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District considering changes to TAG program

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

The parents of Plymouth-Canton Community Schools students participating in the Talented and Gifted program who are worried about the program going away anytime soon probably don't have to worry.

Parents of TAG students who want the district to maintain the program in its present magnet-school state might not

be so lucky.

A TAG study group composed of educators, administrators and parents is looking at options for the program and, while at least the housing component will stay the same for the 2014-15 school year, district officials haven't yet committed to what the program will look like beyond that.

Superintendent Dr. Michael Meissen confirmed recently the program — with new selec-

tion criteria for 2014-15 — will remain housed at Miller and Dodson elementary schools and at East Middle School in the fall. However, he acknowledged, the district will consider other options for the 2015-16 school year.

"The current practice is to cluster (TAG students)," Meissen said. "The question is, can we deliver a better education in their home school? That's the debate to have."

Board of Education Presi-

dent Judy Mardigian said the board would definitely want to hear more about any potential changes.

"We expanded the TAG program a couple of years ago to open it to more kids," Mardigian said. "Parents seem to like the magnet-school concept. I like (Meissen's) idea on accelerated learning. ... I think the TAG program works pretty well. It's something the board should definitely weigh in on."

The committee has already completed the first phase of its look at the TAG program, revising eligibility criteria in an effort to allow more kids into the program. According to information on the district's website (www.pccs.k12.mi.us), 115 students meet the criteria for TAG eligibility for the 2014-15 school year.

Meissen said the committee's work revolved around

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Senior athlete, six others honored

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

After clinching 99 medals for her athletic prowess, 95-year-old Jerry Gawura of Canton has added a major award to the arsenal of gold, silver and bronze prizes she has amassed from senior citizen competitions.

Gawura earned the only Canton Community Achiever award Friday evening as local leaders honored Canton's best during a ceremony at Summit on the Park.

Gawura, who earlier told the *Observer* her favorite sport is softball, knocked it out of the park figuratively as she accepted her latest award from Canton Township Treasurer Melissa McLaughlin.

Gawura has won 99 medals competing in Western Wayne County Senior Olympics, Michigan Senior Olympics and the National Senior Games Association. She has excelled in events such as softball, horseshoes and track and field, she



Jerry Gawura, shown here with some of her 99 medals from Senior Olympics, has added Canton's Community Achiever award to her long list of accomplishments. BILL BRESLER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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Bovitz newest inductee to Hall of Fame

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Canton resident Rob Bovitz learned early in life from his father Bob, former Trenton mayor and community volunteer, to become a public servant.

"I grew up thinking it was expected of us," Bovitz said.

He hasn't disappointed.

A Canton resident since 1999, Bovitz has used his giving spirit and his acclaimed skills as a certified public accountant to help the Canton Goodfellows, Canton Historical Society, Canton Chamber of Commerce, Partnership for the Arts and Humanities, Relay for Life, Friends of the Canton Public Library and Leadership Canton, which grooms local leaders.

His efforts earned him a place as the 43rd Canton Hall of Fame inductee during a ceremony Friday evening at Summit on the Park.

"It's quite an honor," said Bovitz, 52, who attended with wife Katie and their daughters Allison, 11, and Jillian, 9. "It's hallowed ground. These are the legends in Canton."



Rob Bovitz, the latest Canton Hall of Fame inductee, with wife Katie and daughters Jillian, 9, and Allison, 11.

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Kickoff a reminder about value of good health

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

Even though Saturday's temperatures were chilly and the occasional raindrops were mostly avoided, television health reporter Lila Lazarus knows one thing: Summer is on the way.

Lazarus was in Canton for the third annual Healthy Summer kick-off event Saturday at St. Joseph Mercy-Canton, helping to convince visitors to embark on — or continue — an energetic, healthy lifestyle. The day included, for the first time, a 5K wellness run that drew a lot of attention.

"I never miss the kickoff. ... It reminds me summer is coming," said Lazarus, a popular part of the day for visitors. "This year was extra special, because they had the first wellness run. What was really cool was people saw it and just jumped right in."

St. Joseph Mercy partnered with IHA, Canton Leisure Services, 881 The Park and the *Canton Observer* for the annual event. It was an interactive, family friendly event that included music and games. Free yoga sessions were offered. Indigo Salon, Spa & Boutique offered chair massages, there were free bike helmets and fittings and a variety of pediatricians and family medicine doctors providing mini-fitness checks for kids.

St. Joseph Mercy-Canton

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Canton Township Supervisor Phil Lajoie is fitted for a bike helmet by Joyce Kessler, injury prevention education coordinator with Saint Joseph Mercy Health System.



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developing criteria that would open the program to more students. One observation made early on, he said, was that TAG eligibility had come down to a singular test to identify TAG kids and then fitting those kids into available seats in the program.

Meissen said he'd prefer to "get away from a waiting list concept." "If you're going to meet the needs of kids, you have to get away from the idea of a 'number of slots,'" Meissen said. "We want to make a better program that is inclusive of more kids."

Toward that end, the district is studying an "accelerated learning" curriculum Meissen said is designed to "grow all students." It takes into account, among other variables, students' aptitude and skill in academics, athletics, the arts and other areas of the curriculum.

"We want to look at a comprehensive approach from pre-kindergarten through high school," Meissen said. "These are characteristics of our kids, these are characteristics of our curriculum

and our job is to mesh them."

Among the tenets of accelerated learning are challenging every student every day, giving every student access to the best resources available appropriate to their knowledge, deep and critical thinking in all subject areas.

It's the "all schools" part of that notion that makes the current TAG families, who like having the program housed at Miller, Dodson and East.

"There's a difference between accelerated learning and talented and gifted learning," said Geoff Pavle, a TAG parent with daughters in the fourth- and eighth-grade programs. "Studies show that a magnet program is a better way to teach TAG children."

Meissen said parents should have a more open mind and not jump to conclusions before hearing everything. The TAG program, he said, is not going away, though he acknowledged it may look different by the 2015-16 school year.

"There are different ways to deliver a pro-

gram model," Meissen said. "That's where the fear (of parents) comes in... It's the fear of the unknown. There's so much more known now about how to educate kids who learn at an accelerated level. The crux is, can you educate kids better in their home school or do they do better in a specialized location clustered together?"

The district's next step is to hire a consultant to provide training and leadership in the design of an accelerated learning program; the consultant would work with teachers over the summer.

The administration is expected to ask the school board for approval of a new accelerated learning program in November, then pilot it in the second semester of the 2014-15 school year, starting in January.

Full implementation of the program would be expected in the 2015-16 school year.

"We are going to have a talented and gifted (program)," Meissen said. "If there's a better way of delivering it... that's kind of the beauty of teaching."

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holds four state-level records in discus, javelin and shot put.

She broke down barriers as a young girl.

"I was a tomboy when I was a little girl living in Dearborn, but the boys wouldn't let the girls play softball," Gavura told the *Observer*. "One day they let me play and then they let me keep on playing."

She has mentored other seniors to remain active and is treasurer of the Zesters Club, a senior social club that meets every week.

Gavura hopes to cross the 100-medal mark this August during Western Wayne County Senior Olympics, possibly by tossing a softball, football, Frisbee, bean bag or horseshoes.

Meanwhile, the Community Support award was bestowed Friday evening to six recipients:

• Nancy Eggenberger, who started with the Elementary PTO and became president of the School Community Council. She served on the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education and is vice chair of the Can-

ton Library board.

Eggenberger is an officer for the Women's Giving Circle, which addresses needs of women and families and has helped nonprofits such as Open Door Ministry food pantry. She also is secretary for the Canton Community Foundation board.

• Marlene Griggs, a key volunteer for the Canton Senior Center and Canton Leisure Services. She has been involved in Relay for Life, Canton Goodfellow and Mont Children's Hospital. She crochets for charity and makes hats, scarves and blankets.

Griggs gives time to Focus Hope and is known for her positive attitude, teamwork and leadership skills.

• Marie Gentz, long-time member and supporter of Canton's senior program and member of the senior Pioneer Group since 2003. She enjoys playing cards with her peers.

Gentz has served on the Senior Advisory Council since its inception and has belonged to the Red Hat Society and participated in activities such as senior focus groups. She also has helped with Canton Township elections.

• The Afghan Group, a social and educational group of crocheters and knitters formed by Kay Micallef. The group makes lap blankets for the Ann Arbor-based Veterans Hospital and caps and scarves for homeless veterans through Wayne-based Veterans' Haven.

The group has made stockings for Operation Holiday Stocking, which helps troops in Afghanistan. The group was honored Friday for helping wounded and active military members.

• The Mannick & Smith Group, a local business that has donated more than \$10,000 in in-kind services to help the Partnership for the Arts and Humanities as it strives to reshape the old Henry Ford factory on Canton's west side into a new arts center.

Mannick & Smith also has worked with the Canton Downtown Development Authority.

• Andy Hargreaves, honored for his work with Canton Goodfellow and its No Child Without a Christmas campaign. In recent years, he has coordinated efforts for more than 30 children on his own.

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BOVITZ

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Bovitz took his place alongside Hall of Famers such as township Supervisor Phil LaJoy and the late Canton Goodfellow President Nancy Spencer. Bovitz was nominated by Denise Staffed, community volunteer and local bank officer, who along with husband Chuck has known him 16 years.

"We really admire him for his honesty and his integrity and the fact that he doesn't just talk the talk, he walks the walk," Staffed said.

Bovitz received his Hall of Fame award Friday from LaJoy, who first notified Bovitz in a letter routing him as "a major reason Canton is the quality community we all enjoy today." Bovitz also received a proclamation from Wayne County Commissioner

Shannon Price.

As president of Bovitz CPA, P.C., with offices in Canton and Trenton, and Bovitz Management Services, Inc., Bovitz has used his work skills without pay to help groups such as Canton Goodfellow. He helped the Canton Historical Society regain its status as a nonprofit after a glitch arose.

He earned the Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants Public Service Award in 2010 for bettering his community outside his role as a CPA. That same year, he was named the Canton chamber's Business Person of the Year.

Bovitz has been a major donor to the chamber, contributing thousands of dollars to sponsoring events such as the restaurant Grub Crawl, the annual fundraising auction and golf outings.

He became involved early on with the Partnership for the Arts and

Humanities, helping to raise money to build the Village Theater at Cherry Hill. He is a board member for the Michigan chapter of the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society and has been active in Relay for Life and Oakwood Hospital fundraisers.

Bovitz has been involved with United Way, Arbor Hospice, the Karmans Cancer Institute and Leadership Canton's steering committee. He has helped the senior citizen community through the Professional Resource Alliance, working as a board member to coordinate seminars on topics such as care giving. He also has routinely helped make the Canton Senior Summit a success.

Bovitz joined Canton's adopt-a-road program in 2003, helping to orchestrate clean-up efforts along a two-mile stretch of Beck Road between Cherry Hill and Geddes.

Canton just happened to lure Bovitz as a resident. When he and wife Katie married 15 years ago, they chose to make their home halfway between his native Trenton and her Farmington Hills.

Bovitz ran an unsuccessful campaign in 2000 for the Wayne County Commission, his only attempt at public office. It seems he is better as a community volunteer.

"Rob is so ingrained in our Canton community, refreshing and wonderful to see how truly committed he is to the community he lives in," Staffed said. "He is always trying to make a difference. And he really has."

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Ella Holdwick shares a moment with health reporter Lila Lazarus at Saturday's Healthy Summer kickoff event at St. Joseph Mercy-Canton.

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offered a number of free health screenings including blood pressure testing, body mass index and skin cancer screenings—timely because May is National Skin Cancer Awareness Month.

Dr. Ann LaFond, a dermatologist at SJMHS, said the incidence of skin cancer is on the rise in the United States, with some 3.5 million people contracting it every year.

"If you pick up skin cancers early, in most cases the person is cured," LaFond said.

"You find it, you find it early, you take it out," Kathy Kaspeck, director of ambulatory services for St. Joseph Mercy Health Systems, said the idea is to encourage people toward healthier lifestyles and preventive medicine.

"We do a lot of fun stuff, but it's really about physical activity for the kids," she said. "It's St. Joe's effort to step up in the communi-



Dr. Carol King of IHA Canton Family Medicine, health reporter Lila Lazarus and Eddie Eadeh of 88.1 The Park took a moment to pose Saturday at the Healthy Summer kick-off event.



Dr. Carol King of IHA Canton Family Medicine fits a bike helmet on a youth as part of IHA's bike helmet giveaway.

ties we serve. It's all about keeping you well, but taking care of you if you aren't."

Lazarus said she's "always impressed" with both the support and the turnout in the Canton community.

"It's great to see so

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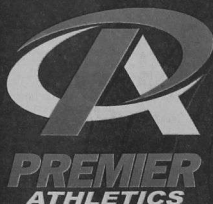
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Safety precautions important when out on the water

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Sgt. Mike Wasil of the Wayne County Sheriff's Marine Unit is a big fan of life jackets for boaters.

"Life jackets worn, your chances go way up if you're wearing one," Wasil said of surviving a boating accident.

"We wear our life jackets all the time. A lot of time, there isn't time to find your life jacket (in an emergency)."

Wasil has headed up the Marine Unit since 2009 and with colleagues patrols Lake Erie, Lake St. Clair, the Detroit River and the inland Belleville Lake. This includes 38 miles of international border and 140 square miles of water.

Life jacket use and avoiding excessive alcohol are two key messages Wasil likes to get out, especially now as boaters take to local waters.

"Most of the accidents when you look at them could be avoided," he said. A drowning last year on Belleville Lake involved a victim without a life jacket. Wasil noted that since he began his tenure in 2009, there have been no Wayne County boating fatalities with life jackets in use.

"It's not against the law to drink while you're on the water," he said. The impaired standard of 0.08 blood-alcohol content now used for road drivers is higher for boaters, something law enforcement would like to change.

Operating under the influence on a boat is 0.10 BAC, he said, and there's been talk with lawmakers about lowering that.

Like driving on roads, he calls the designated boat operator who doesn't drink at all the best. "You add in waves, sun, being out all day,

it has a greater effect," Wasil said of drinking on a boat. "It seems to enhance the effects of the alcohol."

Safety precautions

Back to the life jackets, Wasil and his colleagues now wear the inflatables, "comfortable, light weight and they work well." Older styles weren't as comfortable, but that excuse is long gone.

Boats often have a horn to summon help and many life jackets include a whistle you can use if you fall overboard.

"It's a way to get people's attention," Wasil said. "It definitely could help to have one attached to your life jacket."

A "pea-less" whistle with no small ball inside is recommended for boaters, as it will work when wet.

A recent case of a man's body found in Lake St. Clair near where his boat capsized is under investigation. Law enforcement officials repeat their boating safety warnings each spring.

Classes offered

He encourages attendance at the Sheriff's Office boating safety classes at Westfield Activities Center in Trenton. Information on registration is at 734-675-2660.

You can learn boating laws in the classes. "A lot of people know the road laws," he said, but not boating ones. The next class is scheduled May 20 and 27, continuing with monthly sessions through September.

Those born after July 1, 1996, now need a safety certificate to drive a boat — a new law. Also, those born after Dec. 31, 1978, need a safety certificate to use personal watercraft like a Jet-Ski.

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Gun confiscated

Canton police confiscated a 40-caliber firearm from a 61-year-old Canton man's car, which was parked outside Summit on the Park.

The incident began Friday morning after police went to an apartment on Tamarack, northwest of Michigan Avenue and Lotz, to pick up the suspect following reports of a domestic-related felonious assault involving his wife.

Police notified that a door wasn't locked, so they went inside to check on the man, but learned he wasn't at home. They noticed broken glass on the floor of a bedroom and saw a box of shotgun shells.

The suspect's brother arrived while police were there and police subsequently learned the suspect might be at the Summit. Police found him there, but he denied any confrontation with his wife. He did confirm he had recently

bought a firearm and told police it was in his car.

Police retrieved the weapon, which was found under other belongings in the back seat. It had a magazine, but was unloaded. Police took the gun for safekeeping after it was learned he wasn't supposed to have a weapon under the terms of a personal protection order. The investigation was continuing.

Accounts hacked

A 33-year-old Canton woman told police Saturday that her former boyfriend had hacked into her email, Skype and Facebook accounts after she ended a six-year relationship with him.

The woman, who lives with two children in the Academy/West Point mobile home park southeast of Michigan Avenue and Haggerty, said the ex-boyfriend had moved out in March due to a Child Protective Services child-safety plan.

He had stayed in a Canton motel until moving to Indiana.

The woman told police she hadn't been able to access her email account after it was hacked. Police contacted the suspect, who said he had accessed the woman's accounts because he wanted to find out what was going on with her.

The woman told police the suspect was upset because she had started a new relationship. She said he also had her telephone turned off and had made harassing calls to her workplace. Police advised the man to stop accessing the woman's personal accounts and to leave her alone.

The man, in turn, told police he needed to get a couch and a bed from the woman's home. Arrangements were being made for that. Police advised the woman to consider getting a personal protection order against the suspect.

—By Darrell Clem

CANTON CRIME WATCH

PLYMOUTH CRIME WATCH

Men swarm car at red light

A Canton Township woman reported that her car was attacked by four men who were yelling for her to get out of it early May 1 while she was stopped for a red light in Plymouth Township. She was not hurt.

The woman, 19, told police she was heading home from work about 2:30 a.m. and was stopped for a light on west-bound Ann Arbor Road at Lilley, when a dark sport-utility vehicle stopped behind her and four men got out and started banging on her car windows and yelling for her to "get out of the vehicle." A Plymouth Township Police Department report said. One man grabbed the handle to a locked door, she said, and tried to open it, yelling at her to get out.

The woman said she drove through the red light and continued west on Ann Arbor Road.

Trailer break-in

A cargo strap, a milk crate and a small section of pipe were the only things reported stolen in the break-in of a trailer outside a township business.

The padlock had been cut off the 20-foot trailer at American Speed, on Helm Street west of Sheldon, a police report said. The break-in occurred between 7 p.m. April 30 and 6 a.m. the next day, an employee told police.

