, a fantasy-thriller, for which the crew is scouting metro Detroit locations.

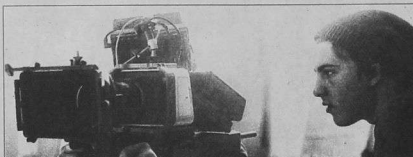
"This is a passion project for everyone involved," said Josh R. Jones, a Pontiac resident and locations manager for *Monsters*. Filming is set to start May 16-18 at a to-be-determined site.

"We're trying to keep this under wraps as much as possible," said Jones, 23, who earned a bachelor of science degree in mass communications from Rochester College and has worked in the industry since 2011.

Monsters was penned by local musician and author Josh Malerman. Last January, Malerman met Luke Jaden at the Detroit premiere of Jaden's documentary film, *Madman or Martyr?*

Jaden is founder and owner of the Detroit-based production company, SOS Productions. Malerman is front man for Detroit band The High Strung and author of *Bird Box*. The High Strung's song, *The Luck You Got*, can be heard on the Showtime Channel's *Shameless*, starring William H. Macy and Emmy Rossum.

Malerman's book, *Bird Box*, will be released May 13 through HarperCollins



Luke Jaden, 18, directs a scene on a recent project.

and was recently picked up by a major Hollywood studio to be made into a feature film.

"Josh (Malerman) actually wrote the film we're working on," Jones said of *Monsters*. Malerman met Jaden and they hit it off. Jaden will direct and produce *Monsters*.

Jaden said, "Detroit is an interesting city. I truly believe it's going to be the start of something new." He calls it the "comeback city." "I think *Monsters* is a story that needs something mysterious and unique," Jaden said. "Detroit is a city that's very

surreal. It has a never-ending list of artistic possibilities. I chose Detroit for a reason," he added, noting *Monsters* could have been filmed in L.A. or New York City. The crew is looking for the perfect house, which on the outside will have an appearance of normalcy. The "haunted house" will be central to *Monsters*.

DePaul-bound

Jaden, 18, of northern Oakland County is headed to DePaul University in Chicago. "I'll attend college and study film and television," Jaden said. After DePaul, he

plans to head to L.A. to pursue a film career.

"Pretty much school's over for seniors," the director/producer said of his final year at Detroit Country Day wrapping up. He's eager to get working on *Monsters*.

"I'm very looking forward to it," Jaden said. "It's a fantasy that hasn't necessarily been told before. There are many elements dealing with fantasy and horror," as well as a thriller. "It should be pretty interesting how it turns out."

He compares it to work of David Lynch. "It's dark," Jaden said. "It's fantasy-like. It's quite out there."

Jones said some homeowners are happy to work with the film crew. "As of right now, we do have some hot prospects we're working with," he said. That portion of filming will be three days, not too much of an inconvenience for the residents.

"We want the homeowners to be as much a part of this as possible," Jones said of the collaborative effort to "support local artists."

"We're a small operation. We're not going to have a large cast," Jones said. The *Monsters* story will be told through "sensory visuals" of sight and sound.

'Awesome script'

"It's an awesome script Josh (Malerman) wrote," Jones said.

There's no release date yet for *Monsters*, which will be introduced to national audiences through film festivals.

Jaden's documentary *Madman or Martyr?*, about abolitionist John Brown, attracted attention and critical praise. Jones said: "This is looking to take it a step further. It was very impressed with his level of professionalism. He's definitely the youngest director I know."

Jaden's *Madman or Martyr?* premiered recently at the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History in Detroit and was based on a school history project. "It is very, very different," Jaden said of *Monsters*. "It doesn't deal with real events, as the documentary did, and is a narrative 'giving different perspectives from this monster creature.'"

Jaden has filmed his last two productions locally, including *The Neverland* in post-production and set to wrap up this summer.

"I definitely think I'll be back in Detroit doing some kind of film," Jaden said. "That's definitely on my radar."

Jones began as an extra in film and worked his way up. "I've been very thankful for the opportunities I've had," he said. "This is what I want to do."

The cuts in Michigan film credits haven't been a big issue for them, as theirs is an independently funded project without a big budget, Jones said.

For more information about *Monsters*, check out SOS Productions on Facebook for updates and show times.

Other producers on *Monsters* are Michael Zervos of Northville (director of the new feature film *Papou*) and Curt Johns of Ann Arbor (producer on *The Neverlands* and *Anagram*).

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Farmers Market

Plymouth's Farmers Market makes its 2014 debut from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday in The Gathering and along Pennington Avenue, near Kellogg Park, in downtown Plymouth.

The market takes place every Saturday through Oct. 25 (though no market is held July 12 or Sept. 6). It features fresh produce, flowers, plants, herbs, breads and other baked goods, honey, candles and soaps, jewelry, garden decor, wood works and more.

The market is sponsored by the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce. For more information, call the chamber at 734-453-1540 or visit www.plymouth-mich.org.

New home

In news from the folks at the Plymouth Downtown Development authority, potential customers should look for Esquire Interiors to lease the former Michigan Mutual Mortgage space on Ann Arbor Trail.

The Ann Arbor-based company specializes in window treatments, flooring and furniture. Check it out at <http://esquireinteriors.com>.

Social Security workshop

Thrivent Financial hosts a free educational event to help attendees start to develop a strategy to maximize Social Security benefits. The 60-minute event will be held twice, at noon and repeated at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, May 8, at Risen Church, 46250 Ann Arbor Road, in Plymouth.

The event is presented by Jay P. Kempf, a financial associate with Thrivent Financial in Plymouth.

The event will seek to answer common questions about Social Security, such as:

- » When should I apply for Social Security?
- » How can I maximize my benefits?
- » How will this affect my spouse?

The event is available to the public, but space is limited. To register for this free event, call T. Huron Valley Group at 734-455-9272 or visit thrivent.com/finda-workshop. The reservation deadline is May 4.

New Aisin president

Automotive components manufacturer Aisin Seiki announced Yoshiaki "Yoshi" Kato has been named president of Plymouth-based Aisin Technical Center of America.

Kato, 59, joined Aisin in 2006 and most recently was senior managing officer of the company's Research & Development Sector in Japan. Previously, he spent more than 25 years in a variety of engineering and product development positions with Toyota Motors Co., including several years in senior management at the Toyota Technical Center in Ann Arbor. Kato, who earned a bachelor of science degree in electronics engineering from Nagoya Gogyo University, replaces Takashi "Jay" Aoyama, who remains with ATC-A as senior technical adviser.

"Our ambitious goals include developing products that respond specifically to the needs of our customers in markets in the Americas today and in the future," Kato said. "This enormous pursuit is only possible through a global team and a harmonious effort. ATC-A receives support from our Japanese counterparts, but more importantly, we have assembled here a deep knowledge and skills base and our team members represent a strong, local foundation."

IT'S YOUR BUSINESS Q&A



The folks at Devz Pharmacy in Canton recently celebrated with a ribbon-cutting event.

Pharmacy competitive with chain stores

Observer: Tell us about your business, including the products and services you offer.

Devz: Community drug store and pharmacy, with drive-through and delivery service. Make baskets for all occasions, ATM, beer and wine, lottery, slushy, coffee. Coming soon: diagnostics like strep tests and influenza.

Observer: How did you decide to open your business?

Devz: Been a Canton

resident since 1994 and decided to serve my community.

Observer: Why did you choose Canton?

Devz: To provide community service.

Observer: What makes your business unique?

Devz: No other drug store offers services like lowest prescriptions, delivery, immunization and diagnostic testing.

Observer: Do you have a funny tidbit to share?

Devz: Was always asked and still am, "How can you compete with the big chains?"

Observer: How has the recent economy affected business?

Devz: Cold winter made for a very slow start.

Observer: Any advice for other small-business owners?

Devz: Stick to your guns and believe in your self.

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

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Contact: 734-335-6312; devzpharmacy.com

Devz: Pre-order pickup where customers will be able to order merchandise on their phone

or computer and pick it up at the drive-through, home immunizations and diagnostic testing.

Clinic offers tips on yard repair

Canton-based RepairClinic.com, the online store for replacement parts for outdoor power equipment, home appliances and heating and cooling equipment, shared five simple ways to repair a yard after winter damage.

"At the first signs of spring, homeowners tend to be overwhelmed by the damaged, dull appearance of their yards," said Jeff Linderman, RepairClinic.com's in-house landscaping and outdoor power equipment specialist. "Fortunately, just a few simple steps will repair and revive yards for the season."

The steps:

- » Tune up outdoor power equipment and gardening tools.

"Proper care of outdoor power equipment will positively affect the appearance of the yard, improve efficiency and extend the life of the equipment," Linderman said. "For example, dull lawn mower blades will tear grass, rather than cut, and result in a yellow hue over your lawn."

- » Clear debris. Remove pebbles, stones, branches and any other debris that litter the lawn. Pay particular attention to the grass along sidewalks and driveways, which are areas most likely to have collected snow-blown debris.

- » De-thatch and aerate. Thatch is a layer of mixed dead grass that prevents the grass from properly obtaining the nutrients needed to be healthy. Aeration is the process of creating passageways in soil for greater air

water and nutrient intake.

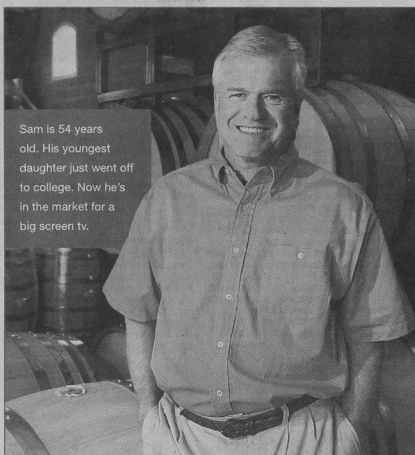
"Fertilization and other lawn maintenance efforts will be ineffective until thatch is removed," Linderman said. "You can remove thatch with a basic rake or by renting a professional de-thatcher. After de-thatching, aerate the lawn with a pitchfork or by renting a professional push or gasoline-powered aerator. These are critical first steps to creating a healthy lawn."

- » Fertilize early with a strategy.

"Purchasing the wrong fertilizer can very easily kill your grass, trees, shrubbery and other vegetation in your yard," Linderman said. "Purchase a soil test kit from a hardware store or garden center (usually under \$10) and measure your soil's nitrogen, potassium and pH levels. Use that information, coupled with your yard's unique conditions

(grass type, foot traffic, presence of sunlight and shade, regional climate and vulnerability to weed and pest infestations), to find the right fertilizer formula for your yard."

- » Plan ahead. RepairClinic's free advanced online troubleshooting and how-to repair help system empowers people to fix common problems associated with outdoor power equipment, major home appliances and heating and cooling equipment.



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Tuesday, April 22, marked the filing deadline for the August primary. That means that unless a candidate decides to conduct a write-in campaign, the candidate had to file with the appropriate governmental agency by that date in order to appear on the ballot. So far there has been a lot of copy of interest in open seats for the upcoming election.

You can thank U.S. Sen. Carl Levin for that. The Democrat earlier announced that he would not run for re-election, but end his distinguished career with the current term. That prompted U.S. Rep. Gary Peters, a Democrat who now represents areas from Southfield to southwest Detroit to Grosse Pointe, to bolt from the starting gate in a bid for that seat.

The attack ads have been

many, as Terri Lynn Land, a former Michigan secretary of state and a Republican, is contesting Peters.

The moves by Levin and Peters haven't had a trickle-down effect—it's been more like a waterfall as other officials, both term-limited and not, have tumbled over each other to announce which race they are running for.

In the running

Two years ago, Republican Kerry Benivolio of Milford rose from relative obscurity to win the U.S. House 11th District race.

The Tea Party favorite, former school teacher and builder known for raising reindeer was largely ignored in the race until former U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter of Livonia dropped out and resigned amid a petition signature scandal.

Now, the incumbent faces a fierce challenge from someone inside his own party, lawyer/businessman Dave Trott of Commerce. As of the first quarter of this year, Trott had more than \$1 million in his campaign war chest compared with Benivolio's \$130,000.

Trott has lined up a powerful string of endorsements and recently aired his first TV ad, introducing himself as a job creator.

The 11th District, which was redrawn in 2013, is considered Republican, but Democrats

view both Benivolio and Trott as potentially vulnerable.

Four contenders have filed to run on the Democratic side of the primary ballot: Bobby McKenzie of Canton, Nancy Skinner of Birmingham, Dr. Anil Kumar of Bloomfield Hills and Bill Roberts of Livonia.

More action

But the biggest race may well be the one for Wayne County executive.

Beleaguered incumbent Robert Ficano waited until the day before the filing deadline to announce his intention to seek a fourth term. He's facing challenges from Westland Mayor William Wild, state Rep. Phil Cavanaugh, Wayne County Commissioner Kevin McNamara, former Detroit Police Chief Warren Evans and Sigumt Szczepkowski Jr. of Detroit.

Ficano's time in office has been rocked by scandal, including a federal grand jury probe of corruption in county government and the failed Wayne County Jail project, not to mention former appointees who have been convicted of bribery or charged with such things as conspiracy, fraud, extortion and obstruction of justice.

The battle lines have already been drawn, with attorney Robert Davis filing a challenge with the Wayne County Elections Commission to remove McNamara because a sitting commissioner is ineligible to

run for county executive. McNamara has countered that Davis' "challenge is an attempt to limit voters' choices during the primary election and keep the status quo."

With such a crowded field, Ficano stands a chance of getting the Democratic nomination as the contenders battle for votes.

Wild has a strong following in the Westland area and has the backing of Bill Ford Jr. McNamara has name recognition as the son of the late Ed McNamara, who had the job before Ficano. Cavanaugh also has name recognition among Detroiters. His late father, Jerome V. Cavanaugh, was mayor of Detroit in the 1960s. And Evans is just as well-known, having served as Wayne County sheriff and Detroit police chief, although his departure from the DPD job followed what then-Mayor Dave Bing described as compromising decisions.

