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CLOSER TO HOME

Cancer center, local Relays forge strong partnership in Plymouth-Canton community

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

On nice days, 76-year-old Rosalie Dalton of Canton could walk, if she chose, to get the chemotherapy treatment for the lung cancer with which she was diagnosed back in September 2010.

She doesn't usually walk — on this day, she drove over from her job as an instructor at the local Curves fitness center — but the fact she could hoof it to the St. Joseph Mercy Cancer Center in Canton is one of the things she likes best about being treated there.

Having the center right in her neighborhood, instead of having to go to the hospital's Ypsilanti location, is one of the pluses the cancer center's patients benefit from.

"It's wonderful ... it's less than five minutes from home," Dalton said. "This is a beautiful facility here. They make you feel like you're part of their family."

That's exactly what St. Joe's officials had in mind when they opened the center in 2010. Doctors had been hearing for a while that people in the community were tired of driving to Ypsilanti, that Plymouth and Canton patients wished for something closer to home.

And for the five years since the center opened, it has had something of a natural partner in the Canton Relay for Life, one of the American Cancer Society's largest fundraisers in the state, and in the smaller, but equally significant, Plymouth Relay for Life.

Strong partners

The Canton relay is held

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Jill Penna celebrates her last round of chemotherapy, part of her battle against breast cancer. BILL BRESLER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Home invasion case heads to trial

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

A Canton home invasion defendant, who police say was nabbed at the scene after a teenage brother and sister hid in a closet and called for help, was ordered Friday to stand trial in Wayne County Circuit Court.



Michael Steven Toth, a 28-year-old Garden City man charged in three Canton incidents, could face 20 years in prison if he is convicted of multiple charges including first- and second-degree home invasion, possession of burglary tools and larceny in a building.

Toth, appearing Friday for a preliminary examination he waived in 35th District Court, told Judge Michael Gerou he formerly served in the U.S. Marine Corps. He is unemployed and lives in Garden City with his girlfriend and their child.

Canton police say Toth was spotted climbing out a second-story window after a Canton boy, 17, and his sister, 16, hid in a closet and called 9-1-1 for help when they heard loud noises as an intruder used tools to break into a home on Emerald Pines Drive, near Palmer and Lotz.

Toth was accused of trying to leave the home with jewelry and jewelry boxes. Canton Deputy Police Chief Debra Newsome has said. He was arrested the morning of April 21 and later charged with three home invasions amid an ongoing investigation.

In court Friday, defense attorney Ronnie Strong asked Gerou for a bond reduction. In all, Toth would have to post \$150,000 for his release, or 10 percent of three separate bonds totaling \$1.5 million.

Strong said Toth hadn't been in serious trouble before.

"There's no reason to be lieve, your honor; that he would

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ROLLING ALONG

Firefighters put Canton boy on special wheels

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

When Gavin Lumetta was a young boy, he enjoyed riding in the child's seat of his dad's bike.

As he got older, Gavin — born with cerebral palsy — no longer fit in the seat and the Canton family hasn't been able to enjoy the pleasure of a long bike ride.

In an effort to restore Gavin's favorite activity, the family spent two years entering a contest, "The Great Bike Giveaway," in an effort to win Gavin a special therapeutic bike, called the "Buddy Bike."

The contest is responsible for donating several therapeutic bikes a year for children with special needs. But the drawing provided no joy to the family.

Enter the Canton Firefighters' Charity Foundation. The foundation stepped up



Canton firefighters present Gavin Lumetta (in the front with his family, Matt, Emily and Michelle) with his new Buddy Bike. The Canton Firefighters' Charity Foundation purchased the bike for Gavin. TOM BEAUDOIN

and, partnering with Canton-based bike shop Two Wheel Tango, purchased the bike for Gavin. They delivered it to the family last Sunday. While it isn't the usual kind of thing the foundation funds, firefighters were happy to do it.

"When they didn't win, we decided to get him the bike," said Greg Hunter, the foundation's vice president. "We're trying to do more. We have a couple of charity events and we have a little extra money. There's no point keeping it in the bank."

The wife of Canton firefighter Tom Muller works with Gavin's father, Matt Lu-

metta. Muller received a link to the website to vote for Gavin from his wife. When he voted for Gavin, he forwarded the link to all his contacts, which included several firefighters, who also voted for Gavin.

When word got out that Gavin unfortunately did not win his bike again, the foundation's board said it would like to purchase Gavin his special bike in time for the summer.

After contacting Two Wheel Tango, which Muller said was "very instrumental in obtaining the bike," owners of the

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Volunteers sorted some 35,000 pounds of donated food in last year's Postal Carrier Food Drive.

Annual Postal Carrier Food Drive benefits Salvation Army pantry

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

Barb Mitchell has heard the statistics that say for many children, the meals they eat while at school are the best, if not the only, meals they get all day.

And she knows those meals go away during the summer, once kids are out of

school. That's why Mitchell, representing the Plymouth Post Office, is so anxious to help organize the 2014 Postal Carrier Food Drive to benefit the Plymouth Salvation Army's food pantry.

The 22nd annual collection takes place Saturday,

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shop obtained the bike and assembled it.

Matt Lumetta said the family couldn't believe the generosity.

"We were shocked and just overwhelmed with appreciation and gratitude that a bunch of guys who don't know my son, but know we were trying hard to get this bike, decided to take on the task of putting it together," he said.

Lumetta said his son, who he described as "a little shy," was "overwhelmed by the whole

experience," but that he loved being at the fire station and around all the firefighters and equipment.

"He had a great time," Lumetta said. "The best part was when we got the bike back home, we tried it out right away. He was a little apprehensive at first.

But once we got him on it, he started making fire engine sounds as we were riding.

"We got him on the bike and he was making fire engine sounds the whole time."

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Canton firefighters (from left) Louis Carney, Jamie Strassner and Shaun Skelly enjoy lunch provided by the Lumetta family. TOM BEAUDON

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not show up (for court)," Strong told Gerou.

Canton Detective Kathryn Kline told Gerou she objected to a reduction due to the severity of the allegations against Toth.

Gerou said he would refer the matter to pre-trial services for review.

Barring a plea deal in Wayne County Circuit Court, Toth faces trial for one count of first-degree home invasion, two counts of second-degree home invasion and three counts of possession of burglary tools and larceny in a building.

A not-guilty plea has been placed in his court file as he awaits the outcome of his case.

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DRIVE

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May 10, in both Plymouth and Canton. Postal carriers delivering the mail that day — along with dozens of off-duty carriers and other volunteers — will collect non-perishable food items left at the mailbox by local residents.

And, Mitchell pointed out, some of the folks who have traditionally donated to the pantry are now the ones needing its services.

"The need is even greater than ever," Mitchell said. "A lot of

carriers have their families come in and help, others come in on their day off and help. We all work together to get this done. If we don't take care of our own, who's going to take care of them?"

Monique Shorter, one of the coordinators at the Canton Post Office, said volunteering for this kind of event "has a positive effect on the community."

"Helping someone in their time of need is the greatest thing you could ever do," Shorter said. "We enjoy helping others who are in need. You never know, you or someone else might need help, as well."

The Plymouth Salvation Army food pantry serves the needy in Plymouth, Canton, Northville and Belleville. Officials there say the struggling economy continues to affect those who have lost jobs and homes and have struggled to make ends meet.

A startling trend is the increase in calls from seniors, couples without children and single adults in Plymouth and Canton.

"This is our main food-raiser for the year and sets the tone for the balance of the year," said Laurie Aren, director of family and community outreach for the Plymouth Salvation

Army. "Our food pantry remains 90-percent donor-driven."

Residents can put non-perishable food items in bags and leave them by the mailboxes Saturday morning. Carriers prefer plastic to glass bottles.

Donors who don't want to wait for the carriers can also drop food off at The Salvation Army during the week, as well as Saturday, May 10, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The food drive delivers thousands of pounds of donations every year.

Since 2006, the drive has produced nearly 145,000 pounds of food in Canton and another 118,000 pounds in Ply-

mouth.

All food collected stays in the local area. Because state and federal funding for utility assistance has been greatly reduced, Aren said, the Salvation Army can help with food "easily and quickly," allowing folks to use money previously used for food to pay utilities.

"If our food pantry is full, we can re-allocate our spending, too," Aren said. "We have more funds for rent, utilities, school supplies, coats, Thanksgiving, Christmas and emergency services."

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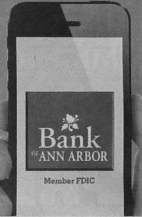
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A story in Thursday's paper with the headline "Military support groups host activities in May" should have said volunteers will collect food and financial donations May 10 at Kroger stores in Livonia, 39935 Five Mile Road; Northville, 17447 Haggerty Road; Plymouth, 44525 Ann Arbor Road; and Westland, 36430 Ford Road.

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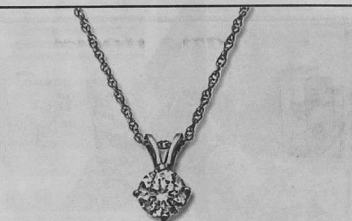
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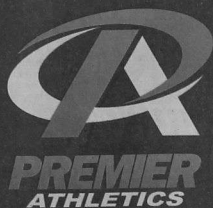
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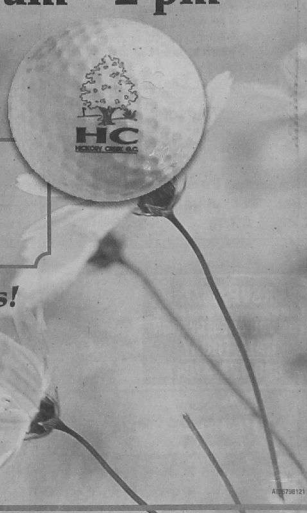
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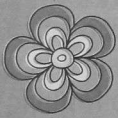
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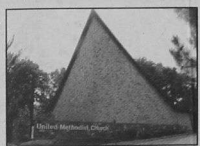
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Teachers chosen as summer scholars

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

Only 80 teachers from around the country have been chosen by the National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Scholars.

Two of them are from Plymouth-Canton.

Canton High School teacher Michele Smiley and Pioneer Middle School teacher Jennifer Reid-Lamb will attend two of the 17 NEH Landmarks of American History and Culture workshops. Smiley will attend her workshop in August, while Reid-Lamb is headed to the July workshop. The workshops are conducted at The Henry Ford in Dearborn.

Smiley, who has taught in the district for more than 20 years, including more than 10 at Canton High School, said in her application she "never gets tired of learning about my subject area."

"I became a history teacher because I love history and its application to the world of today," Smiley said. "The more I teach and the more I learn, the more I realize there is so much more to know. I consider myself a life-long learner and always strive to improve myself as a teacher of the young because they deserve everything I could possibly offer them."

Smiley currently teaches American history to 10th-graders. Her curriculum starts at the Industrial Revolution of the mid- to late 1800s and continues to the present day. She told the committee in her letter she's been teaching this part of American history for the last 12 years, but found "that the particular topic being offered is one in which I have a few weaknesses."

She told of a recent visit to The Henry Ford with her exchange student/daughter from France. They chose to visit the museum as her engineer father was in the U.S. visiting and was very interested in the engineering history of the Industrial Revolution.

"As I toured the museum, I realized I had never really spent much time on



Pioneer Middle School teacher Jennifer Reid-Lamb has been chosen as a National Endowment for the Humanities summer scholar.

the topic of the industrial revolution," she said. "I would like to have the opportunity to improve my knowledge and my ability in this area for the students I serve. I am particularly interested in the cultural effect on women, minorities, immigrants and the poor."

Reid-Lamb, meanwhile, has been teaching for 16 years, the last 14 in Plymouth-Canton schools. She said she was "very interested in taking part in the summer scholar program" for several reasons. Largely, she said, the NEH summer scholar program is a chance to increase her content knowledge and classroom lessons.

Reid-Lamb said she's "very excited" to have the opportunity to attend. "My goal is always to be a better teacher," Reid-Lamb said. "Working with other professionals in the field and historians improves my content knowledge and my historical thinking. I want to share what I know with my students, spread my love of history to them and do so in the best way possible. By spending time in the summer



Canton High School teacher Michele Smiley goes over notes with her American history class.

working on my craft, I know my students will benefit from the knowledge and experiences I gain."

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Foundation hosts annual golf outing

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

The Educational Excellence Foundation of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools will hold its EEF Golf Open Wednesday, June 18, at The Golden Fox at Fox Hills.

"It's just a fun day," said event chair Sharon Belobraidich, a Plymouth Township resident. "We get school teams, we get administrators. If it's a nice day, we have so much fun."

Sponsors at a number of levels and golfers are being sought for the benefit outing. Organizers note that over the past 10 years, participants have helped to raise more than \$275,000 for the school district.

The day will feature hole-in-one, closest to the pin and longest drive contests, as well as a cash raffle. Community Financial Credit Union is the event sponsor.

The schedule that day will be 6-7:15 a.m. registration and continental breakfast, 7:30 a.m. shotgun start (hot dog, chips and pop at the turn) and 1 p.m. lunch and awards.

"Lunch is beautiful, lunch is wonderful," said Belobraidich, a retired teacher who spent 39 of her 40 years teaching in Plymouth-Canton. She retired in 2002.

She recalled the current event's precursor, the Hoben-Hoedel Open. "They gave teachers a half-day off to play golf," for the older event, she said.

Current organizers aim for 144 golfers at Fox Hills. Those who wish to sponsor are encouraged to contact Carole Kody, its executive director, at 734-416-2178.

"Whatever anybody wants to volunteer, we take," Belobraidich said. Some businesses sponsor a school team.

Proceeds will support the Summer Academies and Innovative Classroom Enhancement Grants. The EEF boosts teaching and learning in the Plymouth-Canton district.

The website is www.EEFforKids.org. The EEF is also on Facebook at Plymouth-Canton Educational Excellence Foundation-EEF.

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Driver gets probation for backing car into crowd, injuring two

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

A Canton man has been placed on probation for backing a car toward a crowd and injuring two people after a dispute escalated outside the Shell gas station near Michigan Avenue and Lotz.

Jesse James Winchester, 20, has received a three-year probation sentence after he pleaded guilty to two counts of assault with a dangerous weapon, failing to stop at the scene of a personal injury accident and assault and battery, a Wayne County Circuit



Winchester

Court clerk said Winchester was charged on Tuesday. Winchester could keep the charges off his record, however, if he stays out of trouble and obeys a laundry list of orders imposed during his April 23 sentencing by Judge Cynthia Gray Hathaway. He was given the opportunity to keep his record clean through the Holmes Youthful Trainee Act, a law that applies to first-time offenders who are 17-21 years old. He could have

faced four years in prison. Winchester was charged for an incident last December, when Canton police say he got into an argument after someone in a crowd of people had a conversation with a woman—the mother of his child—who was with him at the Shell station.

Detective Sgt. Chad Baugh has said Winchester was accused of getting into a vehicle and driving in reverse toward the crowd, causing minor injuries to two people before fleeing the scene.

Winchester's guilty

plea allowed a trial that had been scheduled to begin in April in Judge Hathaway's courtroom. He had earlier maintained his innocence and indicated he was fearful for his safety and that of his female companion when the incident occurred.

The incident happened in early December, but Baugh said an arrest wasn't made until Christmas Eve, when Canton police went to Winchester's residence to investigate an unrelated matter.

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Anti-bullying talk raises Rotarians at Livonia meeting

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Rudy Lawson, who introduces himself as an "EDUtrainer," knows about bullying first-hand. "I was bullied in my household by my father," said Lawson, who now visits many schools, churches and other forums to share his "Mr. Rudy" message of self-esteem and anti-bullying. "The younger we reach them, the better."

The Detroit resident visited the Livonia A.M. Rotary on Wednesday to share his message. "Can we all just get along?" the African American Lawson asked his mainly white Livonia audience. "I got that from Rodney King."

The speaker touched on the recent controversy with Los Angeles Clippers owner Donald Sterling's racist comments. "They can snap back from the bullying or any negatives in their life," said Lawson, who also shared a clip from the movie *The Help* showing a black housekeeper sharing a positive self-esteem message with her white toddler charge.

"I say preschool through prison," he said of sharing his message, noting it's especially vital in the African American community. "A lot of them are talking basketball, celebrities, rappers," he added of the young people he meets. Lawson shared a message he received from a woman, 22, doing her student teaching who'd heard his presentation in second grade. She now wanted to use his teachings in her classroom and thanked him.

"All ages need to feel good about themselves," he said. "That's what's going to change the world."