Larcenies

A teacher reported the theft of cash and medicine from the purse she had left in her classroom April 30 at Starkweather Academy at Fiegel, on Joy Road. The woman told police she had left her purse unattended for five minutes that day and later noticed it had been moved and unzipped. She looked inside, she said, to find the cash and pills were missing.

A vehicle battery was reported stolen Sunday from a

recreational vehicle parked in a storage lot on Ann Arbor Road. The complainant told police the battery had been taken some time since last fall.

A backpack with books and school supplies in it was reported stolen Sunday from an unlocked car parked outside a house on Chambray Court, west of Beck and north of Ann Arbor Road. The backpack was later recovered, with its contents, and returned to its owner, police said.

Identity theft

A township man learned last month that his Social Security number had been used on someone else's federal income tax return, police report.

The man told police the Internal Revenue Service informed him of the fraud via an e-mail that he neglected to open right away, but opened after finding that his return, filed via computer, had been rejected, a police report said.

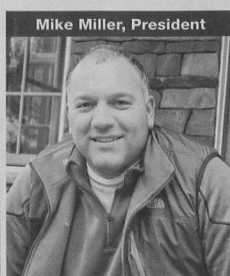

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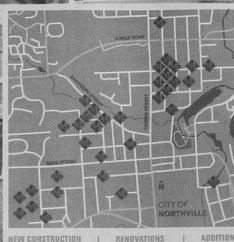
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Missing teens found safe in S.C.

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

A pair of missing Canton teens have been found safe in Greenville, S.C., police said Monday. The girl, 17, and boy, 15, were located over the weekend after they disappeared Wednesday night, Detective Sgt. Chad Baugh said.

The teens, who fancied themselves a couple, fled to an area where the girl's grandmother lived,

Baugh said.

"The 17-year-old called the Canton Police Department to say she didn't Baugh said.

Canton authorities worked with Greenville police to locate the missing teens.

"Everybody's safe," Baugh said.

The teens fled Michigan in a family friend's vehicle the girl allegedly had permission to drive only for limited use,

Baugh said.

Prosecutors are expected to review details of the case to decide what, if any, charges should be filed.

The girl is expected to remain in South Carolina, based on what police have been told.

"The young girl is going to live with her grandmother there," Baugh said.

The boy was placed with protective services in South Carolina until his

mother could drive there to pick him up and bring him back to Michigan.

Canton police take seriously all reports of missing people, Baugh said.

"We take any type of runaway or missing person case seriously," he said, "and we will take every avenue to locate people from Canton who are missing."

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One month in, Interstate 96 construction still on track

By David Veselenak
Staff Writer

It's been nearly a month since Interstate 96 shut down through Redford and Livonia. And with a little bit of cold temperatures and even some snow, the project is moving along and is still expected to be completed no later than October.

Construction crews have demolished many of the bridge decks along the route, as well as removed much of the road's surface, leaving a pile of dirt and concrete that tower over the freeway.

"We are on schedule, on target. We had a snow day, but that may have temporarily halted operations for 12 hours," said Jeff Horne, an engineer with the Michigan Department of Transportation, which is overseeing the project. "We were fine."

A portion of the freeway north of Newburgh, about 1,500 feet, has also seen the pouring of new concrete, the first new portion that will make up the freeway when it reopens. Horne said crews will work on a short span of laying concrete along the road and near the retaining walls to make sure it will set properly, but will later ramp up work and do bigger stretches as the project moves forward.

"We do small increments in the beginning," Horne said. "Once all the lanes are poured, you will see the barrier walls and the center median."

The \$148 million project has kept the freeway between Telegraph and Newburgh shut down since April 5. With the closure, many drivers have taken to surface streets and the official detour routes provided by MDOT, which include I-94, I-696, the Lodge Freeway and the Southfield Free-

way.

Many surface roads, including Plymouth, Five Mile and Six Mile, have seen some increased traffic with the project, though Livonia Police Chief Curtis Caid said his department has not had any major issues resulting from the larger amount of vehicles in town this past month.

"We've had minimal issues with that," he said.

Horne said MDOT continues to look at the alternate routes and work with Wayne County on determining signal timing to help keep traffic flowing appropriately.

"We are aware of detour routes getting congested," he said. "We're doing our best to get them optimized."

He said MDOT communicates with GPS providers to have them update their software and available routing drivers along the freeway. Google has even also removed the seven-mile stretch of the freeway from its Maps program.

Schoolcraft open for business

City and business leaders have erected several signs along main roads approaching Schoolcraft, which is down to one lane in each direction because of the construction, letting people know that business continues to happen along the service drive.

The signs, which read "Schoolcraft service drive open for business," have been placed near the intersections to keep people coming to the many businesses along the road, which have reported a decrease in income since the closure.

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Note to drivers: Pray through I-96 construction

Many of those who commute from the western suburbs of Detroit will spend a lot of extra time on the road for the remainder of 2014 because of the I-96 freeway closure. But Detroit's Catholic seminary is hoping faith-filled drivers can use the extra commute time to pray. To that end, Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit and the Archdiocese of Detroit are giving away prayer CDs to 96 motorists who would pray the Rosary during their extra drive time.

"God is always waiting at the door of our hearts, wanting us to acknowledge and involve Him in our day," said Rev. Robert Spezia, undergraduate spiritual director and director of liturgy at Sacred Heart Major Seminary, who

oversaw production of the CD and whose voice is heard beginning the Rosary. "We have a heavy construction season and people will be spending a lot more time in their cars - if we sincerely offer that time to God and pray, I can almost guarantee a peaceful commute instead of one so often filled with frustration and anger. It would challenge drivers to try it for 30 days and see if it affects their attitude and their heart."

The prayer CD, titled *Beg the Master of the Harvest*, is a live vocal and musical recording of the Rosary, a popular Catholic devotional prayer that calls on the intercession of the Blessed Mother while reflecting on passages about Christ from the Bible. It was recorded in 2007 by sem-

inarians at Sacred Heart - many of whom are now local priests - as a way to promote prayer for more priests in the Church, and as a fundraiser for the seminary's chapel.

"There are various depths at which we can pray the Rosary and it will be more at the surface level if we pray it while driving," Spezia said. "We should not be concerned about that - the Holy Spirit is still at work. At the surface levels, the rosary can initially strike us as boring, but there is great spiritual power in repeating Scripture. Parents, teachers and coaches know the power of repetition. Many people have said to us that it is their favorite Rosary CD because each decade is led by a different person."

The giveaway of pray-

er CDs dovetails with two other Catholic initiatives. In early March, Detroit Archbishop Allen Vigneron announced that the local Catholic Church was beginning a *Year of Prayer for a New Pentecost*, during which time Catholics were invited to pray for a renewal of Christian faith in southeast Michigan.

Drivers who would like a copy of the Rosary on CD can tweet @DetroitCatholic with the hashtag #96Rosaries, email 96Rosaries@aod.org, or call 313-596-7144. Requests by those on any commute that will be honored. Those who would like to purchase the CDs for \$20 to benefit Sacred Heart Major Seminary Chapel can visit www.aod.org/RosaryCD or call 313-883-8508.



The interfaith youth pose proudly with the fruits of their labor.

Interfaith youngsters mix fun, service at project

The Plymouth-Canton Interfaith Community Outreach Youth Group completed another community service project together. Youth from ICO member organizations and local Girl Scouts met Saturday, May 3, to do hands-on service to the community.

First, they prepared the tableware for the upcoming Relay for Life Survivor's lunch. Members of both groups will also be volunteering at the Relay for Life event May 17-18 in Canton. Then, with instruction from the Scouts, the youth created Bath Bud-

dies and packaged them with soap, toothpaste and toothbrushes to take to the kids at the Wayne County Family Center, a shelter for families who find themselves temporarily homeless.

Participants hope that the gifts are both useful and fun for the children who live there. It was an enjoyable morning of fellowship and service where the youth and their families not only shared serving their communities together, they also learned about how much they had in common. The youth represented members from Canton-Balakum, Geneva Presby-

terian Church, Hindu Temple of Canton, Muslim Community of Western Suburbs, Canton-Singh and Plymouth-Falls Gurdwara.

The Interfaith Community Outreach group consists of a group of faiths and citizens that will participate in are food, faith, building bridges and serving the community together. Some of the events that the group has participated in are food and clothing drives, Sept. 11, 2011, memorial at the Canton Mosque, Interfaith Health Care Fair at Geneva Presbyterian youth movie nights and

community service projects. If you have any questions, or would like to have your congregation join, contact the organization at plymouthcantonico@yahoo.com.

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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 techrfp@pcscs12.com or (734) 416-7827. Technical questions should also be directed to techrfp@pcscs12.com. Sealed proposals are due to the PCCS - E.J. McClendon 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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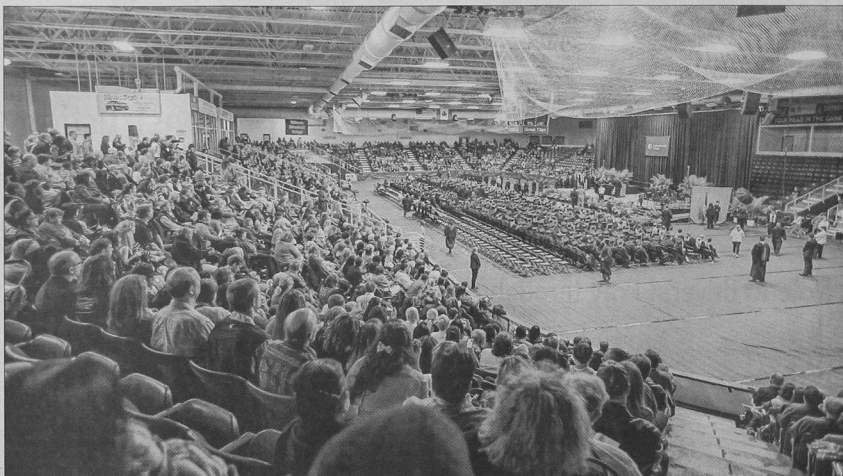
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Schoolcraft College held its 49th Commencement Ceremony on Saturday, May 3, at Compuware Arena in Plymouth. PHOTOS BY PAUL JARONSKI

Schoolcraft College celebrates 49th commencement

Schoolcraft College held its 49th Commencement Ceremony on Saturday, May 3, at Compuware Arena in Plymouth. Of the nearly 1,300 students eligible to participate (those earning an associate's degree or certificate) more than 400 graduates donned their caps and gowns and made the much-anticipated trek across the stage to the rousing applause of the nearly 3,000 friends and family.

In addition to honoring the graduates, the college presented the Distinguished Alumni Award to Commissary Senior Petty Officer Derrick Davenport, USN, and an honorary associate of arts and sciences degree to Graham W. J. Beal, director, president and CEO of the Detroit Institute of

Arts, who served as the keynote speaker for the ceremony.

Davenport is a graduate of the Schoolcraft College Culinary Arts Program. After graduation, he went on to work in several fine dining establishments and competed in culinary competitions. In 2000, he enlisted in the United States Navy. After training, he was stationed on the USS Annapolis and then in Afghanistan, where he set up the Afghan army's first bakeshop. After his tour of duty in the Middle East, he was promoted to his current position as executive chef for the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff in 2008.

In March 2011, Davenport led the first ever Pentagon Culinary Arts Team and was the first



Graham W.J. Beal, director of the Detroit Institute of Arts, was the keynote speaker at Schoolcraft's commencement.

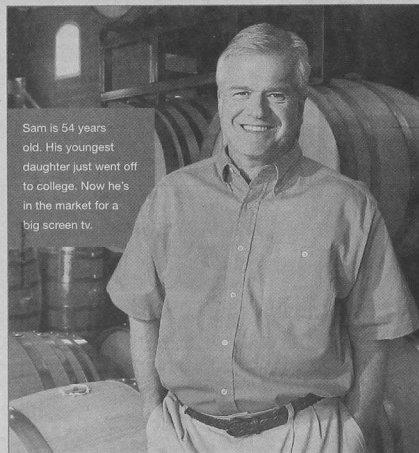
Navy chef to compete at the IKA/World Culinary Olympics in Erfurt, Germany, on the United States Army Culinary Arts Team in 2012. In 2013, he won the Armed Forces Chef of the Year competition, cementing his reputation as one of the best cooks ever to come out of the U.S. Navy.

build on the museum's reputation with regard to art acquisitions and exhibitions and has greatly expanded the DIA's community outreach through programming and innovative art installations. Under Beal's leadership, the DIA has co-organized exhibitions, sharing the great works of Van Gogh, Medici, Michelangelo, Degas, Whistler, Rodin, Camille Claudel and Rembrandt with the metropolitan Detroit community and visitors from around the globe who visit the DIA each year.

Jacqueline Charniga, editor-in-chief of the college's student-run award-winning newspaper, *The Connection*, was selected to present the Student Reflection. Al-

though she earned an associate of arts degree in English, Charniga played upon Schoolcraft College's Culinary Program as she shared some of her experiences at the college, enjoying the "buffet of opportunities" the college provided her and encouraged her fellow graduates to "satisfy their appetites" and be sure to "fill their plates" as they move on to explore their futures.

Schoolcraft College is a public, predominantly two-year college, offering classes at the college's main campus in Livonia, the Radcliff Center in Garden City, the Public Safety Training Complex in Livonia and www.schoolcraft.edu.



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Jacqueline Charniga of Livonia delivers the Student Reflection address.



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Livonia Public Schools Opens Renowned Academically Talented Program To Out-Of-District Students

Eight seats are open to students entering 1st or 2nd grade, and eight seats are open to students entering 3rd or 4th grade for the 2014-15 school year.

Limited Registration window: May 9-May 23, 2014.

Livonia Public Schools is opening its Alternative Classrooms for the Academically Talented (ACAT) program to Limited Schools of Choice for the 2014-2015 school year.

This program is geared toward academically talented students looking for a specialized learning experience.

Registration will be open from May 9-23, 2014 at Webster Elementary School, 32401 Pembroke, Livonia, MI 48152 from 8:00a.m. - 4:00p.m. Monday - Friday.

All candidates MUST meet the ACAT selection testing criteria.

For complete information on the application process, visit www.livoniapublicschools.org or contact Webster School at 734-744-2795.

Angela Hospice honors Canton volunteers

Angela Hospice's Volunteer Services Manager Syndie Best always knew she had wonderful, dedicated volunteers. But looking over the national numbers, Best realized just how exceptional this group was.

"The National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization reports that the average volunteer devotes 44.4 hours per year," Best said. "Angela Hospice volunteers provide an average of 100.1 hours per year — more than twice the national average."

In addition, 15 of Angela Hospice's volunteers worked more than 100 times the national average in 2013 — including Dennis Bostwick of Canton, who logged 413 hours last year.

"Patients love Dennis," said Kathy Ostroskie, volunteer coordinator for Angela Hospice. "He always has a smile on his face. He goes above and beyond — when one of his patients is close to death, he'll make additional visits to them. He's very good with fam-



Volunteer Services Manager Syndie Best (far left) and Volunteer Coordinator Kathy Ostroskie (far right) recognized some of Angela Hospice's hardest working volunteers, who each logged more than 400 service hours in 2013: Roseanne Stark, Bob Friar, and Joanne Friar of Livonia; Dennis Bostwick of Canton; and Jackie Brown of Detroit.

ilies, too." Bostwick, who serves patients in Angela Hospice's Care Center and home care program, was honored at Angela Hospice's Volunteer Appreciation Dinner held in April in recognition of its 408 volunteers.

More than 100 additional volunteers received accolades as well, for reaching milestones for each five years or 500 lifetime hours of service. Among them were Canton residents Fran Amico

for five years; Ella Bastine for 500 hours; Jo Erpelting for 15 years; Teresa Foley for five years and 500 hours; Alberta Karll for 3,500 hours; Rich Lister for 500 hours; Nathaniel Pittman for five years and 500 hours; Patricia Pittman for five years and 500 hours; and Marion Rozum for 3,000 hours.

For more on Angela Hospice and its volunteer program, visit www.AskForAngela.com or call 734-464-7810.

Fife-Drum Corps goes nuts for Kiwanis

The Plymouth Fife & Drum Corps and the Plymouth Kiwanis Club are teaming up for the annual Peanut Day fundraiser Friday and Saturday.

Kiwanis Peanut Day began in Chicago in September 1951. Since then, more than \$73,000,000 has been raised for charitable projects.

The Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps are proud to join the Plymouth Kiwanis for this great event. We look forward to it every year. "PFDC Ways & Means Chairman Lisa LaGreci said.

You certainly won't miss the Plymouth Kiwanians in their bright orange aprons and PFDC members wearing their uniforms with their instruments in tow to perform.

"These kids have been volunteering to

work side by side with the Plymouth Kiwanis Club for over 10 years," said Richard Lake, Peanut Day coordinator. "They're a great bunch of kids."

Peanut Day will be held Friday and Saturday, May 9-10, at the following locations and times:

» Kroger, 44525 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, 3-7 p.m. Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday

» Busch's Market, 15185 Sheldon, Plymouth, 5-7 p.m. Friday and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday

» Hiller's Market, 15455 N. Haggerty, Plymouth, 3-7 p.m. Friday and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday

» Picnic Basket Market, 49471 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, 3-7 p.m. Friday and 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday

A portion of the funds raised over the

weekend is earmarked to benefit the Plymouth Fife & Drum Corps to help with the costs of its 2014 Colonial Tour.

This year, PFDC will travel to Virginia to participate in a wreath-laying ceremony at The Tomb of the Unknowns in Arlington Cemetery and perform with the United States Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps, escort to the president. Other scheduled performances include Mt. Vernon, Monticello, Montpelier, Colonial Williamsburg, Yorktown and many other historic landmarks in the area.

Please help these two worthy organizations and bring some extra change.

To find the PFDC performance schedule and information to help support the PFDC, visit www.pfdc.us.