More local races

Only one local race has a primary: the battle for the Democratic nomination in the state House 21st District, being vacated by term-limited Dan Slaven, D-Canton. Battle-tested Natalie Mosher will face off against political newcomers Kristy Pagan of Canton and Cornell Mathis of Belleville. The winner will face retired Air Force Brig. Gen. Carol Ann Fausone.

The primaries in the state House 20th District race are uncontested. Republican incumbent Kurt Heise of Plymouth, seeking his third term, will face off in November against the only Democrat to file, Nate Smith-Tyge, also of Plymouth.

The state Senate 7th District, which is newly-drawn and includes Plymouth and Canton, will see incumbent Patrick Colbeck, a Canton resident, and Matthew Edwards of Plymouth, the youngest son of Plymouth Township Treasurer Ron Edwards, vie for the GOP nomination. Slaven is running unopposed in the Democratic side. And what about U.S. Commissioner Shannon Price, a Republican from Canton elected to his first term in 2012 in the newly drawn 10th District (which covers Plymouth and Canton), will be opposed by Democrat Milan Peele, a UAW member from Canton.

The point of all this is that voters cannot afford to sit on the sidelines until the November general election. Many of the political races will be determined in the August primary election. It is only on May 1, but it's not too early to start scouting out the candidates.

A lot will be said and done during the next three months, so voters should prepare for a busy election season by determining to stay informed and involved.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Help our youth

In January, we lost a beautiful young member of our family to heroin. A few weeks ago when we traveled to Benzie County, we learned of six heroin overdoses in only three months. According to the state of Michigan, overdose deaths in Michigan increased from 271 during 1999-2002 to 728 from 2010-12 and continue to climb. Admissions to heroin treatment programs more than doubled to 13,600 in 2013.

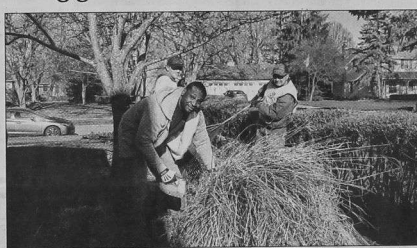
Some Michigan lawmakers are looking at legislation to allow friends and families of an addict to administer heroin antidote in event of overdose. They state this is due to the person being unable to administer it to themselves during overdose. I understand the thinking behind this type of action; however, it does not stop the problem.

Drug addiction is real and there are youth and families that need assistance in helping themselves. There are Narcotics Anonymous meetings for those who need help—they can be located at www.na.org. We must also educate our communities and youth about what these drugs can do to them. This starts in our homes, neighborhoods, schools, congregations and our churches.

However, that is only one part of the journey away from these tragedies. Many of our youth are turning to drugs as they are not engaged in their schools and communities. Parents and community leaders need to assist our youth with jobs and training and encouragement. Not only should we help our own children, but look to your neighborhood youth, your community youth—we need to concern ourselves with them also.

It is not only morally right, but it also affects our neighborhoods, schools and communities. We must look at how to help our youth get the help they need and assist them in getting trained and find other alternatives. Please look around you and observe what youth in your neighborhood need jobs and see what you can do to help. Ask your employers, offer them work in your neighborhood. Ask our Michigan lawmakers

Doing good deeds



Volunteers from the Robert Bosch Corp. in Plymouth and members of Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints (Plymouth Ward) cut and disposed of ornamental grasses at a site in Plymouth as part of the United Way's Rake-and-Go event Saturday. Some 170 volunteers worked at 35 homes in Plymouth and Canton, helping senior citizens with the kind of work they can't do for themselves.

to train and create jobs for our youth—keep them engaged.

None of this will bring back the beautiful young people we have lost so soon but, in their names, let's make a change.

—Anne Marie Graham-Hudak, Canton

Stop privatization

I am a life-long resident of Plymouth. I've recently become aware of an alarming situation in our schools that has every possibility of doing a considerable amount of damage to the way our children's schools will be maintained, potentially impacting the entire learning environment along with health concerns that may arise as a result.

I am talking about privatization of the custodian/maintenance department in our schools.

I have first-hand experience with the

ramifications of what happens when an outside company takes over the cleaning of a district's schools as opposed to the loving care provided by in-house staff. The company I'm referring to is Northville Public Schools as an in-house custodian for more than nine years, then left my position to be a stay-at-home mom. Years later, I was hired by a company representing the Northville Schools to be a custodial leader.

From what I witnessed, the schools were not being properly cared for. There was no personal sense of "ownership" of the buildings, the goal of making them a safe and healthy environment in which our children can learn and thrive was not "on the list." This was a cold business venture staffed by strangers, only interested in a way to save money and cut corners. However, the quality of cleanliness, building care

and health standards is what was actually being cut.

Fundamental supplies, such as toilet paper, paper towels, hand soap, trash bags and appropriate disinfectant, were continually of short supply—or completely missing. When "privatized," your child's schools will be cared for from the list of a la carte "Care Level" choices.

Ask yourself what happens to the locker rooms when they are not cleaned with hospital-grade disinfectants? One answer might be found by going online to look for "Schools with MRSA issues."

So your children grow up. What then? The buildings may continue to fall apart, various cleaning companies will come and go and you will absolutely continue to pay taxes on structures that could deteriorate from lack of dedicated care and eventually need to be torn down and replaced.

Your voice matters. Go to the board meeting to make your opinion heard. Shortchanging our children's school cleanliness and learning environment to save a couple of dollars is not acceptable.

T.L. Cavanaugh
Plymouth

Not so bad

I travel from Canton to Warren using 1-275 and 1-696. Since the closure of 1-96, the traffic flow has been better than anticipated. I was able to change my work shift by 30 minutes earlier.

Morning commute starting at 6 a.m. is 45 minutes. Afternoon commute starting at 3:30 p.m. is 75-120 minutes. There is more traffic on 1-275 and 1-696 as a result of the closure. I alternate my route, depending on the location of the accidents, on or off the expressway.

It will definitely be worth the effort. We will have one expressway, free of potholes and crumbling bridges. I am impressed with the progress of the construction. The company developed and are executing a well-thought-out plan.

Linda Whiteaker
Canton

GUEST COLUMN

Common goal more important than turf

This is a watershed moment in Michigan history. The political climate has clearly deteriorated over the past 25 years. We have seen a growth of meanness, bitterness and excessive partisanship that can only work to our detriment.

We all know the fo-



John Stewart
Guest Columnist

cus of public policy and political campaigns should be on the issues which are important to the people. Political

discourse these days is often focused on "spin" and protecting one's "turf" rather than involving a genuine exchange of ideas and concepts. Case in point, the construction of an amphitheater in Plymouth Township.

When you are "spinning your message" and you are more concerned about your "turf" than the public good, you aren't going anywhere. Making progress toward a common goal is more important than protecting turf. Developing responsible public policy is more important than scoring "spin" points. Of course, we will have

our differences and they can be intense at times, but we will only be able to resolve them in a climate that maintains a sense of civility, respect and intellectual honesty.

There has never been a shortage of strong-willed people nor a shortage of people who have felt passionately about the issues. Over the course of my six years as state representative (2000-06), I cast more than 9,000 votes. I was able to disagree one day on a particular issue and agree the next day on another. I knew that disagreeing on an issue did not make the other person an enemy. We

must stay away from the drama, emotion and negativity and keep personality out of it.

As state representative, it was always my goal to "vote my district" I tried to gather as many facts as I could and strive for the closest approximation of truth. Credibility is always the most significant issue and I didn't have time for anything that wasn't based on the truth.

Specifically, has the case for "need" of a \$500,000 proposed amphitheater project in Plymouth Township been met? I don't believe it has (at McClumpah Park, concession and restrooms, yes;

amphitheater, no). What is the motive? Where is the fiscal responsibility? The rule is: If it is not necessary to do something, then it is necessary not to do it. There is no mystery to the amphitheater project. It is very easy to see what is going on here.

I have not witnessed the leadership in our elected officials to strive for delicate compromise and consensus. We can do better. We must be better. We need to think as "One Plymouth."

John C. Stewart is a Plymouth attorney who served three terms as a state representative in the 20th District.

Eat, inspire, love with TV stars at women's show

The Michigan International Women's Show brings Bravo's reality series *The Millionaire Matchmaker* Patti Stanger, Food Network's *Extreme Chef* Jerome Brown and author and empowerment speaker Sharon Frame to the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi May 1-4.

"It's an eclectic mixture of food, fashion and fun experiences that will appeal to women of all ages and interests," said Beth Anderson, executive show manager of Southern Shores.

"Be inspired and entertained with our mom, sister, daughter or girlfriend at fashion shows, cooking demonstrations, makeover and shopping."

Medical lifestyle talk show host, Dr. Parth Nandi, M.D., FACP, will share his insight, advice and expertise on how to live a happy, healthier and fuller life as seen on the *Ask Dr. Nandi* television show known for well-being, compassion and a focus on medical topics.

Inspiration Uncorked of Fernelande will encourage originality with information on its scarf decorating, wine glass painting, mosaics and jewelry making classes during its creative presentations.

Chef instructors, organizations and southern cooking radio host chef Lisa Lofton Shively will prepare recipes and provide cooking tips in the Stonebridge Kitchen & Bath Cooking Theater. United Dairy Industry of Michigan registered dietitians will offer dairy recipes for children and adult diets.

Spring makeup trends and helpful cosmetic tips will be part of the makeovers offered by Macy's

beauty experts, along with an array of new spring scents.

Kroger Pavilion will feature ice cream tastings, makeovers from L'Oréal, cooking demonstrations, blood pressure screenings from the Kroger Pharmacy and women's health and skin safety discussions from Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute community educators along with a raffle to benefit the Institute.

Fire Fighters' charity fashion show will heat up the runway with modeling of their dress blues and bunker gear. Guardian Angel Animal Rescue will sponsor "Pawject Runway-Fido Fashion Show" featuring canine couture, essentials and adoption information.

Other features include Scavenger Hunt with gifts hidden throughout the show each day; special gifts to the first 100 show attendees each day; Friday's Girls Night Out with free gifts and discounts for attendees entering after 5 p.m.; Sunday's Mother & Daughters Day sponsored by United Dairy Industry of Michigan with an insulated tote given to the first 500 show attendees, gifts and prizes; and more than 400 exhibitors displaying cosmetics, fragrances, lingerie, purses, shoes, gifts, décor items, food, arts and crafts, clothing, fashion and accessories.

"We're celebrating Pink Friday, instead of Black Friday, with discounts, specials and doorbusters from vendors exhibiting pink balloons in their displays," Anderson said.

"And attendees will be able to win \$20 in show bucks every 20 minutes during show hours everyday to spend at exhibitor displays."



Patti Stanger, from Bravo's reality series "The Millionaire Matchmaker" and sponsored by Shoe Carnival, will tell about her experiences and the process of matching members according to their exact preferences and.

DETAILS

Event: The 19th annual Michigan International Women's Show

Location: Suburban Collection Showplace, 46100 Grand River, Novi

Hours: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday; 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday; 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday; and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday

Admission: \$10, \$5 for ages 6-12; free for children age 5 and younger with a paying adult. Online advance tickets are \$8 online. Discount tickets are available at Kroger for \$7. Group tickets for four or more are offered in advance online for \$8. Thursday admission after 3 p.m. is \$3. Happy Hours tickets after 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday are \$5.

Parking: On site is available for \$5. **Web:** www.InternationalWomenShow.com

Phone: 800-849-0248



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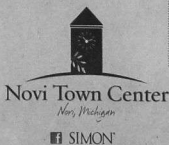
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PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Fighting for justice



Agent Orange fighter George Claxton of Bloomfield Township is nationally recognized for his work on an Agent Orange database. Claxton was exposed to the compound during a tour of duty in Vietnam in 1967, while fighting near the Cambodian border. He spoke at an event organized by the Plymouth-Canton chapter of the Vietnam Veterans of America, held at Northville High School. **BILL BRESLER / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER**

734-664-5848 or the church at 734-722-7688.

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 harmfully 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 Spitzbergen, is coordinated and presented by Growth Works with supporting sponsors for this event including Dow 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 teens/families, students, and anyone interested for any reason. Admission is free.

Contact: For additional information visit www.teensusingdrugs.org, call 734-495-1722, ext. 1102, or email baptisberger@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: The Village Potters Guild hosts its annual spring sale. Functional and decorative pottery created by members of the guild will be available at this yearly event. Tableware, tiles, jewelry and a wide range of decorative and framed pieces will be sold.

Contact: For more information or directions to the studio for the sale, visit www.villagepotteryguild.org or call 734-207-8807.

MUSEUM 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 boas 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 \$5 more.

Contact: Tickets may be purchased at the Plymouth Historical Museum or at the museum's website using PayPal (<http://www.plymouthhistory.org/events/Hello-Dolly-Tea-E7710.html?sort=Box=201405>).

PAMPER YOURSELF

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

Location: Sunflower Clubhouse, 45800 Hanford, 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 iWork to benefit Warm Hearts, refreshments from Mango's Fruit Market and raffles all evening.

Contact: RSVP is required to holliearnett@me.com. For more information on the club and/or to request a complimentary May newsletter, contact Noreen at nycbar@yahoo.com or 734-981-0486.

DRIVE 4 U 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 \$5,000 in support of the Salem High School football program as part of a part of Blackwell Ford's Drive 4 U school program.

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

WILDFLOWER WALK

Dates/Times: Sunday, 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.org.

HOSPICE 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 for 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 888-983-0050 or email achristensen@chcnet.net.

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/ or plymouth.org/relayforlife.org/.

Contact: For more information or to register email team captain Nancy Little at wf2009@wooway.com or call 734-455-6605.

FOURTH ART EXHIBIT

Date/Time: May 3-11, champagne and desserts reception 2-4 p.m. Sunday, May 11

Location: D&M Art Studio, Canton

Details: The fourth annual Ladies Dillenbeck Art Exhibition takes place at D&M Art Studio and features original artwork of women artists. The show opening is a finale to Canton's Arts of Culture Week 2014 (April 27 through May 3). Sharon Lee Dillenbeck, owner/operator of D&M Art Studio, has once again assembled recent works of art including her work, those of her daughters Erin and Kristin, her sister Donna Knight and some of Dillenbeck's award-winning students, including Marilyn Meredith, Vivian Hewitt, Elizabeth Gullikson, Deana Salzhay and Kay Main.