He uses "multi-sensory learning" including music, linguistics, movement and more. Lawson got the Rotarians moving with a song with movement that had a refrain, "I am smart, I am successful and I can be anything I choose to be."

The children who hear that from him learn they can be a doctor, nurse, dentist or whatever they want.

"Have respect for yourself. You'll have respect for others," added Lawson, a member of Warren Rotary who earned a B.A. in commu-



Rudy Lawson, a Warren Rotarian, has been encouraged by Rotary leaders to bring his message to urban schools. He spoke to Livonia A.M. Rotary. JULIE BROWN

nication/education from Western Michigan University. He also touched on Rotary's 4-Way Test of the things we think, say or do, tipping his hat to Herbert J. Taylor, its originator, who found it benefited his business and personal life.

"They wanted Rotary to be more visible in the urban communities," he said of his being asked by Rotarians to visit city schools.

The 4-Way Test focuses on truth, fairness, building goodwill and being beneficial to all.

Lawson is a former member of the Council for Performing Arts for Children, the Performing Arts Attractions and was an artist in residence with the United Arts Council of Calhoun County. He was also an artist in residence with the Wolfrap Institute for Early Learning Through the Arts.

Lawson and Bill Friske, immediate past president of the Livonia A.M. Rotary, met at a training session for incoming club presidents.

"He's so passionate about this," said Friske, a Plymouth resident. "I thought it was fantastic. He takes you out of your comfort zone."

Friske noted his club includes a Livonia Public Schools school board member and an administrator and the club plans to bring Lawson's message to LPS students.

Friske's brother, only eight months from him in age, was bullied badly growing up. "He got so violently beat up," Friske said. "Huge kids would jump on him and pound him. You feel helpless."

Friske noted his fine now, but took into his 30s to become so, Friske said. "He's in a great marriage with great kids."

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Man facing trial on charges he sexually accosted two women

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

A 20-year-old Romulus man was ordered Friday to stay away from two women he is accused of sexually accosting at the J.C. Penney and Kohl's stores along Canton's prime Ford Road shopping corridor.

Christopher Neil Knight, released from jail after he posted \$7,500 toward a \$75,000 bond, was warned by 35th District Judge Michael Gerou not to have any firearms and to undergo regular testing to ensure he is avoiding alcohol and drugs.

Gerou's warning came Friday as Knight waived his preliminary



Knight

examination and was ordered to stand trial in Wayne County Circuit Court—barring a plea deal—on two counts of fourth-degree criminal sexual conduct.

Knight could face penalties ranging up to two years in prison if he is convicted as charged. He has been placed on a GPS tether to ensure he stays away from the women. He also has been ordered by Gerou not to have any firearms and to undergo regular testing to ensure he is avoiding alcohol and drugs.

Knight was arrested April 20 amid reports he sexually accosted one female worker inside the J.C. Penney store on Ford east of Sheldon and then another woman who was walking to her car outside the Kohl's store just west of Sheldon, Canton police have said.

Knight was warned by Gerou to stay away from those locations.

Chief Debra Newsome has said the first incident happened about 12:30 p.m. Sunday, April 20, when a man grabbed a woman's buttocks in the J.C. Penney store and pushed her before he fled the store.

Within an hour, the

same man was accused of accosting the second woman near the Kohl's store.

Newsome said Canton police made an arrest after the man returned to the J.C. Penney store, where he was seen by employees who immediately notified authorities and helped them nab the suspect. Newsome said the suspect struggled with workers before his arrest.

A not-guilty plea has been placed in Knight's court file as he awaits the outcome of his case in Wayne County Circuit Court.

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Westland nurse wins poster competition

Nurse Jan Cecil, a 34-year veteran member of the staff in Botsford Hospital's New Beginnings Maternity Center, has received first place in Midwest Nursing

Research Society's 2014 Student Poster Competition at the master's level. She received the honor at the MNRS annual conference in March.

The Westland resident's submission—"Does Nurse Handoff at the Bedside Promote Accountability and Increase Nurse Satisfaction?"—was abstracted

from a quality improvement project she did while a graduate student in the master of science in nursing program at Eastern Michigan University. She received her master's degree in December.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

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The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a proposal for **TECHNOLOGY - PORTABLE DEVICE CASES**. Specifications of the Request for Proposals (RFP) are available by contacting Elson Liu, Director of Integrated Technology Systems, Plymouth-Canton Community Schools at tdirector@pcsk12.com or (734) 416-7827. Technical questions should also be directed to brodie.killian@pcsk12.com. Sealed proposals are due to the PCS - Educational Center located on 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth, MI on or before **1 P.M., FRIDAY, MAY 9, 2014**. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

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The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a proposal for **Asbestos Abatement - West Middle School, Gym Floor**. Specifications of the Request for Proposals (RFP) are available by contacting Tiffany Brinda, Purchasing and General Manager, Plymouth-Canton Community Schools at tbrinda@pcsk12.com or (734) 416-2975. Technical questions should also be directed to Brodie Killian, Deputy Superintendent of Business & Operations at brodie.killian@pcsk12.com or (734) 416-2700. Sealed proposals are due to the PCS - Educational Center located on 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth, MI on or before **2:00 p.m., Thursday, May 15, 2014**. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

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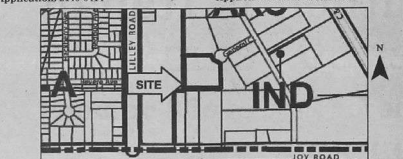
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PROPOSED ACTION: Request Approval for SPECIAL LAND USE
DATE OF HEARING: Wednesday, May 21, 2014
TIME OF HEARING: 7:00 PM
PLACE OF HEARING: Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Hagertry Road
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of Plymouth Charter Township has received an application requesting SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVAL for a fitness center in the Industrial District (IND), on Tax ID R-78-062-01-0096-000, pursuant to Zoning Ordinance No. 99, Section 19.2. The property is located South of Ann Arbor Road, West of General Court, and North of Joy Road.

The property is located at 9145 General Court
Applicant: Matthew McIntosh



LEGAL DESCRIPTION: for parcel descriptions, see tax records based on Tax ID no. (s): R-78-062-01-0096-000.
The application may be examined at the Plymouth Township Division of Public Services, Community Development Department, during regular business hours from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM. Written comments will be received prior to the meeting and may be mailed to 9955 N. Hagertry Road, Plymouth, MI 48170 or call 734-354-3270 extension 5. The meeting will be held in the meeting room at the Township Hall which is located at 9955 N. Hagertry Road, Plymouth, MI 48170.
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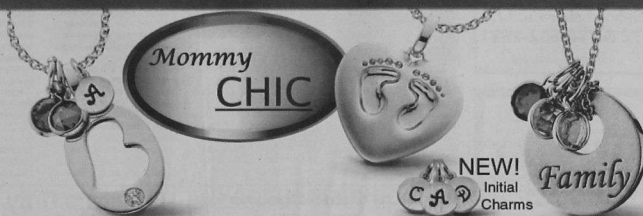


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Generations meet at John Glenn High School's USO-style dance to honor country's veterans

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

James Parks admits that his surviving the Korean War was because of the providence of God. The 88-year-old Livonia resident was the only survivor of his unit that had been sent to the Yalu River to check that it was all quiet.

"Thirty-two men were killed; they didn't know the Chinese had crossed the river into North Korea," Parks said. "I wasn't there. I'd been assigned elsewhere."

Parks served in both World War II and the Korean War, due in part to his re-enlisting each of the four times he was discharged. He had a good reason for doing that. The government wouldn't allow him to bring his Japanese-born wife "Rose" home until 1950.

He was among the 13 men and women who were the guests of honor at the USO-style dance John Glenn High School staff and students recent-



Ruth Webb of Wayne, a "Rosie the Riveter" during World War II, attended the dance.

ly held to honor Korean War veterans and defense workers. The dance was a reprise of one held last year for World War II veterans, at which Parks also was a guest. He came dressed for that dance in his uniform and wore it again this year.

"This jacket is close to my heart," the Livonia resident said. "I wore this when I married my wife in 1946. I met her while I was in Japan."

History comes alive

The event was organized by history teacher Michele Anderson, whose students interviewed veterans and created oral histories that will be given to the Library of Congress. They also made posters, honoring the men and women who served during the "Forgotten War."

Anderson started doing the dance and interviews last year with the help of a humanities grant. Even before the last one had been played, she was thinking about doing the Korean War this year.

"This is about giving students the opportunity to meet first-hand what they heard about in history books," said Anderson, who was recently named Michigan History Teacher of the Year. "This was about bringing together two very different generations."

Anderson got help with the project from the social studies department, the music department and the JROTC.

The high school jazz band, under the direction of Scott Cramer, and Glenn Singers provided music for the evening, while the JROTC presented the colors for the ceremony. Students and staff in the William D. Ford Career Technical Center's culinary arts program helped serve desserts and drinks for guests.

Even dance instructor Terry Bee came dressed for the event, wearing a formal Air Force tuxedo. The Belleville resident teaches Baldwin dance classes at the school and spent 45 minutes helping more than 35 students



Sixty-eight year old James Parks leads his wife Sachiko "Rose" in a dance. He saw action in both World War II and Korea during his nine years in the service. PHOTOS BY TOM BEAL/JOHN

learn dances of the era for the event.

Dottie Witt of Westland came to the dance last year dressed as Rosie the Riveter. This year she came as a car hop, using black markers to transform her athletic shoes into saddle shoes and wearing a Detroit Street Railways conductor's coin changer around her waist.

Last year, she was there to honor the World War II veterans; this year, she was an honored guest like Parks.

"I thought there'd be a lot of poodle skirts, so I dressed as a car hop," said Witt, an Army corporal who served for two

years, traveling around the country to encourage men and women to enlist. "I was a recruitment tool. I played softball and tried to get more men and women to join. I worked until I got married and then I got out."

Witt was an outstanding ball player and was offered a professional contract with a women's league. She had to turn it down.

"I didn't tell anyone I was pregnant until the end of the ball season," she said. "I wanted to be in the Olympics. I was voted the MVP in the 3rd Army."

A real Rosie

Across the room was a real Rosie the Riveter, 93-year-old Ruth Webb of Wayne. She was 23 years old when she worked at the Willow Run Bomber Plant. She and her sister heard about the plant and decided to go there to see about a job.

"They talked to us and we started work the next day," she said. "I worked eight hours a day riveting on the side of the plane. I worked there until the plant closed in 1945."

In addition to the festivities inside the school cafeteria, students also created posters, honoring veterans and defense workers and as propaganda pieces for the war.

The boards lined the hallway and were like a roll call of residents who served in the military — men like Robert "Curly" Smith, who helped run patrols along the 38th parallel during his two years in the Army, and Gerry Peacock, who served in the Navy from 1950-53 and was assigned to an attack cargo ship, the U.S.S. Libra.

"This is one of those events that's all about education," John Glenn Principal David Ingham told the crowd. "Our students get to feel and see history face to face. This also is a small token to give back to you for your service. I know many of the veterans had a great time talking to the students. I hope this can continue to be an event at John Glenn High School. I hope everyone comes back and helps continue to honor all of our veterans."

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W-W Children's Drama Club presents 'Peter Pan JR.'

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

There will be no flying, but Wendy, Michael and John will still make it to Never Land when the Wayne-Westland Children's Drama Club takes the stage Thursday and Friday, May 8-9, at Wayne Memorial High School's Stockmeyer Auditorium on to present *Peter Pan JR.*

Students from six Wayne-Westland elementary and middle schools are involved in the production, including the younger sister of Emily Blair, who asked her kindergarten teacher to do a play.

"I've always done plays in my kindergarten classes," Anne McKolay said. "It was Emily's last year at Schweitzer and she asked if I'd do *Wizard of Oz*. Her mom Jenny is co-founder of the

club." "I wasn't surprised she did it," Jenny Blair said. "She's the one person I know who could make it happen."

McKolay selected the play in January and has been working with a cast of 55 students, who have been rehearsing on the stage at Adams Upper Elementary School. She had thought about doing *Beauty and the Beast* this year, but changed to *Peter Pan Jr.* "because of the music."

"It had just come out. I listened to the music and I really liked it," she said.

True to the Disney film and J.M. Barrie's enchanting play, Disney's *Peter Pan Jr.* is a modern version of the timeless tale about a boy who wouldn't grow up. It includes such classic Disney songs as *Following the Leader*, *You Can*

Fly and The Second Star on the Right.

McKolay has gotten plenty of help with the production. Parent David Green made the sets for show and Leigh Goyings is serving as the musical and sound director.

"It's nice to have a musical director," McKolay said. "We've worked on the songs a lot and the dialogue. This is a Junior Broadway production. Because it's a junior play, it has a lot more dialogue."

She also has gotten help in dressing the cast with the help of Forever After Productions in Canton and Harland Community Players.

"They've been a huge help in costuming the entire cast," she said. "This is an unusually bigger cast and they've been a tremendous help. It was one less thing I had to worry about."



Even the technical crew at Wayne Memorial High School is helping out.

Having a small stage to rehearse on is a step up from previous years, when the cafeteria, hallways and IMC at Schweitzer were used. The production moves to Stockmeyer this week for one last rehearsal and a dress rehearsal before the first show at 6:30 p.m. Thursday.

Students did practice at Stockmeyer twice during spring break,

working with mics and on their blocking.

"It was their first time there and they were excited, but they settled down," she said.

"They're ready now." Blair said working on the production has been fun. It's the reason she keeps coming back, that and Emily's sister

Megan, who is playing Captain Hook.

"The day of the show, I get nervous," she said. "It's so much fun and so much work goes into it that there's no time to be

nervous."

With the drama club now including six schools — Franklin and Stevenson middle schools, Adams Upper Elementary, Schweitzer, Wildwood and Walker-Winter in Canton — McKolay is looking to take the club to the next level.

"Next year, I want to upgrade to the Wayne-Westland Children's Theater," she said.

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just a stone's throw from the cancer center in Heritage Park, a juxtaposition that makes the need evident. Hundreds of people affected by cancer — including survivors, family members and friends — are walking within yards of a center that benefits from the very money they're raising.

"The Canton Cancer Center, with its advanced treatment options, programs and services, and American Cancer Society Cancer Resource Center is a prime example of how the dollars raised by relayers are helping our loved ones right here in our community every day," said Abby Stonerook, the American Cancer Society partner who helps organize both the Plymouth and Canton relay events, as well as similar events in places like Westland, Garden City and Wayne. "The cancer center is a closer option for most of my constituents and provides not only treatment, but programs and services like 'Look Good Feel Better,' a program to teach women going through treatment how to combat the physical side effects of cancer and an in-house American Cancer Society Cancer Resource Center."

"The need for a cancer center closer to home is borne out by the patient listing: The center treats maybe 50 patients a day, with some 25-30 of those getting radiation treatment, according to radiation oncologist Dr. Salam Jafar.

"And when it decided to build it five years ago, St. Joe's decided to staff it with local residents, giving the center a real 'hometown' feel."

"Employees are from Plymouth and Canton ... We like that because they know more about the community," said Jafar, who has been with St. Joe's for 25 years. "It makes a big difference to the patients and their families. You're serving the community where 75 to 80 percent of the (cancer) patients have a curable (form of) cancer."

Mixed feelings

Jill Penna found a lump with a self-examination in August and was diagnosed with breast cancer in September. She's no stranger to cancer — her mom is a breast cancer survivor and her dad has been a cancer survivor for 33 years — but she still found it "shocking" to discover she had it.

"She thought she knew what she'd found but, since you don't feel it" at first, the initial diag-



St. Joseph Mercy radiation specialist Jennifer Mann of Plymouth runs the Rapid Arc linear accelerator, used for radiation therapy at the Canton cancer center. PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



The entrance to St. Joseph Mercy Canton Cancer Center.



Jane Kehrier of Plymouth talks about her battle with breast cancer.

nosis still came as a shock. She said the response of her physician, Dr. Tari Stull, helped.

"She's passionate and personal. ... It wasn't like she diagnosed me and then said, 'OK, who's next?'" said Penna, single mom to 12-year-old Emily and 11-year-old Kyle. "Her concern made me feel like I was the only one who had it."

Penna, who said it was an enormous help to have the center nearer to home, was at the cancer center recently for her final treatment. She hasn't missed a lot of work, though the treatments have been very tiring. And moving forward without cancer is

something of a question for her.

"I've been working and other than being a little tired, I've been OK," Penna said. "You hear horror stories about chemo, but it hasn't been that for me. (Being done) is mixed feelings. You're excited you're done, but you're like, 'Now what?' It scares you to think, 'What's next?'"