Democrats prep for spring gala

Following a smash hit last year, the Democrats' fifth annual Spring Gala 2014 is set for 7 p.m. Saturday, May 17, at Meadowbrook Country Club in Northville, 40941 W. Eight Mile.

Democratic gubernatorial candidate Mark Schauer will be keynote speaker and U.S. Sen. Carl Levin will be an honored guest and speaker.

Levin's appearance commemorates his 36 years of service to the citizens of Michigan and the nation. He was keynote speaker at the first



Schauer



Levin

Democratic Spring Gala in 2010.

The Democratic Spring Gala is hosted by four local Democratic Clubs: Northville, Plymouth, Canton and West Oakland County. The galas have become premier events for Michigan Democrats and allow

them to rub elbows with the stars in the panoply of Democratic local and national office holders and activists, organizers said.

Other highlights of the evening include an extensive banquet buffet orchestrated by Meadowbrook's executive chef Michael Olday, a cash bar and music and dancing to the ever-popular Steve King and the Ditties.

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PLAY BALL!

Plymouth's Miracle League dodges weather to open season

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

Nobody cared that it was chilly and overcast or that the first game of the day had to be canceled because of a balky Mother Nature.

One player, according to Commissioner Deb Madonna, shed a few tears when he thought baseball might be canceled.

He needn't have worried. When game time finally came at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, players ready to kick off the fourth season of Miracle League of Plymouth baseball anxiously awaited those time-honored words: "Play ball!"

With announcer Jonathan Weid calling the action, the 2014 spring season got under way beneath cloudy skies and with chilly temperatures at Bilkie Family Field.

It's very exciting, even though Mother Nature isn't cooperating," Madonna said. "Just seeing everybody again ... it's been a few months and a long winter. Getting the kids back onto the field to play again ... we had a cold winter, so spring has finally caught up to us a little bit."

The league opens with more players - 97 signed up this year - than a year ago, while using dozens of volunteers who act as buddies to the players, umpires, announcers, concession stand workers and any other role the league needs.

MLP is a league created four years ago as a means to give special-needs players a place to play America's pastime.

Charlie Terrill of Northville has played in the league since its inception. His two siblings have their individual activities; MLP belongs to Charlie.

"The league is awesome," said Becky Terrill, Charlie's mom. "It gives Charlie an opportunity to do something. We have three kids who do activities, so it's nice for Charlie to have his own thing."

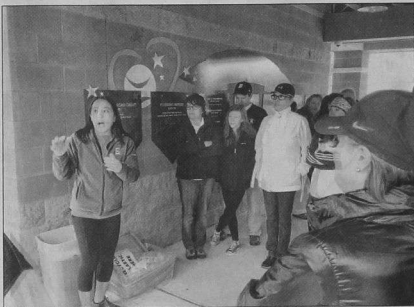
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Miracle League player Jeff Cottrell scores the first run of the 2014 season.



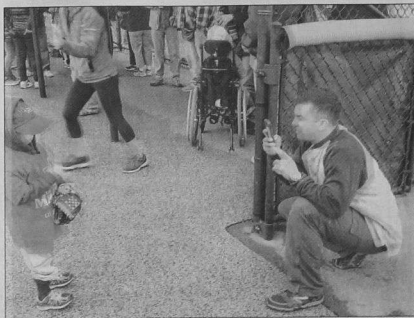
Fans didn't care what the weather was like for Saturday's opener. They dressed for the chill to cheer on the players.



Rachel Koelzer, a volunteer who coaches the Blue Miracles, explains the league to volunteer buddies before the Miracle League of Plymouth opening day Saturday.

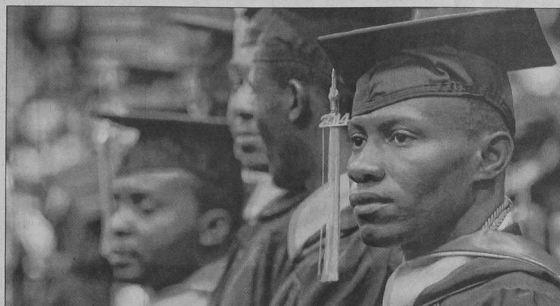


Ashley Bilkie of Northville throws out the first pitch.



Tim Gohl snaps a picture of his son Jayden before Saturday's opener.

Madonna graduates 1,300 students, including seven in Haiti program



Madonna University graduates from Haiti stand together during the commencement ceremony. These seven graduates are the first from Madonna University's Haiti Educational Leadership Program. PHOTOS BY ALAN PINON



Madonna University sign language interpreting studies graduates (from left) Natalie Sanborn of Livonia, Stephanie Mayack of Washington, Laurie Kuhlman of Novi and Iris Haynes of Southgate sit together before graduation.

Before Madonna University's commencement ceremonies Sunday, Cheryl Nawrocki of Northville, a social work student, adjusted her graduation cap to make sure it was on correctly. On the top of her mortarboard, Nawrocki had spelled out "for U dad" in big purple letters.

It was his desire that she complete college. "He was a firm believer in education," she said. Although her dad died seven years ago from skin cancer, "he has been my driving force," Nawrocki said.

Nawrocki, along with 1,300 fellow graduates, celebrated Madonna University's 67th commencement at Compu-

ware Arena in Plymouth. Among this group were seven students from Haiti, who received a bachelor of science degree with a major in business administration and an embedded certificate in community development.

Launched in 2011, Madonna's Haiti Educational Leadership Program is a degree completion program that is delivered via distance learning technology and designed to prepare business leaders to help rebuild Haiti. Graduates are encouraged to use their leadership and entrepreneurial skills to create jobs and promote volunteerism that will improve families and neighborhoods in Haiti.



Cheryl Nawrocki of Northville adjusts her mortarboard before Madonna University's commencement ceremonies, Sunday, May 4. She earned a bachelor's degree in social work.

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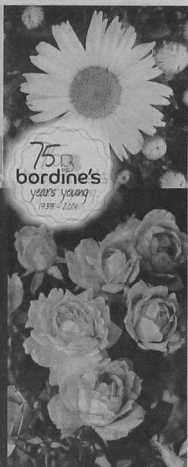
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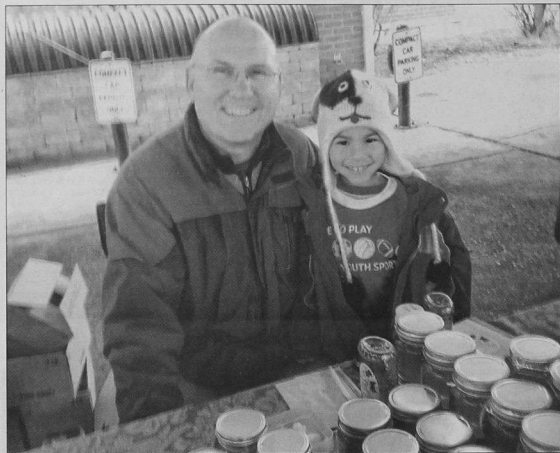
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Honey Bear Farms' Dave Zurek of Northville Township gets some help from son Benjamin, 7, during the Plymouth Farmers Market. Opening day was Saturday, May 3. JULE BROWN

Farmers market opens to rave reviews

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Erin and Jason Findlan are newcomers to Plymouth, having moved there in April. They brought son Nolan, 3, to the Plymouth Farmers Market on Saturday, May 3, its opening day.

"Seeing what they have," mom Erin said, with Jason Findlan adding, "Got to come out and see what all the excitement's about."

Erin Findlan said, "I'm surprised there are this many people this early." She likes the flowers.

treats," she said of the couple's son.

"We love it," Jason Findlan said of their new hometown of Plymouth. "We love the downtown. There are always lots of people to sight-see, people watch."

They love Kellogg Park, adjacent to The Gathering, where market vendors had their wares that Saturday.

Allison Crowder of Plymouth brought daughter Harper, 8 months, in a stroller to the market.

"Just to look at the flowers and see what's out," Crowder said. She comes to the market weekly May

through October.

"I think it's great," Crowder said. "It's walkable." She likes seeing her neighbors.

The market runs from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. under the sponsorship of the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce. It continues weekly through Oct. 25, skipping July 12 (Art in the Park) and Sept. 7 (Plymouth Fall Festival).

Produce, flowers, potted plants, baked goods, jams and jellies, honey, sauces and more are offered.

Honey Bear Farms' Dave Zurek was out Saturday, May 3, with son

Benjamin, 7.

"He's my assistant today at the farmers market," Zurek said. "He's part time" due to Benjamin's imminent soccer game that morning through the Plymouth Family YMCA.

Dave Zurek, a Northville Township resident, has done the Plymouth market eight or nine years. "Very well. I really enjoy the people here," he said. "It's a Saturday market, so it feels like an old-time market. It's a good market. I like it. It's very well-run."

His wife was on the way to pick up Benjamin for soccer. "Ben helps me with inventory, too," added Zurek, who also does the weekly Northville Farmers Market each Thursday.

Zurek's market work means he doesn't see his son's soccer games until the fall YMCA league.

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IT'S YOUR BUSINESS Q&A

Care center readies kids for elementary school

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

Paradigm: We care for children ages 6 weeks through 5 years during the school year and through age 12 during the summer.

Observer: How did you first decide to open your business?

Paradigm: This is a second location. We opened first 11 years ago in Waterford. Our decision (we are sisters) back then was because we started having kids of our own. Being teachers (kindergarten and first grade), we started looking for child care that prepared kids for elementary school. We felt with our background and teaching knowledge, we could create and implement a very meaningful program.

Observer: Why do you choose Canton?

Paradigm: We believe it is a great community.

Observer: What makes your business unique?

Paradigm: Our children are not stuck in the same room all day long. Our children are grouped by age and stay with the same friends and the same teacher, but they rotate throughout our school to different rooms where teachers carry out lesson plans. We have a large motor room, music room, multicultural room, art room, math and science room, library, dramatic

GETTING KIDS READY

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Owners: Michele Cadaret and Angela Jones

Hometowns: Michele is from Livonia, Angela is from Milford

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play area and an infant room. Children spend roughly 30 minutes a day in each room.

Observer: How has the economy affected your business?

Paradigm: It was sad to see so many families moving out of state for jobs. It seems to be getting better.

Observer: Any advice for other business owners?

Paradigm: Stick to doing what you do and do it best.

Observer: What's in store for the future?

Paradigm: We are looking to get our feet under us quickly in Canton so we can begin implementing special additional programs to our already super programs.



Paradigm offers programs for children ages 6 weeks through 5 years during the school year and through 12 years during the summer.

PLYMOUTH-CANTON BUSINESS BRIEFS

Ownership change

According to the folks at the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority, Burger Spot has a new owner.

Jack Ayoub bought the business from Matt Amin, who still owns the Omelette and Waffle Café, according to information provided in the DDA's weekly update. Ayoub said patrons should look for both menu and interior changes in the weeks ahead.

Burger Spot will continue to be one of the food vendors at the Friday night "Music in the Air" concerts.

Freudenberg sales hike

Freudenberg North America Limited Partnership has gained a 9.9-percent increase in sales for its 12 separate business groups in North America, generating \$2.1 billion in 2013 revenue, it was reported recently. The diversified manufacturing company supplies products and services to automotive, aerospace, medical, chemical, oil and gas and construction industries.

Freudenberg, based in Germany, achieved record sales for the fourth consecutive year, said Leesa Smith, Freudenberg North America president and regional representative.

"We were pleased with our 2013 financial results in North America," Smith said. "We have seen improvements in all areas of our business. Our strongest markets were oil and gas, medical and chemical (specialty lubricants, release agents and surface technologies)."

In 2013, Freudenberg relocated its North American headquarters from New Hampshire to Plymouth to be closer to key markets and facilities in the Midwest.

New manager

J.R. Thompson Co. announces the appointment of Canton resident Rick Covault to the position of business development manager.



Covault

He will be leading J.R.T.'s new business development efforts in the automotive, industrial, business-to-business and consumer products and service industries.

Covault has 20 years of executive management experience, most recently running his own advertising agency, Balhyoo Communications, and as past president and partner at Regan Marketing Communications. Company officials said Covault brings a "broad range of skills to JRT," including business management, strategic planning, media planning and buying, plus 30 years of sales and client service management.

Covault holds a bachelor of integrated studies and an associate of applied science (printing) from Ferris State University.

Membership to the MAX

The Canton Chamber of Commerce hosts Membership to the Max at 8:30 a.m. Wednesday, May 14, at the chamber office, 45525 Hanford,

Canton.

The event is designed to show businesses how to make the most of their chamber membership.

There's no cost to attend, but reservations are required. To make a reservation or for more information, call the chamber at 734-453-4040.

Chamber After Hours

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce hosts a Chamber After Hours event 5-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 21, at 336 Main, in downtown Plymouth.

The event is designed, according to chamber officials, as a "great night with good food and networking with fellow members." After Hours events typically draw 60-100 people.

For more information, call the Plymouth chamber at 734-453-1540.

Business workshop

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce presents a business development workshop 8:30-9:30 a.m. Thursday, May 29, at the chamber office on Ann Arbor Trail in downtown Plymouth.

"Does Your Website Rule or Drown?" is presented by Meghan McCann of Search Ad Marketing and will teach how to determine what consumers want when visiting a website for the first time, plus how to get consumers to call, visit or order; how to keep visitors coming back; and how to have a mutually beneficial relationship with your website provider.

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Alyssa Moskalczyn	Livonia	5/ 12
Sydney Vargo	Livonia	5/ 14
Reid Caswell	Canton	5/ 18
Sammy Tieves	South Lyon	5/ 24
Michael Tieves	South Lyon	5/ 24
Taylor Brown	Canton	5/ 26
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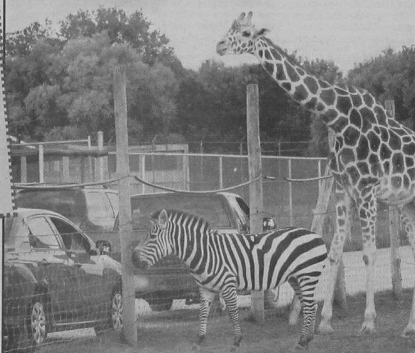
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Detroit Lions Youth Football Camp Contest Winners



Daniel Taylor, age 9:

"I want to become a better football player so I can help my team win a championship!"



Dylan Senda, age 9:

"I was born to play football! I am built for football!"



Elton Yaldo, age 10:

"I'm a huge Detroit Lions fan and a football fan ever since I was 5".



Max Cooper, age 5:

"I love football. I want to score a touchdown"



Jackson Magyar-Pierson, age 8:

"I would like to be like Calvin Johnson so I could play wide receiver next year when I play tackle football!"



Marcellus Gaines, age 13:

"My ultimate goal is to play football in the NFL. I strive to be and do the best for my team and set a positive example on and off the field."



Robby Heil, age 14:

"I would like to win this scholarship for my team players because they always cheered me on".



Christian Wilson, age 7:

"All my favorite football players are on that team. Football is my favorite sport."

Congratulations to all of the winners and a special thanks to the Detroit Lions Youth Football Camp

Deadline for submissions:

Mail all entry forms to: Scoop the Newshound, 615 W. Lafayette, Detroit MI 48226 Level 2
All entries need to be received at the Observer & Eccentric Media by close of the business day on **May 30**
or email your form to: cbjordan@hometownlife.com Winners to be announced in a future Scoop's Hound Dog Highlights.

OUR VIEWS

Top students set shining example with their academic excellence

The school year is winding down and that means it's time to announce the *Observer & Eccentric* Media's 2014 Academic All-Star Team.

It's an announcement we look forward to with great anticipation. The 2014 Academic All-Star Team represents the most accomplished students from public, private and parochial schools in Oakland and western Wayne counties.

This year's team is composed of 32 students, seven of whom posted perfect high school records and/or perfect test (SAT or ACT) scores. Another 39 students are honorable mention and their scores are separated in most cases by a mere fraction of a point. They, too, merit praise.

The 2014 team represents the 29th consecutive year that the *Observer & Eccentric* has

honored and celebrated academic excellence in our readership area.

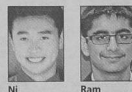
On Sunday, May 11 (Mother's Day), O&E Media will publish in cooperation with Madonna University our long-time major sponsor—a special section that showcases these outstanding students. Based in Livonia, Madonna is committed to teaching, scholarship and service.

Other community partners include Community Alliance Credit Union, a section sponsor, and the All-Star Awards Committee. In the essay sponsor, One lucky all-star will win a \$500 scholarship for an award-winning essay to be announced at the All-Star Awards ceremony later this month.

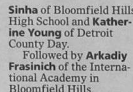
The all-stars and runners-up are smart, caring and have high praise for the teachers who have made an impact on their



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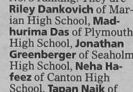
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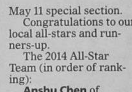
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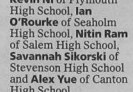
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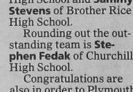
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lives. Take time to read about how involved these teens are and what they hope to accomplish in the future. We are proud of them and you will be, too. They are examples of the good things happening in our local schools and communities today. Be sure to read the

May 11 special section. Congratulations to our local all-stars and runners-up.

The 2014 All-Star Team (in order of ranking):
Anshu Chen of Bloomfield Hills High School, **Colin Chow** of North Farmington High School, **Benjamin Drews** of Harrison High School, **Rashmi Goswami** of Harrison High School, **Elbert Han** of Detroit Country Day, **Rohan**

Sinha of Bloomfield Hills High School and **Katherine Young** of Detroit Country Day.

Followed by **Arkady Frasnich** of the International Academy in Bloomfield Hills.

Ten students tied for No. 3 ranking. They are **Riley Dankovich** of Marian High School, **Madhurima Das** of Plymouth High School, **Jonathan Greenberger** of Seaholm High School, **Neha Hafeez** of Canton High School, **Tapin Naik** of Farmington High School, **Kevin Ni** of Plymouth High School, **Ian O'Rourke** of Seaholm High School, **Nitin Ram** of Salem High School, **Savannah Sikorski** of Stevenson High School and **Alex Yue** of Canton High School.