Contact: For further information about this event or D&M Art Studio, contact Sharon Lee Dillenbeck at 734-453-3710 or email her at dmarst1@aol.com.

WELCOME SPRING

Date/Time: Thursday, May 8, 7-9 p.m.

Location: Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth

Details: Welcome the coming of spring with the Friends of the Michigan Philharmonic (refreshments, speakers, prizes and surprises). Missy Tuccini, landscape designer and horticulture authority at Plymouth Nursery, will speak and answer questions. Ken Sullivan, docent at Maybury Farm, will demonstrate how to make pure maple syrup in a presentation titled "The Nectar of Spring." Admission is free for Friends of MI Phil. \$10 for non-members.

Contact: Must RSVP on or

before Monday, May 5, at 734-451-2112 or visit michiphi.org

BLOOD DRIVES

Dates/Times/locations:

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

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

Monday, May 19, 1:30-7:15 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 313-549-7052 or email Diane Risko at dcross@redcross.org.

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. Most craft applications 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 Kelsey. Tickets are \$10.

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

FOOD PANTRY

Date/Time: Open every Tuesday, registration 2 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 raffles are at 3 p.m. and food distribution follows the raffles. The pantry services more than 100 families per week. Users will need a photo ID and proof of address.

Contact: For more information, contact Donna at 734-383-5658, Pastor Dan Smithman at

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Two Schoolcraft students receive \$30,000 scholarships

Two Schoolcraft College students, Jonathan Kris of Canton and Maria Robles of Livonia, are recipients of the prestigious Jack Kent Cooke \$30,000 scholarship for 2014.

Kris and Robles are two of only 85 recipients to receive the scholarship from the 3,705 applications received this year representing 737 community colleges in the United States.

Kris plans to study philosophy at the University of Michigan. "The first class I took, Introduction to Philosophy, had a big impact on me," he said. "It fueled my passion for the topic and solidified my decision to become a professor of philosophy and one day impact and guide students like myself."

Besides maintaining a high GPA and being a member of the Schoolcraft Scholars honors program, Kris was a student employee on campus and involved in a number of extracurricular groups, including serving as an orientation group leader, a mentor in University Bound, an editorial intern for the college's literary magazine *The MacGuffin* and Philosophy Club. He is the son of Kathryn King of Canton.

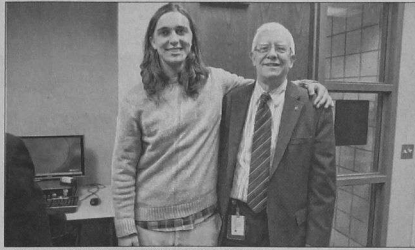
"Schoolcraft Scholars opened many doors for me," Kris said. "I had wanted to somehow make a positive impact on my community, but wasn't sure where to start. The honors program really helped me make a practical difference and better understand how I can

affect others."

Robles is a pre-medical major and is considering University of Michigan, Cornell University or Johns Hopkins to study medicine and law. Like Kris, Robles also was a student employee on campus and involved in many student activities, including serving as a staff writer for *The Connection* student newspaper, lead coordinator of the food pantry at the Radcliff Center, a member of the Schoolcraft Scholars honors program and Phi Theta Kappa honor society, an early literacy volunteer, Freshman Focus mentor, a student researcher at the Michigan Life Science and Innovation Center and member of the Math and Physics Club. She is the daughter of Carlos and Minerva Robles of Livonia.

"My two years at Schoolcraft were nothing like I expected," Robles said. "I wished I could fast-forward through my freshman and sophomore years quickly, have minimal involvement and just get into a university setting. To my surprise, these past two years have been an amazing journey to self-discovery, figuring out who I am within the classroom walls and outside. My heart grew to become passionate about medicine and law. I discovered who I am and who I want to be during my time at Schoolcraft."

Both Kris and Robles



Jonathan Kris (left) with Schoolcraft counselor Stuart Baker.



Deborah Taracuk (left), Schoolcraft Scholars Honors Program coordinator, with Maria Robles.

were employees in the Registration Center and supervised by Cathy McCardell, director of registration services and the college's Answer Center.

"Maria was an excellent employee and very dedicated. When she left our department to pursue her research interests, we were sad to see her go," McCardell said. "This past year and a half, we have enjoyed watching Jonathan grow into an outstanding young man. I am sure both of them will have many more successes in the future."

"Jonathan and Maria are both well-deserving and promising young adults," said Laurie Katuah-Snyder, associate

dean of transfer and partnerships for Schoolcraft College. "We were extremely pleased when we learned that there were three students from Michigan who were finalists for this award and even more excited when we found out two of them were from Schoolcraft College."

Scholars were selected based on high academic ability and achievements, persistence, leadership and financial need. The average GPA of the incoming class is 3.98. "The Jack Kent Cooke Foundation has long been committed to helping outstanding community college students transfer to and succeed at the nation's top colleges and universities," said Emily

Froimson, vice president of programs at the foundation. "Since the program started in 2002, the foundation has supported 643 community college students directly and thousands more through the foundation's grant making initiatives."

The Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship is the largest private scholarship for two-year and community college transfer students in the country. The foundation provides as much as \$30,000 a year for up to three years to the nation's best low-income community college students seeking to complete a bachelor's degree at an accredited college or university.

Pregnancy Center to hold annual race

The Livonia-based AAA Pregnancy Resource Center will hold its third annual race to benefit local moms and mothers-to-be Saturday, May 17, in Hines Park.

The race will begin at the Nankin Mills Picnic Shelter on Hines Drive, south of Ann Arbor Trail. Both 5K run or walk and 10K chip-timed races, along with a one-mile walk, will be available. The races begin at 9:15 a.m. and the walk will begin at 10:30 a.m. Packet pick-up will start at 8 a.m.

Registration fees are \$25 for the 5K and \$35 for the 10K. The one-mile walk is free.

Register online at www.AAA-RaceLife.com. An online fundraising page or pledge forms are available for participants that wish to collect pledges to help support AAAPRC.

AAA Pregnancy Resource Center helps women and families during the difficult time of an unexpected pregnancy by offering free services such as: pregnancy tests, limited ultrasounds and baby supplies.

Through an incentive program, more than 100 women each month receive help with items they need for their babies. The only eligibility requirement for the program is that they must be pregnant.

For more information, visit the website at www.AAA-RaceLife.com or contact race coordinator Kellie Maletta at 734-335-0338.



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Wide-open field for Observerland crown

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

It's one of the area's spring rituals, just like "April in the D."

Every year, or so it seems, Novi-Detroit Catholic Central stands as the favorite to garner another Observerland Relays championship.

The Shamrocks have won five straight titles and are poised to make it six in a row at Saturday's 44th annual Observerland Relays, which will take place at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park. Field events are set to begin at 3 p.m., with prelims at 6 p.m., and finals at 6:30 p.m.

"This meet is always fun because it is a true team event," Salem head coach

Steve Aspinall said. "You are only able to do well as a team at this meet by placing high in a lot of different spots. It is also a lot of fun because the later start time usually brings out some spectators who are not able to come out and support earlier in the day."

Last year, CC captured the trophy with 86 points, well ahead of Livonia Churchill (60). Tied for third with 50 points each were Livonia Stevenson and Plymouth, with Farmington Harrison and Salem in fifth and sixth with 44 and 40 points, respectively.

The standings look to be closer this time around at the event, hosted by Salem.

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OBSERVERLAND RELAYS PRIMER

WHAT: 44th annual Observerland Boys Track & Field Relays.

WHEN: Saturday, May 3. Field events begin at 3 p.m., Running prelims are at 6 p.m. and the finals at 6:30 p.m.

WHERE: Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, 8415 Canton Center Road (just north of Joy Road).

WHO: Canton, Plymouth, Salem, Livonia Churchill, Livonia Franklin, Livonia Stevenson; Westland John Glenn, Wayne Memorial, Garden City, Redford Thurston, Farmington, Farmington Harrison, Novi Detroit Catholic Central.

DEFENDING CHAMPION: Catholic Central.

RELAY EVENTS: Shot put, discus, high jump, pole vault, 6,400 meters, distance medley (800, 400, 1,200, 1,600), 800, 3,200, sprint medley (400, 200, 200, 400), shuttle hurdles, 400, 1,600.

OPEN EVENTS: 110 hurdles, 1,600, 100 dash.

COST: Admission is \$5 for adults, \$1 for students (non-college), children (5-and-under) and seniors (65 and over) will be admitted free.

VELLUCCI LEAVING PLYMOUTH WHALERS



Plymouth Whalers GM and head coach Mike Vellucci is leaving to join the NHL's Carolina Hurricanes. RENA LAVERTY | PLYMOUTH WHALERS

WINDS OF CHANGE

Loyalty, extra effort pay off for Vellucci: Whalers GM-coach nabs job with NHL Hurricanes

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

During countless interviews, Plymouth Whalers president, general manager and coach Mike Vellucci stressed the importance of young hockey players doing things the right way on and off the ice.

Those who did would get rewarded. That now applies to the 47-year-old Farmington native himself, who Monday was named assistant general manager and director of hockey operations for the Carolina Hurricanes of the National Hockey League.

Both the Whalers and Hurricanes are owned by Peter Karmanos Jr., who announced Vellucci's hiring during a press conference in Raleigh, N.C.

Also at Monday's press conference, it was announced that the Hurricanes' longtime general manager, Jim Rutherford (former coach of the Detroit Red Wings), was stepping down and being replaced by Ron Francis.

Vellucci will report to Francis, overseeing scouting and player development, jobs he excelled at with the Whalers.



Farmington native Mike Vellucci, shown in this June 2013 photo, proudly receives OHL honors as top executive and coach for 2012-13. It was announced Monday he is leaving the Plymouth Whalers for the NHL's Carolina Hurricanes. AARON BELL | OHL IMAGES

"You get out what you put into it and I pride myself on being a loyal employee and somebody that works hard every day," Vellucci said Monday. "In

return, people will take notice. And being able to work in the National Hockey League has been a dream of mine."

"To work with somebody like Ron Francis is a very prestigious thing and a cool thing. I'm proud I'm getting the opportunity."

As of Monday afternoon, decisions about the future management team of the Whalers were not known by those around Compuware Arena — not only home of the Whalers, but a highly successful youth hockey program run by Vellucci.

"They haven't decided anything on that," Vellucci said. "We'll get a chance to talk to Mr. Karmanos today or tomorrow and get his ideas and see if he wants me involved in helping with that or if he's going to do it himself."

"So we'll know in the next couple days what we're going to do."

Getting rewarded

Shortly after the announcement by the Hurricanes, Whalers assistant coach Don Eiland said it is appropriate

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GIRLS PREP SOCCER

Wildcats strike late to nip Chiefs

Dillon scores just before rain, lightning end game early

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Lightning struck on the field Tuesday night, and then it struck above it.

As for the former, the Plymouth varsity girls soccer team capitalized on an electrifying offensive play to score with 23:48 remaining — putting the Wildcats up 1-0 against Canton.

With about 13:30 to go in regulation, lightning and rain arrived to stop the KLAAS South Division matchup.

Another round of lightning followed shortly after 8:30 p.m. With more than 80 percent of the game played and with MHSAA rules stipulating action cannot be resumed following 9 p.m., the Wildcats were awarded the 1-0 win.

"I hate to lose a game like that," lamented Canton head coach Jeanine Reddy, whose team was starting to put offensive heat on the Wildcats when the elements struck.

Plymouth improved to 3-2-0 overall and 3-1-0 in the KLAAS South while Canton dropped to 3-4-1 and 3-2-0.

Both teams played a scoreless first half, with Plymouth senior goalkeeper Kylie Robb and Canton senior goalie Genevieve Nutter holding the fort.

The only tally of the night followed some proactive defense by sophomore Olivia Janke.

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DUHL REINSTATED MAY 5

Scott Duhl will be reinstated as head coach of the Salem varsity girls soccer team, effective Monday, May 5, in time for the Rocks home game against Livonia Churchill.

Duhl, who was fired in March following the use of inappropriate language around a player, was the recipient of overwhelming community support in subsequent weeks. His former players wore uniform shirts with his name on the back in one game.

The reinstatement will be discussed between district officials and parents at a Wednesday meeting. More information will be forthcoming, both in the Observer and at www.hometownlife.com.

'Super Jess' race preparations in home stretch

NHS organizers looking for another 100 runners to sign up for annual event

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

They are entering the stretch run as far as preparations for the fourth annual "Super Jess" 5K run.

Rain is in the forecast for Sunday morning, when the National Honor Society-hosted race gets started at 8 a.m. from the varsity turf football field at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

Yet there remains a sunny optimism among event organizers that this year's event will be another unqualified success. As of Tuesday, about 1,400 runners had signed up



with hopes of making it 1,500 by race day.

"I am content but not ecstatic about the numbers so far for this year's race," said Canton High School senior and

P-CEP NHS president Shannon Perry, who is the event's student coordinator. "We are at roughly 1,400 people, which is a little lower than last year."

"We are hoping to get a few more last minute registrations this week and on the day of the race. I would like to hit at least 1,500."

Time to sign up

Adults (over 18) must pony up \$25 to participate, and the registration fee is \$20 for students. They can continue to sign up at SJSK.org.

Plymouth High School stu-

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P-CEP National Honor Society members come together to organize this year's "Super Jess" 5K run, which is set for Sunday morning.

Legacy Celebration lauds women's golf legends on May 19

Women's golf team members from several universities and a selection of unique silent auction items will be featured as part of the Michigan Women's Golf Association (MWGA) Legacy Celebration on Monday, May 19, at Travis Pointe Country Club in Ann Arbor.

The event will honor LPGA founding member Shirley Spork, USGA Committeewoman and Golf Association of Michigan honorary governor Betty Richart and first and long-time Michigan State Uni-

versity women's golf coach Mary Fossum.