Technology stars

The star of the show at the cancer center is the Rapid Arc linear accelerator, a high-tech system that enables beams with varying intensity of radiation to deliver more precise treatment in a shorter

time. It's the kind of technology that experts say is revolutionizing the way cancer treatments are delivered.

"From when I first started, it has changed so much," said Plymouth resident Jennifer Mann, who has been a radiation therapist for 13 years. "We're able to deliver a higher dose to the actual tumor and we're seeing a higher cure rate."

In addition to its proximity to Plymouth and Canton patients, Mann said the cancer center has other attractions. For instance, there's a resource room stocked by the American Cancer Society with various information and an ACS volunteer staffing the room. The room is open to the public, not just to cancer patients.

WALKING FOR A CURE

What: Canton Relay for Life and Plymouth Relay for Life
Where: Heritage Park in Canton; Central Middle School in Plymouth
When: (Canton) 10 a.m. Saturday, May 17, to 10 a.m. Sunday, May 18; (Plymouth) 10 a.m. Saturday, June 21, to 10 a.m. Sunday, June 22

Why: One of the American Cancer Society's largest fundraisers in Michigan, with walkers and teams raising money over 24 hours to fight cancer

Information: www.relayforlife.org/cantonmi; www.relayforlife.org/plymouthmi

ter) is a real benefit, patient-wise."

Good examples

Jane Kehrier of Plymouth was at the Canton cancer center this week for her final radiation treatment to battle the breast cancer she discovered in August. She'd taken a bath one day and then was relaxing in her recliner and almost inadvertently discovered a lump. The next day, her gynecologist confirmed her deepest fear: breast cancer.

Kehrier had a lumpectomy and some nodes removed, then started chemotherapy treatments. She took a month off after 16 chemo sessions, then began radiation treatment.

As she processed the diagnosis, she thought of her mother, who died of cancer at the age of 75, and her brother, who died of cancer at the tender age of 27. She remembered the grace and dignity with which they both handled it and followed suit.

"I had two good examples of how to handle it," Kehrier said. "From the time I found the lump, I didn't have any bad feelings. I just knew I was going to be OK. I've been positive all my life. I just didn't have any bad feelings at all. I worried more about the people around me."

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LIVING WITH LUPUS

In most people's minds, having a diagnosis of Lupus means a tragedy has occurred. The thinking is that Lupus is a terrible disease that cripples people early in its course, and leads to an untimely death. There is an element of truth in that view, but a quick and terrible end is not the usual story.

There are a number of people with Lupus, treated with prednisone 5 mgm-10 mgm a day and Plaquenil 200 mgm-400 mgm a day, who work daily and raise a family. These people must use an uncommon amount of common sense in their daily lives, making sure to get 8 hours of rest a night, eating a nourishing diet, forgoing extra calories, exercising regularly, and staying out of the sun. In short, many people with Lupus can live long and useful lives with a small amount of medicine abetted by a large degree of discipline.

The problem for a person with Lupus is that taking such care while receiving such a potent drug, Lupus can flare, a person may take prednisone and plaquenil as prescribed, but can awake one day with an intense headache or a chest pain that worsens with deep breathing. The patient is experiencing a flare of Lupus, but why it occurred and how long it will last is unknown. At such times, the person may need an increase in steroids that changes both mind and body.

These unexpected flares are what sets Lupus aside from other rheumatologic conditions such as rheumatoid arthritis, scleroderma and Sjogren's Syndrome, all of which take a steady course either resolving or worsening slowly and in small ways.

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To all residents and other interested parties: Agendas and Minutes for the Charter Township of Plymouth Board of Trustees Meetings are available for review online at www.plymouthwp.org under Agendas/Minutes and in the Clerk's Office at Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Rd., Plymouth, MI.

Regular Meeting dates in 2014: May 13 & 27, June 17, July 22, August 19, September 9 & 23, October 7 & 21, November 18 and December 9.

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Nancy Conzelmann
Township Clerk

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PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY CALENDAR

CRAFTERS WANTED

Date/Time: Sept. 5-7
Location: Downtown Plymouth-Fish Festival
Details: The Plymouth Fall Festival has openings in the Craft Show. Applications are available on the Craft Show page at www.plymouthfestival.com...

HEARING SCREENINGS

Date/Time: Wednesday, May 21 1-4 p.m.
Location: Hug Center for Hearing
Hearing, 705 S. Main, Plymouth

Details: Hug Center for Hearing hosts an open house celebrating "May is Better Hearing and Speech Month." Free hearing screenings, free hearing aid consultations and demonstrations of the latest hearing technology...

FOURTH ART EXHIBIT

Date/Time: May 3-31; champagne and desserts reception 2-4 p.m. Sunday, May 11
Location: D&M Art Studio, Canton

Details: The fourth annual dolls Lillienbeck Art Exhibition takes place at D&M Art Studio. It features original artwork of women artists. The show opening is a finale to Canton's Acts of Culture Week 2014 (April 27 through May 3).

MUSEUM TEA PARTY

Date/Time: Sunday, May 4, 2 p.m.
Location: Plymouth Historical Museum, corner of Church and Main

Details: Welcome the coming of spring with the Friends of the Michigan Philharmonic (refreshments, speakers, prizes and surprises)...



Hitting the stage

Audience members share the spotlight with youth actors in the Spotlight on Youth production of "The Canterbury Tales" May 8-10 at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill, in Canton. The cast includes Kayleigh Belanger, Angela Belanger and Micah Belanger of Plymouth and Mary Benton, Joseph Kosman, Caryn Mastry, Carolyn Salata, Natalie Parkinson, Selena Vidovjević and Jordan Vidovjević of Canton.

Details: Kids and their dolls are invited to take a party at the Plymouth Historical Museum.

Children can dress up, choosing from an assortment of outfits with fancy gobos 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 Mothers 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 \$30 for one adult and one child; additional children's tickets can be purchased for \$18 each.

Contact: Tickets may be purchased at the Plymouth Historical Museum or at the museum's website using PayPal.

http://www.plymouthhistory.org/events/Hello-Dolls-2014

WELCOME SPRING

Date/Time: Thursday, May 8, 7-9 p.m.
Location: Plymouth Community Arts Council, 714 N. Sheldon, Plymouth

Details: Welcome the coming of spring with the Friends of the Michigan Philharmonic (refreshments, speakers, prizes and surprises)...

BLOOD DRIVES

Dates/Times/Locations:
Monday, May 12, 9 a.m. to 2:45 p.m., Webster, 1497 Pilot Drive, Plymouth

Friday, May 16, 16-45 p.m. Friday 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-

549-7053 or email Diane.Risko@redcross.org

FOOD PANTRY

Date/Time: Open every Tuesday, registration 2-3 p.m.
Location: Abundant Life Church of God, 2100 Hancock, 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 food distribution follows the raffles. The pantry services more than 100 families per week. Visitors will need a photo ID and proof of address.

Contact: For more information, contact Donna at 734-383-5658, Pastor Dan Smith at 734-664-5888 or the church at 734-622-7688.

TEEN DRUGS REPLY

Dates/Times: 7:8-30 p.m.
Location: Canton High School, 1011 and 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 14 (Part 2)

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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 how 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 Spitzberger, is coordinated and presented by Growth Works with supporting sponsors for this event including Dawn Farm, the Livingston/Washnaw Regional Coordinated School Health Program Advisory Team and Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.

Details: Join the Friends of Miller Woods for their annual wildflower walks through Miller Woods. Tours start on the half hour and last about 60 minutes. Dogs are not allowed and strollers are not recommended.

PAMPER YOURSELF

Date/Time: Wednesday, May 7, 7 p.m.
Location: SunFlowr Clubhouse, 45800 Hartford, Canton

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

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

DRIVE 4 UR SCHOOL

Date/Time: Thursday, May 22, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Location: Blackwell Ford, 41001 Plymouth Road, Plymouth

Details: Test drive any vehicle at Blackwell Ford and it will donate funds to help support Salem High School football. Blackwell Ford and the Salem Linkers Booster Club are partnering to help raise up to \$5,000 for the school's football program as part of Blackwell Ford's

Drive 4 UR School program. For every person who test drives a new Ford vehicle at this event, Blackwell Ford will donate \$20 to Salem's football program (limit one donation per household). Funds raised from this event will help the Salem football team "Go Further" through a new facility. In addition, improve current facilities and provide necessary supplies for players in training. Contact: For additional information, contact Blackwell Ford at 734-453-1100.

WILDFLOWER WALK

Dates/Times: Sunday, May 4
Location: Miller Woods (entrance is in 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 last about 60 minutes. Dogs are not allowed and strollers are not recommended.

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 to any adult grieving the loss of a loved one. The group focuses on the various stages of grief and incorporates basic journal writing as a way to express feelings. The program is free of charge.

BNi MEETING

Date/Time: Each Thursday, 7:30-8:30 a.m.
Location: Red Olive Restaurant, 1021 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth

Details: The BNI Northville-\$1 million Referral Charter meets every Thursday morning. Contact: For more information, visit www.northvillebni.com

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Schoolcraft newspaper wins awards

Staff members of *The Schoolcraft Connection*, the college's student-run newspaper, received four first-place awards, four second-place awards, four third-place awards and two honorable mentions at the annual Michigan Community College Press Association Awards Ceremony at Central Michigan University in Mt. Pleasant recently.

- An online version of *The Schoolcraft Connection* can be found at schoolcraftconnection.com.
 The first-place awards included:
- » Column Humor: Pete Helms (Livonia)
 - » Inside Page Design: Kate Mrla (Allen Park)
 - » Personality Profile: Peter Hubbard (Northville)
 - » Turkey Award: The Connection Staff
 - » Second-place awards included:
 - » Sports News Story: Evan Paputa (Plymouth)
 - » Overall Newspaper Design: Connection Staff
 - » Front Page Design: Sabrina Keyes (Dearborn) and Kate Mrla (Allen Park)
 - » General Excellence: Connection Staff
 - » Third-place awards included:
 - » Sports Column: Josh Covert (Livonia)
 - » Editorial Writing: The Connection Staff
 - » Critical Review: Carlos Razo (Garden City)
 - » Headline Writing: Pete Helms (Livonia)

How to cut on long-term care premiums

Last week, I had the privilege of speaking at the *Observer & Eccentric* Media Spring Expo. One of the questions, regarding long-term care, is important enough to answer again here.

A woman in the audience said the premium on her long-term care policy was increased by 70 percent. She asked if it made sense to cancel the policy or should she just pay the premium. It is important to understand that this is not something unusual. Long-term care insurance companies over the last few years have significantly increased



Rick Bloom
MONEY MATTERS

premiums. As someone gets up in age and closer to needing long-term care, that is when the insurance companies choose to raise the premiums. That being said, there is no one right answer to this question. It depends upon your individual situation. The first thing to do when you get this type of letter from your long-term care insurance company is to decide whether the insurance is

still necessary. The question isn't whether you needed the coverage when you bought the policy but, rather, do you need it now? If you don't need the coverage, then canceling the policy may be the appropriate course of action. After all, long-term care insurance is no different than any other type of insurance. The issue always is do you need the coverage today.

On the other hand, if you are needing long-term care coverage but the premium increase is financially difficult, then an alternative is to look

for ways to restructure your current policy. Restructuring may make your premium more affordable. One of the changes to consider is increasing the elimination period (the deductible on the insurance policy). In most insurance policies, the deductible is a dollar amount (such as in auto insurance, where it's \$500 or \$1,000). With long-term care, it is a period of time. By increasing the waiting period (to 90 or 180 days), it should lower the premium.

Another option is to look at the time period that benefits are paid. Many people may have lifetime benefits. By switching to a three-year or a five-year benefit period, it may substantially save on premiums. If you get a notice from your long-term care insurance company and your premiums are going up substantially, don't panic, take your time, analyze the situation and make the best decision based upon the facts as they exist today. Good luck!

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

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Duhl happy to return to Salem sidelines

By **Tim Smith**
 Staff Writer

Now that his two-month coaching exile is over, Scott Duhl is ready to mend fences and get back to leading Salem's varsity girls soccer team.

Parents and district officials want to do the same, following Wednesday's announcement that Duhl will return to the sidelines for back-to-back games Monday against Livonia Churchill and Tuesday against South Lyon East.

To get back up to speed,

Duhl plans on having meals and meetings with the team and even send a thank-you card to George Kitbas, who coached the Rocks on an interim basis following Duhl's firing from the post in mid-March.

"I think at this point of the season, it's kind of a dash to prepare ourselves for districts and things like that," Duhl said during a meeting with soccer parents at Salem High School. "I still think there's room to bring the team, more into team cohesion.

"And not just the varsity team, but really kind of the whole Salem program."

The team was 3-3-0 entering Thursday night's game against South Lyon. Salem also faces South Lyon East on Friday in what will be Kitbas' final game at the helm.

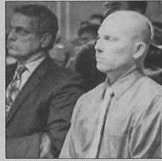
A groundswell of public support came Duhl's way after his sudden removal from the coaching job by CoachEZ — a third-party contractor used by Plymouth-Canton Community Schools to fill non-faculty coaching positions.

Duhl's departure stemmed from his apparent use of inappropriate language around a non-varsity player.

More than 100 people turned out in support of Duhl at a March 25 school board meeting and varsity players later played a game wearing jerseys with his name on the back.

Moving forward

Salem athletic director Tom Willette said Wednesday that Duhl's mid-season reinstatement



Reinstated Scott Duhl (right) coaches his first game Monday against Livonia Churchill.

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PREP SOFTBALL

Chiefs take pair from Patriots



Canton's Elizabeth Yager rounds second base during the fifth inning of Wednesday's second game against Livonia Franklin. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

By **Tim Smith**
 Staff Writer

With his roster finally replenished following spring break, Canton varsity girls softball coach Al White promptly watched his team fall 3-1 Monday against South Lyon East.

But White figured it might take a day or two for several key players to shake off the rust from their time off and his patience was rewarded Wednesday when the Chiefs swept a K.L.A.A. South Division doubleheader against visiting Livonia Franklin.

Canton won 6-2 in the opener behind a complete game performance by Hannah Shuler and multi-hit games by Elizabeth Yager (2-for-4), Paige Aresco (2-for-3) and Halee Warren (2-for-3). Coming through with a clutch pinch-hit single was freshman Peyton Philbeck.

Shuler allowed just six hits and benefited from an early offensive surge by her teammates. It was 3-0 after one frame and Bryn Birchler's triple in the second helped Canton go up 5-0.

Then, dodging raindrops in Game 2, the

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KENSINGTON CONFERENCE BOYS GOLF MEET



Canton's Suhas Potluri watches the flight of the ball during Friday's Kensington Conference varsity boys golf meet. PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

LAUNCHING PAD

Chiefs share first at conference meet but lose tie-breaker; 'Cats one stroke back

By **Tim Smith**
 Staff Writer



Plymouth's Alex Decker (left) puts to finish a hole while Ryan Welch of Novi waits his turn Friday at Fox Creek.

With a new format for the Kensington Conference varsity boys golf tournament, teams come out Friday to Fox Creek Golf Course in Livonia knowing a bad day on the links would not doom them in their championship quest.

Teams now have the rest of their dual matches to play catch up — if they need to — in advance of the May 27 association championship meet at Chemung Hills Golf Course in Howell.

Even so, Plymouth-Canton Educational Park teams fared very well at

what really is the main kickoff to the season. Canton and Novi finished tied for first place with 301 strokes, although Novi won the fifth-player tie-breaker. Each team's totals were comprised of their top four players' scores.

"We didn't play very well in Monday's event out at Paint Creek," Canton coach Tom Alles said. "We bounced back and shot very well today as a team and with Donnie (Trospier) being medalist that always helps."

Right behind the co-leaders in third

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GIRLS PREP SOCCER

Lancers breeze past Eagles in MIAC matchup

Speedy PCA meets its match in even speedier Oakland

By **Tim Smith**
 Staff Writer

Throughout the early season, Plymouth Christian Academy varsity girls soccer coach Nathan Yates has pointed to his squad's speed as a key attribute.

Then, the Eagles met their match.

On a cool and blustery Thursday afternoon, the host Eagles could not slow down Auburn Hills Oakland Christian from the get-go.

The visiting Lancers — who pushed the pace and sent 32 shots in the direction of PCA freshman goalkeeper Aliyah Pries — routed the Eagles 8-0 in a Michigan Independent Athletics Conference - Blue Division tilt.

Conversely, Oakland Christian senior goalkeeper Madi

Bottiaux didn't have many tough chances to handle en route to her shutout. She did have to scramble to beat junior Sarah Durham on one try in the first half.


When senior center-mid Alyssa Johns scored with 13:40 remaining in the second half to make it an eight-goal margin, officials called the game due to the mercy rule.