Followed by **Jojo Yung** of Cranbrook Kingswood (fourth), **Vinayak Bhatia** of Farmington School (fifth), **Shannon Stork** of Marian High School (sixth), **Stephanie Liu** of Cranbrook Kingswood (seventh) **Barbara**

Scuphorm of Stevenson High School (eighth), **Hemanth Chittela** of Salem High School (ninth), **Aditya Venulapati** of Churchill High School (tenth) and **Siba Alzohali** of the International Academy (eleventh).

Tied for 12th ranking are **Bradley Smith** of Groves High School and **Steven Spens** of Clarence High School.

Followed next by **William Markley III** of Brother Rice High School, **Hanna Pfershy** of Groves High School and **Sammy Stevens** of Brother Rice High School.

Rounding out the outstanding team is **Stephanie** of Churchill High School.

Congratulations are also in order to Plymouth Christian Academy students **Joshua Fitzpatrick** and **P. Jayme Putney** and **Kalen Cobb**, a student at Academy of Sacred Heart in Bloomfield Hills. All three earned honorable mention honors.

OUR VIEWS

Let your mom know just how special she is

Sunday is Mother's Day, a day when we stop what we're doing to honor that special woman who has devoted her life to her family.

Mothers play a major role in all of our lives. They nurture and care for us. They comfort us when we're sad or hurt. They laugh with us, cry with us and love us even when we aren't exactly lovable—and have a kiss that cures just about anything.

Mothers seem to know the right things to say and do to make a bad day better. Growing up, they were the ones who taught me how to dance, recitals and competitions. They were the ones with the biggest smiles when we scored a goal or got an A in school.

Our mothers were always there to help us celebrate our successes and accept our defeats. They taught us the value of hard work, good behavior, courage and honesty. As youngsters, our mothers were our superheroes; as teenagers they were the meanest moms ever. They saw everything because they had eyes in the back of their head and knew everything because they were mind readers.

Now, as adults, we realize our mothers were our teachers and our guides and that even though we are on our own, they are still there to lend a helping hand.

Mother's Day may be celebrated once a year, but for most mothers, it's every day. This Mother's Day, do something special for the woman who gave so much of herself for you. Whether it's a card, a gift or a bouquet of flowers, show her how much you care. And know that somewhere hidden away is a special box that contains all your tokens of love from years gone by.

You are just as special to your mom as she is to you.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Uphill battle

My wife and I are both experienced public school teachers and our children are students at P-CCS, so I read with great interest your editorial April 24 ("New tests for teachers only a beginning"). I was particularly intrigued by the secondary headline: "State needs to address education."

After several years of reading media accounts that bashed public education and teachers, it was refreshing to see an editorial that got right to the real issues of how training, compensation and respect help to shape public education in Michigan.

Although the standards have become higher in Michigan recently, it has never been easy to become a certified teacher or to renew certification. I earned my provisional certificate in 1992 only after a minimum of 300 contact hours and then completed student-teaching experience which essentially lasted from December to April teaching four to five classes per day. Five days a week.

This was in addition to the 30-plus hours of secondary education class work and the time spent finishing a major and a minor. Upon receiving my first teaching job, I almost immediately started a master of education program. More than 18 graduate hours in five years was required, so it made sense to complete the next 12 hours to achieve the master's degree.

Annually, I have attended an average about 30 clock hours of professional development and completed other training during the year and in the summer. I have renewed my professional certification three times (every five years) and this is accomplished with additional graduate hours or I can apply a blending of the district's and my professional development and other training that I have volunteered for. Incidentally, the new teachers have a lot more to go through, but training has always been paramount in most school districts.

As for compensation,

most effective teachers do not get into education to get wealthy. One of my first principals put it well: "You can make decent living as an educator, but you will never get rich." However, as your editorial pointed out, "about 40 percent of all teachers leave within the first five years of starting their jobs" and this is partly because many new teachers feel that they are being asked to do a seemingly impossible job for relatively little money and a shrinking amount of benefits and job security.

Ultimately, the training and compensation directly tie into respect. Culturally, some Americans have never had respect for professional educators. It is usually only when former students of mine enter the profession (on coach or substitute teach) that they finally recognize what a difficult, yet rewarding, profession and vocation that teaching is. As your editorial implied, until all of our citizenry works together for the future generations, there will be an uphill battle.

Andrew C. Jackson
Canton

True loyalties

I read an article March 26 in *The Detroit News* that is absolutely mind-blowing. It seems our famed state attorney general, Bill Schuette, is once again showing where his true loyalties lie.

Schuette is arguing in federal court that Michigan residents who signed up for health care through the federal exchange should not receive credits to offset their costs for the insurance. More than 150,000 Michiganders are, to date, eligible for an average of \$2,700, which Schuette says they should not get.

Why in the world would this man do that? Well, in my opinion, just like all the other Tea Party-inspired actions coming out of Lansing, there is always a hidden motive or two. First, this doesn't seem to help his backers as they are too wealthy to qualify. But also on his agenda, according to the article, is to get the employer mandate removed.

Why? Because, again in my opinion, it will cost these same backers a few dollars.

Attorney for the people? Sure he is, if you are rich, bigoted or a right-wing extremist (my words, my opinion).
James Huddleston
Canton

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Deadlines: Letters should be received by 9 a.m. Monday to be published in the Thursday edition.

Thanks for help

Thanks to the hard work of the South Pointe Scholars and the generosity of *Observer* readers, \$805.75 was raised for Burger students.

Thank you South Pointe Scholars and the *Observer* and its subscribers.

Jonathan Wyman
and family
Canton

'Golden Oldie'

The latest deceptive Koch brothers-AFP Gary Peters attack ad which asks, "Are you one of the 225,000 who will see your health insurance canceled due to Obamacare?" must be operating on the assumption that we are all either ignorant, easily duped or in a time warp.

Initially, I thought the aim of the ad had to be a mistake since it was such old news, but such was not the case. Anyone impacted would have known months ago which asks, "Are you one of the 225,000 who will see your health insurance canceled due to Obamacare?" must be operating on the assumption that we are all either ignorant, easily duped or in a time warp.

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By now the statistical majority of those affected have found new, more comprehensive and less-expensive coverage via the government exchange given

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that most applicants qualified for a subsidy. The remainder have either qualified for Medicaid expansion or elected to continue with their non-compliant policies given their insurer would play along as part of an emergency extension plan to rectify the alleged cancellation problem or purchased coverage individually from a private carrier or decided to go uninsured.

And by now I would think rather than "crying wolf" by posing an outdated rhetorical question, that an organization financed by two of the richest people on Earth would have the resources necessary to find out exactly how many Michiganders actually had their policies canceled, how many of that group are now uninsured, how many of that group were able to find coverage and whether those who found coverage are better off or worse off now than before.

Obviously, the Koch brothers and the AFP have no interest in discovering the answers to these questions, since it is highly likely that the answers would actually undermine their anti-Obama agenda and blunt their attack on Peters.

So, similar to the dishonesty of the AFP's Boonstra/Wendt ads that were found to be highly inaccurate and misleading by a number of sources, this ad is again guilty of attempting to deceive by promoting a fake, looming catastrophe that can never happen since it allegedly already has. This sort of fear-mongering designed to get people to act against self-interest, is particularly galling, but a hallmark of an organization who can't seem to present a legitimate case for why the majority of the voting public should have to watch the fiber their collective backs as the Kochs and the AFP are so sure we all should despise. I guess you have to be a billionaire to get it.

Mitch Smith
Canton

Untested rape kits

It appears the feminists hate rape kits as they are pushing for equal pay for women. It is reported that in Michigan receive 26 cents less per hour than men for the alleged same work. I remember receiving the same pay as women in a company for allegedly the same work. However, the work was not the same

because the women were getting the softer jobs. They had to worry about breaking a nail and the men went home with sore backs, the clothing stains, the cuts on the hands and arms and the stained clothing. This is not to say that in certain work situations women are more efficient in multitasking and have better organizational skills. I also stand in awe of the working single mothers who work and have the work of keeping a house and raising a family.

However, it appears that the pay in presumably white-collar jobs in the White House have the same pay discrepancy as the blue-collar averages. It is said that if the number of hours worked and experienced at the job are factored in that it would be 5 cents per hour or less. It is also said that if this factorization is applied nationally, that discrepancy also disappears.

I am amazed at how many women are talking on their phones while driving and I recently saw one woman jabbering on the air with her other hand like enunciating a point with the hand not holding the phone. I am not certain that the personal telephone time taking care of family business at work is also not considered in this factoring which may lead to the fact that women are getting paid at a higher rate.

The reason for this discussion is that it would seem far more important for these feminists to raise a hue and cry over the 400,000 untested rape kits nationwide. I understand that Memphis is ahead of Detroit with 12,000 untested. Perhaps they figure that it doesn't affect them as the majority may be poor black women.

Perhaps chemical science majors could have some of their college debt forgiven if they train for this type of testing. Perhaps the FBI crime lab could train some recent science graduates for this type of work in states that don't have programs that are going to eliminate this backlog.

Ladies, don't sit on your hands. If you must use your phones while driving, do something useful. Also demand reporters do something useful about this instead of reporting about the cat that was rescued for the tree.

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PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Starfish honors



Bob, Susie and Jonathan Citrin were awarded the 2014 Starfish Great Hearts Award by CEO Ann Kalass at "An Evening for Starfish" held May 1 at The Henry Ford in Dearborn. The Citrin family are longtime supporters of Starfish Family Services. Jonathan Citrin currently serves on the Starfish Board as the immediate past chairman. "An Evening for Starfish" raised funds in support of vulnerable children and families in metro Detroit.

The Elks is \$10 donation at the door which includes hors d'oeuvres.

Contact: For more information call 734-453-1780 or visit www.plymouthelks1780.com

CRAFTERS WANTED

Date/Time: Sept. 5-7
Location: Downtown Plymouth's Fall Festival

Details: The Plymouth Fall Festival has openings in the Craft Show. Applications are available on the Craft Show page at www.plymouthfallfestival.com. Deadline for Jewelry booth applications is June 30. Deadline for all other craft applications is July 15.

Contact: More information can be found on the web site or email Colleen Brown at craftshow@plymouthfallfestival.com.

HEARING SCREENINGS

Date/Time: Wednesday, May 21, 1-4 p.m.

Location: Hug Center for 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, including assisted

listening devices will be part of the celebration. Refreshments, raffle prizes and giveaways will also be provided.

Contact: For more information, or to RSVP, call 734-451-0800.

FOURTH ART EXHIBIT

Date/Time: Through May 31; champagne and desserts reception 2-4 p.m. Sunday, May 11

Location: D&M Art Studio, Canton

Details: The fourth annual Ladies Dillenbeck Art Exhibition takes place at D&M Art Studio and features original artwork of women artists. Sharon Lee Dillenbeck, owner/operator of D&M Art Studio, has once again assembled recent works of art including her work, those of her daughters Erin and Kristin, her sister Donna Knight and some of Dillenbeck's award-winning students, including Marilyn Meredith, Vivian Hewitt, Elizabeth Gullikson, Deana Salhaney and Kay Masini.

Contact: For further information about this event or D&M Art Studio, contact Sharon Lee Dillenbeck at 734-453-3710 or email her at dmarist1@aol.com.

BLOOD DRIVES

Dates/Times/Locations: ■ Friday, May 16, 1-6:45 p.m.

Calvary Baptist Church, 43065 Joy Road, Canton

■ Monday, May 19, 1:30-7:15 p.m., Trinity Presbyterian Church, 10101 W. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth

■ Thursday, May 22, 2-7:45 p.m., Farand Elementary School, 41400 Greenbriar, Plymouth

■ Thursday, May 22, 1-6:45 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial, Plymouth

■ Thursday, May 22, 4-7:45 p.m., West Middle School, 44401 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth

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

Contact: To make an appointment, call Diane Risko at 313-549-7052 or email Diane.Risko@redcross.org.

FOOD PANTRY

Date/Time: Open every Tuesday, registration 2-3 p.m.

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

Details: Abundant Life Church of God hosts New Dimension Outreach Food Bank for anyone who needs food. The pantry is run by people who love and care. Registration is 2-3 p.m.

free raffles are at 3 p.m. and food distribution follows the raffles. The pantry services more than 100 families per week. Users will need a photo ID and proof of address.

Contact: For more information, contact Donna at 734-383-5658, Pastor Dan Smitherman at 734-664-5848 or the church at 734-723-7688.

DRIVE 4 UR SCHOOL

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

Location: Blackwell Ford, 41001 Plymouth Road, Plymouth

Details: Test drive any vehicle at Blackwell Ford and it will donate funds to help support Salem High School football. Blackwell Ford and the Salem Linebackers Booster Club are partnering to help raise up to \$6,000 in support of the Salem High School football program as part as part of Blackwell Ford's Drive 4 UR School program. For every person who test drives a new Ford vehicle at this one-day event, Blackwell Ford will donate \$20 to Salem's football program (limit one donation per household). Funds raised from this event will help the Salem football team "Go Further" through the purchases of new equipment, improve current facilities and provide necessary supplies for players in training.

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

HOSPICE SUPPORT

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

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

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

Contact: To register, contact Ann Christensen, Compassionate Care Hospice Bereavement coordinator, at 888-983-9050 or email achristensen@ccbn.net.

BNI MEETING

Date/Time: Each Thursday, 7-8:30 a.m.

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

Details: The BNI Northville-The \$1 million Referral Chapter meets every Thursday morning.

Contact: For more information, visit www.NorthvilleBNI.com

ALLEN AUCTION

Date/Time: Friday, May 16, 5:30-8 p.m.

Location: Allen Elementary School, 11100 Haggerty, Plymouth

Details: The Allen Elementary PTO sponsors the school's Silent Auction and Ice Cream Social. Proceeds will be used to fund field trips, classroom enhancements and in-school assemblies. The event is open to all members of the Allen community free of charge. The event will include a mini-fair with carnival games and a dunk tank (tickets available for purchase for games). The event will also celebrate Allen's 60th anniversary.

Contact: Call Allen Elementary at 734-416-0100 for more details.

MAKING LACE

Date/Time: Saturday, May 17, 1-4 p.m.

Location: Plymouth Historical Museum, 155 S. Main, Plymouth

Details: The Plymouth Historical Museum hosts lace-making demonstrations by members of The Great Lakes Lace Group. Various styles of lace-making will be represented, including needle lace, knitted lace and tatting. The mission of The Great Lakes Lace Group is to stimulate and foster a public interest in and appreciation for all phases and facets of lace and lace-making, including but not limited to its history, collection and expertise regarding this time-honored, decorative art and craft and to promote and develop the skillful making of lace by way of demonstration, instruction, teaching or otherwise. Demonstrations will take place in the Museum's Sanford Burr Meeting Room on the lower level. Admission to the museum is \$5 for adults and \$2 for children 6-17 years old.

HEISE HOURS

Date/Time: Monday, May 12

Times/Locations: ■ 10-11 a.m., Parthenon Coney Island, 39910 Ford Road, Canton

■ Noon to 1 p.m., Northville District Library, 212 W. Cady, Northville

■ 3-4 p.m., Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main, Plymouth

Details: State Rep. Kurt Heise invites local residents to meet with him to share their perspectives and ask questions. Heise is also available to meet with constituents by appointment either in the district or at his Lansing office.

Contact: Residents are invited to call toll free 855-REKURT or

e-mail kurtseize@house.mi.gov to schedule an appointment.

PRICE HOURS

Date: Monday, May 12

Times/Locations:

■ 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main, Plymouth

■ 1:30-3 p.m., Canton Public Library, 1200 S. Canton Center, Canton

Details: Wayne County Commissioner Shannon Price, R-District 10, conducts district office hours, allowing constituents the opportunity to discuss matters of concern within the community.

Contact: For more information, contact Mike Mitchell, staff aide to Price, at 313-224-0882.

CHURCH CONCERT

Date/Time: Saturday, May 31, 7:30-9:30 p.m.

Location: Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 Sheldon, Plymouth

Details: Friend of Unity, a Plymouth Unity church, hosts a concert featuring Karen Taylor Good and Stowe Dailey Shocke, who organizes say are noted for performing "positive thought/spiritual message" music. Tickets are \$20 in advance and at the door.

Contact: Email Margaret Assenmacher at mass4000bcblog@bal.net for more information or for tickets.

BLUES @ THE ELKS

Date/Time: Tuesday, May 13, 7-10 p.m.

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

Details: Blues @ The Elks features RJ Kansas City Six presents The Great Blues Shouters of the Southwest. RJ Spangler on drums, Dan Devins does vocals and plays harmonica, Alicia Marie on guitar, Gwen MacPhee on string bass, James O'Donnell on trumpet and vocals and Ella Campbell on tenor sax. Blues @ The Elks takes place the second Tuesday of the month. There's a \$5 donation at the door.

Contact: For more information call 734-453-1780 or visit www.plymouthelks1780.com.

JAZZ @ THE ELKS

Date/Time: May 27, 7-10 p.m.

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

Details: The May 27 event features Dennis Tini Trio with April Tini on vocals. Dennis plays keyboard, Ray Tini on bass and Dave Taylor on drums. Jazz @

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Pros, cons of buying life insurance for a child

I talked to a client's daughter who had just become a mother for the first time. She and her husband wanted to make sure that they did the right things from a legal and financial standpoint. They already understood the importance of a will and naming a guardian.

They wanted my advice on whether they should buy life insurance for their child. They had been approached by their insurance agent. They wanted some independent advice.

What I hoped to do was to give them the pros and cons so they could make the decision for themselves.

Traditionally, when someone



Rick Bloom
MONEY MATTERS

buys life insurance, it's to replace lost income. For example, the breadwinner in a family whose untimely death could cause severe financial consequences is the individual that you typically look to insure.