Registration and range practice will begin at 10 a.m., followed by lunch, scramble-format golf, a social hour, auctions and an awards dinner.

Golfers can enjoy individual and team contests and receive score-lowering help from members of the Eastern Michigan University, MSU, University of Michigan and University of Detroit-Mercy women's golf teams, who will be stationed on specific holes to hit drives for each team.

Sponsors have donated unique and valuable silent auction items, including: rounds of golf at the U-M and Radrick Farms golf courses, along with a Brady Hoke signed item; certificates for golf at Barton Hills, Travis Pointe, Eagle Crest, Fox Hills, MSU's Forest Akers, Egypt Valley, Salem Hills, Sycamore Hills, Fox Creek, Whispering Willows and Idyl Wyld golf courses; week-long U.S. Women's Open passes; \$500 Discount Tire gift certificate; and a collectible Golfcraft (now

Titleist) fiberglass sand wedge used by Spork on the LPGA Tour from 1950 to 1965. (Personal checks and credit card payments will be accepted.)

Proceeds from the Legacy Celebration will benefit the Detroit area MWGA girls golf program, conducted in cooperation with the LPGA and USGA, and the women's collegiate golf teams at EMU, U-M and MSU, as designated beneficiaries of the three honorees.

The all-inclusive entry fee for the day's events (minus cash bar) is \$150, with a dinner

only option of \$60. A limited-seating Legacy Celebration Luncheon, sponsored by the EMU Foundation, will be 1 p.m. Sunday, May 18, at the Eagle Crest Golf Resort in Ypsilanti.

Online event registration is available at www.mwga.org. The website also has a complete list of sponsorship and program book advertising opportunities available. To register for the Sunday Luncheon, call 734-481-2334.

SOCCER

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She stripped the ball from a Canton player along the left sideline in the Chiefs' end of the varsity soccer field at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

No mistake

Janke threaded the ball into the center of the 18-yard box where sophomore Kathryn Gordon retrieved it and — in turn — pitched it over to senior Alyssa Dillon on the right flank.

Dillon one-timed the ball inside the far post behind Nutter, who had no chance on the bang-bang play.

"We talked about forwards defending a bit and Olivia Janke won the ball from their back and did a great job connecting with Kathryn," Plymouth assistant coach Bill Joker said. "And then our center-back,

Alyssa Dillon, kind of picks moments to get forward in the game and she picked the right moment and finished off a great pass. It was a really nice play."

The Wildcats nearly made it 2-0 with about 22 minutes left, when Gordon cut in only to be thwarted by a sprawling stop by Nutter.

"Genna (Nutter) did a real good job," Reddy said. "She had a couple real good saves."

"That goal, she couldn't have saved it."

Robb and her defense stepped up to keep Canton off the scoreboard in the ensuing moments, thwarting a nifty offensive play by Chiefs freshman Hannah Lapko with 16 minutes left. Chloe Donlin also had an excellent scoring chance in the second half.

"She just needed to touch it and couldn't get a touch on it," Reddy said. "But overall, that's not how you want to lose a game."

According to Joker, the Chiefs really became tough following the Plymouth goal.

"When it opened up, that's when Canton was really dangerous," Joker said. "Kylie had great saves and individually we defended great."

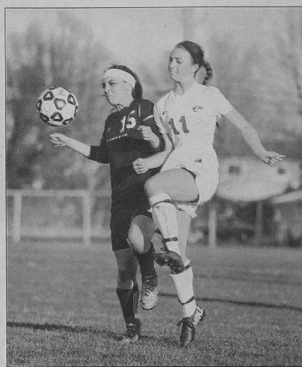
"We struggled a bit connecting in the back, but individually we were awesome."

Both teams were coming off spring break, not to mention dealing with nagging injuries.

Canton's Gabby Epelman returned to action after missing two weeks with a leg injury.

Just before weather ended the game, sophomore Natalie Winters hobbled off the field with a cramp, but she was not expected to miss Thursday's home game against Wayne Memorial.

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Butting for the bouncing ball Tuesday night are Plymouth's Sydney Rouse (No. 15) and Canton's Madison Archibald (No. 11). (JOHN KEMSKI / EXPRESS PHOTO)

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FIBERTEC TELECOMMUNICATIONS PERMIT APPLICATION

A PUBLIC HEARING, as required by the Plymouth Township Telecommunications Ordinance will be conducted regarding the Application filed by Fiber Technologies Networks LLC for a Permit under the Metropolitan Extension Telecommunications Rights-of-Way Oversight Act, at the regularly scheduled Plymouth Township Board Meeting to be held on May 13, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Rd., Plymouth, MI 48190.

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THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP BASEBALL

Thursday, May 1

Our Lady of Lakes at PCA (2), 4 p.m.
Oak Christian at Luth. Westl. 4:30 p.m.
S'Field Christian at HW, 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 3

Liggett at PCA (2), 10 a.m.
Plymouth at East Lansing (2), TBA
Luth. Westland Toruney, 1 p.m.
Farmington International, TBA

GIRLS SOFTBALL

Thursday, May 1

Our Lady of Lakes at PCA (2), 4 p.m.
Luth. Westl. at HW, 4:30 p.m.

Friday, May 2

Regina at Ladywood (2), 4 p.m.

Saturday, May 3

Salem Tournament, 9 a.m.
Liggett at PCA (2), 10 a.m.
Stars Tournament, TBA

GIRLS SOCCER

Thursday, May 1

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.
Plymouth at Churchill, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, May 2

Ladywood at Diverse Child, 5 p.m.
Salem at Canton, 7 p.m.

Saturday, May 3

Now at Plymouth, 12:30 p.m.

TRACK & FIELD

Thursday, May 1

Canton at Churchill, 3:30 p.m.
Franklin at Plymouth, 3:30 p.m.

Friday, May 2

S.L. East Sunset Inv., 4 p.m.
Saturday, May 3
Stevens International, 9 a.m.
Owensland Boys Relays at Canton (ICEP), 3:30 & 7 p.m.

GIRLS TENNIS

Thursday, May 1

KLAH crossovers, 4 p.m.

BOYS GOLF

Thursday, May 1

Franklin vs. Plymouth at Idyl Wyld G.C., 3 p.m.
John Glenn 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 Hills, 9 a.m.

GIRLS LACROSSE

Thursday, May 1

Ladywood International, 9 a.m.
TBA — time to be announced.

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GIRLS PREP SOFTBALL



Plymouth's Mikayela Marciniak (No. 12) slides home Monday, beating the tag. The Wildcats defeated host Livonia Stevenson 15-3 in six innings. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

Wildcats keep on scoring, winning

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Lousy weather bookended spring break, but that didn't hamper Plymouth's varsity softball team whatsoever when the season resumed Monday.

The Wildcats scored three runs before host Livonia Stevenson could record an out and Plymouth went on from there to a 15-3 victory. The

game was called after six innings due to the 10-run mercy rule.

Getting things started for Plymouth (6-0 overall and 5-0 in the KLA South Division) was senior catcher Brooke Senkbeil, who smacked a home run. Senkbeil keyed the 18-hit attack with a 3-for-5 day, driving in five runs.

Also keeping the first-inning rally rolling were Rachel Zerona, Lindsay Lutton (each

with singles) and Brittney Miller with a 2-run double. Miller later added a towering blast that easily cleared the fence. She finished 3-for-4 with four RBI.

Other spark plugs included freshman Gina Barber (2-4, two RBI, playing up from junior varsity due to injuries) and Ashley Pipsney with a two-run pinch-hit single to center.

Stevenson never could

mount any kind of offensive reply against Plymouth junior lefty pitcher Mikayela Marciniak. She allowed just four hits over six frames, fanning nine Spartans.

"Marciniak is getting stronger each game and really becoming a smart pitcher with her location," Plymouth coach Dave Senkbeil said. "Mik is keeping batters off balance, between her and catcher Senkbeil they really

keep batters guessing.

"They both remember what a batter did the time before and what pitch the batter could not hit."

Stevenson dropped to 4-6 overall with the defeat.

Plymouth looked to keep things rolling with Wednesday's doubleheader against Westland John Glenn.

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PREP BASEBALL

Rocks enjoy victorious return from Ohio trip

Baseball team posts 2-3 mark against tough foes during spring junket

After posting a 2-3 record during a spring trip to Ohio, the Salem Rocks varsity baseball team knocked off visiting Westland John Glenn 6-0 on Monday.

The Rocks (10-5 overall) scored one run in the first and five more in the second and that was plenty of offensive support for starting and winning pitcher Tyler Brooks.

He notched his fourth victory of the season, giving up just two hits and one walk while striking out three.

Leading Salem at the plate were Jack Driscoll, Josh Penn, Brandon Gillen and Nick Minichiello (2 hits, 2 RBIs each).

Ohio trek

» The Rocks opened their Ohio trip with a 9-4 victory over Cincinnati Milford on April 22, behind another strong pitching effort by Brooks (complete game).

Salem banked out 16 hits, with Brooks and Minichiello each collecting three. Penn, Driscoll and Gillen each chipped in with two hits.

» On April 23, Salem dropped a twinnish to St. Xavier, falling

11-5 and 5-2. In the nighttime, Driscoll enjoyed a 4-for-4 day (he was 6-for-8 in the doubleheader).

» Rounding out the trip was last Thursday's doubleheader against St. Henry. The Rocks won 2-0 but dropped a 12-10 decision in the second game.

Junior Wes Ross earned his first varsity win in the opener, going five strong innings with two hits each were Gillen and Collin Pietron, and both players registered a pair of RBIs in the process.

"This was a great trip," said Salem head coach Dale Rumberger on the team's official website. "Salem played three real good teams on this trip and got better every day. These games will pay huge dividends in the games to come."

PLYMOUTH 7, STEVENSON 1: On Monday, Jack Ferguson took a 1-hit shutout into the seventh inning before the Wildcats (11-1, 2-1) spoiled his bid with seven runs to beat host Livonia Stevenson (5-5, 2-3) in a Kensington Conference cross-over.

Bill Downing's bases-loaded 2-run double keyed the Rocks' seventh surge for the Wildcats, who also got three hits on the day from Tom Marand.

Chris Tardella scored the lone run for the Spartans.

PREP LACROSSE

Rocks shake off rust, win big

Perhaps a bit of rust from spring break slowed the Salem varsity girls lacrosse team at the start of Monday's matchup against Farmington Harrison.

» Or maybe the Rocks were looking ahead to Wednesday's campus rivalry showdown against Canton.

Either way, the Rocks settled down and posted a 17-6 non-league road victory against the Hawks.

"We came out rusty after a week off due to spring break," Salem head coach Dave Medley said. "Many of our players were out of town and the lack of practice really showed in the first half."

Slightly out of sync, the two opponents matched scores for a while. But then the Rocks broke loose, going 8-4 at halftime thanks to four goals by senior Jenna Carter and three by senior Rose Krasofsky (plus a single marker by Andi Marthaler).

Salem kept the goals coming after the break, with Krasofsky scoring three more for a total of six on the night. Carter added her fourth while Bridget Kerwin and Joslyn Longe (two goals each) and Kiersten Vala (one goal) rounded out the attack.

"Toward the game's ending we were able to work on some things we wanted to do preparing for the future,"

said Medley, whose team improved to 10-1 overall. "It was much more than a tune up, it was a reminder that we can play as well as anyone when we are in rhythm."

Meanwhile, Salem's defense settled down with goalie Maddie Johnson turning in a stellar performance.

"She had the help from a number of defensive players," said Medley, listing captain Lauren Britton, Megan Finkebeiner, Elena Luedy, Samantha Michalec and Amanda Merkel. "Defensive players Shannon Burke and Andi Marthaler also did an excellent job of moving the ball out of our end to where the offense could take over."

Entering Wednesday's game at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park against the Chiefs, Salem's owned a Kensington Conference record of 6-1. Canton was 5-3 overall and 5-1 in the conference.

Canton boys win big

On April 17, the Canton Chiefs varsity boys lacrosse team opened its Kensington Conference slate with an impressive 16-7 victory against Wallied Lake Western.

Senior attackman Kyle Topper and sophomore attackman Carson Pakula scored five goals each to spark the rout.

Canton started fast with

five goals in the first quarter, including two from Pakula and Topper and a single marker by junior Gerald Belanger.

The second quarter was similar to the first, with the Chiefs putting up seven goals to take a commanding 12-2 lead at halftime.

Scoring early in the second was Belanger, on an assist by Pakula. Junior Nolan Gilo followed that up with a goal and junior Austin Bauer kept the rout going with a tally midway through the frame.

Canton really broke things open with five goals late in the first half, with Topper netting three of them for a total of five in the half.

The Warriors tried to come up with a response early in the second half, and did collect three quick goals.

But the Chiefs came right back with three goals of their own, including Pakula, Gilo and senior Max Kwiecien, making it 15-5.

In the fourth quarter, Western outscored Canton 2-1 with Pakula contributing his fifth goal of the contest.

Canton 4-2 overall, 1-0 in the Kensington Conference), was set to visit Northville on Wednesday before squaring off at 8 p.m. Friday at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park against Plymouth (3-7, 0-2).

RACE

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dents have the chance to sign up every day this week from 9-11 a.m. Registration also opens up at 6:30 a.m. on Sunday.

Regardless of where that final number winds up, Perry said signs point to another big year for the SJ5K — which was created in 2011 by the NHS to honor then-16-year-old student Jesse Lindbauer and help his family deal with escalating medical costs.

Since 2011, the National Honor Society has continued with the event, helping other local families with pressing medical needs.

SUPER JESS 5K FACTS

What: Fourth annual "Super Jess" 5K run, hosted by Plymouth-Canton Educational Park's National Honor Society.

When: 8 a.m. Sunday, with early registration on race day from 6:30 to 7:30 a.m.

Where: Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, with the race kicking off at the varsity turf football field.

Sign up: Registration is \$25 for adults and \$20 for students. Forms are available at SJ5K.org, registration continues up until the race (including 9-11 a.m. through Friday at Plymouth High School).