Sparking Oakland Christian was freshman forward Victoria Lucido, with four goals




Vying for a 50-50 ball during Thursday's varsity girls soccer game are Plymouth Christian Academy's Aleze Peters (No. 19) and Auburn Hills Oakland Christian's Chyanne Witt. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

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PREP BASEBALL

Smooth and steady for Canton's Hazergian

Senior pitcher goes distance, fans 14 Patriots in 3-0 victory

By Evan Paputa
Correspondent

Canton slid by Livonia Franklin 3-0 Wednesday afternoon, largely thanks to Nick Hazergian's 14-strikeout pitching performance.

The Chiefs then completed the doubleheader sweep with a 3-2 victory, improving to 11-4 overall and 7-2 in the KLAASouth Division (tied with Plymouth).

"Nick came out firing strikes and didn't walk a batter. He was just on his game," said Canton head coach Mark Blomshield about Hazergian's Game 1 gem.

Hazergian used a solid pregame bullpen session to launch himself to his complete-game, white-washing shutout of the visiting Patriots.

"It was just one of those days where I just felt it. I got into the bullpen early in the day and it was probably the best

bullpen I've thrown all year. Today felt really good," Hazergian said.

For most of the game, Canton's offense was run-of-the-mill. But the Chiefs capitalized for an offensive burst in the second inning in which they scored all three of their runs. Four consecutive hits paved way for the three-run outburst.

Senior Jake Boucher led off the inning with a single up the middle. The next batter, senior Chris Ferrill, sacrificed Boucher to second base with a picture-perfect bunt that rolled about six feet down the third-base line.

Sophomore Noah Spencer followed Ferrill's sacrifice with a bloop single on a routine pop-up that was misplayed by the center-fielder.

With a 1-1 count on the next Canton batter, junior Scott Bazner, Boucher and Spencer executed a textbook double steal to

get to second and third base, respectively.

Bazner then connected on a 1-2 pitch and drove it into shallow left field to score Boucher and Spencer to put the Chiefs up 2-0. Following a throw to the plate, Bazner advanced to second base.

"We have been working at it in practice. Up the middle and to the other side with runners in scoring position. He got a nice pitch and handled it right up the middle and scored two runs," Blomshield said. "It's nice to see that when we work on it in practice and (then) apply it into a game."

Senior Tom Kiddle drove Bazner home in the next at-bat with a single to left.

"I blame that a lot on me because I showed that I was hurting. I wasn't really on top of my game. Coach brought me aside after that inning and told me I had to fight through it."

Franklin senior starting pitcher Adam Carver said,



Canton senior lefthanded pitcher Nick Hazergian was dominant against Franklin Wednesday. BILL BRESLER / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Carver was "hurting" because of a few innings pitched the day before, according to Franklin head coach Matt Fournier.

"Yesterday he [Carver] actually threw two innings for us to finish up the Churchill game. We asked him to come out today and give us what we got. He was a little bit sore to start the game,

but bulldogged through it," Fournier said.

The three runs in the third inning were all that Carver gave up in what turned out being his first loss in two seasons of pitching on Franklin's varsity squad.

Franklin's Mitchell Gonyaw and Dan Johnson had back-to-back singles with two outs in the top of the second inning, but they were the only two hits the Patriots could muster until Tyler Camp's leadoff base hit in the top of the seventh.

"As a pitcher, you just get into a rhythm and just go," Hazergian said. Behind Hazergian, the Canton defense made every play they needed to. But in the fifth inning, junior second baseman Nick Schnur made a play that stood out above the rest, in Hazergian's mind.

Gonyaw's tough grounder up the middle was snagged by a diving Schnur, and thrown on a line to the second baseman Ferrill. Schnur's diving play encouraged the Chiefs to finish the final

innings strong.

"Nick Schnur made an amazing play. It really set the tempo for the game. When you make a play like that, it doesn't let the other team get up," Hazergian said.

Canton completed the sweep by scoring the game-winning run in the bottom of the seventh as Nick Romanuski started the rally with a single. He advanced to third on a Franklin throwing error and came home on Weston Price's suicide squeeze bunt.

Noah Spencer, who pitched a scoreless seventh in relief of starter Brent Mattson, got the victory. Mattson allowed just three hits, walked six and struck out 11.

Franklin starter Jake Fry, who took the loss, also went the distance allowing five hits and two walks.

The loss dropped the Patriots, who could muster only six hits in the two games, to 11-5 overall and 5-4 in the KLAASouth.

Baseball Wildcats back from break, win three straight

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Plymouth jumped out of the blocks after spring break with an impressive three-game winning streak.

According to Wildcats varsity baseball coach Jason Crain, it all has to

do with fundamentals.

"We are really starting to jell as a team," said Crain, following Wednesday's doubleheader sweep of Westland John Glenn. "We are playing strong defensive baseball and we are fundamentally strong."

Having outstanding

pitching and a number of players swinging the bats well doesn't hurt, either.

On Monday, Plymouth (14-7 overall, 7-2 in the KLAASouth Division) stymied Livonia Stevenson 7-1 behind a complete-game effort from pitcher Derek Ebeling,

who Crain said was "dominating."

Ebeling actually trailed most of the way, until Plymouth went on a seven-run rampage in the seventh. Keying that crucial rally were clutch hits by Patrick Downing and AJ Conventino.

Two days later, the

Wildcats rolled to 6-1 and 14-2 victories over the Rockets.

In the opener, Cameron Stella hurled another complete game without offensive help from Seth Hubbard (2-for-4), Jared Merandi (2-for-4) and Matt Busch (1-for-3).

Game 2 saw pitchers

Kevin Anthony and Downing combine for a solid outing as Plymouth won in a five-inning mercy.

Offensive catalysts in that game were Cameron Anstess (3-for-4), Merandi (3-for-3) and Dakota Lynn (2-for-3).

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place was Plymouth, with 302 strokes. Salem came in seventh, tallying 327 for the day.

Shot of confidence

Trosper, a senior, shared medalist honors with Novi's Garret Buck-

ley. Each shot even-par 71s.

"It's a great tournament to play in to start the year off," Trosper said. "The first couple tournaments weren't so good for me and my team, so this is a big confidence boost."

"I just feel glad to finally put a solid round up, and bring confidence to myself."

Trosper was one of four Chiefs to crack the 80-stroke mark. Scoring 76s were Noah Lindbauer and freshman Suhans Poturi, while Chris Dooley tallied a 78.

"That's the thing," Alles said. "Consistency and having four scores in the 70s will always put you up near the top."

Alles lauded Poturi's performance in his first

varsity tournament.

"He's been a pleasant surprise," Alles said. "He has a lot of competitive golf experience, even as a young golfer. And I think that paid off for him today and made a difference for him."

Plymouth came up just short of the top, but the Wildcats had strong showings from Evan Chipman (73), Chris Kozler (74) and John Tatti (75).

"Coming off our spring break, this is really our first week where we've played," Plymouth coach Dan Young said. "... We're getting our league started this week, trying to get off to a good start. We'll get in the mix and settle in and see where we're at compared to all the other good teams is where we're at."

Salem coach Ryan Nimmerguth's team was led by Franco Papp (80), with Brady Cole and Nick Danis each finishing with 82s.

"We were middle of the pack, fourth in our division today," Nimmerguth noted. "We're capable of shooting better, but that's better than we have been shooting. We're trending in the right direction."

Salem came off losses earlier last week against South Lyon East and Novi.

More chances

The newfangled point system — which actually made its debut last fall for the KLAAS girls golf season — works like starting a conference bank account that will be tabulated and cashed in after the Chemung Hills tournament.

Because Novi won the tie-breaker, it garnered 11 points from the tournament while Canton tallied 10. Plymouth checked in with a 9-point take. Teams came away with one point for every opponent they defeated.

For every subsequent win at a KLAAS dual meet (including crossovers), one point is added to the team's total and the May 27 meet will tell the final tale for division, conference and association championships.

In previous years, teams won or lost the conference title solely on how they did at the end-of-the-meet.

"In the past, if you had a bad day at the conference tournament, you were done," Nimmerguth explained. "Now you get more of an opportunity. Today, you're just trying to accumulate points. By beating teams in the conference you're accumulating a point for each team you're beating."

"... Going into that (May 27) meet, you'll



Teeing off during the conference meet is Salem's Jack McCormack. BILL BRESLER / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

know what you got to do to possibly win the conference and the association."

Alles said coaches voted to change the format and "I think we're all pretty happy with it. Now you have two chances, which I think is a little more fair."

"It will help you in the long run because it's just a continual point total, until you get to that last day," Young added. "And then that's a point total on top of it, but you could come in with higher points than somebody else and you can have a better chance."

"It's a way of giving you more opportunity to get points and to move up or down the ladder."

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Hard-hitting 'Cats sweep John Glenn

An unstoppable offense combined with solid pitching from Janel Eiland sparked Plymouth's varsity girls softball team to a pair of 19-1 victories over host Westland John Glenn.

Both KLAAs South Division matchups ended after four innings due to

the mercy rule. Eiland pitched a total of eight innings during the twinbill, giving up just two runs and one walk while striking out six.

Meanwhile, the Wild-cats kept the hits and runs coming.

In Game 1, Plymouth

(7-0, 7-0) in the KLAAs South) scored 12 runs in the first inning to help Eiland in her first start of the season.

It was more of the same in the second contest. All told, the Wild-cats collected 29 hits with every player seeing action.

Lindsay Lutton and Brittney Miller tallied seven RBIs on the day with Victoria Urquhart (three hits) and Celeste Miller (5-for-7, five RBI) also coming up big at the plate.

John Glenn's record dropped to 2-8 overall and 2-7 in the division.

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Chiefs broke open a 2-0 lead with an eight-run fifth inning to seize a 10-0 mercy-rule-shortened victory. Pitching the shutout was MacKenna Payne.

"The key was having the whole team together, and playing," said White, in his first season as Canton head coach following a storied coaching career at Madonna University. "We had them Monday but they didn't get back (from spring break) until Sunday."

Part of the team, bolstered by a number of call-ups from the junior varsity, did go 3-2 on April 26 at the Macomb Tournament.

Not there yet

Still, it remains to be seen whether Canton (10-3 overall, 7-1 in the KLAAs South) will now get into a winning groove.

With ongoing weather issues and a dicey schedule so far, the Chiefs have not been as consistent as White would like the team to be.

On top of all that, No. 1 pitcher Hanna Warren has been out for a couple weeks with a sprained ankle. She is expected back within a week, however.

On Wednesday, the Chiefs came out bound and determined to stop any potential skid.

Following the open-

ing win, Canton didn't waste time getting the jump in the nightcap.

In the second inning, Kaitlin Keys (2-for-3) doubled and eventually scored on a sacrifice fly to center by Hallee Warren against Franklin starting pitcher Alaina DeFrain.

Canton made it 2-0 in the fourth, with Keys lining a double down the left-field line and advancing to third on a throwing error. She came in on Nicole Clark's single.

The Patriots (3-10, 2-6) twice put the first two batters on against Payne, but could not deliver any runs. Brooke Garbarino and Lauren Michael smacked successive singles to open the top of the fifth as Franklin tried to cut into the two-run deficit.

Those runners were left stranded, however, as Payne got the next three hits.

The Chiefs then sent 11 batters to the plate in the bottom of the fifth, pushing across eight runs and finishing off the Patriots due to the mercy rule.

Yager (2-for-3), Kennedy Richter, Payne (a two-run double to deep right) and Birchler (an infield single) all delivered RBIs; Birchler's brought home the 10th and final run of the day. Also helping out during that surge was a sacrifice fly by Keys and two costly Franklin errors.

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ment had nothing to do with that level of support for the popular coach and former standout player.

"Not at all," Willette said. "I think this was all based originally on what the issue was and we resolved that with Scott and that's why we're bringing him back."

Willette told the small gathering that he met Monday with Duhl and things went smoothly enough for the reinstatement.

"I think we are in a good place, we're ready to move forward in a positive direction," Willette said. "What's happened is sort of a learning experience for everybody. And we're ready to move forward."

"I think Scott and I have a good understanding, not only for the girls, but (for) what we want to do for the boys program. I'm looking forward to having him back and continuing on with what

will hopefully be a pretty successful remainder of the season."

Duhl, meanwhile, said the public reaction to his dismissal was "pretty overwhelming, especially in a tough time for me as well as the program. And I think it (was) for everybody — the athletic department, the community, the players, the parents."

"I've never experienced anything like that before. Somebody made a comment to me, 'How does it feel to attend your own funeral?' Because, you know, usually you don't hear all these people saying nice things about you."

The ordeal, he continued, changed him both as a person and coach. "Absolutely, I think in a positive way," Duhl said. "Sometimes I think you get comfortable in a situation and I don't think it's ever a positive thing when there are negative things that come out about something."

"But when there's an opportunity to learn and grow from it, then that's

when you try to spin it into a positive thing. That's not only how I'm going to handle the rest of this season, but even of other stuff I do in soccer is just a little different."

In addition to coaching Salem's varsity girls soccer team, he is head coach of the school's varsity boys soccer team and is a longtime coach with the Michigan Wolves/Hawks Soccer Club, composed of elite boys and girls travel squads.

Kithas is on board with the transitional phase. "I spoke to George yesterday. I met with Scott on Monday," Willette said. "I said this has been in the works for a while. But one of my key things was talking to George first, making sure that he heard it from me, that Scott was coming back."

"I've got nothing but positive things to say about George. I think he did a good job."

Under review

Both Savalox, P-CSS director of K-12 activities and athletics, was asked following the meeting about whether Duhl's reinstatement meant the district had misgivings about the original decision to let the coach go.

"So when Scott said it's a growth process, it's a growth process for everybody," Savalox said. "Last year, the community spoke about our athletic department and said we could improve on communications, we can improve on facilities and on administrative structure. We're working on all of that."

"One thing we realized in this process is how explicit we need to be making standards for coaches and that we need to articulate those and make those transparent."

Savalox added that the district is "working on an evaluation process for the coaches, we're working on a rubric that's based on teaching standards and on teaching code of conduct."

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Erica Lucas, Canton:

The senior completed her high school career by winning the individual vaulting championship in Division 2 for the third season in a row with a standout mark of 9.425. "Erica saves her exceptional performances for state meet," coach John Cunningham said.

Lucas also won floor exercise and D-2 all-around at regionals and followed that up with an all-around tally of 36.25 at the finals, good for second place.

"Winning floor and all-around at regionals and taking second all-around at states showed how snik she was in all events," Cunningham added.

Meredith Jonik, Farm. United: Jonik ends her career as one of the best gymnasts in EPS history, having earned all-state honors every year. She overcame a setback back into to help Farmington United win another regional title and finish third in the state.

She snik won the Division 2 championship in floor exercise with a 9.225 score. She was all-state in the other events, too, finishing third on bars, seventh on vault and eighth on beam.

She is a regional champion on bars and in the all-around. She also placed second in the other three events at that meet.

"Meredith repeated what she accomplished last year, proving that she is one of the best gymnasts in the state," Dwyer said.

"When a big competition comes along, she becomes extremely competitive. She has the ability to dig deep and give it her all when needed. She is an awesome athlete to have on your team."

"I would love to see what she would have done if she hadn't been hampered by an injury all year. Her toughness in the gym will definitely be missed next year."

Jocelyn Moraw, Canton: The entire Canton roster deserved to be crowned team state champions, but Moraw went beyond the call of duty, often performing flawless routines while nursing various injuries.

Bookending the Chiefs' team victory were the regionals and individual finals as Moraw enjoyed plenty of success at those meets, too.

At regionals, the junior won the D-1 championship on balance beam for the second year in a row with a 9.625. She placed third at finals with a 9.6.

Moraw, voted Canton's Most Valuable Gymnast, tallied 9-plus scores on every event and chalked up all-around scores of 37.475 and 37.825 at those meets, respectively.

Cunningham described Moraw's performances under pressure as "fabulous" and said her season was "truly exceptional."

Hailey Hodgson, Canton: The another young stalwart for the Chiefs is sophomore Hodgson, who was D-2 individual champion on balance beam with a 9.375.

Hodgson also finished third on vault (9.2) and fourth on floor (9.075) and in the all-around (35.85) to demonstrate her versatility and overall ability.

At regionals, she finished tied for first in D-2 all-around with Lucas, with a stand-out tally of 35.825.

"Her third on vault and fourths on floor and all-around gave her an edge," Cunningham said.