In a situation with a child, there typically is no loss of income. There are, though, two issues to consider.

If a child does die, there is the cost of burial and potentially lost wages if the parents are

not compensated during their period of grief. Life insurance is obviously one way of recouping those costs.

Another reason often cited to buy life insurance for a child is to insure insurability in the future. In many life insurance policies, you can add on additional insurance without a medical exam.

In addition, people who sell insurance believe it is a good investment. After all, you can build up a cash value and, on some of these variable products, you could have other forms of investments.

The reasons for not buying life insurance for a child are it is unlikely that something

would happen to a child and money spent on premiums could be more productively invested for such things as a college education.

In addition, in today's world it is very unlikely that a child would not be able to get insurance in the future. The amount of insurance that you'd have to buy today to make the future insurance material is cost-prohibitive for most people.

From an investment standpoint, the general view – by those who do not sell insurance – is that life insurance is a very expensive way of investing with very little flexibility and limited investment options.

When you consider the pros

and cons, other than in very unusual situations, I do not recommend life insurance for a child. The money would be better spent investing for a child's college education. I believe life insurance is a means to cover risk, not an investment.

Focus on something that will increase the quality of their child's life, such as saving for their college education. Good luck.

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

Air museum, RACER set to ink deal to buy bomber plant

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

Living up to its slogan of "We Can Do It Again," the Yankee Air Museum announced that it will enter into an agreement with the RACER (Revitalizing Auto Communities Environmental Response) Trust to purchase 175,000 square feet of the former Willow Run Bomber Plant.

The announcement came one year and a week after YAM had launched a million-dollar fundraising campaign to buy an area of the former GM Powertrain Plant where B-24 Liberator bombers were completed and delivered to the U.S. government during World War II.

"The Yankee Air Museum would like to thank everyone for their support in helping us with the Save the Bomber Plant Campaign," museum officials said in a statement released Thursday. "The fundraising efforts have been successful enough that we are moving to the next step of the campaign, which is working on an actual purchase agreement."

"As you can imagine, outside of the fundraising efforts, one of the most difficult parts of this project has been the figuring out the very challeng-



Last fall, Yankee Air Museum officials invited the public to see the portion of the Willow Run Bomber Plant it will be buying from the RACER Trust. FILE PHOTO

ing infrastructure issues related to preserving the old Bomber Plant. We are hoping to resolve these issues as quickly as possible and anticipate a purchase agreement will be signed in the next seven to 10 days."

Able to go ahead

According to Mike Montgomery of the Michigan Aeronautical Foundation, which has been helping in the Save the Bomber Plant Campaign, the museum and RACER have agreed that they reached a point of being able to go ahead with the deal.

"We're pretty sure we have the resources to do this," he said. "The only stumbling block may be the utility hook-ups, but we expect to have it under control. We've raised enough to preserve the build-

ing, now we have to create a museum."

The museum had set a campaign goal of \$8 million to purchase the portion of the plant, put up walls to enclose it and hook up the utilities. The museum has raised more than \$7 million, with close to \$300,000 coming in through online donations and commitments in the last few days before the May 1 deadline.

"The level of public support has been both amazing and gratifying," Montgomery said. "This has really been a priority for the people of this area. We're thrilled we could get this far. It took one year and a week for a major capital campaign that normally takes three or four years."

But while it has accomplished its initial goal of saving the bomber plant, fund-

raising will continue "without interruption." According to the museum statement, the money will be needed to prepare "for any additional expense required to resolve the infrastructure issues as well as to be prepared for later phases of this project, including the creation of the new facility's planned exhibits."

Larger building

Acquiring the building is a dream come true for the museum. The factory space is four times the size of its current museum and large enough inside to house all of its planes, except the massive B-52.

RACER Trust's mission is to clean up and revitalize former GM locations. Close to 30 percent of the former GM Powertrain Plant has been demolished so far. Once the work is done, the property will be available for redevelopment.

Because the portion of the bomber plant the museum is buying is part of the factory, two walls will need to be built to enclose the buildings. Montgomery is confident that the strategic demolition will be accomplished without damage to the old plant.

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Studio celebrates 40th anniversary

Dancin' Feet, the longest operating dance studio in Canton, hosts its annual year-end performance this week celebrating 40 years of providing quality dance instruction to the Plymouth-Canton communities.

Performances take place at 7 p.m. Friday, May 9; at 1:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday, May 10; and at 4 p.m. Sunday, May 11, in Salem High School's auditorium, located at 46181 Joy Road, Canton. To celebrate the milestone, former students have been invited to join the opening number on stage during each recital for a special dance.

Dancin' Feet provides dance instruction at Summit on the Park, located at 46000 Summit Parkway, under the direction of Cheryl Reitz. Classes for all ages are offered six days a week in ballet, tap, jazz, lyrical, pointe, hip hop and cecchetti, as well as adult tap classes. Dancin' Feet also offers a competition team and a selection of summer classes.

"We're very proud to be celebrating our 40th anniversary as a dedicated business in the Plymouth-Canton community," Reitz said.

For more information about Dancin' Feet's ongoing classes and upcoming performances, call 734-394-5450.

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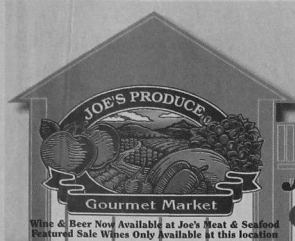
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PREP GIRLS SOCCER

TRIUMPHANT RETURN

Duhl's return brings cheers from stands, solid team effort on field in Rocks' 0-0 tie with Churchill

By Evan Paputa
Correspondent

As of 7:04 Monday night, Scott Duhl's "gap" was no more. The reappointed head coach of the Salem girls soccer team was taking steps on the sideline, in front of the team that he picked, for the first time this spring. Although it turned out to be a 0-0 tie against Livonia Churchill (5-2-1), Salem (3-5-2) played with a sense of purpose and integrity all night.

Sharing the shutout for Salem were senior Aly Mann and freshman Skylar Brant (who each played a half) and

Churchill freshman Brittney Hayes. "One of the things that drives me about coaching is the camaraderie and togetherness about a team. Not having that, I've had a gap in my day, my time. They are just a joy to be around," Duhl said.

Unaccustomed to the limelight, Duhl was glad to be back doing what he loves. When his name was announced with the starting lineup before the game, the crowd gave him a standing ovation.

Even Duhl himself was surprised at the applause from the fans when his name was first announced as "Salem



Reinstated Salem girls soccer coach Scott Duhl (third from right) talks to the players during halftime of Monday's game. EVAN PAPUTA

head coach." "Usually not so many cheers," Duhl said. "This whole thing has been pretty overwhelming. It's crazy how many

people just in this community — I grew up here in this community — that

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44TH ANNUAL OBSERVERLAND RELAYS

Hawks tops at Observerland



Vying for the lead in the 100 meter dash at the Observerland Relays are (from left) Farmington Harrison junior Iwarri Smith, Westland John Glenn junior Jaron Flournoy and Salem senior Steven Hornrich. PHOTOS BY DOUGLAS BARGERSTOCK

Host Salem finishes fourth out of 14 teams, Canton takes sixth at windy Plymouth-Canton Educational Park

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Saturday's 44th annual Observerland Relays literally was a numbers game at windswept Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

Despite strong winds that sometimes slowed runners, Farmington Harrison's outstanding depth proved to be just enough to earn the championship, as the Hawks tallied 74 points — edging Livonia Stevenson, which finished with 72.

"You got to be up there and you got to place," said Harrison coach John Reed, whose team captured three events. "We got a lot of guys and I would have to say, I'm sure I used over 20 different guys to score points tonight. We only used a couple sprinters twice. Most guys out here tonight

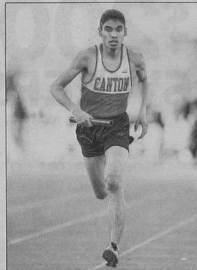
probably only ran one time, so that was pretty good."

Reed then smiled about topping a talented field of teams that included Stevenson, third-place Livonia Franklin (52 points), host Salem (fourth with 50), defending Observerland champion Novi Detroit Catholic Central (fifth with 48) and Canton (sixth, 46).

"This is a huge win, I'm like in a little bit of shock. A lot of really good teams here. But we have a team that, these young guys have been growing up with us for a while, they're maturing into their own."

In the next tier of teams were Livonia Churchill (seventh, 37), Farmington (eighth, 29), Westland John Glenn (ninth, 26), Wayne Memorial (10th, 25) and Plymouth (11th, 22).

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Canton junior Ammar Chishti competes during the distance medley relay at the Observerland Relays.

PREP SOFTBALL



Salem's Sam Weiser, shown in this 2013 photo, and her teammates are clicking on all cylinders during a 10-game winning streak. BILL BRESLER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Rocks rally to win invite

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Salem's varsity softball team is rocking, rolling and winning — including Saturday's Salem Invitational.

Having knocked off three opponents earlier in the day, the Rocks faced Wyandotte in the championship game of the 17th annual tourney and rallied to capture a 12-11 victory in eight innings.

Then on Monday, Salem mercied Wayne Memorial 16-0 in a three-inning KLAAs crossover to make it 10 consecutive victories entering Wednesday's twinbill against Novi.

"I don't want to jinx us, but we have not lost a game since we got back from our successful spring training trip," Salem head coach Bonnie Southerland said. "It truly does make a difference, the wins speak mountains."

The Rocks (13-4 overall) needed some big-time offensive fireworks to bounce back against the Bears, who scored three runs in the top of the eighth to snap an 8-8 tie and go up 11-8.

But Salem was not to be denied. First, Gabby Zott doubled home Emily Marcano. Abbie Riedel followed with a pinch-hit single to put two runners on base and Zott scored on a sacrifice fly by Kristi Zink, reducing the deficit to one run.

Down to their final out, the Rocks pulled out the victory when Kristin Mihalic followed with a two-run homer. "We haven't won our tourney in about five years so it's a nice win," Southerland said. "It was great to see the bats working."

The big guns against Wyandotte were Katie Hiltz (3-for-3), Jamie Squires (2-for-3, including a homer) and Zott —

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RELAYS

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Rounding out the field were 12th-place Garden City (10), Redford Union (4) and Redford Thurston (1).

According to Stevenson head coach Scott Shaw, his team displayed depth and consistency to come up just two points shy of the championship.

The Spartans' lone first came in the 6,400-meter relay as Kevin Callow, Zach Miaszkowski, Stephen Fenech and Erik Grisa combined for a time of 19:32.07.

"We had a nice showing," Shaw said. "I know the kids got excited for this meet. We do fairly well, we don't have a lot of real superstars, but we got a lot of real steady kids and they all did a nice job."

"When you have three of them in each event, ... it's pretty nice because it's more of a team thing. Maybe we (only) won one event today, and we placed in a number of other ones."

Franklin, meanwhile, posted its best finish in years to pick up the third-place trophy. The Patriots won the individual 1,600-meter run (Keenan Jones in 4:37.29), while Matt Wirtick, Alex Perelli, Spencer Opie and Nathan Rodgers combined for the first in the 4 x 100 relay (44.68).

"It's the first top-three since I've been coaching," said Pat Koelzer, now in his sixth year. "I think it's been awhile for Franklin. We did really well in our sprints. Keenan (Jones) winning the mile helped a lot. Alex (Perelli) really looked good in the 100. We did not really have a lot of success in the field events. It's been an area of development all season for us. But on the track, everybody really did their part. They stepped up, ... and I'm a little surprised. We've had a long week of a lot of meets and we did not really load up guys too much for this. I guess they



Salem sophomore Jared Zella gives it his all during the 3200 relay at the Overland Relays, Saturday evening at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park. DOUGLAS BARGERSTOCK

were fresh and it showed."

"We had two big dual meets coming into this week and we have another coming up Tuesday (against Westland John Glenn), so I didn't want to wear guys down too much. I guess maybe that paid off a little bit."

Gauging the talent

Salem head coach Steve Aspinall predicted that the final standings would come down to the teams that more often than not were at the front of the line in each event.

The Rocks had a number of strong performances, but not enough firsts or seconds. Per event, points were allotted 10-8-6-4-2-1 to the top-six finishers, respectively.

"Overall, we had a lot of places, we placed in a lot of events," Aspinall said. "But it's tough to win if you don't get lots of firsts and seconds, and we didn't get a whole lot of firsts and seconds."

"We had a second in the long jump and that might have been the last top-two finish we had on the day. We had lots of third places, lots of fourths. Overall, pretty good. The times weren't the best because we hadn't a flying flag

with 25 mile-per-hour winds all day, blowing in their face most of the way."

Aspinall said his team got a good glimpse at the talent that will be back at P-CEP on May 16 for the regionals.

"There's some great speed here," Aspinall noted. "Franklin's got speed, ... John Glenn's got speed and it will be nice to see those guys again."

Canton had an overall good day, according to assistant coach Matti Kilpelainen, helping oversee the Chiefs in the absence of head coach Jess Shough.

"I thought we performed pretty well, we have improved during the course of the season," Kilpelainen said. "Today was a real good meet for us. Our high jump we got a PR (personal best) from Jamal Dixon, 6-7, one of the best in the state."

"Our pole vaulters did pretty good, too, they got third place. We got some heights that would qualify at least one of them to a state meet if they can do it in the regionals. So we're improving."

Glenn's Jaron Flounroy captured the individual 100 in 10.95 and also teamed up with Freddie Thompson, Kenyatta Mason and Austin Hickerson to win the 800 relay in 1:31.1.

The Rockets also appeared to have won the meet's final event, the 1,600 relay by a wide margin, but were disqualified by a meet official for doing illegal passing along the track thus forfeiting 10 points and giving Plymouth the victory.

Wayne's sprint medley team of Joe Gatton, J'Lonte Cook, Shakari Hill and Montell Hood also placed first in 2:33.63.

And to nobody's surprise, Churchill's Jacob Hage, Ethan Burke and Stephen Fedak took the pole vault relay (39.3).

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Relay good



Canton's varsity girls track and field team took part at Saturday's Livonia Stevenson Invitational. The Chiefs' 800-meter relay team (from left) Taylor Pelland, Jocelyn Moraw, Channele Holly and Samantha McGrath proudly display their medals after taking second place in the event.

BOYS TRACK RESULTS

44th annual OVERSEAS BOYS TRACK & FIELD RELAYS

May 3 at Canton, Miss.

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Farmington Harrison, 74 points; 2. Livonia Stevenson, 72; 3. Livonia Franklin, 52; 4. Salem, 50; 5. West Detroit Catholic Central, 46; 6. Canton, 46; 7. Livonia Churchill, 37; 8. Farmington, 29; 9. Westland John Glenn, 26; 10. Wayne Memorial, 25; 11. Plymouth, 22; 12. Garden City, 10; 13. Redford Union, 4; 14. Redford Thurston, 1.

FINAL EVENT RESULTS

Shot put relay: 1. Catholic Central (Campeau, Hunter, Michael Misal, 39.7); 2. Farmington, 39; 31.3; 3. Stevenson, 17:01; 4. Harrison, 30:04; 5. Canton, 12:05.5.

Discus relay: 1. Catholic Central (Campeau, Hunter, Michael Misal, 39.7); 2. Farmington, 39; 31.3; 3. Stevenson, 17:01; 4. Harrison, 30:04; 5. Canton, 12:05.5.

High jump relay: 1. Canton (Lamar Dixon, Brett Lee, Alex Macdonald, 17:52; 2. Harrison, 17:5; 3. Salem, 17:2; 4. Stevenson, 16:10; 5. Catholic Central, 16:6; 6. Farmington, 16:0).

Long jump relay: 1. Harrison (Malik Benson, Warren Smith, Delandre Upokim, 61:55; 2. Salem, 56:3; 3. Canton, 54:0; 4. Stevenson, 53:5; 5. Farmington, 52:5; 6. Garden City, 52:4).

Pole vault relay: 1. Churchill (Jacob Hage, Ethan Burke, Stephen Fedak, 39.3; 2. Stevenson, 38:6; 3. Canton, 36:4; 4. Garden City, 28:4; 5. Salem, 26:6; 6. Franklin, 17:0).

6,400-meter relay: 1. Stevenson (Kevin Callow, Zach Miaszkowski, Stephen Fenech, Erik Grisa, 19:32.07; 2. Catholic Central, 19:38.4; 3. Canton, 19:38.4; 4. Churchill, 20:09.33; 5. Salem, 21:00.68; 6. Franklin, 21:21.07).

110 individual hurdles: 1. Michael Ojemudia (Livonia), 1:42.2; 2. Josh Cavett (Wayne), 1:54.0; 3. Nathan Falson (Stevenson), 1:58.8; 4. Keyon Thomas (RU), 1:57.5; 5. Donovan D'Amore (CU), 1:57.4.

Milek, 42 each

Trackers: Alex Regish, 39; Tyler Gerhardt, 40; Greg Ba, 42; Matt Weberhaus, 44; Alex Hage and Josh Dusk, 46 each.

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

PLYMOUTH 144 LIVONIA FRANKLIN 165

May 1 at Ivy Wylid C.G.

Plymouth scorers: Evan Chipman, 33 (individual); John Tan, 25; Jack Weberhaus, 40; Chris Cies, 39; Alex Decar and Kyle

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 171

May 1 at Fox Hills Strategic Fox

Franklin scorers: Susan Perelli, 32 (individual); Dominic Dymna, 34; Curt Yum, 34; Brian Odum, 36; Philip Cantor, 36; Ryan Wirtick, 38.

John Glenn scorers: James Hartman, 38; Alex Luchini, 42; Jesse Davis, 45; Daniel Williams, 46; Brenden Harvey, 47.

Dual match records: Canton, 2:1 overall; 2:1 KLAAS South Division; John Glenn, 0:3; D-3 KLAAS South.

KLAAS KENSINGTON BOYS

GOLF CONFERENCE TOURNEY

May 2 at Fox Creek G.C.