Numbers: As of Tuesday, about 1,400 people had signed up to run; event organizers are shooting for 1,500.

Why: The SJ5K is an annual event that honors local families in need. This year's race will support current Park student Jerica Fitzgerald and alumni Amy Ladenberger and their families with medical bills.

This year, proceeds generated by the race will be earmarked to current Park student Jerica Fitzgerald and

Salem alumni Amy Ladenberger and their families.

Fitzgerald, a senior at P-CEP, has undergone

more than 30 surgeries and countless nights in the hospital since she was diagnosed in 2009 with hydrocephalus — a condition where fluid builds up in the brain.

Ladenberger, now 25, was diagnosed with cystic fibrosis when only three months old. Cystic fibrosis is a disease which causes thick, sticky mucus to build up in the lungs, digestive track and other areas of the body. She recently underwent a double lung transplant.

"We have been very successful in local sponsorships raising more in sponsorships than ever before," Perry said.

"The credit for this success goes completely to three senior NHS

members who made up the sponsorship team: Chris Kozler, Rachel Winters and Nathan Samoy."

According to Perry, sparking those efforts was Kozler's "never give up" attitude.

"We are in the final stages this week, nailing out little race day details, and working hard to get some last-minute registrations," Perry added.

Kozler, Winters and Samoy are among 15 NHS seniors who Perry said stepped up for promotion, sponsorship, registration and other areas.

Community's key

She also cited an adult board (for helping nail

down logistical and financial aspects of putting on the race) as well as the input of advisors Beth Savalox and Becky Kraft.

"Strong communication and a common goal between these different groups is a huge key to our success," Perry said. "Community support is another major key."

"It is the ability of our community to embrace a cause with open arms that allows this race to be a success," Perry added. "The organizers make a foundation, but without our community the race would be nothing."

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Pheasant Run to host PGA Drive, Chip & Putt contest

Pheasant Run Golf Club, Canton's premier 27-hole golf course, is hosting a local qualifier for the 2014 Drive, Chip, & Putt Golf Championship on Tuesday, July 1, for boys and girls age 7-15.

The free competition, sponsored by the Professional Golfers Association (PGA) of America and Augusta National Golf Club, will give area youth the opportunity to compete in separate divisions in four age categories.

Each participant's skills will be put to the test in driving, chipping and putting, with players judged on accuracy and distance.

Boys and girls just need to bring a driver, putter and a wedge.

Contestants will be given three attempts, with their best shots qualifying them for points that will be accumulated throughout the day.

Top finishers will be awarded certificates.

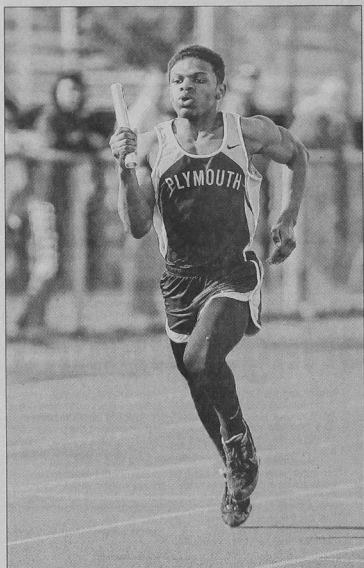
Winners will continue to advance leading up to the Drive, Chip, and Putt Championship finals scheduled to be held on the grand stage of the Augusta National Golf Club during the 2015 Masters Tournament week.

Online registration is currently underway at www.drivichipandputt.com. "Augusta National and the Masters have given these young golfers such a gift by providing them this opportunity to achieve every golfer's dream of earning the right to compete at Augusta National," said Greg Bores, PGA Professional of Pheasant Run Golf Club. "They may not know it now, but this is a real once-in-a-lifetime experience for them."

Located at 46500 Summit Parkway in Canton, Pheasant Run Golf Course was designed by world renowned architect Arthur Hills.

The 27-hole layout covers more than 300 acres of rolling terrain, and traverses over 10.5 miles from start to finish. The course is inviting to the beginner and challenging to the scratch golfer, all while offering a relaxed golfing experience on a well-maintained course.

For more information on the event or to learn more about Pheasant Run Golf Club's seasonal offers and specials, visit www.golfrpgc.org or call 734-397-6460.



Plymouth's Sylvester Singleton, shown from the recent city meet, is among Park athletes relishing the chance to compete in Saturday's Observerland Relays. JOHN KEMSA | EXPRESS PHOTO

RELAYS

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"Catholic Central has won a number of Observerland championships in a row and they are a favorite until that is no longer the case," Aspinall said. "They have fantastic throwers and high jumpers and are always solid and deep on the track."

In the hunt

There will be plenty of strong competition, including Aspinall's team — recent winners of the Bolger-Mangan City Championships at P-CEP.

"I think we have a team that will score in a lot of different events so we can do pretty well as a team," Aspinall said. "... Our strength all year has been the sprints and field events and I don't think Observerland will be any different."

Rocks senior sprinter Steven Homrich will be looking to remain undefeated for the season and zero in on the 100 dash individual championship that he was edged out for in 2013 by Wayne Memorial's Shakarri Hill. "Both guys ran the exact 11.31 so I know he (Homrich) is hoping to get another chance to win it this year."

Aspinall added that, in order for Salem to dethrone Catholic Central, the middle-distance and distance runners will need to be standout performers when the bright lights shine down on the Park's track and field facility for the evening's finals.

But the Salem coach knows there will be other serious challengers looking to finally knock off the Shamrocks.

"Another team to look out for is Livonia Stevenson," Aspinall said. "They have won a number of meets this year already and have a very deep team. They are also solid in the throws and jumps and are strong in the distance events as well."

"I do not know much about Farmington or Harrison since we do not see much of them throughout the course of the year, but I expect them to be in the mix as well."

Surprises matter

Stevenson head coach Scott Shaw, whose team recently finished first at Livonia's city meet, concurred that this year's event could be a competitive free for all.

"I think there are several teams that can do well at Observerland this year," Shaw said.

erland this year," Shaw said. "Salem, Franklin, and usually both Farmington schools are good speed. Plymouth, Catholic Central will have depth in the distance events."

"Churchill along with us could fair well in the field events. Most likely it will come down to whoever gets a few surprises in events they may not have as much depth in."

Longtime Westland John Glenn coach Jess Shough, in his first year at the Canton helm, listed Salem, Stevenson and Franklin as worthy challengers to the Shamrocks.

"Salem definitely has to be considered as one of the favorites, but Stevenson beat them in a dual meet and has a lot of depth," Shough said. "... Livonia Franklin also has a lot of depth and some very quality sprinters, so they also should be in the mix."

"Canton should be able to place in a number of events, and our young runners are continuing to improve and will make some great contributions to our team effort."

According to Aspinall, "any number of teams could sneak into the top-three with a strong overall team performance. The key to winning is to collect top-three finishes" with the points breakdown of 10-8-6 for those spots.

Springboard

Meanwhile, teams also will be guarding against lingering effects of a compressed post-spring break schedule.

"The Observerland Relays comes at the end of a very busy week for all the teams competing," Shough said. "Because of the weather, most teams have make-up meets. So the athletes will definitely be extending themselves."

That shouldn't be too much of a problem given the history and tradition of the Observerland Relays, viewed as a springboard into high-stakes conference and state tournaments.

"The Observerland Relays is one of those events we circle on our calendar every year as the beginning of championship season," Aspinall said. "It is now time to start peaking for the end of the year."

"Beginning with Observerland, we have a championship meet on our schedule every weekend (May 31), through the state meet (May 31), so we are looking to finalize our relays and lineups and see what we've got."

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CCM NATIONAL INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT

Michigan prep hockey teams fall short at CCM tournament

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

This time around there would not be a gold medal, or even silver, for Team Michigan.

Actually, both Team Michigan hockey squads came back from Plymouth, Minn., empty-handed following a combined 3-4-0 record at the annual CCM High School National Invitational Tournament.

The Michigan Seniors team, featuring Salem senior Jake Sealy, posted a 4-1

victory on Friday against the Wisconsin HP-18s with Farmington High School's John Lethomom stopping 19 of 20 shots in goal for the victory.

Orchard Lake St. Mary defenseman Anthony Scarcella led the offense with three goals, with single goals by Brennan Blaszcak (OLSM), Raymond Bice, Spencer Graham and Wade Hanke.

Posting two wins at the Plymouth Ice Center was Michigan's HP-18s (players 18 and under), including a

3-2 win Saturday over North Dakota and a 3-1 triumph Sunday morning against Michigan's "older" team.

In the matchup of both Michigan entries, Sealy put the Michigan Seniors up 1-0 with an unassisted marker at 2:20 of the second period to open the scoring.

Matthew Manning's goal at 5:28 deadlocked the game and the Michigan HP-18 took control in the third on goals by Jean Goal and Manning. In net, Spencer Wright (24 saves) outduelled Kyler Patenaude (26 saves).

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that Vellucci's hard work and dedication are paying off with an NHL job.

"Mike obviously practices what he preaches, he did the same thing," Eiland said. "He's been totally committed, he's done a great job and he's been rewarded for it. It's a great opportunity."

"I haven't talked to him, so I can only imagine how happy and ecstatic he is about what a great opportunity it is for him and how excited he is to embark on the next chapter."

Eiland said he was en route to Compuware Arena to run an afternoon practice for the Whalers players who attend Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

"I bet you half the guys that we go out on the ice with today don't even know," Eiland said.

Vellucci (with his coaching staff of Joe Stefan, Eiland and Stan Martiwjw) recently coached Plymouth to its 23rd consecutive playoff appearance in his 14th season as head coach.

During his career with the Whalers, Vellucci led them to a 468-322-36 record, was the first American to win the Matt Leyden Trophy as Ontario Hockey League

coach of the year and presided over the Whalers' lone championship in 2007.

Last year, he won the Levan award for the second time and also was honored as the OHL's top executive for 2012-13.

Prior to joining the Whalers, Vellucci coached Detroit Compuware of the North American Hockey League. He also played professionally as a defenseman from 1986-92, including two games in 1987-88 for the NHL's Hartford Whalers (who later became the Hurricanes).

Prime example

"I think his record speaks for itself, not only as a coach and a manager, but as a mentor as well," Whalers assistant GM Brian Summers said. "The little things like the win-loss record and the play-off record and all that stuff, those are just as important as some of the other things he's done."

Pete Krupsky, director of communications for the team, said it was "business as usual" around the Compuware offices following Monday's press conference.

That would be underscored by Eiland running a practice of players still attending high school weeks after the Whalers were eliminated by Guelph in the first round of the OHL play-

offs.

"We got to keep them structured. They can't be just running around, got to make sure they're coming to the rink," said Eiland, who formerly coached Compuware midget majors before joining the staff of the Whalers. "I'm still going to the rink every day and doing my job and whatever's asked of me."

Eiland said seeing Vellucci finally get a chance to make it to the NHL after decades of work, perseverance and loyalty to one organization is "unbelievable" and a prime example for others to follow.

"I'm sure he's got stuff to take care of here before he goes to get this (Whalers) all situated. I'm sure that's weighing on him," Eiland said. "But I couldn't be happier for him. It's well-deserved and it's pretty cool."

"To work with a guy and have him show much respect for him and admiration for him and learn from him and to see him go to the NHL, that's unbelievable."

Ruthless, the longtime Detroit Red Wings coach, will remain with the Hurricanes as president, in an advisory role.

"Jimmy was one of the first guys to hire me nine years ago when I started with the organization," Vellucci said.

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BOYS GOLF RESULTS

John Lockwood: James Hartman, 47; John Lockwood, 55; Tim Oates and Ben Harney, 59 each; Tim Green, 61; Rich Butcher, 66.

Dual match results: Churchill, 21 overall; 2-1 KLAAS South Division; John Glenn, 0-2; 2-1 KLAAS South Division.

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April 29 at Whispering Willows
Churchill scores: Alex Kondrich, 38 (medians); Luke Otto, Chad MacKinnell and Sam Spayd, 39 each; Chris Massa, 40; Evan Thompson, 43.

Franklin scores: Tyler Gerhard and Job Duesel, 41 each; Alex Aspinall, 42; Greg Bo and

Alan Kay, 44 each; Matt Wabashaw, 47.

Dual match records: Churchill, 1 overall; 1-0 KLAAS South Division; Franklin, 2-1 overall; 2-1 KLAAS South Division.

WALLED LAKE WESTERN INVITATIONAL TOURNEY

April 28 at Bay Pointe C.C.
TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Salem, 30; 2. Oxford, 31; 3. Auburn Hills Oakland Christian, 32; 4. Farmington, 33; 5. Livonia Stevenson, 34; 6. (tied) Livonia Churchill and Wallled Lake Central, 341 each; 8. Auburn Hills Apostolic, North Farmington and Wallled Lake Northern, 343 each; 13. Livonia Churchill, 352 (15 schools).

Individual medalist: Austin Buel (Hartland), 72.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

er (52:17 seconds) and the 800 relay of Samuels, Johnson Lauren Ogarek and Rodriguez (1:50.48).

In third were the 1600 relay of Kayla Knake, Rodriguez (4:19.32) and 3200 relay of Natasha Stevenson, Lauren Arquette, Anya Cho and Kayla Hughes (10:34.74).

Rodriguez placed second in the 400 dash (1:01.30) while Kavulich was the runner-up in the 800 run (2:19.17).

Other top-10 performers included: Kavulich (third, 1600 run, 5:17); Samuels (third, 200 dash, 27.52); Johnson (sixth, 100 dash, 13.11); Stevenson (sixth, 3200 run, 11:55.44); Cho (ninth, 1600 run, 5:44) and Arquette (10th, 1600 run, 5:44.33).

Wildcat football

There is an informational meeting and pasta party

from 6-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 6, in the Plymouth High School cafeteria for all incoming freshmen football players.

Head coach Mike Savchuk 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 Baechler at julieb@hometownlife.com for more information.