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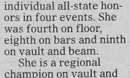
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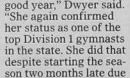
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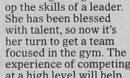
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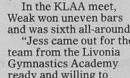
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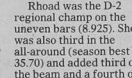
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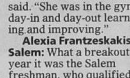
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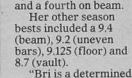
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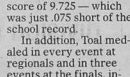
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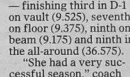
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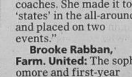
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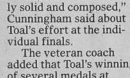
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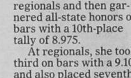
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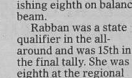
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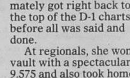
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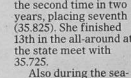
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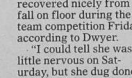
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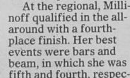
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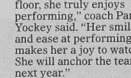
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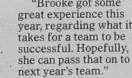
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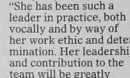
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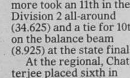
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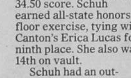
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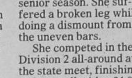
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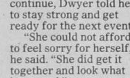
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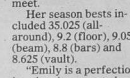
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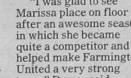
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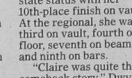
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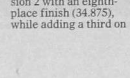
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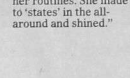
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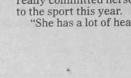
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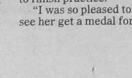
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all of her courage and her determination to succeed.

"Stories do not always end this way, but I'm glad she got to experience how one can make it back through hard times by sheer determination and hard work. Not many people could pull off what Claire did."

Marissa McVey, Livonia Red: The sophomore, a state qualifier for the second straight year, tied for fourth on floor exercise (9.075) and seventh in the vault (9.05) en route to Division 2 all-state honors.

At the regional, McVey took seventh on floor and eighth on vault to qualify for the state finals. She also finished sixth on floor and seventh on beam at the KLA meet. Her season bests included a 36.50 (all-around) and a 9.35 (floor exercise).

"Marissa is a pleasure to coach," said head coach Livonia Red coach Kelly Grodzicki said. "She demonstrates positive energy in the gym and is a wonderful leader and teammate. It is evident she loves the sport and shows passion with her performance. She is a very respectful team member."

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For next season, I'm confident that Marissa will demonstrate exceptional gymnastics as she steps up to be our captain."

Katie Salanga, Plymouth: The Wildcats' senior co-captain capped off a standout career, consistently scoring at the top of the charts on beam, vault and floor, while providing steady leadership and the willingness to step in whenever and wherever needed.

Salanga finished first in D-2 on beam at regionals with a 9.625 score and was second on vault at the state finals on floor with a seventh-place tally of 9.025.

At the state finals, she finished second on beam (9.225). Her efforts also sparked Plymouth to the state finals.

"Always steady as a rock and sure-footed. Katie shines on beam," Yockey said. "Her consistency will be sorely missed as she leaves us to go to MSU this year."

Jillian Zafarana, Livonia Blue: The senior captain earned all-state honors with a fourth-place finish on the balance beam (9.175) and fifth on vault and eighth on floor.

Zafarana also placed sixth on the beam and seventh on vault at the KLA meet. Her high scores for the season included 35.05 (all-around), 9.375 (beam), 9.1 (vault) and 8.2 (uneven bars).

"Jillian came into her last season wanting to do her best for herself and the team," Broomfield said. "She worked all season on improving herself, and with the hard work, she made it to 'states' for the first time on her own and placed."

Jacquelyn Farquhar, Farm. United: In her first season of high school gymnastics, Farquhar earned state recognition on the vault, finishing fifth in Division 2 with a 9.10 score. The freshman also was 13th on vault at the state meet.

Farquhar just missed qualifying for state in the all-around, finishing eighth in the regional. In the competition, she also was third on vault and bars.

"How awesome it was for Jacquelyn to be all-arounder for the first time," Dwyer said. "She had worked so hard on that (particular) vault and it finally paid off. She is such a team player in the gym and I expect even better things from her next year."

Kayla Janevski, Plymouth: The junior, already named Plymouth's

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THE TEAM

2014 ALL-OBSERVER GIRLS GYMNASTICS FIRST TEAM

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Meredith Jonik, jr., Farmington U.
Jocelyn Moraw, soph., Canton
Hailey Hodgson, soph., Canton
Alexia Frantzeskakis, jr., Farmington U.

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Emily Chatterjee, soph., Livonia

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Marissa McVey, jr., Farmington U.
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Kayla Janevski, jr., Plymouth
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COACH OF THE YEAR
John Cunningham, Canton

HONORABLE MENTION
Canton: Daniela Cota, Ellie
Farmington: Doreen Burns, Megan
Livonia Blue: Zakiyah
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Haley Metz, Plymouth: After performing to all-state levels as a sophomore, the future indeed is bright for D-1 performer Metz, who earned a spot to meet across the board at regionals and then garnered near-all-state honors on bars with a 10th-place tally of 8.97.

At regionals, she took third on bars with a 9.10 and placed seventh on vault (9.05) and eighth on beam (8.60) and floor (9.075). Additionally, she qualified for the state meet in the all-around for the second time in two years, placing seventh (35.825). She finished 13th in the all-around at the state meet with 35.725.

Also during the season, Metz set a new Plymouth school record in the all-around with a 36.425.

"Hailey shines on the bars; she truly enjoys performing," coach Pam Yockey said. "Her smile and ease at performing makes her a joy to watch. She is an anchor the team next year."

Marissa Schuh, Farm. United: The junior was a state qualifier in the Division 2 all-around, finishing 14th with a 34.50 score. Schuh earned all-state honors in floor exercise, tying with Canton's Erica Lucas for ninth place. She also was 14th on vault.

Schuh had an outstanding regional meet, placing third in the all-around with a 35.50 score on floor, fourth on bars and tied for fifth on vault.

"I was glad to see Marissa place on floor after a awesome season in which she became quite a competitor and helped make Farmington United a very strong team," Dwyer said.

"Marissa has not become one of our top all-arounders by accident. She has a lot of talent and really committed herself to the sport this year."

"She has a lot of heart

the uneven bars (8.85) at the state finals.

Weak was also runner-up on the uneven bars at the regional and took seventh in the floor exercise. Her high scores included 8.75 (vault), 9.05 (beam) and 35.225 (all-around).

In the KLA meet, Weak won uneven bars and was sixth all-around. "Erica came out for the team from the Livonia Gymnastics Academy ready and willing to learn everything she could to improve herself to better herself and her team," Livonia Blue coach Lisa Broomfield said. "She was in the gym day in and day out learning and improving."

Alexia Frantzeskakis, Salem: What a breakout year it was the Salem freshman, who qualified for the state finals in every event at regionals.

The following week at state finals, she came home with four medals — finishing third in D-1 on vault (9.225), seventh on floor (9.375), ninth on beam (9.175) and ninth in the all-around (36.575).

"She has a very successful season," coach Mallory Hudak said. "Beam and vault were challenges that she overcame."

SECOND TEAM
Melissa Green, Canton: As a junior, Green was Canton's only five-event medalist at the D-1 state finals, but she did not rest on her laurels as a senior.

Despite missing the start of the season due to her duties as a varsity diver, Green worked as hard as ever and ultimately got right back to the top of the D-1 charts before all was said and done.

At regionals, she won vault with a spectacular 9.575 and also took home the top of the floor exercise (9.60) and all-around (37.550).

After helping the Chiefs win the team championship, she enjoyed another stellar showing at individual finals with medals on bars (eighth, 9.0) and floor (sixth, 9.4).

"Emily is another good finisher to our team; she qualified for four fantastic years of leading Canton to success," Cunningham said.

Emily Chatterjee, Livonia Red: The sophomore took an 11th in the Division 2 all-around (34.625) and a tie for 10th on the balance beam (8.925) at the regional. At the regional, Chatterjee placed sixth in both the all-around and floor exercise. She also took third on the uneven bars and tied for eighth on floor at the KLA meet.

"Her season bests included 35.025 (all-around), 9.2 (floor), 9.05 (beam), 8.8 (bars) and 8.625 (vault).

"Emily is a perfectionist when it comes to her gymnastics," Broomfield said. "She worked on skills every day and made them perfect for her routines. She made it to 'states' in the all-around and shined."

individual all-state honors in four events. She was fourth on floor, eighth on bars and ninth on vault and beam.

She is a regional champion on vault and runner-up in the all-around. Wright also was second on beam and floor and third on bars.

"Carina had another good year," Dwyer said. "She again confirmed her status as one of the top Division 1 gymnasts in the state. She did that despite starting the season two months late due to surgery."

"It will be nice to have her back next season as she is beginning to develop the skills of a leader. She has been blessed with talent, so now it's her turn to get a team focused in the year. The experience of competing at a high level will help her."

"When she is on, people notice, as she has a charisma about her that you just can't teach."

Mighty Toal, Canton: The future for Canton is a bright one, with Toal having two more seasons yet to go in her prep career.

Her second season with the Chiefs was incredible. She recorded her first individual state championship, winning Division 1 beam with a score of 9.725 — which was just .075 short of the school record.

In addition, Toal mediated in every event at regionals and in three events at the finals, including 10th on floor exercise (9.350) and seventh in the all-around (36.425).

"Maddie was absolutely solid and composed," Cunningham said about Toal's effort at the individual finals.

The veteran coach added that Toal's winning of several medals at regionals and finals "illustrated her overall ability."

Alyssa Millinoff, Farm. United: The senior co-captain is an all-state gymnast in the Division 2 all-around, securing seventh place in the state finals with a 35.30 tally.

Millinoff also was all-state in two individual events, placing 10th on vault and seventh on bars. She was close to doing the same on beam with 13th place.

At the regional, Millinoff qualified in the all-around with a fourth-place finish. Her best events were bars and beam, in which she was fifth and fourth, respectively.

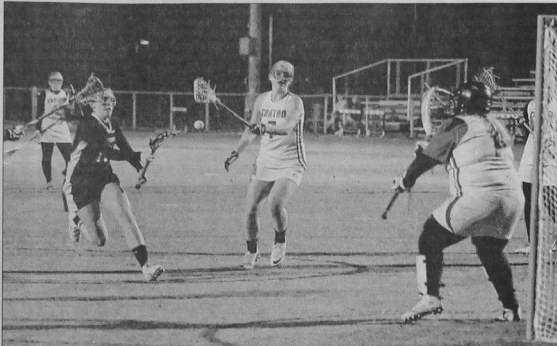
"Alyssa is another goal-driven athlete who gave her all each and every day," Dwyer said. "She has been such a leader in practice, both vocally and by way of her work ethic and determination. Her leadership and contribution to the team will be greatly missed next season."

Millinoff overcame an ankle injury on vault at the regional. When it was determined she could continue, Dwyer told her to stay strong and get ready for "the next event."

"She could not afford to feel sorry for herself," he said. "She did get it together and look what happened."

Jessica Weak, Livonia Blue: The freshman earned all-state all-around honors in Division 1 with an eighth-place finish (34.75), while adding a third on

CONFERENCE SHOWDOWN AT THE PARK



Salem senior Jenna Carter (left) flings the ball toward Canton goalkeeper Melissa Neal Wednesday night, while Annika Nuler (No. 7) of the Chiefs watches. JEFF CARTER

Salem makes winning statement in bid for title

Carter's five goals pace Rocks attack in 14-8 victory over Chiefs

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Salem's path to winning its first-ever girls lacrosse conference championship got a bit clearer thanks to Wednesday's 14-8 rout of campus rival Canton at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

The Rocks improved to 11-1 overall and 7-1 in the Kensington Conference, while Canton dipped to 5-4 and 5-2. "We're thinking a little bit about it," said Salem head coach Dave Medley about the potential conference title (which actually would be the first in Park history for girls lacrosse). "We got Novi and South Lyon in front of us (on the schedule), very challenging teams."

Canton head coach Dave Bower wasn't ready to concede anything, however. "I'm going to tell you, over the years the toughest goalie I've ever played against has always been the Canton goalie," Medley continued. "We were fortunate to hold them to single digits, we haven't given up double digits yet this year."

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Bringing an aggressive style to the offense, Salem eclipsed the 10-goal mark against the Chiefs for the first time ever. The Rocks outshot Canton 26-13, peppering goalkeeper Melissa Neal.

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make a difference. They have a good team and they were effective on the offensive end and we weren't that effective tonight. We didn't have a great game."

Both teams traded goals early on and it was a 4-4 contest when Salem senior Jenna Carter scored the first of her five goals with 8:50 remaining to kick off a surge of four goals in six minutes to make it 8-4.

Settling down Carter said she couldn't remember much about her tie-breaking tally but the game dealt with some early game jitters.

"We were really nervous because this was like the biggest game of the year," Carter noted. "For me, I usually lay back a little back during the games, but this game I just wanted to go for the ball any chance I could get, make sure we got the ball and got possession."

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Christian Friday (reserves not available as of press time), "There's nowhere near the team I've seen all season."

Lancers head coach David Andersen said his team came out tentatively, but that problem didn't last too long.

"After we got the first goal and then another goal (both by Lucido), I felt all right, this is a game we can dominate," Andersen said.

"We're young, I got three seniors that play and the rest are sophomores and freshmen. It's exciting to see the freshmen step up, I had a freshman score four goals today."

Andersen credited his team's strong play against the Eagles to strong positional play and the ability to possess the ball and create offensive chances from there.

"Pretty much staying wide, having our center-midfielders, (senior Tori) Johns and (sophomore) Lexi Powers control it, work the outside," Andersen said. "At practice we get a lot of pos-

session stuff, so we're comfortable in tight spaces.

Breaking it open The tandem of Lucido and Johns combined for three goals within two minutes midway through the first half to turn a 1-0 contest into a 4-0 game.

Each took turns cleaning up the other's rebounds for two of the markers.

In the first minute of the second half, the Eagles lost freshman midfielder Jesse Paulson to an ankle injury and moments later Lucido netted her fourth of the game, opening up a five-goal edge.

Oakland Christian sophomore Lilly Gould's nice strike into the top-left corner put the Lancers up 6-6 with 33 minutes remaining.

Quality chances continued as the Lancers repeatedly broke into the open and hustled to open the contest, Pries left the post and

and half on a penalty shot by Carter.

"You get it in the eight-yard, run in and shoot the ball (on penalty shots)," Carter continued. "For me, I like to try to take a couple steps and throw the ball as fast as I can at an open spot in the net and hope it goes in."

"Canton showed some pushback with back-to-back markers by Kelsey Tucker and Annika Nuler to slice the Salem edge to 13-8 with 13 minutes left."

Nuler led the Chiefs in scoring with three goals, with kicker and Alexis O'Flynn netting two goals.

Joining Carter at the front of Salem's scoring parade was senior Rose Krafsosky, with three goals.

Chipping in with two goals each were seniors Bridget Kerwin, Kiersten Long and junior Joslyn Lunde.

Blocked a sharp-angle bid by Abby McMahon. Moments later, the PCA goalie denied McMahon again, coming out to block the angle.

After a breakaway goal by Powers put the Lancers up 7-0, Pries stopped Johns on another uncontested rush.

But Johns did get another goal several minutes later to conclude the game's scoring.

"She did (play well)," said Yates, about Pries. "Allyah is a freshman and she's a first-year goalie. She's a basketball player and I had to convince her to play. She came in mid-March when the season started completely green."

Pries backstopped PCA to Tuesday's win over Rooper at Ultimate Soccer.

Scoring two goals for the Eagles was freshman midfielder Aleze Peters, with senior forwards Martha Mullett and Katelyn Barkell each tallying one.

With about 30 minutes left in the contest, Pries held the left post and

GIRLS TRACK & FIELD

Back from break, Rocks rout Lions

Salem defeated South Lyon 97-40 Tuesday in a KLAAs Central Division varsity girls track and field meet.

According to Rocks head coach Dave Gerlach, it was good for the team to get out in decent weather and finally let loose following spring break.

"Our first semi-warm day provided some good races and showed us which athletes were willing to step up as we enter some of the championship competitions," Gerlach noted. "There were still a few athletes in a spring break haze that we hope ends before it is too late."

"We have some thought decisions as coaches for lineups and our eyes were opened a bit today."

Following are some of Salem's top showings for the meet:

100 meters: 1. Shiknah Johnson, 13.18; 2. Britney Samuels, 13.53; 3. Isabel Rodriguez, 13.55; 4. Nialya Stipe, 13.60.

200 meters: 1. Katelyn Gault, 27.72; 2. Johnna, 27.83; 3. Samuels, 27.79.