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Novi and Canton, 301 strokes each; 3. Plymouth, 302; 4. Livonia Stevenson, 310; 5. Northville, 312; 6. Livonia Churchill, 318; 7. Salem, 327; 8. South Lyon East, 329; 9. Livonia Franklin, 332; 10. South Lyon, 338; 11. Westland John Glenn, 401; 12. Wayne Memorial, 473.

Individual co-medalists: Donnie Trapez (Canton) and Garrett Buckley

(Novi), par-7 each.

TEAM-BY-TEAM SCORING

Canton (301): 1. Donnie Trapez, 71; 9. (tie) Noah Lindbauer and Subas Potluri, 76 each; 14. Chris Dooley, 78; 33. Hunter Schlapp, 82; 50. Carter Schenk, 88.

Plymouth (302): 1. Evan Chipman, 77; 4. Chris Kiefer, 76; 6. John Tan, 76; 23. (tie) Alex Decar and Kyle Melnick, 80 each; 42. Jack Bazzaz, 84.

Salem (327): 23. Franco Papp, 80; 33. (tie) Brady Cole and Nick Davis, 82 each;

38. Carter Cole, 83; 46. Jack McCormick, 87; 57. Noah Hivels, 91.

DUAL MATCH RESULTS

FRANKLIN 165

CANTON 169

May 1 at Fox Hills

Franklin scorers: Greg Ba, 40 (individual); Alex Hage, 47; Matt Weberhaus, 43; Tyler Gerhardt, 44; Josh Dusk, 46 and Alex Regish, 50.

Canton scorers: Noah Lindbauer, 41;

Chris Dooley, 42; Carter Schenk, 43; Hunter Schlapp, 43; Subas Potluri, 49 and Josh Johnson, 50.

Dual match records: Canton, 2:1 overall; 2:2 KLAAS South Division.

PLYMOUTH 144

LIVONIA FRANKLIN 165

May 1 at Ivy Wylid C.G.

Plymouth scorers: Evan Chipman, 33 (individual); John Tan, 25; Jack Weberhaus, 40; Chris Cies, 39; Alex Decar and Kyle

Milek, 42 each

Trackers: Alex Regish, 39; Tyler Gerhardt, 40; Greg Ba, 42; Matt Weberhaus, 44; Alex Hage and Josh Dusk, 46 each.

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

CANTON 156

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LEARNING AT THE PLYMOUTH YMCA



Little soccer players get after it in this Plymouth Family YMCA 'Kickers' contest for kids ages 3-5.

NOT?

Volunteer coaches help Plymouth Family YMCA programs connect with kids of all skill levels

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Forget about stats, standings and scholarships.

Youngsters who sign up for the myriad sports programs offered by the Plymouth Family YMCA are having a blast just playing the games—and learning about key life skills such as teamwork, respect and discipline at the same time.

And that's the mission statement followed by Plymouth YMCA volunteer coaches such as Eric Bacynski, Alecia Sweeney and Doug Soper.

All three joined the coaching staff to guide their own kids and help introduce them to the world of organized fun and games.

Several years later, they are still at it. Bacynski and Sweeney share coaching duties with a girls volleyball team (now participating in the just-started spring season) while Soper coaches basketball.

"I signed up to coach the girls volleyball team because my daughter wanted to play and I enjoy being active in her sports," Bacynski said. "Additionally, I welcomed it as an opportunity to bring a group of great girls that sports are about having fun, being active and learning how to work as a team, winning is a great benefit of all of those coming together."

Sweeney's motivation for becoming a volunteer coach also was to be there with her daughter.

But she also wanted to share with the girls her own love of volleyball and being part of a team.

"I think leagues like the YMCA offer great introductions to the different sports and give the kids the opportunity to try a variety of different sports and find what they like best," Sweeney said.

Soper concurred that his initial desire to become a volunteer coach with the Plymouth YMCA was to coach his son, the basics of basketball.

Three years later, he is still loving the opportunity.

"I find it very reward-

ing to be able to teach the kids some new skills, have some fun and also instill some form of discipline outside of their normal family life," Soper said. "I also enjoy when the kids learn something new and then have success showing the new skill down the road."

Volunteers crucial
Bacynski, Sweeney and Soper are only a few of the many volunteers who are the life blood for connecting kids with Plymouth YMCA sports offerings—which also include baseball (T-ball, coach pitch and machine pitch) and soccer.

With close to 1,000 kids between ages 3-12 participating in various leagues, clinics and popular programs such as Girls on the Run, the need never subsides for quality volunteer coaches to commit to the Plymouth YMCA.

And while it is great to have volunteers stick with certain teams, coaching turnover is a fact of life with the Plymouth YMCA, according to community program director Josh Borg.

Finding folks to help out can be a "tricky" thing with today's on-the-run society. Keeping them for the long haul is even trickier, sometimes.

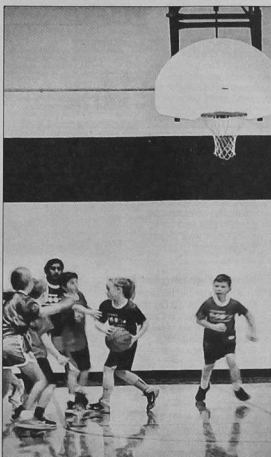
"It's one of the things I really try to work on is communication with our volunteers, just helping them out in whatever way I can," Borg said. "I tell them 'You're going to run the practice and you're going to run the game. As far as communication stuff with other parents, I can handle that.' Just because I know it is tough. That can be up to three-to-five hours out of your week."

"With full-time jobs and stuff that can get tough. So we do run into snags of trying to get volunteers."

In virtually every case, volunteers sign up for the same reasons, to be positive role models and teachers more than cheerleaders.

Kinder, gentler

Meanwhile, Sweeney said it is a plus that youngsters get to play and learn "in a little less competitive way, yet still



The Plymouth Family YMCA hosts coed basketball camps in July and August for youngsters ages 7-12. There also are winter leagues offered.

FIND OUT MORE

The Plymouth Family YMCA is located at 248 S. Union St. For more information about spring and summer programs, call program director Josh Borg at 734-386-0700, jborg@ymcadetroit.org or visit www.ymcadetroit.org/plymouth.

allows the kids to excel and grow at their own speed."

"Often kids move on to more competitive club team types if that is what they are interested in and others stay in the YMCA programs and just learn and have fun."

Borg noted that he reinforces the kinder and gentler mission of the YMCA whenever new parents coming around to sign up their kids.

"A lot of our leagues, we don't do standings," Borg said. "We start to keep score at a certain age (8 years old or so). We do that not really to deter people from having a competitive spirit, I tell them you can still be competitive and participate in our program."

"But our overall focus isn't 'We want that team to win,' we want both teams to participate, both teams to be able to have some skill building. And at the end of the day, yes, there will be one team that either has more goals, has more points than the other team, but that's not an area that we focus on."

Sportsmanship is stressed by Bacynski and Sweeney with their players. "Alecia and I always looked at it as setting the fundamentals for how these girls view sports," Bacynski said. "First and foremost, it was implicit, that sports are for boys and girls. Second, that good sportsmanships means treating your opponent as if they were a teammate; we frequently used scrimmages to drive this point home."

"Having the girls rotate teams and switch frequently ensures that they always treated each

other equally and with respect."

The basics

Beyond the games, meanwhile, is helping youngsters get off the couch and get into an active lifestyle that could stick with them for decades.

At least, Borg hopes that's the case more often than not.

"We definitely stress healthy living and that's what we try to promote with our leagues, too," Borg said. "If you want them to be active this is kind of where we fit into that."

"You don't have to be a track star to be on our soccer leagues or anything like that. We very much promote healthy living."

And, Borg emphasized, parents and their children take solace knowing YMCA programs welcome beginners.

"You wonder if you haven't done it before, especially a kid that wants to try a sport for the first time when he's 9," Borg said. "In this day and age people start sports so early (kids) wonder 'Am I going to be able to do it? Am I going to stick out because I don't know what I'm doing?'"

"That's why we like to offer this and say 'No, you can come here and you're not going to stick out.' That's what we are here for, to give you a program to teach you the basics."

The Plymouth Family YMCA is all about basics, buddies and building blocks. Those Xs and Os of competitive sports can wait.

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BOYS PREP LACROSSE

Chiefs best 'Cats, get early jump on Park title

Goalie Smith, nine points by Topper spark Canton to 11-6 victory

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

When Collin Smith was a freshman, he and his Canton Chiefs boys lacrosse teammates were the best at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

Three years later, the aggressive senior goalkeeper and team captain is looking to go out with those same bragging rights. Smith backstopped Canton to an 11-6 victory Friday against Plymouth on a cool, rainy night at P-C's varsity turf field.

"We just have to beat Salem (May 9) and win the Park," said Smith, who stopped 20 of 26 Plymouth shots. "It's something we've been looking for. We didn't win it the last two years, we came off my freshman year with a big win at the Park so we're looking to get it back to where it belongs."

Senior attackman Kyle Topper keyed Canton's offense, scoring four goals (three in the first half) and collecting five assists for a nine-point night.

"Kyle Topper had another great game, and our face-off guy, Nolan Gilo (junior midfielder) is just playing fabulously this year," Canton coach Hank Lewandowski said. "He won most of our face-offs and he's done a really good job getting the ball up into our offense."

Junior midfielder Gerald Belanger registered three goals for Canton, with sophomore attackman Carson Pakula chipping in with two goals in the second half. Netting one goal each for the Chiefs were Max Kwieciec and Ben Phillips, while Brocton Baschler tallied two assists.

Registering two goals each for the Wildcats were Kyle Robertson, Nolan Hueltel and Zach Gallahue. Adding an assist for the night was Robertson.

Canton took a 3-0 lead after one quarter but had to hold off the pesky Wildcats, who came back to trail just 5-4 at halftime.

In the third quarter, however, the Chiefs really raised it up a notch,



Canton's Carson Pakula (No. 25) looks to gain a step on Plymouth's Ben Riley (No. 8) during Friday night's game. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

outscoring the Wildcats 4-1 to take a commanding 9-5 edge entering the fourth.

Burly goalkeeper Smith had a lot to do with that as he muscled his way around the net, yelled encouragement and even sprinted far away from his goalmouth to get ground balls.

On a mission

"Yeah, I was just trying to help get ground balls," Smith said. "We struggled last game with ground balls in front of our net, so I figured I'd just try to help out my team and my (long-stick) poles a little bit more."

"I was a little more aggressive, I didn't stay home as much as I usually do."

Smith said he knows that when he does wander, that his teammates will cover for him. "Some of my poles, they got good sticks so they can knock stuff down as it comes towards the net."

Chiefs head coach Hank Lewandowski lauded Smith's strong, aggressive play.

"He's a great athlete, a good leader, a good team captain and he's made big saves for us all season long," Lewandowski said. "He's kept us in games when our inexperienced defense would lag off, he's made big saves and helped our transition game to get going."

According to Wildcats head coach Brian Walsh, the Canton goalie "takes up so much space in the cage that we shot a lot of shots wide trying to get corners."

Walsh said although his team is very young, with most freshmen than seniors, it was good to see how well it responded to Canton's quick lead. The Wildcats could not sustain their rally.

PREP BASEBALL

Salem offense rolling

Yet another jam-packed week for the Salem varsity baseball team got off to a rollicking start with Monday's 14-0 mercy victory over host Wayne Memorial.

Tuesday's game against Livonia Stevenson didn't require a single hit to collect five runs in the first two frames against the Zebras.

But the offense really got going after that, with a seven-run fifth to bring away the victory.

Shortstop Jack Driscoll had another big game, with three hits and four runs while Alex Nicholson's bases-loaded double drove in a pair.

Helping out the attack was catcher Logan Marz, who also registered his first varsity hit—driving in his first run as a result.

Given the victory for the Rocks was pitcher Nick March (2-1).

Salem's busy week continued with Wednesday's game against Novi. Thursday the Rocks will visit Walled Lake Western and then host Ann Arbor Pioneer on Friday. On Saturday, Salem will meet for the annual Strike Out Prostate Cancer benefit double-header. Game 1 will be a doubleheader between Plymouth (11 a.m.), followed by the nightcap on Salem's varsity field at 2 p.m.

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GIRLS SOCCER

Slaviero's goal proves cutce for Chargers

Frosh delivers in 1-0 triumph over Plymouth

By Brad Emmons
Staff Writer

In a match devoid of any real scoring chances, Livonia Churchill's Ashley Slaviero found the target and delivered a bulls-eye shot.

And the freshman proved to be the unlikely hero last Thursday night as she went top shelf from 25 yards out to give the host Chargers a pivotal 1-0 girls soccer victory over Plymouth.

Despite six matches left, Churchill now controls its own destiny in the KLAAS South Division race after beating second-place Plymouth for the second straight time.

The Chargers improved to 5-2 overall and 4-0 in the division, two games up in the loss column on both the Wild-cats and Canton.

Slaviero's goal was set up by senior midfielder's Kelsey Parrinello's back pass after she settled the ball from 15 yards out. And the freshman made no mistake, drilling a shot just under the crossbar and over the outstretched fingertips of a leaping Plymouth senior goalkeeper Kylie Robb with 26:43 remaining in the match.

The first half was a defensive stalemate that featured no shots on goal and just one corner kick (by Plymouth).

Once the Chargers scored, things opened up somewhat, but between the two teams there were only four shots on goal. Plymouth's best chance came with 13:36 when a free kick sailed high over the crossbar from 25 yards out.

"I thought they (Churchill) did a very good job getting numbers in their back third and really frustrating us," said Plymouth coach Jeff Neschich, whose team fell to 5-4 overall and 3-2 in the KLAAS South. "At the end of the day we didn't get the job done. We made several adjustments. I thought we created more offense, but it wasn't enough."

And Neschich gave credit where credit was due on the game-winning goal.

"That was a fantastic shot," the Plymouth coach said.

Churchill also won 1-0 in its previous meeting on Plymouth's home field.

CANTON 3, SALEM 1: On Friday night at P-CEP, Rachel Winters scored to break a 1-1 tie and help spark the Chiefs to a KLAAS cross-over varsity girls soccer victory.

Also scoring for Canton (5-4-1) were Cristen Pederson and Hannah Lapko. "Both teams played strong and we played composed and moved the ball well in the first 15 minutes," Canton head coach Marianne Reddy said. "We got the first goal from a cross across the goal by Chief Darlin to Cristen Pederson."



Churchill's Kelsey Parrinello (right) tries to beat Plymouth's Sydney Rouse to the 50-50 ball. DOUGLAS BARGERSTOCK

"... Both teams played even until later in the second half, when Rachel started to push forward and took a great shot, giving us a 2-1 lead."
The Rocks (3-5-1) pressured in efforts for the equalizer, but the Chiefs hung on with some insurance provided by the Lapko marker.
"We really needed the win," Reddy said. "We knew we couldn't let down and the girls held strong."

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PREP SOFTBALL



After Plymouth's Rachel Zerna (right) scored Monday's winning run in the bottom of the seventh inning, she is mobbed by Brooke Senkbeil.

'Cats keep hot streak alive

Rachel Zerna picked the perfect time to take a trip around the bases, enabling host Plymouth to nip South Lyon East 3-2 in Monday's softball matchup of Kensington Conference division leaders.

With two outs in the bottom of the seventh and the game tied 2-2, Zerna dropped a bunt down and beat it out for her second hit of the contest.

But she kept running thanks to a throwing error by the Cougars third baseman.

Around second went Zerna, then around third and she slid home with the winning run, beating the throw from right field.

The win upheld Plymouth's record to 10-0 overall and 9-0 in the KLAAS South Division, while South Lyon East (11-5 in the Central) dropped to 12-4, 7-2.

Earning the win was Plymouth pitcher Mikayela Marcinich, who

gave up just three hits and struck out nine as she out-dueled Sydney East (who gave up four hits, also fanning nine batters).

The Cougars went up 2-0 in the second inning, with Morgan Bowen driving in both runs with a base hit.

Plymouth came back to even things up 2-2 in the bottom of the third. Gina Barber started the bottom of the inning with a sharp single and stole second base, and Brooke Senkbeil followed with her second walk of the game.

Zerna bunted for a hit to load the bases and Lindsay Lutton's single scored Barber to make it 2-1. Brittney Miller's ground ball to the right side of the infield brought home Senkbeil to knot the score.

Plymouth will visit Canton for a Thursday makeup doubleheader in a clash of the KLAAS South's top teams.

SALEM

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have reached out to me through social media, phone calls and texts. "I can't wait to get rolling more in this season."

Worth fighting for
From the initial hearing six weeks ago at the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools weekly board meeting until Duhl's reinstatement last week, the team proved to be Duhl's rock.

"Talk about girls that are really smart, fun people to be around. Overall, just a joy to be around," Duhl said.

Players spearheaded the campaign to bring Duhl back.

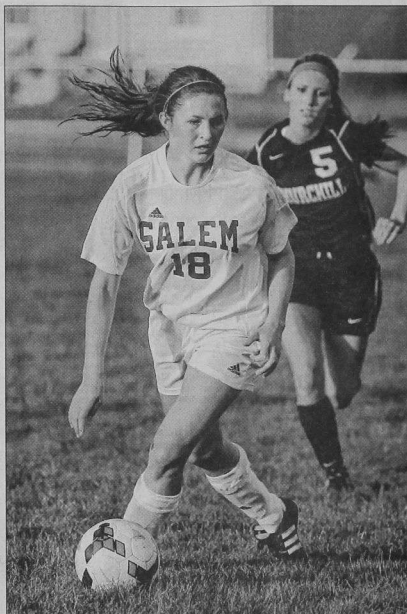
T-shirts with his name on the back were made and worn to the board meeting and even during the first Salem home game.

While the shirts weren't viewed as a good thing by everyone, to senior forward, Beth Miller, the campaign was well worth any unwanted hullabaloo.

"We made shirts, and that definitely caused a lot of controversy. We made national news because it was so outrageous what happened," Miller said.