BEETHOVEN SYMPHONY

Health-related orchestra teams
with choirs for free concertBy Sharon Dargy
Staff Writer

Cheryl Pope of Redford is a teacher consultant—not a health professional—but found a perfect place to play violin three years ago when she auditioned for the Detroit Medical Orchestra.

She landed in first chair of the second violin section at Detroit Medical Orchestra, a musical group that consists primarily of medical and dental students, doctors, Wayne State Medical School professors and other health professionals. “We don’t talk about medicine at orchestra rehearsals. It’s an inclusive atmosphere,” said Pope, who trained as a music therapist before attaining a master’s degree in special education. “Part of their mission is to bring about healing through music. As a former music therapist, that’s a natural fit for me. It doesn’t matter who you are, if you’re an orchestra teacher or a medical professional, we’re all there to make music.”

Pope and her colleagues, directed by Elliot Moore, will perform Beethoven’s *Symphony No. 9* at 4 p.m. Sunday, May 4, at Ford Theatre in the Detroit School of Arts, 123 Selden, located between Cass and Woodward Avenue, north of Mack in midtown Detroit. The United Voices of Detroit Choir and The Detroit School of Arts Choir will join the orchestra on *Ode to Joy*. Soloists will include



Ted Lasker plays cello in the orchestra.

Jessica Dold, soprano; Katherine Calcimuggio, mezzo soprano; Justin Berkowitz, tenor; and Jonathan Lasch, bass.

Free concerts

Pamela Abghari, M.D., an orchestra board member who plays viola, said the concert is free and funded by a grant from Michigan Council for the Arts and Cultural Affairs, Wayne State University, member dues and donations.

“All our concerts are free and we always sponsor a charity at the concert and give them time in the beginning to speak with the audience about their charity and why it is important to support them,” she said, in an email.

Past performances have raised funds for Robert R



Cheryl Pope (left) and Stephanie Lucas play violin in the Detroit Medical Orchestra.

Frank Student Run Free Clinic, Cass Community Clinic, The Horizons Project and Clinic, and more.

Abghari is one of the few original members of the orchestra, which was founded five years ago by Michelle Ubel, M.D., a graduate of the Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music and Wayne State’s School of Medicine.

“Our orchestra is up to 80 members and we are composed of doctors, lawyers, students, music professionals, music students, nurses and the list goes on,” she said.

Family ties

The group rehearses every Sunday, at Orchestra Hall in

Detroit or on the Wayne State Medical School campus.

The sessions evoke fond memories for Ted Lasker, a Farmington Hills piano teacher and a cellist in the Detroit Medical Orchestra. Lasker’s late father taught anatomy at Wayne State and was a faculty member for 36 years.

“My dad really loved music. A lot of times when we’re rehearsing in a lecture hall at the medical school I think of him being there. He’s gone now, but I think he would have loved it,” Lasker said.

“It’s a very nice bunch of people and we have a talented conductor.”

Lasker initially planned to study math at Harvard, but

switched to music, with a focus on piano, at Berklee College of Music in Boston. Mass. His master’s degree in music was earned at the University of Michigan.

Pope earned her undergraduate degree in music therapy from Eastern Michigan University and a master’s degree in special education from the University of Detroit. She has performed with other orchestras, including the Livonia Symphony, and also performs with the Saryati String Quartet.

Playing Beethoven

Both Pope and Lasker say the Beethoven program has been challenging. The orchestra has rehearsed the music since January.

“It’s Beethoven’s last and greatest symphony,” Lasker noted. “For Beethoven, it was a summing up of what he wanted to say musically. His journey in many ways was one of struggle. The main obstacle was becoming deaf as a professional musician. It’s amazing that he wrote such beautiful music without being able to hear it.”

Pope promises the performance will be both an inspiring and emotional experience for the audience.

“I think it’s going to leave them filled with awe,” she said. “Their jaws will drop.”

For more information about the Detroit Medical Orchestra, visit detroitmedicalorchestra.org.

ANIMALS

DETROIT ZOO

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Labor Day, with closing time at 8 p.m. Wednesdays in July and August
Location: 1696 Service drive and Woodward, Royal Oak
Details: Admission is \$14 for adults 15-61; \$10 for senior citizens 62 and older, and for children ages 2-14; children under 2 are free. Parking for cars and vans is \$5. Detroit Zoological Society members get free admission and parking
Contact: 248-541-5177

ART & CRAFTS

JANICE CHARACH GALLERY

Time/Date: Noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Wednesday and 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday, May 12 through June 26
Location: Jewish Community Center of Metropolitan Detroit, 6-600 W. Maple, West Bloomfield
Details: The works of Abraham Lowenthal are on exhibit. Lowenthal’s paintings incorporate themes of Kabbalah, holidays and prayer with contemporary design
Contact: 248-432-5448

LIVONIA ARTISTS CLUB

Time/Date: 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday, May 2-30
Location: Livonia City Hall lobby, located on Five Mile, east of Farmington Road, Livonia
Details: The club, which was founded in 1960, will hold its 54th annual exhibit
Contact: Yvette Goldberg at 248-476-2313

NORTHVILLE ART HOUSE

Time/Date: Gallery hours, 1-5 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, through May 15; opening reception, 6-9 p.m., May 2
Location: 215 W. Cady, Northville
Details: 15th annual Northville Student Art Exhibition features the work of students in sixth-12th grades. Includes metals, painting, ceramics, photography
Contact: 248-344-0497; <http://www.northvillearts.org>

VILLAGE THEATER

Time/Date: Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday-Friday and during public performances
Location: 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton
Details: JBWood glass sculpture on exhibit through May
Contact: 734-394-3300

COMEDY

MARK RIDLEY’S COMEDY CASTLE

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Thursday, May 8; 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 9-10
Location: 310 S. Troy St., at Fourth, in downtown Royal Oak
Details: Kathleen Madigan; tickets \$25-\$30
Contact: 248-052-9900; comedycastle.com



Farmington Hills Youth Theatre will perform Disney Camp Rock The Musical May 3-4, at the Costick Center in Farmington Hills.

DANCE

MUSIC HALL

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Saturday, May 3
Location: 350 Madison, Detroit
Details: Moscow Festival Ballet performs Giselle. Tickets range from \$30-\$50
Contact: 313-887-9501

FESTIVAL

FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 3
Location: Costick Center, 28600 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills
Details: Family festival offers art experiences for all ages including community cultural displays by local organizations, activities, a wide range of entertainment, and more than 200 pieces of art to see and buy
Contact: 248-473-1856

FILM

PENN THEATRE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. and 9:15 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 4:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, May 4; and 7 p.m. Thursday, May 8
Location: 760 Pennington Ave., Plymouth
Details: The Monuments Men, admission \$5
Coming Up: 7 p.m. Friday, May 9, and Thursday, May 15; 4:45 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, May 10-11, Mr. Peabody & Sherman
Contact: 734-453-0870; www.penn-theatre.com

REDFORD THEATRE

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Friday, May 16, and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, May 17
Location: 17360 Lahar, north of Grand River Avenue, Detroit
Details: Raiders of the Lost Ark, \$5
Coming Up: Imitation of Life, 8 p.m.

May 30 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. May 31
Contact: 313-537-2500

FUNDRAISER

INSPIRE THEATRE

Time/Date: 3-7 p.m. May 4
Location: Wayne Bowl, 36900 Michigan Ave., Wayne
Details: Bowling fundraiser includes two games, shoes, pizza and pop for \$15. Proceeds for the theater’s new building
Contact: Inspiretheatre.com

MUSEUM

PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL MUSEUM

Time/Date: 1-4 p.m. Wednesday, Friday-Sunday, through June 8
Location: 155 S. Main, Plymouth
Details: Vintage Runway exhibit features men’s and women’s clothing fashions from 1820s-1970s; admission is \$5 for adults, \$2 for ages 6-17
Contact: 734-394-5460

MUSIC

HARMONYTOWN CHORUS

Time/Date: 3 p.m. Sunday, May 4
Location: Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton
Details: “Barbershop Showstoppers” consists of songs from movies sung in a capella four-part barbershop harmony style. Bucket List is the guest quartet. Tickets are \$16 for adults and \$14 for youth, available at the theater box office, online at cantonvillagetheatre.org or by calling 734-394-5460
Contact: 734-743-1764

LIVONIA CIVIC CHORUS

Time/Date: 3 p.m. Sunday May 4
Location: Clarenceville High School, 20155 Middlebelt, Livonia

Details: “Touch the Sky” includes songs about the moon, sun and stars. Advance tickets are \$12 for adults and \$10 for seniors and students, available from Chorus members, the Livonia Recreation Center or by phone. Tickets at the door are \$15
Contact: 734-542-9071

MICHIGAN PHILHARMONIC

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, May 3

Location: Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 40500 Cherry Hill Road, Canton
Details: Performance features Andre Myers, composer and narrator; tickets are \$20 for adults, \$15 for seniors, and \$5 for youth
Contact: 734-451-2112; michigan-phil.org

MICHIGAN PHILHARMONIC YOUTH ORCHESTRA

Time/Date: 7 p.m. May 6

Location: Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton
Details: More than 95 students in four ensembles of the youth orchestra perform music from classical to pops. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$6 for students
Contact: 734-451-2112; michigan-phil.org

PLYMOUTH ORATORIO SOCIETY

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

Location: First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial, Plymouth
Details: The group sings *Te Deum* by Antonin Dvorak and *St. Nicolas* by Benjamin Britten, accompanied by Michigan Sinfonietta Orchestra and organist May Ann Baldur. A free will offering will be taken
Contact: 734-455-8353

PRO MUSICA OF DETROIT

Time/Date: 8:30 p.m. Friday, May 9
Location: Max M. Fisher Music Center,

3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit

Details: Cellist Amit Peled, accompanied by Noreen Polera, pianist, will perform a program of classic and sacred works they performed together for the 2014 Festival of Casals of Puerto Rico. Tickets are \$45 for cabaret seating and \$25 for theater seating
Contact: 313-576-5111

TRINITY HOUSE THEATRE

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

Location: 38840 W. Six Mile, Livonia
Details: Rod Picott, May 3; Empty Chair Night featuring Annie and Rod Capos, Joel Palmer, and Dan Hazlett, May 4, open mic, May 6; Bill Byrum and Company, May 9; Four Block Empire with Cold Tone Harvest, May 10; The Choir, May 11. Most shows tickets are \$15, and \$12 for subscribers. Only cash and checks accepted.

Benefit concert: Features Lac La Belle and the Motor City Troubadours, 8 p.m. Friday, May 2, at Trinity Church of Livonia, 34500 Six Mile, Livonia. Tickets are \$15; \$12 for subscribers. Proceeds benefit the theater
Contact: 734-464-6302

VIVACE MUSIC SERIES

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Saturday, May 10

Location: Birmingham Temple, 28611 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills
Details: Paul Vondranio, a classic guitarist, will play works of the Baroque era, including the music of Bach and Ponce. Tickets are \$23 general admission, \$20 for seniors and \$10 for youth
Contact: Joyce Chervish at 248-788-9338 or Ann Sipher at 248-661-1348

SPOKEN WORD

EMERGENT ARTS THEATRE

Time/Date: 8 p.m. May 13

Location: The Mix Studio Theater, 8 N. Washington St., Ypsilanti
Details: New York-based poet-performer, DOEZ, performs his work. Local musician Rolle Tussing will play and sing a blend of jazz, folk and blues
Contact: Joyce Chervish at 248-788-9338 or Ann Sipher at 248-661-1348

THEATER

BAREFOOT PRODUCTIONS

Time/Date: 8 p.m. May 2-3; 2 p.m. May 4

Location: 240 N. Main, Plymouth
Details: *Five Women Wearing the Same Dress* is a comedy about five reluctant bridesmaids at the wedding reception of a mutual friend. Open to age 18 and over. Tickets are \$15
Contact: 734-506-1493; justgobarefoot.com

MOTOR CITY YOUTH THEATRE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. May 2 and 2 p.m. May 4

Location: 27555 Grantland, Livonia
Details: Peter Pan. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$8 for students and seniors
Contact: 313-535-8962; mcyt.org

GRILL AN INCREDIBLE T-BONE STEAK

Quite possibly the ultimate steak, the T-bone embodies the rich blend of varied beef flavors that steak lovers crave, from tender and mild to bold and beefy. On one side of the T-bone is the filet mignon. French for “dainty filet,” the filet mignon is considered the most tender cut, with a mild beef flavor. On the other side of the T-bone is the strip loin or New York strip, a firm, robust steak that is naturally marbled and offers a bold taste. The bone itself also provides additional flavor in the cooking process. With this pairing of tastes, it is no surprise that the T-bone is considered to be “the best of both worlds” by steak connoisseurs.

For more steak recipes, visit www.OmahaSteaks.com.
— Family Features

Thick Steak, Bone-in Steak and Chop Cooking Chart

Cooking times are in minutes and based on fully-thawed steaks.

Gas grill: Preheat grill to high, reduce to medium heat prior to cooking.

Charcoal grill: Sear over red hot coals, finish over indirect heat.

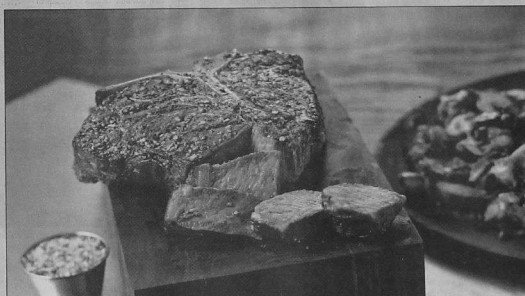


	THICKNESS	1"	1 1/4"	1 1/2"	1 3/4"	2"	2 1/4"	2 1/2"
Rare 120° to 130°F	First Side After Turning	6 3-4	6 4-5	7 5-6	9 6-7	11 7-8	13 8-9	14 10-12
Medium Rare 130° to 140°F	First Side After Turning	6 4-5	7 5-6	8 6-7	11 8-9	13 9-10	14 10-12	16 12-14
Medium 140° to 150°F	First Side After Turning	7 5-6	8 6-7	9 7-8	12 9-10	14 11-12	16 12-14	17 14-16
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TABASCO AND ROQUEFORT CHEESE BUTTER

- 4 ounces unsalted butter, softened
- 4 ounces Roquefort blue cheese, crumbled
- 3 tablespoons Tabasco sauce
- ½ cup fresh chives, minced
- 2 tablespoons fresh garlic, minced
- 1 roasted red pepper, peeled, seeded and diced
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt

Whip butter slightly in mixer. Add remaining ingredients and mix well. Transfer mixture to sheet of parchment paper. Roll into tube (approximately 1 ½-inch diameter) and twist paper at the ends. Refrigerate for 4 to 6 hours. When ready to serve, slice into coins as needed. Unused butter can be stored in the refrigerator for up to one week.