400 meters: 1. Katelyn Gault, 1:05.10; 2. Rebecca Gonsky, 1:07.54; 3. Gabby DeLucia, 1:08.10; 4. Brooke Allgood, 1:09.45.

600 meters: 1. Kayla Karlich, 2:54.9; 2. Jovya Cox, 2:17.64; 3. Rachael McCall, 2:38.70; 4. Lauren Angaruta, 2:39.64; 5. Chae, 3:06.88; 6. Stover, 3:40.56; 7. Kayla Hughes, 3:41.00.

1000 meters: 1. Katelyn Gault, 5:34.00; 2. Alicia, 5:48.80; 3. Chae, 5:56.88; 4. Stevenson, 5:40.56; 5. Kayla Hughes, 5:41.00.

1200 meters: 1. Katy Robinson, 5:40.12; 2. Marie Starnes, 12:42.74; 3. Emily Hilliard, 14:56.97; 4. Emily Morrison, 15:03.

100 hurdles: 1. Rachel Falton, 18.54; 2. Brianna Estlin, 18.88; 4. Yvonne, 18.94; 5. Taha Egan, 19.54.

300 hurdles: 1. Falton, 51.58; 2. Egan, 53.48; 4. Estlin, 54.10; 5. Egan, 54.10.

800 relay: 1st, 1:49.35; **1600 relay:** 1st, 4:24.91; **3200 relay:** 1st, 10:28.39.

Shot put: 1. Rebecca Falton, 33.05; 2. Katelyn Gault, 32.75; 4. Julia Wickert, 27.05; 5. Leah Beck, 27.00.

Discus: 1. Rebecca Falton, 109.10; 2. Megan Cottrell, 78.09; 3. Alexandria Johnson, 70.96; 4. Parker Galt, 70.96.

High jump: 2. Kelly White, 47.00; 4. Cheyenne McAnis, 47.00.

Pole vault: 1st, 6.00; 2. Grace Haman, 6.00; 3. Alaina Frantzen, 6.00.

Long jump: 1. Michelle, 14.07; 2. A. L. L. McCann, 14.03; 6. June 1, 13.04; 7. Aven Kirk, 13.00.



Ladywood's Grace Gair (right) applies the defensive pressure against Notre Dame Prep. IAN JACOBS

Blazers capture division lacrosse title

Livonia Ladywood sent its seniors out in style Wednesday as the Blazers defeated visiting Pontiac Notre Dame Prep, 17-12, to wrap up the Catholic League Division 2 girls lacrosse championship.

Ladywood, which won its eighth straight, improved to 8-1 overall and 6-0 in the league.

The Blazers led 10-7 at halftime, but the Fighting Irish scored three of the next four goals to start the second half to cut the deficit to 11-7.

But Ladywood was able to go on a 6-2 run to finish the match and secure the title.

Senior Rachel Donadeo led the way with seven goals, while sen-

ior Jess Snyder had four goals and three assists. Senior Megan Levan added four goals and contributed one assist.

Also contributing to the victory were seniors Theresa McAlister (one goal, one assist) and Hannah Daniels (one goal).

Goalie Sabine Hutter made 12 saves.

The Blazers return to action beginning at 9 a.m. Saturday when they'll host the Ladywood Invitational. The event will also feature Canton, Plymouth, Farmington Hills, Farmington, Northville, Midland and Flint Powers Catholic.

ALL-AREA

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Janevski never stopped working to sharpen her routines and kept up her scores as a result.

"Kovya is a top vaulter with consistent performance," Yockey said. "She's an all-around gymnast who is serious about competition and her dedication to the team."

COACH OF THE YEAR John Cunningham, Canton: After three consecutive seasons of finishing second at the state gymnastics finals, the veteran coach, who took over the team in 1979, very well courted his deep and talented squad, finally tasted the ultimate victory March 7 as the Chiefs defeat-

ed nemesis Grand Ledge at Plymouth High School.

The championship — the first in Canton school history — capped an undefeated season featuring numerous highlight performers and performers, including seniors Melissa Gene, Erica Lucas, junior Jocelyn Muro, sophomores Maddie Toal, Hailey Hodgson, Stephanie Cox and Ellie Bachman.

"We were state runner-up three years in a row, but the bridesmaid theory, and we finally got it," Cunningham said after the finals.

"And anybody that thinks we're going to go away next year hasn't paid attention to how old my girls are. I have five really strong gymnasts on the team."

That would mean the veteran coach, who took over the team in 1979, very well courted his deep and talented squad, finally tasted the ultimate victory March 7 as the Chiefs defeat-

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PLYMOUTH '06
LIVONIA KIRKWOOD '14
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Shot put: 1. Torie Johnson (PK), 36.20; 2. Katelyn Gault (PK), 35.75; 3. Rachel Falton (PK), 35.25; 4. Taylor Sidors (PK), 35.00; 5. Johnson (PK), 34.01; 6. Madsen (PK), 32.97; 7. Becker (PK), 34.08.
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Fiber artists kick off festival season with soft sculpture, wearable art

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Andrea Anderson wouldn't think of missing Art Birmingham, the first major outdoor art festival of the season in Metro Detroit.

Even after the Farmington Hills weaver moves to Ohio in June, she promises to return for future shows.

"I know a lot of the artists. We see each other during the season. But the Birmingham show is the first show (of spring) for most of us. Its like a big reunion," said Anderson, past president of the Michigan Weaver's Guild and 2010 Farmington Area Artist in Residence. "I'll continue to do Birmingham. I can't do a show every weekend. Pretty much for the season I do one show a month—and sometimes that is stretching it. I work all year. I've been weaving all winter."

Anderson will bring her "wearable art," handwoven garments that she designs and constructs, including scarves, shawls, tunics, tops and jackets to the 33rd annual Art Birmingham show, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, May 10 and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, May 11, in Shain Park, in downtown Birmingham.

The outdoor fair, produced by the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center and Guild of Artists and Artisans, will feature painting, ceramics, photography, jewelry, glass, wood sculpture, mixed media, fiber and metal by more than 150 artists. An independent jury selects artists for their creativity and art skill.

"The Guild has a standards committee," said Anderson, who is a member and helps to weed out vendors with manufactured items. "We look at images of the work before it even goes to jury. We do research. We want the Birmingham

show to remain a good show."

Fleece menagerie

Joelle Medici, another fiber artist from Farmington Hills, calls Art Birmingham well run, organized and with a "good market" for her inventive soft sculpture creatures made of fleece fabric.

Medici, who graduated in 2008 with a bachelor's degree in fine arts from the University of Memphis, in Tennessee, has worked the art festival circuit for several years, while making the creatures in her spare time.

"I started making them half-way through college, as a college student without money, making gifts for nieces and nephews and having people ask 'Where can I get that? I love it.' I got a job with an interior design firm for a while and then realized that wasn't my favorite thing," Medici said. "I had been working on these creatures part time, I decided to do it full time."

She found galleries and stores to carry her art on consignment and began selling on Etsy.com and through her website, Mr. Sogs.com, a name inspired by her cat, Soggy. Medici, who is married to a law school student, hauls her fabric menagerie to art festivals every other weekend from spring-fall, but also works shows during winter.

"It's slower from November to January. May starts the busy season, but I've already been to several shows this year," she said. "It's a large portion of your income and you see people who won't see your work somewhere else."

In addition to Art Birmingham, Medici will sell her soft sculptures at the Wyandotte Street Art Fair and Plymouth's Art in the Park in July, as well as Arts, Beats and Eats over



Andrea Anderson's blue shawl is made of cotton. She includes a handmade shawl pin with purchase.

Labor Day weekend in Royal Oak.

Anderson shows her wearable art at Village Fine Art Gallery in the Village of Rochester Hills and at Starring The Gallery in Northville. Although she plans to move from Michigan in June, she'll show her works at other local Guild of Artists and Artisan shows, including the Ann Arbor Summer Art Fair in July and Common Ground's Birmingham Street Art Fair in September.

"It took me too long to get into the Ann Arbor show, to not do it," said Anderson, adding that her waiting list number for the Summer Fair was 652. "It took me nine years."

Weaving, teaching

Anderson became fascinated by fiber arts while attending high school in Wisconsin. She earned a bachelor's degree in art education from the Uni-



Andrea Anderson of Farmington Hills weaves at an outdoor art festival.

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Are older washing machines too costly to repair? If buying new, is a top-loader a better choice than a front-loader? Agitator or no agitator?

Today's clothes washers agitate consumers

I am focusing on a couple of emails I recently received from homeowners on the subject of clothes washers. Believe me, I receive many from people who just are not happy with the performance of their new products. I don't think that in the history of appliance manufacturing, customer satisfaction has ever been this low. These two inquiries from potential customers say it all.



Joe Gagnon
APPLIANCE DOCTOR

Jodi writes: "I am in the market for a new washing machine. A certain magazine gave high marks for top loaders with no agitators. I want a top loader because I haven't heard anything good about front loaders. What are your thoughts on top loaders with no agitators?"

I don't understand how clothes get clean." Ted writes: "My wife and I have an older GE washer (1986 or so) which has served marvelously for all these years. It has now started to leak some oil on the floor and after some research, I have determined that a seal is leaking on the transmission and it needs a new transmission. I DO NOT want to replace the entire machine, especially after the horror story my neighbor had going through several new machines in the past 10 years, that don't last, and don't get the clothes clean, smell bad, and even have no water level control! I have found that they don't make this older washer and would they be able to replace the transmission? I checked a parts replacement outlet and they don't have the part anymore."

Costly results
Let's start with Ted's email. His washer was the most common washer sold in this country by General Electric for a number of years. We are talking many millions sold and it's a shame that the transmission is no longer available. But there is a big negative to fixing a washer that is 20-30 years old. Keep in mind that during all these years all of the internal parts such as tubes, pumps, seals and gaskets have all lived a life of immersion in water mixed with some pretty strong cleansers. There is the factor of corrosion which is dis-

turbed once you begin banging around the drums trying to take it apart. You spend all sorts of money, you do it all correctly and you put it all back together only to find that it leaks water all over the place. In the end, it's all money and labor wasted.

Now to Jodi's email. She shows me that she is a smart consumer because she is doing some research on the subject. She read a magazine that gave high marks for top loaders with no agitator. I caution you not to believe everything you read. Magazines once wrote that within a year you wouldn't be able to purchase a top loader because manufacturers wouldn't make anything but front loaders. That was simply not true because top loaders are still out there. As for washers without an agitator, listen to my radio show and hear people join me on the air who are very displeased with the performance of their mentioned washer.

American made
This old guy writing this column has a lot of years in the appliance industry. I know what quality is and I am well aware of the junk produced in today's world. Because this column is not an advertising venue I won't give you the name of the best washer made today. I do know that the many complaints I receive from consumers are not made-up stories. Not enough water in the tub, no hot water temperature above 104 degrees, clothes coming out unclean, concerns about bacteria and there are many more comments. I can only close by telling you that I am not shy about revealing to some who makes the best washer today and proud to say that it is AMERICAN MADE. You know how to reach me, it's written below. Stay tuned.

Joe Gagnon can be heard at 8 a.m. Sundays on WAAZ 1600. You can email your problems and questions on appliances to appldr@wmv.com.

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versity of Maryland and then settled into central Wisconsin with her husband to raise a family, teach and weave.

"My daughter just turned 34. I was pregnant (with her) back when I started doing art shows. I was doing more low-key shows then. Back then you could put up a card table and drying rack and have scarves hanging on it. I do more high-level shows now."

The family moved to Farmington Hills 19

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years ago. Anderson uses different looms and fibers to create her works. "I use a lot of cotton. I do use wool but I'm careful with what I use. I use more merino wool. Merino tends not to be itchy. I use a lot of bamboo jersey."

Anderson sewed her own clothing while growing up and made her daughter's prom dress and swimsuit for synchronized swimming.

"I work 100 hours a week so that I don't have to work 40 hours a week for someone else," she said, with a laugh. "My husband is used to watching TV with me doing

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

CODY HIGH SCHOOL
CLASS OF 1964

50-year reunion runs 6 p.m. to midnight Friday, Sept. 19, at the Sheraton Detroit Novi Hotel, 21111 Haggerty, Novi. For more information, contact Mike and Barb Kerby, 734-525-0546, kerby66bam@msn.com.

FORDSON HIGH SCHOOL
CLASSES OF 1952

62nd reunion set for both January and June classes, Saturday, Sept. 13, at Park Place in Dearborn. Contact Al Orloff at alorloff@aol.com or 734-432-9308; or Marvin Smyth at mmsmyth@juno.com or 313-562-4378 for more information.

FRASER HIGH SCHOOL
CLASS OF 1964

50-year reunion from 6 p.m. to midnight Saturday, Aug. 9, at the Sterling Inn, 34911 Van Dyke, Sterling Heights. Contact Rick Whipple,

Greyhound enthusiasts, dogs to gather in Livonia

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Beth Barnhart of Westland wants to introduce you to a few 45-mile-per-hour couch potatoes. Or maybe 200 of them.

That's the number of greyhounds she anticipates will visit GreyHounds of Eastern Michigan's annual three-day conference, May 16-18 at Livonia Holiday Inn and Conference Center in Livonia.

"This is our ninth annual event. It started out as a small picnic in the park. Then we rented 4-H fairgrounds and outgrew that. Then the Taylor arena took the ice out of two rinks for us. Now we're in hotels. We started in Ann Arbor and now are in Livonia," said Barnhart, GEM president.

"We'll get 150-200 dogs. They can go everywhere but the (hotel) restaurant. For our supper on Saturday night—it's in the banquet room—you'll see dogs on the floor, next to the tables." Some of the dogs at the conference will be with their owners or other greyhound rescue organizations. Some will be available for adoption. She described the dogs as fast-moving couch potatoes because they can run "45-miles-per-hour in just three strides," but also like to "curl up like a cat" and snooze.

"They go out, take a quick zip around the yard, and then sleep," she said.

Adoptable dogs
Barnhart said the weekend conference is a



Bozo is an adoptable dog available through GreyHounds of Eastern Michigan. According to the organization, he is friendly and loves to play with toys. He likes to have his head rubbed and will occasionally give kisses in return. Bozo is good with children and small dogs. He enjoys relaxing on a dog bed in a quiet place after romping outdoors. He loves going out and is accustomed to being in a crate. He barks at cats but generally is quiet. He is house-trained.



good way for potential adopters to meet greyhounds. GEM's adoptable dogs all are retired racers that are fostered in private homes until adoption.

The event also draws owners of other "sight" hounds, including whippets, Italian greyhounds and Irish wolfhounds.

It's open to dog-owners and non-owners alike. Barnhart said some of the Saturday seminars, such as a "nail trimming" would be of interest to owners of any dog breed.

The conference will run 3-10 p.m. Friday, 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Saturday and 7-10 a.m. Sunday. The hotel is located at 17123 Laurel Park Drive North. Registration for three days is \$7 per person. The schedule includes greyhound games, vendor booths, social hours with pizza and ice cream, raffle and bingo. Seminars include basics of corn removal, nail trimming and fostering. Guest speakers are Karen Michalski, a veteri-

narian from Serenity Animal Hospital who will talk about osteoarthritis. Gayle Ann Weaver from The Greyhound Inmate Experience and James Radcliffe, a veterinarian from Wheeling, W.Va. A blessing of the animals is set for Sunday morning.

Melissa Radwon of Garden City joined GEM after adopting a greyhound nearly two years ago. She's helping to get the word out about the conference.

"It's a great event that brings together the greyhound community," she said. "The dogs are amazing."

For more information, visit gremj.org.

REUNIONS

334-751-2992, rekjwhip@yahoo.com for more information.

GARDEN CITY HIGH SCHOOL
CLASS OF 1989

A 25th class reunion is planned for May 10 at the Joy Manor in Westland. For more information and tickets, contact Kelly at kalicamus@yahoo.com or call at 734-377-1745.

LIVONIA BENTLEY
CLASS OF 1974

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

LIVONIA STEVENSON
CLASS OF 1974

40-year reunion, planned by Linda Armstrong, Kim Geiger and Jack Karbowski, 7 p.m. to midnight, Nov. 29, Corsi's Restaurant, 27910 Seven Mile, Livonia. Includes dinner, photo booth, dj, pizza, cash bar. Reservations and payment with Kar-

bowski, 313-530-9634, karbitski@yahoo.com.

ROMULUS HIGH SCHOOL
CLASS OF 1979

A 35-year reunion is planned for Aug. 16 at Best Western Gateway International (Airport), 9191 Wickham, Romulus. For more information, contact Duane Moffatt at 248-426-6501 or spectroemc2@gmail.com.