From the outlook of senior defender, Olivia Kaye the T-shirts helped bring Duhl back. It was a rewarding feeling for Kaye to know that hard work really does pay off.

"During our first home game, we wore our white 'Duhl' T-shirts, which showed a lot of support and it caused a lot of controversy, which I think helped bring him back,"



Salem's Katie Binsfeld (No. 18) looks to thread a pass to a teammate Monday night, while Livonia Churchill's Kacie Murray (No. 5) approaches. ED HENGESH | EXPRESS PHOTO

Kaye said.

For sophomore "everything" player, Leah Moss, having Duhl back on the sidelines is a comforting feeling. The rapport between Moss and Duhl goes back to her days on her Michigan Hawks club team that Duhl coaches.

"He brings a lot of positivity to the team, brings us all together, and thinks of us all as family," Moss said. "We are thrilled to have him back."

"He's a really good coach."

With the first game out of the way, the Rocks will look to gain momentum down the home stretch of the regular season.

SOFTBALL

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two doubles, a triple and three RBIs.

Getting the win with four innings of relief was Marissa Hunley.

Salem had a much easier time earlier in the tournament, routing Ann Arbor Skyline (11-0), Dearborn Edsel Ford (11-5) and then nipping Livonia Franklin 7-6 in the semifinals.

» Against Skyline, the Rocks belted out 17 hits to back the two-hit pitching of Zink.

Leading the surge was Mihalic (3-for-4) and freshman Mel Anderson, who registered the first two home runs of her varsity career and drove in three.

Chipping in with two safeties each were Zink, Maranda Armstead, Kara Hutchison and Hiltz.

» Salem then defeated Edsel Ford, behind a complete game by Hunley.

Helping the cause on offense were Zink, Hutchison and Zott (three hits each) while Hiltz smacked a two-run homer and Marcero went 2-for-4.

» The victory over the Patriots was a see-saw affair.

Salem ultimately won the game on a sacrifice fly by Mihalic in the sixth.

Winning pitcher Zink helped her own cause by going 2-for-4 while Squires also had a 2-for-4 game.

Providing extra-base power were Armstead and Zott with doubles.

SALEM 15-6, SOUTH LYON 2-4: On April 30, the Rocks pounded out 18 hits to win the opener and then held off the Lions and vandals in the first round.

Katie Mihalic and Jane Squires (single, double, triple) had three hits each in the opener to back the pitching of Kaiti Zink. Augmenting the attack with two hits each were Zink, Maranda Armstead, Sam Weiss, Katie Zink and Mel Anderson. A four-run first propelled the Rocks in Game 2. Zink collected three hits while Anderson doubled and singled.

SALEM 17, JOHN GLENN 2: The Rocks needed just four innings to merry Westland John Glenn on April 28.

Maranda Armstead (two doubles, single, four RBIs) and Mel Anderson (three hits, three RBIs) led the way. Adding two hits each were Kaiti Zink and Emily Stewart. tsmith@hometownlife.com

Eagles in the swing



Plymouth Christian Academy batter Leah Cann gets ready to take a swing during last Thursday's varsity girls softball game against Macomb Christian. The Eagles won 17-6, scoring 15 unanswered runs after falling behind in the first inning. The Eagles are 1-4 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

RELIGION CALENDAR

MAY

BETHANY

Time/Date: 8 p.m. to midnight, Saturday, May 31
Location: Don Hubert VFW Hall, 27345 Schoolcraft, Redford
Details: Admission, \$15, includes beer, wine, soft drinks and snacks. Dance lesson from 7:30-8 p.m. Attire is business casual.

Contact: bethanysemi.org

BREAKFAST

Time/Date: 8:30-11:30 a.m., Sunday, May 18

Location: St. Theodore Social Hall, 8200 N. Wayne road, Westland

Details: All-you-can-eat pan-cakes, French toast, sausage, scrambled eggs, ham, apple sauce, coffee, tea, milk and juice. \$3 for adults, \$1.50 for children, 2-10

Contact: 734-245-4421

DINNER DANCE

Time/Date: Social hour at 5 p.m., buffet dinner, 6 p.m., May 18

Location: St. Michael the Archangel Orthodox Church, 26375 W. Chicago Road, Redford

Details: "Spring Celebration" dinner dance is sponsored by the Council of Orthodox Christian Churches of Metropolitan Detroit to benefit retired Orthodox priests and widows. \$40 per person; children, 12 and under free

Contact: Mihaela Charlier at 313-595-7460 or coscedetroit@yahoo.com

LADIES SPRING LUNCHEON

Time/Date: 11:30 a.m., Saturday, May 10

Location: Covenant Community Church, 25800 Sundown, Redford

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

Contact: 313-535-3100

RUMMAGE SALE

Time/Date: 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Saturday, May 17

Location: St. Valentine School, 25875 Hope, Redford

Details: The church will accept donations for the sale from 7 a.m.-7 p.m. Friday, May 16. No computers, monitors or television sets will be accepted.

Contact: 313-533-7160

RUMMAGE SALE

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

Location: Antioch Lutheran Church, 33360 W. 13 Mile, Farmington Hills

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

Contact: Judy Glas at 248-626-7906; antiochcal@globalnet.net

RUMMAGE SALE

Time/Date: Preview 7-8:30 p.m., Thursday, May 8; 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., May 9; 9:30 a.m. to noon, Saturday, May 10

Location: Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia

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

Contact: 734-664-0211

SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE, ROUND-UP

Time/Date: Kindergarten, Young 5's and preschool round-up, 12:30 p.m. Friday, May 9; open house 10 a.m. to noon and

12:30 p.m. Monday, May 19

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

Details: Preschool through eighth grade. School tours available

Contact: 734-425-5420

SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Time/Date: 1 p.m. Friday, May 16

Location: St. Matthew Lutheran School, 5885 Veno, Westland

Details: Open house for students interested in pre-school through eighth grade. St. Matthew also will begin a daycare June 9 for children, 2½-5. It will be open 7 a.m.-6 p.m. weekdays

Contact: Tara Herzberg at 734-578-7427

ONGOING CLASSES/STUDY

Men's Bible study

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

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

Contact: John Shulenberger at 734-464-9491

Our Lady of Loretto

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

Location: Six Mile and Beech Daily, Redford Township

Details: Scripture study

Contact: 313-534-9000

St. Michael the Archangel

Time/Date: 7:30-8 p.m., the second and fourth Thursdays

Location: School library, 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, Livonia

Details: Catholic author Gary Michula leads a study of Acts of the Apostles

Contact: 734-261-1455, Ext. 200, or www.livoniaatstichael.org

Ward Presbyterian

Time/Date: 7 p.m., Mondays

Location: Room A101, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville Township

Details: Learner's Bible study is held

Contact: 248-374-5920

FAMILY COMMUNITY MEAL

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

Location: Salvation Army, 27500 Shawneese, Farmington Hills

Details: Free meal

Contact: 248-477-1153, Ext. 12

MOMS

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 9:30-11 a.m., second Tuesday, September-May

Location: 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) is aimed at mothers of infants through kindergartners

Contact: Ethiane Defoe at 248-227-6617 and Jody Fleszar at 734-658-2463

Dunning Park Bible Chapel

Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. first and third Tuesdays

Location: 24800 W. Chicago Road, Redford

Details: MOPS is a place where moms can build friendships, receive mothering support, practical help and spiritual how

Contact: Amy at 313-937-3084 or Kristen at 734-542-0767

PET-FRIENDLY SERVICE

Time/Date: 1 p.m. Sundays

Location: Dunk N' Dog, 27911 Five Mile, Livonia

Details: All Creatures ULC sponsors the service, which is conducted in an informal setting. Pet blessings are available

after the service.

Contact: 313-532-0162

PRAYER

Nardin Park United Methodist Church

Time/Date: 7 p.m., Wednesday

Location: 29887 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills

Contact: 248-476-8860

St. Edith Church

Time/Date: 7 p.m., Thursday

Location: 15089 Newburgh, Livonia

Details: Enter through the back

Details: Music, singing, prayer

Contact: Grace at 734-464-1896, Shirley at 734-464-3656 or Geri at 734-464-8906

St. Michael Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 6-7 a.m., Monday-Friday

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday

Location: 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton

Details: Praying silently or aloud together; prayer requests welcomed.

Contact: 734-459-3333 for additional information

SINGLES

Detroit World Outreach

Time/Date: 4-6 p.m., Sunday

Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford, Room 304

Details: Divorce Overcomers group is designed for individuals going through divorce. Those who are divorced or separated

Occasionally includes guest speakers: open to the public and visitors are welcome.

Contact: The facilitator at 313-283-8200; leffedwo.org

First Presbyterian Church

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

Location: 200 E. Main St., Northville

Details: Single Place Ministry, cost is \$5

Contact: 248-349-0911 or visit www.singleplace.org for additional information

Steve's Family Restaurant

Time/Date: 9 a.m., second and fourth Thursdays

Location: 15800 Middlebelt, 14 mile south of Five Mile, Livonia

Details: Widowed men of all ages may attend the Widowed Friends Men's breakfast. This is an informal "peer" group where

men have an opportunity to meet with others.

Contact: 313-534-0399

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church

Time/Date: 11 a.m., Sunday

Location: 40000 Six Mile, Northville Township

Details: Single Point Ministries, for 30 and up, offers fellowship, coffee, doughnuts, conversation.

Contact: 248-374-5920

SONG CIRCLE

Congregation Beth Ahm

Time/Date: 9 a.m., second and fourth Thursdays

Location: 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield

Details: Sing zemirot (Shabbat songs) and celebrate Kiddush following morning services. Lyrics are provided in translation as well as the original Hebrew.

Contact: 248-737-1931 or email nacyellen89@att.net.

SUPPORT

Apostolic Christian Church

Time/Date: 5 a.m. to 11 p.m., daily

Location: 29667 Wentworth,

Livonia

Details: Adult day care program at the church's Woodhaven Retirement Community. Funding available from TUSA-1-C Old Americans Act.

Contact: 734-261-9000; www.woodhaven-retirement.com

» Detroit World Outreach

Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m., Tuesday

Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford, Room 202

Details: Addition No More offers support for addictive behavior problems, drugs, alcohol, overeating, gambling.

Contact: 313-255-2222, Ext. 244

» Farmington Hills Baptist

Church

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m., second Tuesday of the month except

January, July and August

Location: 28301 Middlebelt, between 12 Mile and 13 Mile in Farmington Hills

Details: Western Oakland Parkinson Support Group

Contact: 248-433-1011

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Get a glimpse of Japanese culture at Ikebana floral show this May

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Rosemary Doyle knows exactly what she'll make for next week's Ikebana floral art show in Southfield. But before she starts creating her design, the Livonia woman wants Mother Nature to get on board with her idea.

"Sometimes you only need one flower. Whatever you have in the yard sometimes works," said Doyle, a member of the Ikebana International Detroit Chapter #85. "I have quince. I'm waiting for a quince to bloom. That is what I want to use in the arrangement. I'm trying to force it to bloom. It's late this year."

In the meantime, she's visiting floral shops and visualizing her idea with other materials, just in case the quince doesn't bloom in time for the chapter's annual show, "Glimpse of Japan," Wednesday, May 14, at Northwest Unitarian Universalist Church, 23925 Northwestern Highway, Southfield. Doyle and other members will create approximately 24 arrangements for the show, which will open at 11:30 a.m. A program, with Ikebana demonstrations, will begin at 12:30 p.m., followed by light refreshments. The event also will include door prizes, sale of Ikebana supplies and other Japanese items. A Japanese calligrapher will write kanji symbols on paper suitable for framing for guests at no charge.

"We do provide lessons if anyone is interested in learning



Some Japanese-style flower arrangements, like this piece by Cynthia Kidd of Farmington Hills, use shallow containers.

the art. They are welcome to come as a guest to a meeting," said Lauren Paul, chapter president. "We have ongoing lessons every month."

The group, which includes approximately 50 members, meets the second Wednesday of the month, March-December. The first learning session runs from 10 a.m. to noon, followed by a monthly meeting and second session, from 1-3 p.m.

East vs. West

"Each month is a different style arrangement," Paul said, adding that Ikebana emphasizes line, angle and space within the arrangement, rather than "a mess of flowers."

"Flowers are more of an accent. That is how it is different from Western style. You



Toshiko Shimoura is an expert Ikebana artist and teacher for the Ikebana International Detroit Chapter #85, which meets monthly in Southfield.

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Designers look 'beyond armor' for samurai-inspired fashion

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Sarah Lapinski says her career in sewing and design "found" her after she inherited her grandmother's sewing machine.

The 1995 Plymouth Salem High School graduate had already earned a bachelor's degree in labor and urban studies from Wayne State University and had founded a women's artist collective, when she taught herself to sew.

"I designed a stuffed animal and was doing soft sculpture and developing my skills," said Lapinski, who later founded Wound Menswear and Motor City Sewing and Design. "I didn't know where it would take me. Now I have an agent in New York."

Although Lapinski retired her menswear firm in 2011, she has continued sewing — everything from movie costumes to designers' clothing lines to rental chair slip covers — through Motor City Sewing and Design. She lives in New York, and rents out her sewing studio in Detroit, but often travels home for business or to visit her mom, who lives in Westland. She'll be back in town next week to watch her newest creation, "Floating Lotus" on the fashion runway at the Detroit Institute of Arts, (DIA). "Beyond the Armor Fashion Show" runs noon to 2:30 p.m. Saturday, May 17, wrapping up a design competition presented by the Detroit Garment Group Guild and the DIA.

Lapinski and nine other designers created garments inspired by the current DIA exhibit "Samurai: Beyond the



Former Plymouth resident and Salem High School graduate, Sarah Lapinski, designed this garment inspired by artwork and objects in the Samurai: Beyond the Sword exhibit at the Detroit Institute of Arts.

Sword," a collection of art and objects that reveal the samurai warrior's aesthetic ideals and values. Their contest entries are on display through Monday, May 12, at Ikea, located on Ford Road just west of Haggerty, in Canton. The public can vote on their favorite at Ikea or online at detroitgarmentgroup.org. The winning design will be announced at the fashion show, which will feature the contest entries.

Inspiration

The designers got a chance to view the samurai exhibit before taking needle and thread to fabric.

"I wanted it to transform me and I wanted to be open to what was there," Lapinski said. "I didn't know (the samurai) used such an abundance of technique and materials."

Lapinski's Floting

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GOT MILK?

Make fat-free milk a part of your breakfast

Today, 85 percent of Americans fall short of the USDA's recommended daily servings of low-fat or fat-free milk — a staggering number when you take into account milk is the top food source for three out of the four "nutrients of concern" — the nutrients that Americans are most lacking, including calcium, potassium and vitamin D. Each 8-ounce glass has nine essential nutrients including eight grams of high-quality protein — that's more than an egg. Milk also has B vitamins for energy, vitamin A for a healthy immune system and bone-building nutrients, including calcium and vitamin D.

Incorporating milk into your morning meal is an easy way to help close the gap between actual and recommended milk intake. Is fat-free milk your milk of choice? Here are five things you may not know about skim or fat-free milk:

1. Counting calories? One 8-ounce glass of fat-free milk has just 80 calories.
2. Three servings of fat-free or low-fat milk each day can help you maintain a healthy weight.
3. Drinking fat-free milk at breakfast could help stave off lunchtime hunger, according to an Australian study. Research-

ers found that drinking fat-free milk (20 ounces) in the morning helped increase satiety, or a feeling of fullness, and led to decreased calorie intake at the next meal, as compared with a fruit drink. The milk drinkers ate about 50 fewer calories (or nearly 9 percent less food) at lunch.

4. Think fat-free means fewer nutrients? Think again. Fat-free milk has the same nine essential nutrients as low-fat, reduced-fat, or whole milk — just with fewer calories.

5. Not all "milks" are created equal. Many of the alternative beverages just can't provide what you would get in a glass of fat-free dairy milk. For example, while an 8-ounce glass of vanilla almond "milk" has about the same calories, it contains only 1 gram of protein, compared to fat free milk's 8 grams of protein.

See how delicious fat-free milk can be with these easy and impressive breakfast recipes that include fat-free milk to start your day off right. For more fresh recipes using fat free milk, visit MilkLife.com.

Courtesy of Family Features



BREAKFAST PUDDING

Makes: 4 servings

1/2 cup - sugar
2 tablespoons cornstarch
2 cups fat-free milk
2 egg yolks, lightly beaten
2 tablespoons almond butter
2 teaspoons vanilla extract
Mixed fresh berries for serving
Crunchy cereal for serving

Whisk sugar and cornstarch in a medium saucepan until well blended. Slowly drizzle in milk, whisking until smooth, then whisk in eggs. Cook pudding over medium heat until it begins to thicken, whisking often. Reduce heat to medium-low and, stir pudding with spatula, scraping the sides and bottom of pot until thickened. Off heat, whisk in almond butter and vanilla. Transfer pudding to a bowl, cover with plastic wrap, pressing to the surface to prevent skin from forming, and chill for at least 2 hours.

Spoon 1/2 cup of chilled pudding into four parfait glasses. Top with some berries and 2 tablespoons cereal, then layer another 1/2 cup pudding on top, followed by more berries and cereal.

Nutrition: 240 calories; 12 g fat; 3 g saturated fat; 330 mg cholesterol; 11 g protein; 22 g carbohydrates; 1 g fiber; 30 mg sodium; 200 mg calcium



APPLE PIE OATMEAL

Yield: 3 servings

3 cups fat-free milk
1 1/2 cups uncooked regular oats
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 cup packed light brown sugar
3 tablespoons butter
1/2 cup pure maple syrup
1 (12-ounce) package frozen harvest apples
Apple pie spice

Combine all ingredients in a bowl, stirring well. Pour into a lightly greased 3-quart oval slow cooker. Cover and cook on low setting 8 hours. Add butter, stirring until it melts. Stir in syrup. Prepare apples according to package directions. Spoon oatmeal into bowls, and top with apples. Sprinkle with apple pie spice and serve immediately.