Allow your steak to “rest” for 5 minutes between cooking and eating.

ANCHO CHILE RUB

Makes: 4 tablespoons

- 1 tablespoon smoked paprika
- 2 teaspoons sea salt
- 2 tablespoons ancho chile powder
- 1 teaspoon brown sugar

Combine all ingredients and mix well.

ROASTED PEPPER PESTO

Makes: approximately 2 cups

- 1 cup roasted red peppers, peeled, seeded and chopped
- ½ cup garlic cloves, peeled
- ½ cup pine nuts, toasted
- 2 tablespoons fresh basil, chopped
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt
- ½ teaspoon cayenne pepper
- 1 cup Parmesan cheese, grated
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- ½ cup olive oil

Combine all ingredients except olive oil in food processor or blender, and puree until smooth. Next, add oil slowly in food processor until completely combined.

GRILLED T-BONES WITH TABASCO AND ROQUEFORT CHEESE BUTTER

Prep time: 15 minutes, plus 4 hours refrigeration time
Cook time: 15 minutes
Total time: 4 hours and 30 minutes
Serves: 4

- 4 T-bone steaks
- Omaha Steaks All Natural Steak Seasoning, or salt and pepper, to taste
- 4 slices (1 ½-inch coins) Tabasco and Roquefort Cheese Butter (see recipe)
- 2 tablespoons minced chives

Thaw steaks overnight in refrigerator or quick thaw by placing sealed steaks in sink with water for approximately one hour. Preheat grill to medium. Season both sides of steaks with seasoning, or salt and pepper. Grill steaks to desired doneness. For medium-rare steak, grill approximately 8 minutes on first side and 6 to 7 minutes on second side. Just before removing steaks from grill, place butter slice on each steak. The idea is to have butter half melted on top as you are serving steaks. Garnish each steak with sprinkle of minced chives.

ANCHO CHILE RUBBED GRILLED T-BONES

Prep time: 5 minutes
Cook time: 10 minutes
Total time: 15 minutes
Serves: 4

- 4 T-bone steaks
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 4 tablespoons Ancho Chile Rub (see recipe)
- 12 grilled tri-color sweet baby peppers

Preheat grill to medium. Thaw and blot dry steaks. Brush steaks with olive oil. Generously cover both sides of steaks with Ancho Chile Rub by dipping them in rub. Continue until steaks are completely covered. Place steaks on heated grill and grill to desired doneness. For a medium-rare steak, grill approximately 8 minutes on first side and 6 to 7 minutes on second side. Remove steaks from grill and garnish with grilled tri-colored sweet baby peppers.

ROASTED PEPPER PESTO RUBBED GRILLED T-BONES

Prep time: 30 minutes
Cook time: 15 minutes
Total time: 45 minutes
Serves: 4

- 4 T-bone steaks
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- ½ cup Omaha Steaks Private Reserve Seasoning, or salt and pepper
- 1 recipe Roasted Pepper Pesto (see recipe)
- 4 fresh basil sprigs

Preheat grill to medium. Brush steaks with olive oil and season with seasoning, or salt and pepper. Brush both sides of steaks with Roasted Pepper Pesto. Place steaks on grill and cook to desired doneness. For a medium-rare steak about 8 minutes on first side and 6 to 7 minutes on second side. When steaks are finished, brush both sides one final time with pesto. Serve steaks with dollop of unused pesto in center of each and garnish with fresh basil sprig.

RELIGION CALENDAR

MAY ANTIQUE APPRAISAL

Time/Date: Noon to 4 p.m., Sunday, May 4
Location: Commerce United Methodist Church, 1155 Commerce Road, Commerce Township
Details: \$15 donation for each item appraised; silent auction and lunch items available. Proceeds go toward restoration of chapel.
Contact: Linda Komatowski at 248-505-3191

COMMON GROUND

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Friday, May 2
Location: Connection Church, 3855 S. Sheldon Road, Canton
Details: Girls' night out with a God focus for women and girls, 13 and over. Lifesavers, Rice Krispies Bars, packaged plastic utensils, Ritz snack mix, and easy-open cans of fish or meat will be collected at the event.
Contact: 734-397-1777, Ext. 111; tamie@connectionchurch.info

DINNER DANCE

Time/Date: Social hour at 5 p.m., buffet dinner, 6 p.m., May 18
Location: St. Michael the Archangel Orthodox Church, 26375 W. Chicago Road, Redford
Details: "Spring Celebration" dinner dance is sponsored by the Council of Orthodox Christian Churches of Metropolitan Detroit to benefit retired Orthodox priests and priests' widows. Tickets are \$40 per person; children, 12 and under admitted free.

Contact: Mihaela Charlier at 313-595-7640 or coccodotro@yahoo.com
LADIES SPRING LUNCHEON

Time/Date: 11:30 a.m., Saturday, May 10
Location: Covenant Community Church, 25800 Stonetown, Redford
Details: Sabrina Black, CEO and clinical director of Abundant Life Counseling Center, is the speaker. Event will include music, lunch, and teaching. RSVP to the church by May 7. A love offering will be taken.
Contact: 313-535-3100

RUMMAGE ITEMS NEEDED

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., May 12-14
Location: Antioch Lutheran Church, 23360 W. 13 Mile, Farmington Hills
Details: Items are needed for the church's rummage sale. Leave donations in the church hallway.

Contact: Judy Glass at 248-626-7905; antiochcath@bglglobal.net

RUMMAGE SALE

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Friday-Saturday, May 2-3
Location: Fireside Church of God, 11771 Newburgh, at Plymouth Road, Livonia
Details: Household goods, small furniture, antiques, books and more

Contact: 734-644-0990

RUMMAGE SALE

Time/Date: 5-7 p.m., Thursday, May 1, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Friday, May 2, 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 3

Location: Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, between Newburgh and Wayne Road, Livonia
Details: \$2 admission per adult. Thursday only: free admission. Friday and Saturday, Saturday half-price sale.

Contact: 734-422-0149

RUMMAGE SALE

Time/Date: Preview 7-8:30 p.m., Thursday, May 8; 9:30 a.m. to 3

p.m., May 9; 9:30 a.m. to noon, Saturday, May 10
Location: Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 38020 Five Mile, between Haggerty and Newburgh, in Livonia
Details: Admission for preview night is \$2. \$3 bag sale and half-price sale on Saturday. Sale benefits Paws with a Cause and Lutheran Social Services.
Contact: 734-464-0211

SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE, ROUND-UP

Time/Date: Kindergarten, Young 5's and preschool round-up, 1-2:30 p.m., Friday, May 9; open house 10 a.m. to noon and 1-2:30 p.m., Monday, May 19
Location: St. Genevieve Catholic School, 28933 Jamison, Livonia
Details: Preschool through eighth grade. School tours available.
Contact: 734-425-4420

ONGOING CLASSES/STUDY

Men's Bible study
Time/Date: Breakfast at 7 a.m. and study at 8 a.m.
Location: Kirby's Corey Lodge, 21200 Haggerty, Northville Township
Contact: John Shulenberg at 734-464-9491
Our Lady of Loretto
Time/Date: 6:30-7:30 p.m., Monday
Location: Six Mile and Beech Dale, Redford Township
Details: Scripture study
Contact: 313-534-9000
St. Michael the Archangel
Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m., the second and fourth Thursday
Location: School library, 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, Livonia
Details: Catholic author and Bible scholar Gary Michuta leads

the study of Acts of the Apostles.
Contact: 734-261-1455, Ext. 200, or www.livonianmichael.org
Ward Presbyterian
Time/Date: 7 p.m., Mondays
Location: Room A101, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville Township
Details: Preschooler's Bible study
Contact: 248-374-5920

FAMILY COMMUNITY MEAL

Time/Date: 5-6 p.m., every Thursday
Location: The Salvation Army, 2250-27467 and Jody Pieszar at 734-555-3146, Farmington Hills
Details: Free meal
Contact: 248-477-1153, Ext. 12

MOMS

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church
Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m., second Tuesday, September-May
Location: 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia
Details: Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) is aimed at mothers of infants through kindergarten-ners
Contact: Ethanée Defoe at 248-277-6671 and Jody Pieszar at 734-555-2463

Dunning Park Bible Chapel

Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. first and third Tuesdays
Location: 24800 W. Chicago Road, Redford
Details: MOPS is a place where moms can build friendships, receive mothering support, practical help and spiritual hope.
Contact: Amy at 313-937-3084 or Kristen at 734-542-0767

PET-FRIENDLY SERVICE

Time/Date: 1 p.m., Sunday
Location: Dunk N Dogs, 27911 Five Mile, Livonia
Details: All Creatures ULC sponsors the service, which is

conducted in an informal setting. Pet blessings are available after the service.
Contact: 313-563-0162

PRAYER

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

COEN, PAUL RICHARD
 Age 90 of Canton, passed away April 27, 2014. Born in Walnut, MA on October 11, 1923 to parents William and Pauline Coen. Attended St. Charles Borromeo School in Waltham, MA and later from Johnson & Wales University, Providence, RI with a BA in Business Administration, in marketing, cum laude. Entered U.S. Army in January 1944 and honorably discharged October 1945. Served with the 115 Regiment of 29th Infantry Division as a combat medic. Participated in the June 6, 1944 invasion on Omaha Beach, Normandy, France. On June 12, 1944, Paul was captured by the German Army and would be come a prisoner of war for over eleven months until he heroically escaped in 1945. Paul was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for D-Day invasion and a second bronze star for his heroism in the battle on June 12, 1944, the day of his capture. Recipient of the Republic of France Legion of Honor for outstanding military service. Paul re-entered the United States Air Force in November of 1951. A proud member of the 474th Fighter Bomber Group in Korea. He later served in Vietnam 1965 as a Military advisor to the Republic of South Vietnam. In December of 1969 Paul retired from the United Air Force as a Senior Master Sergeant.

After his retirement from the military, Paul pursued his career in marketing and sales, and was Director of International Marketing for the industrial division of Kerr Manufacturing in Romulus, MI. In 1995 Paul would retire from Kerr Manufacturing and begin his new career as a consultant to manufacturers in North America and Europe until his retirement in 2003. Paul is survived by his loving wife Lena, Beloved Father of Paul (Robert) Dwyer and Paul Richard Coen. Proud grandfather of Allan Dwyer, Scott Dwyer, Jodi Dwyer and Timothy (Jennifer) Dwyer. Great grandfather of Peyton and Ella Dwyer. Funeral service: Saturday, May 3, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Lawrence Catholic Church of Ex-Pos Memorial VA Hospital-Ann Arbor. Services will be held at 11:00 a.m. Friends may visit the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 South Main St., Plymouth on Friday from 2:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m., with a Scripture Service at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Coen will be buried and receive full Military Honors at Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly, MI on Monday, May 5, 2014 at 11:30 a.m. Memorials may be made to St. Lawrence Catholic Church or Ex-Pos Memorial VA Hospital-Ann Arbor. Ann Arbor, MI 48105. Share memories at: schrader-howell.com

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HUSK, GERALDINE M. "Jerry"
 Age 83, passed away on Thursday, April 24, 2014 at West Branch Regional Medical Center. Jerry has lived in Rose City since 2009, formerly of Redford Township. She was born to Henry and Sarah (Sauer) Junk on January 9, 1931 in Conneville, PA. Jerry attended Prince of Peace Lutheran Church. She enjoyed arts and crafts, cooking, and spending time with her family and friends. Jerry is survived by her daughters: Paula (Terry) Ippocrit of Richard, Saskatchewan, Julie (Scott) Stey of San Diego, CA, Suzanne (Richard) Halp of Rose City, MI, grandchildren: Nicholas, Joshua, Jamie, Crystal, Joseph, Jason, great-grandchildren: Carolyn and Dakota and niece: Jane (Tim) McLaughlin of Howell, MI. She is preceded in death by her husband, her parents, Henry and Sarah Junk, and sister: Vera Mulvey. Visitation was held at Sauerend & McLaren Funeral Home in Rose City, MI on Monday, April 28, 2014 from 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The Funeral Service was Tuesday at 11:00 a.m. at the funeral home. Pastor Dan Stoneback officiated. Memorial Contributions may be made to the American Red Cross - Stroke Research.

May peace be with you in this time of sorrow.