ROSAHY GMAIL SCHOOL
CLASS OF 1974

A meet & greet is planned for 7 p.m. May 9 at Doc's in Livonia. Other arrangements are pending for the reunion on May 10. Contact Beth Macdonald at 248-766-9531 or email beth.macdonald@sinaoco.com.

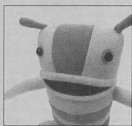
WAYNE MEMORIAL HIGH
CLASS OF 1964

50-year class reunion with All-Class Reunion Banquet, 5 p.m. Friday, May 16, at Wayne Tree Manor, 35100 Van Born, just east of Wayne Road, in Wayne. Cost is \$30 per

person by May 1 and \$35 after. Download RSVP form at waynehighalum.com. Class of 1964 will celebrate at 5 p.m. Saturday, May 17, at Avenue American Bistro, 3632 Elizabeth, Wayne. Cost is \$15 per person and includes hot & cold appetizers and a cash bar. Email an RSVP to khorban@hughes.net. Reunion organizers also will accept short bios from alumni for the reunion booklet, whether or not they plan to attend the festivities.

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN
CLASS OF 1979

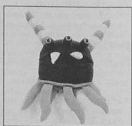
35th reunion starts with an informal get together, 7:30 p.m. to midnight Friday, Oct. 24, at Docs Sports Retreat, 19265 Viper Parkway, Livonia. The reunion runs 6 p.m. to midnight Saturday, Oct. 25, at Joy Manor, 28999 Joy Road, Westland. Cost of \$65 per person includes dinner, open bar, dancing and DJ. Make checks payable to JGHs Class of '79 and send to JGHs Class of '79, 887 Eton Ct., South Lyon, MI 48178.



Fabric creatures like this friendly-looking fellow will be on exhibit at Joelle Medici's booth at Art Birmingham.

hand work or I've got the loom going. That's why my watch beeps at 5:30 p.m., to tell me it's time to make dinner."

Visit Anderson in



Joelle Medici of Farmington Hills makes creatures from fleece.

booth 144 and Medici in booth 37 at Art Birmingham.

Other local artists at the show will include Ann Marie Fischer of Farmington Hills, mixed media; Thomas LeGault,



Joelle Medici's fabric creatures are used both as toys and decorative art.

Plymouth, and Barbara Spray of Livonia, patching; and Michelle Sapp, Farmington Hills, hand-crafted fabric dolls with an African theme.



A black and white border top by Andrea Anderson

Meet pest-selling novelists at annual book lunch

Five authors, including masters of suspense, literary fiction and modern relationships, will talk about their new books Monday, May 19, at the Metro Detroit Book & Author Society's spring book luncheon in Livonia.

The book sale room will open at 11 a.m., followed by lunch at noon and author presentations at 1 p.m., at Burton Manor, 2777 Schoolcraft at 1.96 and Inkster Road.

The authors are:

- Greg Iles, author of 13 novels. His new novel, *Niche* coming, is his first in five years and the first book in a new trilogy that intertwaves crimes, lies, and secrets featuring Southern lawyer and former prosecutor Penn Cage.

- Richard Paul Evans wrote a small personal story for his daughters in the 1990s that became a best seller called *The Christmas Box*. A number of his books followed. In his new novel, *Walking on Water*, the fifth entry in his best-selling *Walk* series, Evans tells the story of a man who must say painful goodbyes and learn important lessons as he ends his cross-country walk to Key West.

- Dan Jones has edited the

Modern Love column in the *Sunday New York Times* since its inception in 2004. His books include two essay anthologies, *Modern Love* and *The Bastard on the Couch*, and a novel, *After Lucy*. His new book, *How to Write Letters to Your Newspaper Column, is Love Illuminated: Exploring Life's Most Mystifying Subject (with the Help of 50,000 Strangers)*.

- John Searels is the author of *Boy Still Missing* and *Strange Boy True*. He appears regularly as a book critic and commentator on NBC's *Today* show and other television programs. His new novel, *Help for the Haunted*, tells the story of an unusual family, their deep secrets, their harrowing tragedy, and ultimately, a daughter's discovery of a dark and unexpected mystery.

- Mardi Jo Link, a single mother of three who has written about true-life murders, switches gears to tell the true story of a year in the her new book *Bootsrapper: From Broken to Badass on a Northern Michigan Farm*.

Tickets are \$40 and are available online at www.bookauthorinfo.com and by phone at 586-685-5730.

Organization seeking senior volunteers to help others

The Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) of Oakland County is currently accepting applications for new volunteers who are 55 years of age and older.

RSVP volunteers choose how and where they want to serve; the amount of time they want to give; and whether they want to use their skills or develop new ones.

This program offers a full range of volunteer opportuni-

ties including tutoring children, reading to children in hospitals or food pantries or assisting homebound seniors.

RSVP is a program of Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan which is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities. It's supported in part by the Office of Services to the Aging.

For more information, contact Herschel Masten at 248-559-1147, Ext. 3911.

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FRITZ, JOHN

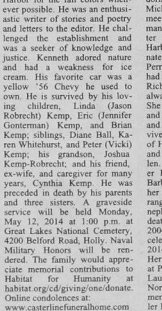
Age 56 of Newaygo passed away at his residence. He was born September 4, 1957 in Detroit. Mi. the son of Jack and Jennie Fritz. John graduated from the University of Michigan with a Bachelor's degree and then went to Detroit Mercy and got his Masters Degree. He worked most of his life as a business consultant. He loved U of M football, snowmobiling, boating, golfing, hunting and hockey. He was a member of the Howard City Sportsman Club. Surviving are two daughters Victoria Fritz of Manalona and John Fritz of Manalona, one son John Fritz of Manalona, three brothers (Hugues, Paul and William) and one sister (Melissa) Mass. Also several nieces and nephews. John was preceded in death by his parents. As to his wishes cremation has taken place and burial will be next to his parents in Manalona.

HILFINGER, JOHN MARTIN

58, of Ann Arbor, MI, passed away on Saturday, April 26, 2014. He was born in Beverly Hills, MI, on May 27, 1955, to George and Kathleen Hilfinger. John graduated from Wiley E. Groves High School and received a bachelor's degree in chemistry from the State University of New York at Syracuse in 1977 and a doctorate in biochemistry from the University of Michigan in 1984. John married Diane Nelson in 1984. Since 2009, John served as President and General Manager of Therapeutic Research Laboratories (TSRL), Inc., a pharmaceutical research company specializing in improving the oral absorption of low permeability antiviral and anti-infective drugs and the BCS classification for therapeutic equivalence and substitution of drug products. He has been with TSRL since 1994. John was a devoted family man and loved spending time with them at Tully Lake in New York. He was an avid hunter and fisherman and a member of the Fulton and the Williams Companies in Luther, MI. He rowed crew at Syracuse University and served as the crew coach for Huron High School in the early 2000s. John was a gardener and beekeeper. He loved playing tennis, golf, softball, volleyball, and bridge with friends. John is survived by his wife, Diane Nelson, his three children and his fiancée Laura Vaughn of Walled Lake, MI, Erik of Albany, NY, and a daughter, Elizabeth and Zachary of Ann Arbor, MI; brother Paul of Berkeley, CA; sister Ann of Fort Collins, CO; and a niece, Jennifer. John was a loving family and longtime friend. He was preceded in death by his parents. There will be a memorial held on Friday, May 23, at the Michigan University Foundation room from 2:30 to 6:00 pm. For more information, email johnhilfinger@gmail.com. In lieu of flowers, please make direct donations to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

KEMP, KENNETH A. "SONNY"

Age 80, of Farmington Hills, Michigan, passed away on May 29, 2014. He was born on September 6, 1933 in Detroit, Michigan, the son of Kenneth G. and Edna L. (nee Whitman) Kemp. Kenneth, also known as Sonny, was a lifelong resident of Farmington Hills, moving to the area when he was 3 years old, later attending Farmington High School. Kenneth worked as an office equipment salesman for 20 years. He began his career at Burroughs as a repairman, eventually selling equipment for Monroe Calculator and later Victor Technologies. Sonny was smitten with his grandson and spent many days visiting with his extended family in the Higgins Lake area. He made the annual trip to Copper Harbor for the fall colors whenever possible. He was an enthusiastic writer of stories and poetry and letters to the editor. He challenged the establishment and was a seeker of knowledge and justice. Kenneth adored nature and had a wonderful sense of humor. His favorite car was a yellow '56 Chevy he used to own. He is survived by his loving children, Linda (Jason Robrecht) Kemp, Eric (Jennifer Gonterman) Kemp, and Brian Kemp; his grandson, Diane Ball, Karen Whitehurst, and Peter (Vicki) Kemp; his grandson, Joshua Kemp; his daughter, and his ex-wife, ex-wife, and caregiver for many years, Cynthia Kemp. He was preceded in death by his wife, three and three sisters. A graveside service will be held Monday, May 12, 2014 at 1:00 p.m., at Great Lakes National Cemetery, 4200 Belknap Road, Holly, N. MI. Burial will be held at the same location. The family would appreciate memorial contributions to Habitat for Humanity at www.habitat.org/condolences. Online condolences at: www.asterlinefuneralhome.com



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GARDEN & NATURE CALENDAR

Habitat 9 a.m. to noon, Meadows of Canton, all in Canton Township. 9 a.m. to noon, Shawsheen Park in Farmington, 9 a.m. to noon, Botford Commons Senior Community, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Heritage Park, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Oakland Community College Orchard Ridge Campus, all in Farmington Hills, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Coventry Gardens Park in Livonia: 8:30 a.m. to noon, Smith Elementary School-Yorkon Creeks, Plymouth 9-11 a.m., Plymouth Township Park in Plymouth Township; 9 a.m. to noon, DeVos Park in Westland Township and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Goudy Park in Wayne.

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

Butterflies

The Wayne Garden Club has rescheduled its March meeting that was canceled because of a snowstorm. The meeting and program, "How To Build a Sutterfly Garden" with local gardener John Blair, will be held at 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 14, at the Wayne Public Library, 3725 S. Wayne Road, Wayne. Refreshments will be served. The library's phone is 734-721-7832.

River cleanup

Rosee Rescue, the Friends of the Rouge's annual river cleanup is scheduled for Saturdays in May. Volunteers of all ages will pull trash from the river and pull invasive plants, among other hands-on activities.

Volunteers will work from 9-11 a.m. May 10 at Goff Nature Preserve in Livonia. Sites for the May 17 work day include: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Flodin Park a.m. to noon, Workman Elementary

MAY DINNER DANCE

Time/Date: Social hour 5 a.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. \$40 per person; children, 12 and under for \$20.

Contact: Mihaela Charlier at 313-955-7640 or coccedetroit@yahoo.com

LADIES SPRING LUNCHEON

Time/Date: 11:30 a.m. Saturday, May 17

Location: Covenant Community Church, 25800 Student, Redford

Details: Sabrina Black, CEO and clinical director of Abundant Life Counseling Center, is the speaker. Events will include music, lunch, and teaching. RSVP to the church office by May 7. A love offering will be taken

Contact: 313-535-3100

RUNNINGS SALE

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. May 16 and 10 a.m. to noon, May 17

Location: Antioch Lutheran Church,

Livonia Garden Club

May Pulick, a former member, will talk about the history of the Livonia Garden Club and will demonstrate designs and horticulture from its early exhibits and flower shows, 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 6, at the Civic Park Senior Citizen Center, 15218 Farmington Road, Livonia. Pulick is a member

RELIGION CALENDAR

33360 W. 13 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: Bag sale and half-off prices on Saturday. The church also will accept used kids' clothes, eye glasses and cell phones for recycling

Contact: Judy Glass at 248-626-7906; antiochec@bcsglobal.net

RUNNINGS SALE

Time/Date: Friday 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, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia

Details: Admission for preview night is \$2. \$3 bag sale and half-price sale on Saturday. Sale benefits Paws with Cause and Lutheran Social Services

Contact: 734-464-0211

SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE, ROUND-UP

Time/Date: Kindergarten, Young 5's and preschool roundup, 1-2:30 p.m. Friday, May 8; open house 10 a.m. to noon and 1-2:30 p.m. Monday, May 19

Location: St. Genevieve Catholic School, 28933 Johnson, Livonia

Details: Preschool through eighth grade. School tours available

Contact: 734-425-4420

of the Saline Stone and Thistle Garden Club and a leader of the Landscape Design School. For more information, call Ruth Moline at 734-525-3167 or visit www.livonia.gardenclub.org.

Heritage Park

Full Moon Friday Night Hikes run 9-10 p.m. May 16 and 9:30-10:30 p.m. June 13. Hikes are for ages 5 and up. Cost is \$3 per person.

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

Plant sharing

Bring a plant to share and choose a planter to take home, at the Livonia Garden Club's annual plant sharing, 9-11 a.m. May 10 at Greenmead Livonia Park, 20501 Newburgh, Livonia. Events is free and runs rain or shine. Questions? Call Liz at 734-425-6880.

ONGOING CLASSES/STUDY

Time/Date: Kirkby at 7 a.m. and study at 8 a.m.

Location: Kirkby's Coney Island, 21200 Haggerty, Northville Township

Contact: John Shulerberger at 734-664-9491

Our Lady of Loretto

Time/Date: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday

Location: Six Mile and Beach Day, 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, south of Plymouth Road, Livonia

Details: Catholic author Gary Michuta

Contact: 734-261-1655, Ext. 200, or www.livoniastmichael.org

FAMILY COMMUNITY MEAL

Time/Date: 5-6 p.m. every Thursday

Location: Salvation Army, 27500 Shawwassee, Farmington Hills

Details: Free meal

Contact: 248-477-1153, Ext. 12

RAY, AUDREY

Of Westland passed away at age 88, April 26, 2014 in Howell. Audrey was born Jan. 23, 1926 in Detroit to George and Elsie (Binkelman) Choate. She married Robert R. Ray in March 1948 in Toledo, Ohio. Audrey was a member and officer of The Daughters of the American Revolution and the Yanket Air Force. She enjoyed her family, gardening and sewing, as well as volunteer work at the Grand City Hospital and at the police during elections. Audrey is survived by her sons, Gary (Rita), Clinton (Vickie), and Christopher, and grandchildren Amy (Dan), Benjamin, Ross and Katrianna Ray. She was preceded in death by her husband of 52 years, Bill. Private services have been held. Please leave a message of comfort to the Ray family by calling (877) 231-7900 or sign the guestbook at borekinnings.com

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SIMMONS, DILLON

In memory of our beloved grandson, Dillon Simmons, 15 years of age, a not a long but enough time to share your kindness and love and personality to people who have grown to love you. For who you were and for your strength and faith, I will always remember you. I never got that Dillon, I know your battle of cancer is over and Jesus has you with him now. The joy I know you are sharing with me and the reunions with all our loved ones, I know we will someday meet you again and will know how much we love you and always will. Someday we will meet you again and we will share the love of life that Jesus has prepared for us forever. We love you, Dillon Dan (Maw) Daw and Tina (Maw Maw) Dawley and family.

WRIGHT DAVID BRUCE

April 23, 2014. Age 70. Beloved partner of Louise Grayson of Durango, Co., and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, David Wright, 2004. A Memorial Service and celebration will be held July 30, 2014 at Harbor Springs, Mich. Her family is grateful to the staff at Ferry Farm Village, her friend Laura Green, and Honorary Northern Michigan Arrangements. Memorial contributions may be made at: stonefuneralhomeinc.com

May peace be with you in this time of sorrow.

May you find comfort in family and friends

Paying tribute to the life of your loved one.



Kirsten Haglund, Miss America 2008, will raise funds for eating disorder treatment at an upcoming tea.

Tea with former Miss America raises funds for eating disorders

The Kirsten Haglund Foundation and Linda Pudlik, a tea specialist, will present a tea and fashion show featuring Miss America 2008, noon to 3 p.m., Thursday, May 15, at Glen Oaks, 30500 13 Mile, Farmington Hills. Market Place shopping will begin at 10 a.m.

The proceeds benefit the Foundation which gives financial aid to individuals who can't afford eating disorder treatment. Treatment costs, generally aren't covered by health insurance and can be financially devastating to those seeking help. Residential treatment can cost up to \$2,500 per day.

General tickets for "An Elegant Affair of Roses and Royalty: Afternoon Tea with Michigan's Own Miss America 2008," are \$65 and include tea, scones and an entrée, with shopping, a silent auction, and a fashion show featuring The Clothing Cove, Tea Party Castle, The Mane Connection, and Joseph Ribkoff Trunk Show, live music and dessert by Epoch Catering. The VIP ticket costs \$115

and includes an exclusive reception from 10:30-11:30 a.m. to meet Kirsten Haglund, Miss America 2008, and Haley Williams, Miss Michigan 2013. VIP guests will also receive an autographed, professional photo with Miss America 2008, a glass of champagne and reserved runway seating, along with the tea, shopping, music and dessert.