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

TOPPA, DEREK JAMES

Age 31, of Oshtemo, MI, formerly of Westland, MI passed away on Tuesday, April 22, 2014. He was born on January 9, 1983 in Detroit, MI to Arthur Jr. and Tracey Toppa (nee Salvas). Derek graduated from Livonia Franklin High School and went on to graduate from Michigan Career and Technical Institute in 2007. He took a special interest in martial arts and earned his black belt in Olympian Chung Do Kwan and International Tae Kwon Do. Derek was an artist and specialized in Anime Art. Derek enjoyed attending Comic-Con. He was also a proud camp counselor at an epilepsy camp in Michigan called Camp Disobedient. Derek is survived by his fiancé Stephanie Penrod, Stephanie's children, Hannah, Jordan, Nathan and Gabriel; his parents Arthur Jr. and Tracey Toppa; sister Dawnne Toppa and granddaughters Arthur and Anna Toppa and Patricia Salvas and late John (Jack) Salvas. A Memorial Service will be held Saturday, April 26 at 11 a.m. (in state at 10 a.m.) at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 11000 E. 14 Mile. Memorials can be made to the Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan and you may offer your condolences at <http://www.huskefuneralhomes.com>

WATSON, SAMUEL J. "BUCKY"

Age 67, of Reading and formerly Plymouth, died April 28, 2014. Survivors include wife, Dorothy Watson (nee Salvas) (Homer) Bartley, Los (Anthony) Wojciechowski, and Donovan Audrey Watson. Funeral services 11:00 a.m. Friday at Eagle Funeral Home-George White Chapel, Reading. Visitation Thursday 4-7 p.m. To view this obituary and send condolences: www.eaglefuneralhomes.com

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Couples celebrate Jubilarian Mass



Tom and Joanne Neu celebrate their 50-year marriage at St. Aidan Catholic Church in Livonia. The Rev. Kevin Thomas led them and 15 other couples in a renewal of wedding vows. The other couples and length of their marriages: John and Marilou Drenwink, 45; Jerry and Pat Goecke, 45; Tom and Sue Luman, 45; Ed and Joan Zarnemski, 45; Bruce and Georgia Clark, 40; Dan and Rosanna Wright, 40; David and Roberta DuMont, 40; Dale and Cecilia Hartsock, 40; Paul and Mary Grandahl, 35; Tim and Diane Mann, 35; Steve and Maureen Harris, 30; Mark and Rose Bublitz, 25; Ken and Lisa Demers, 25; John and Marcia Miller, 25.

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 Services held at: Saint Andrews Episcopal Church
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For Information regarding this Directory, please call Sue Sare at 248-437-2011 ext. 247 or e-mail: ssare@hometownlife.com

Mich. State Police: Reduce chances of a break-in at your home

Home break-ins can never be prevented entirely, but there's a lot you can do to reduce your likelihood of becoming a victim.

Good locks, simple precautions, neighborhood awareness, and common sense can help prevent most property crimes, according to the Michigan State Police.

MSP officials urge that you:

- » Install and use good deadbolt locks in your doors (about half of all burglars enter through unlocked doors and windows).
- » Secure sliding glass doors with locks or a rigid wooden dowel wedged in the track.
- » Lock double-hung windows by sliding a bolt or nail into a hole drilled at a downward angle through the top of each sash and into the frame.

For outside your home, MSP officials say:

- » Trim back shrubbery hiding doors or windows. Cut back tree limbs that could help a thief climb to second story windows.
- » Make sure all porches, entrances, and yards are well lighted.
- » Maintain the neighborhood. Dark alleys, litter, and rundown areas attract criminals.

There are also some other common sense tips:

- » Do not hide house keys in mail boxes, planters, or under doormats.
- » Do not put personal identification on key rings.
- » Leave only your ignition key with mechanics or parking attendants.
- » If you lose the keys to your home or move into a new



home, change the locks immediately.

- » In answering your door:
 - » Install a peephole or viewer in all entry doors so you can see who is outside without opening the door.
 - » Do not trust door chains. They can be easily broken.
 - » Don't open the door to anyone you don't know. Insist service personnel verify their identity before allowing them in.

- » If you're going away:
 - » Make your home appear occupied when you go out.
 - » Leave lights on and the radio playing.
 - » Keep your garage door closed and locked.
 - » Use timing devices to turn inside lights on and off.
 - » If you will be gone several

days, arrange to have the mail and papers stopped or picked up. Half of all home burglaries occur during the day when alert neighbors could spot and report the thieves.

MSP officials share these 10 things people can do to improve their neighborhoods:

- » Work with public agencies and other neighborhood-based or community-wide organizations, on solving common problems. Don't be shy about letting them know what your community needs.

Make sure that all the youth in the neighborhood have positive ways to spend their spare time, through organized recreation, tutoring programs, part-time work, and volunteer opportunities.

REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

Homebuyer Workshop

Ted Lyons of Forum Mortgage will present a free workshop 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 7, at Country Ridge Realty, 21005 Farmington Road. Seating is limited. Reserve a seat by calling Audrey at 248-345-1268. First-time buyers, those "moving up" and investors are welcome.

Short sales

If you owe more than what your house is worth, you may be interested in a free informational seminar on short sale procedures.

Bonnie David, broker/owner of Quantum Real Estate, is the presenter. It will be 6-7 p.m. each Thursday at 120 N. Lafayette, downtown South Lyon.

Please call the office at 248-782-7130 or email jane.quantum@gmail.com for your reservation or additional information.

Investors

The Real Estate Investors Association of Wayne will have an open forum. Investors will answer questions and offer a market update. Meetings are

at 6-9 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at the Red Lobster on Eureka in Southgate.

Members are free, guests \$20, which will be applied to their membership. The May speaker will be Stephen M. Guerra, a partner at Makower Abbate.

For more information call Bill Berman at 734-934-9091 or Wayne Koehler at 313-819-0919.

Heed ruling of N.M. court on common area

Q: Live in a remote subdivision that includes a common outdoor recreation area. The HOA is responsible for maintaining all "common easements" defined to include all roads within the subdivision, including a road that serves my area. However, the HOA voted to amend the documents to redefine common easements to include only those roads that served the common outdoor recreation areas which excluded my road which meant that I am still obligated to pay common assessments for the other roads, but have to bear the cost of maintaining my road. Is this fair; what do you think?

A: In a similar factual setting, the Supreme Court of New Mexico took the position that a claim of non-uniformity of the covenant was not valid in that the complainant in that case was claiming that the covenant was not uniform in effect, rather than not being uniform on its face. The court reasoned that it was uniform because the covenant applied to every lot in the subdivision just as it had before. The court declined to extend the law to cover claims of non-uniform effects. In fact, your lawyer will have to be very cautious about making this argument, but should also claim that the amendment is unreasonable.

Q: We live next to a land fill with the odor. Do we have an action for trespass, by of example?

A: If it depends on the state in which you are involved. In a recent case out of South Carolina, the court there indicated that it adheres to the traditional trespass rule that requires an invasion by a physical, tangible thing. Accordingly, the impact from odors, because they do not interfere with possession, cannot give rise to a trespass claim. Some courts, on the other hand, have taken the position that they must apply a substantiality to the case of invasions by apparently intangible things, but which can be conceptualized as consisting of microscopic particles. However, the court in South Carolina explained that such a rule risked blurring the distinction between trespass and nuisance, particularly because a substantiality requirement was already present in nuisance determinations. The court also indicated that because both trespass and nuisance claims pertain to interference with property interests, damages are recoverable only for injury to property. And, the court stated, the value for permanent trespass or nuisance. You are best to consult with an attorney regarding your situation.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of "Condo Living 2: An Attorney's Guide to Buying, Selling and Operating a Condominium." It is available for \$24.95, plus \$5.55 for tax, shipping and handling. "Condo Living 2" is available both print and e-book editions. The e-book is available for download through iTunes, Amazon.com, and BarnesandNoble.com. He is also the author of "Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track," second edition. It is available for \$9.95, plus \$2.20 for tax, shipping and handling. Call 248-644-4473 or write@meisner-law.com. This column should not be construed as legal advice.



Robert Meisner

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Jan. 6-10, 2014, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

CANTON	
47579 Ashford Dr S	\$355,000
46382 Briarfield Dr	\$230,000
2552 Brookridge St	\$165,000
300 Cherry Stone Dr	\$120,000
404 Cherry Stone Dr	\$253,000
47583 Creeks Bend	\$194,000
51248 Federal Blvd	\$87,000
51362 Federal Blvd	\$81,000
46975 Larchmont Dr	\$270,000
216 N Village Way	\$164,000
1404 Ranier Blvd	\$176,000
45175 Cherryton Rd	\$162,000
43572 Savannah Dr	\$320,000

44411 Westminster Way	\$199,000
GARDEN CITY	
21520 Cambridge St	\$67,000
LIVONIA	
36914 Ann Arbor Trl	\$75,000
17671 Bell Creek Ln	\$263,000
38268 Bloomfield Dr	\$183,000
20250 Brentwood St	\$112,000
9415 Cardwell St	\$98,000
31826 Delaware St	\$100,000
16256 Delwood Dr	\$190,000
30057 Fairfax St	\$87,000
18661 Inkster Rd	\$92,000
9211 Lamont St	\$98,000
38124 Mallory Dr	\$345,000
19545 Shadydale St	\$360,000
19593 Stamford Dr	\$255,000
28500 Sunnydale St	\$191,000
18270 University Park Dr	\$151,000
NORTHVILLE	
153 Fairbrook St	\$310,000

46065 Fonner Rd	\$380,000
47855 Forest Ct	\$425,000
19731 Hayes Ct	\$119,000
401 W Dunlap St	\$460,000
41505 Wheatley Dr	\$366,000
PLYMOUTH	
46511 Bettighill	\$610,000
770 Deer St	\$116,000
2115 E Ann Arbor Trl	\$100,000
50500 Elmwood Ct	\$350,000
50591 Elmwood Ct	\$400,000
41813 Lindsey Dr	\$218,000
41202 Marlin St	\$208,000
46850 N Territorial Rd	\$815,000
41366 W Mills Dr	\$340,000
12030 Woodgate Dr	\$137,000
REDFORD	
18315 Bayview	\$53,000
17710 Denby	\$155,000
18238 Birch	\$50,000
17746 Kinloch	\$23,000

16925 Norborne	\$52,000
19773 Sumner	\$56,000
24601 W Chicago	\$17,000
26254 W Chicago	\$63,000
WAYNE	
32480 John St	\$40,000
3248 Laura St	\$46,000
WESTLAND	
1160 Abbey Ct	\$191,000
3701 Annhurst Dr	\$95,000
3463 Schuman St	\$105,000
38502 Deer Creek Blvd	\$97,000
435 Filbert St	\$93,000
33693 Glen St	\$98,000
35460 Glenview St	\$82,000
1848 Huntington St	\$32,000
1762 Leslie St	\$69,000
7559 Maple St	\$227,000
1545 S Elm St	\$226,000
38315 Warren Rd	\$226,000

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Dec. 9-13, 2013, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

BEVERLY HILLS	
16219 196th St	\$190,000
30760 Vernon Dr	\$480,000
BIRMINGHAM	
684 Bird Ave	\$370,000
1431 Cole St	\$507,000
1564 Cole St	\$182,000
2655 E Maple Rd # 9	\$46,000
1696 Hazel St	\$240,000
1893 Humphrey Ave	\$215,000
500 Lewis Ct	\$580,000
11150 Linnhurst St	\$91,000
9511 N Adams Rd	\$145,000
850 N Adams Rd Unit 2	\$91,000
475 S Adams Rd # 10	\$85,000
2020 Yorkshire Rd	\$165,000
BLOOMFIELD HILLS	
236 Wendy Ln	\$350,000
3020 Betty Ross Dr	\$317,000
862 E Hickory Grove Rd	\$133,000
3300 Kingsley Rd	\$395,000
1212 Rugby Cir	\$284,000
764 Satterlee Rd	\$332,000
2656 Sudbury Way	\$63,000
431 Wilshire Dr	\$718,000
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP	
765 Briar Hill Ln	\$420,000
344 Concord Pl	\$80,000

340 Concord Pl # 2	\$58,000
2110 Eagle Pointe	\$203,000
220 Haddell Dr	\$405,000
56124 Hickory Ln	\$345,000
4642 Ranch Ln	\$420,000
309 S Glengarry Rd	\$248,000
702 Saint Auburn Dr	\$290,000
3836 South Blvd	\$165,000
4807 Tully Rd	\$379,000
529 Westbourne Dr	\$355,000
COMMERCIAL TOWNSHIP	
4351 Bluebird Dr	\$260,000
4694 Lancaster Rd	\$363,000
5370 Plantation Dr	\$370,000
3816 Ranya Rd	\$338,000
3069 Royal Blvd	\$149,000
4807 Tully Rd	\$178,000
23177 Hawthorne St	\$101,000
33129 Orchard St	\$60,000
22628 Power Rd	\$178,000
36502 Sacyrd Rd	\$225,000
FARMINGTON HILLS	
37747 Amber Dr	\$230,000
22040 Arbor Ln	\$225,000
32872 Herdloom Rd	\$230,000
27920 Berrywood Ln Unit 34	\$75,000
22730 Camille Ct	\$258,000
27955 Copper Creek Ln	\$385,000
29278 Earl Ln	\$555,000
37613 Glengrove Dr	\$282,000
21615 Hancock St	\$55,000
33672 Herdloom Rd	\$170,000
22247 N Brandon St	\$113,000
21425 Randall St	\$115,000
33529 Rhinowood St	\$120,000
31560 Rocky Creek	\$150,000

26500 Rose Hill Dr	\$230,000
26101 Springland St	\$230,000
35451 Valley Crk	\$287,000
36700 W 11 Mile Rd	\$240,000
30556 W 12 Mile Rd Unit 84	\$46,000
28420 W 8 Mile Rd # 2a2	\$21,000
35221 Woodlake	\$300,000
LATHRUP VILLAGE	
17561 Coral Gables Ave	\$185,000
28625 Sunset Blvd W	\$137,000
1097 Paddock Dr	\$172,000
413 Abbey Ln	\$172,000
61279 Saddlecreek Dr	\$125,000
3707 Delrose St	\$155,000
71070 Glen Dr	\$272,000
FARMINGTON	
27030 Belmore Ln	\$427,000
29133 Candlewood Ln	\$210,000
30783 Everett St	\$51,000
21620 Frazer Ave	\$289,000
26474 Ilesworth Pt	\$133,000
23220 Ivanhoe Ln	\$175,000
19990 Lahar Rd	\$166,000
2494 Louisa St	\$138,000
21101 Magnolia Pkwy	\$104,000
17248 Mount Vernon St	\$113,000
23099 Plumbrook Dr	\$100,000
30959 Rumbling Rd	\$100,000
WHITE LAKE	
8819 Newport Rd	\$284,000
10690 Oakwood Hts	\$218,000
1263 Round Lake Rd	\$142,000
254 Serra Dr	\$143,000
1282 Union Lake Rd	\$303,000
8738 Williamsport Dr	\$274,000
44411 Willow Ln	\$192,000