Haglund created the Foundation after battling and recovering from an eating disorder. She aimed to expand awareness and reduce the stigma and shame associated with treatment.

Since its inception in 2009, the foundation has awarded more than \$350,000 in scholarship and in-kind sponsorships from treatment centers to their recipients.

For tea tickets or to make a donation visit kirstenhaglund.com/an-elegant-affair-of-roses-royalty. Contact missk-haglund@gmail.com for more information. The cutoff date for ticket sales is May 8. Tickets will not be sold at the door.

Survey shows doctors rarely recommend store brands

Gastroenterologists often recommend over-the-counter medicines for acid reflux and chronic constipation but by recommending brand name products they may cost their patients some savings.

Investigators at the University of Michigan Health System surveyed gastroenterologists about their prescribing tendencies and use of over the counter medicines for acid reflux and chronic constipation. Survey results were presented during Digestive Diseases Week in Chicago.

"Despite feeling that name brand and store brand laxatives are equally effective, the majority of gastroenterologists surveyed continued to recommend name brand laxatives and underestimate the cost-savings associated with

buying store brands," said gastroenterologist William D. Chey, M.D., professor of internal medicine at the U-M Health System.

A similar prescribing trend was found in gastroenterologists' beliefs about the use of OTC medicines for gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD). A large and growing group of Americans have heartburn or other symptoms of acid reflux at least weekly.

"At a time when doctors are highly constrained in their use of prescription medicines for so-called lifestyle conditions like GERD and constipation, treatment of these conditions is going to shift more and more to the OTC space," Chey said.

"As a result, it will become important for doctors to re-

flect on their OTC (over the counter) treatment recommendations, especially for the cost-conscious patient," he says.

More than 800 gastroenterologists across the United States responded to the survey supported with funding from Perrigo, a manufacturer of generic medications.

When recommending an OTC medicine, generally gastroenterologists were unaware of the cost savings of store brands. Less than one-third of physicians realized that generics can be more than 20 percent cheaper than brand name medicines, according to the survey.

Experienced doctors who'd been in practice 20 years or more were more likely to steer patients to generics than younger doctors.

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

Upcoming

Blood drive

6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday, May 8, at North Auditorium in St. Mary Mercy Hospital, located at Five Mile and Levan, Livonia. Schedule an appointment by calling 800-GIVE-LIFE. Walk-ins are accepted, but appointments are preferred.

Hearing loss

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

Joint replacement seminar

David Mendelson, M.D., will talk about joint pain, joint

replacement procedures, and available implant options, 6-8 p.m. Thursday, May 22, in Classroom 10, At St. Mary Mercy Hospital, located at Five Mile and Levan in Livonia. Participants will learn about the hospital's group approach to joint replacement, including pre-surgical classes, choosing a personal "coach" to assist through the process, and what to expect post-surgery and discharge from the hospital. Register by calling 734-655-2345.

Project Healthy Living

United Health Organization, a nonprofit organization, will offer health screenings, including tests for fitness, obesity, hypertension, vision, hearing, gluten, food and seasonal allergies, noon to 6 p.m. May 10, at Northland Shopping Center, 21500 Northwest Highway, Southfield. For more information, call

313-531-9100 or visit projecthealthyliving.net.

Skin cancer screenings

Free screening, 12:30-3:30 p.m. Saturday, May 31, Derm House, 29425 Northwestern Highway, Suite 202, Southfield. Register by calling 866-501-3627.

Walk with a Doc

Jennifer Beal, a board-certified geriatric medicine specialist, will discuss planning for medical care ahead of time through an "advance directive," noon Thursday, May 15, in Heritage Park, located on Farmington Road, between 10 Mile and 11 Mile in Farmington Hills. An advance directive assists in planning medical care for those who lose the ability to make decisions. Register by calling 877-477-3621.

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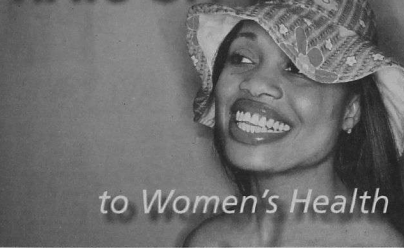
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Garden City Hospital invites all women to join in on a lively discussion of women's health issues and concerns throughout her life's journey. These discussions will be led by board certified physicians and other health care specialists. *Hats Off to Women* will also feature fabulous raffles and brunch.

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This event is free for women 18 years and older. Registration and Brunch begin at 9:30 a.m. Space is limited. To RSVP, call 734.458.4330 by May 21.

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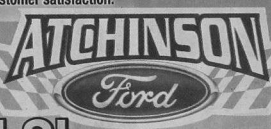
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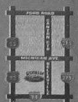
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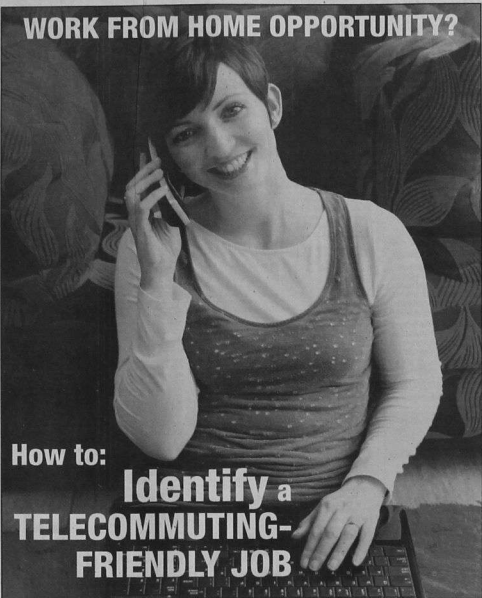
Telecommuting has many benefits for both employers and employees. It helps workers save time and money and gain more flexibility, and it can increase a company's efficiency and reduce its carbon footprint.

Yet the concept is still catching on in the corporate world. According to the latest American Community Survey data, slightly more than 2.5 percent of the U.S. workforce considers home their primary place of work. So while it may seem like a challenge to identify telecommuting jobs, by doing the right research and asking the right questions, you can find a position that matches your interests and desired working accommodations.

Look for telecommuting-friendly occupations

While every company, no matter the field, differs in their flexible-working policies, some industries tend to have more teleworking staff. "Some industries are better suited for telecommuting than others," says Kari DePhillips, owner of content-development company Content Factory, whose entire team works remotely. "Telecommuting-friendly industries include: graphic design, public relations, social-media marketing, writing and website development. In general, I think tech and startup companies are most likely to be open to the idea of telecommuting."

"You may also have an easier chance of finding telecommuting roles by looking for contract or freelance positions. "Since you'll likely be commissioned for particular projects, employers are open to allowing independent contractors to turn in work projects digitally and communicate via social media, i.e., Skype," says Vijay Bhardwaj, co-founder and CEO of job-search platform Jacklope Jobs.



How to: Identify a TELECOMMUTING-FRIENDLY JOB

Do the right research

To find jobs, go to a job-search website such as CareerBuilder and use the "keyword" search function. Christine Durst, a telecommuting and home-based career expert and author of "The 2-Second Commute" and "Work At Home Now," suggests using words and phrases including:

- **Telecommute**

- **Telecommuting**
 - **Independent contractor**
 - **Work from home**
 - **Offsite**
 - **Virtual**
 - **Remote**
 - **Freelance**
 - **Work from anywhere**
- Durst also recommends visiting sites that specifically cater to telecommuting jobs. Another option? Try a search engine, and use specific phrases to avoid any

suspicious, too-good-to-be-true work-from-home job offers. To narrow in on relevant jobs, Durst suggests using phrases such as:

- "This is a telecommuting position"
- "This is a remote position"
- "This is a home-based position"
- "Will have the option to work from home"
- "Offsite position"

- "Qualified individual will work from home"
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- "May work from anywhere"
- "This is a virtual position"
- "Our employees work from home"
- "Position can be based anywhere"

Ask the right questions

If a company doesn't explicitly say in the job posting that it's open to telecommuting, that doesn't mean it won't allow for a more flexible work schedule. So if you're really interested in a position, don't count it out. Use the interview as a time to take the company's pulse on teleworking preferences.

"When interviewing, ask the hiring manager about the company's policy on telecommuting," says Amit De, CEO and co-founder of job-search platform Careerflex. "If the company has a strict anti-telecommuting policy, the position's probably not a great fit for you. Just be sure that the focus of the interview doesn't remain on telecommuting. Ultimately, you still need to get hired before you can consider telecommuting."

Keep an open mind Even if a job doesn't offer telecommuting at first, there's always the chance that, under the right circumstances, your boss will be open to the idea of a more flexible work schedule. "The key is to come with suggestions as to what tools you'll use to turn in work and interface with co-workers when work needs to get done," Bhardwaj says. "Outline practical ways to ensure your productivity, and give examples that note your sensitivity to deadlines, since with telecommuting you'll need to be a self-starter to accomplish tasks without being micromanaged."

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 - Knot on a tree
 - Strictly
 - Friendship
 - Tiny insects
 - Loos or Eberg
 - Samuel
 - Coleridge
 - Genuine
 - Coll. credit units
 - Zero, in sports
 - Trail mix
 - 31 Spoil the finish
 - 32 Caligula's nephew
 - 34 At all times, to Poe
 - 35 Towel word
 - 36 Used a stroop
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- Semi front
 - Baking-powder ingredient
 - Loughlin of "Full House"
 - Kind of pen (hyp.)
 - Styne/ Sonheim score
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OPEN 1-4 | 6856 Tiffany Circle, Canton
Original owner displays pride of ownership!
Spacious foyer, white spindle stairs. \$359,500
Chris Patrick (734) 389-7698



OPEN 1-4 | 4333 Forest Bridge, Canton
All downtown flair without the downtown
price! Brentwood III model. \$288,000
Denise Bondoni (248) 513-8570



OPEN 1-3 | 15845 Magrolia, Clinton Township
Beautifully maintained two bedroom end unit.
Open layout w/cathedral ceiling. \$115,000
Peggy Bonrisco (313) 214-2551



OPEN 2-4 | 24411 Bloomington, Franklin
Amazing eat in kitchen w/replace. Overlooks
over a half acre of nature. \$219,900
Chris Dasaro (313) 214-2293



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



OPEN 2-4 | 95 Edgewood, Grosse Pointe Shrs
Meticulously clean and well cared for spacious
ranch in the Shores. \$339,900
Chris Dasaro (313) 214-2493



OPEN 2-4 | 1300 Brys, Grosse Pointe Woods
Cute 3BR brick bungalow. Hardwood floors. Newer
windows. Newer kitchen. \$159,900
Jim Addison (313) 214-2305



OPEN 2-4 | 19115 Woodland, Harper Woods
Here it is! Popular and exclusive Tuscany
Reserve! 1st floor master suite. \$1,095,000
Jim Willis (248) 291-3272



OPEN 2-4 | 37958 Seaway, Harrison Township
Meticulously kept, Quad level, 120' canal space
including a covered hoist for boats. \$399,900
Matt Mannino (313) 214-2288



OPEN 2-4 | 39466 Lanse Creuse, Harrison Twp
Custom built brick ranch with full basement.
Updated kitchen with bath area. \$189,000
Kay Rinke (313) 486-9143



OPEN 1-4 | 41210 Windmill, Harrison Twp.
Venice Shores custom split level. Deep canal
just minutes from lake St. Clair. \$469,000
Bridget Robidoux (586) 690-4696



OPEN 1-4 | 48832 Veneto, Northville
Here it is! Popular and exclusive Tuscany
Reserve! 1st floor master suite. \$1,095,000
Jim Willis (248) 291-3272



OPEN 2-4 | 21353 Equestrian Trail, Northville
Impressive brand new Maybury Park Estates
home. Flexible floor plan. \$1,047,500
Tracy Wick (248) 513-8538



OPEN 1-4 | 45735 Sheffield Drive, Novi
Remarkable home! Dynamite 1/2 acre lot with
incredible multi-tier deck. \$400,000
Marianne Prokop (248) 365-7132



Open 1-4 | 2871 Walmalee Circle Dr, Orion Twp.
For sale with a twist! Gorgeous updated home
on Lake Voorhes. Over 3200 sqft. \$629,900
Hosted by Dianne Giovinazzo (248) 513-8586



OPEN 1-4 | 446 Indian Trail, Orion Township
Beautiful 4 bedroom, 3.5 bath home in the
desirable Lakes of Indanwood Sub. \$395,000
Amy Chermide (248) 213-7826



OPEN 1-4 | 1212 Olympia, Rochester Hills
Beautiful Thornidge Colonial, backing to nature
preserve. Spacious open floor plan. \$459,000
Nancy Ritter (248) 365-7114



Open 1-4 | 2834 Steamboat Springs, Rochester Hills
Beautifully updated Colonial in desirable Shadow
Woods Sub. Kitchen w/tons of cabinets. \$314,999
Margie Kelly (248) 639-4465



OPEN 1-4 | 611 Timberline Dr, Rochester Hills
Appealing 2681 sqft home overlooking park.
Beveled and cut-glass windows. \$310,000
Jeanne Behler (248) 365-7108



OPEN 1-4 | 5141 Saddle Creek Ct., Salem Twp.
Plymouth mailing address & schools! Stunning
home on 2.82 wooded acres. \$1,000,000
John Goodman (248) 639-4904



OPEN 12-4 | 8132 E. Pearson, Shelby Township
This builder's custom ranch is both sprawling
and immaculate. Up to 6 bedrooms. \$349,900
Scott Jesnj (586) 782-3598



OPEN 1-4 | 48410 Amber Lane, Shelby Twp.
Great neighborhood, park like setting. Great
room with cathedral ceilings. \$319,000
Nancy Shelby (313) 214-2317



OPEN 2-4 | 1011 Troon, St. Clair
Love the charm of a Victorian but hate the
maintenance? Try this newer home. \$399,900
Laila Abud (313) 214-2320



OPEN 2-4 | 20900 Bayside, St. Clair Shores
Kitchen updated 8 years ago. Backyard is perfect
for summer entertaining. \$160,000
Nick Howard (248) 918-0547



OPEN 1-3 | 1715 River Rd. #83, St. Clair
St. Clair River View! End unit 2nd story ranch
condo, lots of light and privacy. \$145,000
Barbara Mueller (586) 270-5040



OPEN 1-3 | 1501 North River Rd. #207, St. Clair
Million dollar view at a great price! Premium
upper corner, fab riverfront location \$95,000
Don Alcorn (586) 200-1124



OPEN 1-3 | 35128 Wellston Ave., Sterling Hgts
Custom built brick ranch. Well maintained with
plenty of updates. Open floor plan. \$249,900
Jeffery Alasina (248) 639-4958



OPEN 3-30-5-30 | 39410 Helena Ave., Sterling Hgts
Bright and open house with nice curb appeal.
Well maintained and clean home. \$224,900
Jeffery Alasina (248) 639-4958



OPEN 1-4 | 12755 Daily, Sterling Heights
A spacious family room, natural field stone
fireplace, cathedral ceiling. \$219,918
Christine Obarto (586) 522-4450



OPEN 11-1 | 22325 Haskell, Taylor
Brick ranch in Taylor's Fairfield Park Sub.
Walking distance to schools. \$52,900
Michelle Jarrat (313) 486-4320



OPEN 11-1 | 2606 Edgemont St., Trenton
Meticulously maintained & beautiful home on
corner lot in desirable Breton Woods. \$167,971
Stacy Damman (734) 447-3632



OPEN 1-4 | 1715 Carpenter Dr., Troy
Beautifully maintained home in desirable Oak
River East sub. Gourmet kitchen. \$394,500
Amy Chermide (248) 213-7826



OPEN 1-4 | 464 Burgess Dr., White Lake
Cedar Island Lake - Oakland County's best kept
secret! A true all-sports lake. \$398,000
Karen Thomas (248) 639-4916



OPEN 12-3 | 9001 Haymarket St., White Lake
Wow - what a deal! Move Right in - READY to
go. Well maintained Brick Colonial. \$289,000
Chuck Rivers (248) 365-7263



OPEN 12-4 | 420 Doris Court, Ortonville
Come home to the best ranch in town on private
3/4 acre. Completely updated. \$184,900
Rich Childs (734) 796-2071



SALE PENDING | Ann Arbor -
Warm inviting well-maintained home with light
filled south exposure. \$394,500
Glenda Gerbstadt (734) 389-7709