Nutrition: 510 calories; 15g fat; 8g saturated fat; 35mg cholesterol; 13g protein; 86g carbohydrates; 5g fiber; 600mg sodium; 350mg calcium



CHEESY BACON-BROCCOLI QUICHE

Makes 2 servings

1 package (10 ounces) frozen broccoli with cheese sauce
3 slices turkey bacon, chopped
1/2 cup - white mushrooms, sliced
1/2 cup - green onions, chopped
1 (9-inch) frozen prepared pie shell
4 eggs
1 cup fat free or low-fat milk
1/2 cup cheddar cheese, shredded

Pre-heat oven to 350°F. Prepare the broccoli and cheese sauce in the microwave according to package directions; set aside to cool slightly. Cook bacon, mushrooms, and green onions in a nonstick skillet over medium heat until bacon is cooked through and mushrooms are tender. Scatter bacon mixture in the bottom of the pie shell; place the pie shell on a baking sheet. In a bowl, whisk together the eggs and milk, then stir in the broccoli and cheese sauce along with the cheddar cheese. Pour the custard into the pie shell and bake for 35 to 45 minutes, or until center is just set and a knife blade comes out clean when inserted into the center of the quiche. Let cool for at least 10 minutes before cutting into wedges.

Nutrition: 280 calories; 16 g fat; 6 g saturated fat; 160 mg cholesterol; 11 g protein; 22 g carbohydrates; 2 g fiber; 510 mg sodium; 150 mg calcium



MANGO MADNESS SMOOTHIE

Makes two servings, 4 ounces of milk per serving

1/2 cup quick-cooking oats
1 cup low-fat or fat-free milk
1 cup fresh or jarred mango cubes (peeled, if fresh)
1 (11-ounce) can mandarin orange segments, drained
2 tablespoons almond butter
1 tablespoon honey
1 tablespoon lime juice
1/2 teaspoon ground ginger

In a blender grind the oats until fine. Add the milk and buzz to blend, then add remaining ingredients and blend until smooth. Serve immediately.

Nutrition: 380 calories; 10g fat; 1 g saturated fat; 0 mg cholesterol; 11 g protein; 64 g carbohydrates; 6 g fiber; 95 mg sodium; 233 mg calcium

Realtors offer advice for buyers

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Properties in metro Detroit are moving quickly these days, and prospective homeowners need to recognize that, according to veteran Realtors, "I think probably the best thing they can do is find a Realtor with over the top local knowledge," said Bob Bake of Plymouth's Coldwell Banker Weir Manuel. He said a "seven-day a week person" is key when prospective owners look for homes.

He's been in the real estate field since 1967, and now works with daughter Carrie Bake and son-in-law Patrick Wong, also associate brokers and Realtors.

"It's very difficult to find a home right now in this market," said Bob Bake, a Plymouth resident. "People want to have all their decisions making done by Labor Day. They want to be moved in."

Bake recommends prospective owners get pre-qualified by an approved lender. "You've got to be nimble and agile and quick," he said. "You've got to be able to move fast."

Bake, his daughter and son-in-law focus on Plymouth, Canton and Northville homes, and he recommends pros with "a cutting edge advantage with local knowledge," he said. "Information ebbs and flows right from this table," Bake added of the table where regulars meet weekdays at Plymouth Panera's.

Tablemate Scott Lorenz, of Plymouth, who runs a local public relations firm, noted Carrie Bake is doing very well as a Realtor. "She knew the people that wanted to sell," Lorenz said of local homes available. "It's pretty impressive, actually."

Down the street in downtown Plymouth is broker/



Metro Detroit homes are selling quickly these days. GETTY IMAGES/USE

owner Richard Eisminger of Rich'Realty. Eisminger, a Canton resident, has been a Realtor since 1991.

"The best thing that buyers can do is get out and get with their Realtor," said Eisminger. "Have a focused area and then know what the market is bringing. Know what comes up and goes quickly."

He and other industry pros agree homes in good shape in desirable areas go quickly. Eisminger said when a prospective buyer makes an offer, "The negotiating's almost off the table because there are competing offers."

His focus is Canton, Ply-

mouth, Northville and Novi, and Eisminger noted ranch homes in Westland are also starting to rebound on price.

Eisminger agreed pre-approval with a lender is key: "Get all your documentation in with your lender. You need to go methodically with your lender."

Being an educated buyer as you look at homes is key. Eisminger said he doesn't press people to buy a particular home if they're hesitant, noting buyers have a week to 10 days to investigate a property.

"The only thing lost is time, no money," he said of getting your deposit back. He urges

prospective buyers to have a professional inspection done and to have an attorney review the particulars of a sale.

Eisminger agreed a full-time Realtor is ideal. He and others advocate homeownership, with Eisminger citing it as part of the theme of the classic Christmas movie *It's a Wonderful Life*.

"If you have ownership, that neighborhood's going to thrive," said Eisminger, adding, "You don't have anything in a rental situation and it's not even tax-deductible."

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Standards vary on disability modification

Q: I am wondering about the difference between making a reasonable modification as it relates to a handicapped persons as opposed to people that don't speak English. Can you give me any insight?

A: The obligation to make a reasonable accommodation in order to allow

a reasonable modification applies only for handicap individuals not for national origin. Therefore, there is a difference as to what may need to be done for a deaf person and what may need to be done for a person who doesn't speak English. There appears not to have been any statement by HUD or any case that an association must provide at its cost a sign language interpreter for a deaf member attending a meeting. That would seem to be much more than allowing an accommodation from say rules and policies, but rather it would be the provision of a service to the handicapped person. However, the cost of doing so may be much less than the cost of defending against an administrative claim or lawsuit. On the other hand, if the association must provide a sign language interpreter so that a deaf person may participate in a meeting, query whether the association must also arrange for transportation for those who cannot walk to or drive to a meeting so that person may participate.

Q: I understand that Michigan has amended its landlord-tenant law to permit superior repossession by a landlord on a tenant's death. What can you tell me?

A: You are correct; the amendment speeds up and simplifies the process for owners to retake property from tenants who have passed away. Under the amendment, an owner who seeks repossession is deemed to have not unlawfully interfered with a tenant's possessory interest with several conditions are met: The amendment speeds up the notice of intent to re-enter and contacting a person previously authorized by the tenant to receive notices. The amendment also provides that actions to regain possession of the premises must be commenced within 90 days from the time the cause of action arises or becomes known to the owner, but that an action for damage

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HOUSES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Dec. 16-20, 2013, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

BINGHAM FARMS	
32916 Outland Trl	\$480,000
BIRMINGHAM	
1054 Abbey St	\$156,000
1591 E Maple Rd	\$262,600
758 Graefield Ct	\$84,000
1807 Hazel St	\$697,000
1284 Hudson Ave	\$235,000
720 Kennesaw St	\$772,000
720 Kennesaw St	\$772,000
950 Larchdale Dr	\$645,000
1743 Shipman Blvd	\$266,000
BLOOMFIELD HILLS	
81 Barden Ct	\$290,000
1079 Forest Ln	\$640,000
625 Kinsley Trl	\$432,000
7000 Lindemere Dr	\$295,000
2363 Tilbury Pl	\$150,000
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP	
2563 Aspen Ln	\$318,000
2300 Bedford Rd	\$173,000
1351 Highland Dr	\$219,000
7355 Parkstone Ln	\$700,000
6899 Sandwood Dr	\$270,000
5108 Woodlands Ln	\$365,000

42282 Woodward Ave #	\$85,000
D2 600 Covington Rd	\$610,000
COMMERCIAL TOWNSHIP	
5067 Carinas Way Ct	\$301,000
5133 Carinas Way Ct	\$367,000
4760 Fairgrove Ln	\$220,000
5065 Greenview Dr	\$269,000
FARMINGTON	
22744 Brookdale St	\$115,000
35552 Lark Harbor Ct #	\$152,000
6 22815 Maple Ave	\$63,000
33053 Meadowlark St	\$175,000
33143 Meadowlark St	\$165,000
20751 Shiawassee Rd #	\$31a
36242 Smithfield Rd	\$210,000
FARMINGTON HILLS	
34035 Barbury St	\$175,000
37548 Burton Ct	\$256,000
21233 Cass St	\$219,000
30973 Country Blf	\$135,000
30880 Country Ridge Cir	\$332,000
39303 Fulton Ct	\$315,000
29258 Glen Oaks Blvd	\$148,000
W 32968 Hargrave Ct	\$238,000
33535 Heilicorn Rd	\$335,000
28036 Hickory	\$440,000
27935 Kendallwood Dr	\$125,000
29089 Kenloch Dr	\$330,000
25651 Lynford St	\$185,000

28645 Oakcrest Ct	\$230,000
32740 Raphael Rd	\$258,000
32406 Salvador Dr	\$77,000
34844 Saratoga Cir	\$184,000
23070 Tulane Ave	\$52,000
28426 W Eight Mile Rd	\$30,000
Unit E3	\$10,000
27785 Wellington St	\$315,000
28900 Wellington St	\$295,000
LATHRUP VILLAGE	
27906 California Dr Ne	\$125,000
MILFORD	
824 First St	\$163,000
845 Abbey Ln	\$233,000
303 Cabinet St	\$215,000
40578 Lenox Park Dr	\$290,000
401 N Main St	\$218,000
2675 Shady Ln	\$172,000
205 Turnberry Ln	\$287,000
NORTHVILLE	
20866 E Glen Haven Cir	\$110,000
20941 Lujon Dr	\$285,000
NOVI	
30669 Ardmore Ct	\$160,000
39303 Fulton Ct	\$110,000
45000 Bayview Dr # 1	\$73,000
45850 Cider Mill Rd	\$250,000
23733 Hickory Grove Ln	\$320,000
20257 Ladene Ln	\$225,000
39759 Rockcrest Dr	\$156,000
26160 Mandalay Cir	\$673,000
41609 Monterey Dr	\$168,000
24461 Riverline Ln	\$245,000
25867 Shoreline Dr	\$965,000

39599 Squire Rd	\$295,000
25256 Sutton Ct	\$400,000
45676 White Pines Dr	\$394,000
45288 Yorkshire Dr	\$315,000
SOUTH LYON	
425 Second St	\$248,000
863 Glen Meadows Dr	\$320,000
329 Hampton Ct	\$88,000
712 Hidden Creek Dr	\$285,000
60665 Lillian St	\$118,000
24618 Padstone Dr	\$75,000
963 S Parkwood Dr	\$230,000
61221 Saddlecreek Dr	\$272,000
27740 Wellington Dr	\$154,000
19540 Butternut Ln	\$159,000
23800 Evergreen Rd	\$98,000
18418 Hilton Dr	\$145,000
24614 Lois Ln	\$90,000
17055 New Hampshire	\$140,000
26900 W 12 Mile Rd	\$80,000
26701 W Carnegie Park Dr	\$49,000
25052 Westhampton Ave	\$38,000
29515 Wildbrook Dr	\$67,000
WHITE LAKE	
8693 Brasco Ct	\$195,000
9085 Glenview Dr	\$198,000
1401 Midwood Dr	\$155,000
11450 N Fox	\$169,000

HOUSES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Jan. 13-17, 2014, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

CANTON	
8460 Alton St	\$153,000
6260 Alton St	\$240,000
7244 Burgundy St	\$252,000
1788 Crowdale Ln	\$241,000
6495 Durham Dr	\$176,000
1995 Roundtable Dr	\$154,000
4094 Elizabeth Ave	\$135,000
50982 Federal Blvd	\$84,000
51323 Federal Blvd	\$91,000
24244 Glenview St	\$185,000
44708 Harford Rd	\$136,000
45128 Horseshoe Dr	\$128,000
2125 Knollwood Dr	\$155,000
2328 Lexington Cir N	\$275,000
41170 Maplewood Dr	\$150,000
3570 Napier Rd	\$160,000
1822 Pebble Creek Dr	\$193,000
3496 Walden St	\$253,000
1842 Steeplechase Rd	\$87,000
1874 Steeplechase Rd	\$86,000
464 Tyler St	\$230,000
11025 Union St	\$119,000
43685 Yorktown St	\$173,000
GARDEN CITY	
5929 Arcola St	\$52,000
1624 Gilman St	\$65,000
3607 Inkster Rd	\$76,000
LIVONIA	
15719 Bainbridge Ave	\$169,000
29212 Barkley St	\$148,000
8845 Butwell St	\$150,000
12353 Camden St	\$99,000

36241 Club Dr	\$42,000
29828 Curtis Rd	\$132,000
9939 Deering St	\$143,000
14303 Denno St	\$155,000
30959 Dorais St	\$165,000
35209 Elmira St	\$141,000
31161 Fargo St	\$150,000
33363 Fargo St	\$162,000
16742 Farmington Rd	\$145,000
20518 Fremont St	\$201,000
14507 Gary St	\$160,000
26026 Gaylord Ct	\$187,000
9167 Gilman St	\$95,000
32335 Greenbelle Rd	\$170,000
9100 Hanlon St	\$170,000
9336 Harrison St	\$100,000
30700 Jamison St	\$160,000
9244 Kenton St	\$160,000
18024 Lathern St	\$75,000
18342 Levan Rd	\$235,000
19430 Merriam Rd	\$179,000
9833 Middlebelle Rd	\$60,000
33323 Navin Ct	\$225,000
39216 Orangelawn St	\$146,000
34127 Parkside St	\$225,000
28510 Parkside St	\$210,000
8943 Roslyn St	\$118,000
49909 Seltzer St	\$100,000
32904 Sunnyside St	\$140,000
14240 Summerdale St	\$140,000
18249 Sunset St	\$204,000
18337 University Park Dr	\$87,000
NORTHVILLE	
45861 Seven Mile Rd	\$216,000
18951 Baberly Way	\$595,000
46080 Bloomcrest Dr	\$330,000
17722 Briar Ridge Ln	\$627,000
17793 Briar Ridge Ln	\$824,000
17849 Briar Ridge Ln	\$676,000
17904 Briar Ridge Ln	\$623,000
16749 Carriage Way	\$148,000
533 Horton St	\$158,000

16829 Lochmoor Cir E	\$293,000
19311 Northridge Dr	\$95,000
50733 Northstar Way	\$761,000
50826 Northstar Way	\$720,000
49131 Rainbow Ln N	\$370,000
39759 Rockcrest Dr	\$156,000
327 Saint Lawrence Blvd	\$299,000
18072 Shagbark Dr	\$160,000
50010 Teton Ridge Rd	\$1,096,000
50262 Teton Ridge Rd	\$640,000
50618 Teton Ridge Rd	\$679,000
29533 Village Run Dr	\$280,000
PLYMOUTH	
8821 Ashland Ave	\$243,000
37485 Barkridge St	\$185,000
48029 Colony Farms Cir	\$160,000
9093 Countrywood Dr	\$335,000
11887 Deer Creek Run	\$445,000
14696 Garland Ave	\$125,000
13036 Glenview Dr	\$307,000
1641 Gloucester St	\$335,000
165 Hamilton Ave	\$175,000
548 Harding St	\$650,000
493 Maria Dr	\$115,000
39799 Marisa Ct	\$445,000
46868 Meadow Dr	\$288,000
40665 Newport Dr	\$98,000
8894 Northern Ave	\$188,000
14409 Palmer St	\$300,000
730 Pennington Ave	\$280,000
730 Pennington Ave	\$138,000
49265 Pine Bluff Ct	\$456,000
49468 Pine Ridge Ct	\$456,000
45795 Purcell Dr	\$330,000
REDFORD	
26517 Clarita	\$60,000
18676 Delaware Ave	\$52,000
12891 Lenore	\$35,000
14668 Lenore Ave	\$45,000
15666 Leona Dr	\$29,000
1970 Lucerne	\$66,000
25818 Lyndon	\$10,000

18483 Negaunee	\$50,000
13518 Norborne	\$33,000
17148 Olympia	\$55,000
17305 Olympia	\$55,000
19969 Poinciana	\$49,000
10019 Sentinel	\$27,000
11343 Seminole	\$38,000
26508 W Chicago	\$108,000
15802 Wakendene	\$17,000
WAYNE	
41395 Hayes St	\$50,000
23730 Madison St	\$37,000
WESTLAND	
8821 Ashland Ave	\$75,000
37485 Barkridge St	\$40,000
34226 Beechnut St	\$60,000
8242 Carrollwood Blvd	\$83,000
322 Central St	\$113,000
35674 Florida Dr	\$64,000
8246 Gary Ave	\$117,000
39113 Hayward Dr	\$229,000
37571 Hunter Ave	\$180,000
6396 Hunter Pointe St	\$111,000
28031 Mackenzie Dr	\$110,000
35044 Mackenzie Dr	\$105,000
32681 Mackenzie Dr	\$65,000
8175 Melvin Ave	\$55,000
8012 N Wildwood St	\$205,000
32734 Parkwood St	\$87,000
33934 Pavnee St	\$113,000
2497 S Christine	\$40,000
716 Henry Ruff Rd	\$69,000
38186 S Rickham Ct	\$20,000
34551 School St	\$108,000
38552 Scott Dr	\$113,000
3111 Shawnee St	\$135,000
1483 Shoemaker Dr	\$51,000
35951 Stacy St	\$155,000
601 Summerfield Dr	\$85,000
38530 Terry Ln	\$153,000
7665 Woodview St	\$47,000
33110 Woodworth Ct	\$63,000

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The Real Estate Investors Association of Wayne will have a free forum. Investors will answer questions and offer a market update. Meetings are at 6-9 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at the Red Lobster on Eureka in Southgate.

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4 Bedroom
6 fixture
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10 vehicle
12 Fiesta cheer
13 Mountain
14 range near
China
14 Emulation
15 Bird's width
17 Hyde Park sight
18 Fountain heats
19 Grand Canyon
sign
21 Part of UCLA
23 Snooty ones
27 Pastaway's
refuge
30 Kind of
caterpillar
33 Drop — line
34 Shower
37 Dot to Ovid
38 Mares's offspring
39 Stomach
muscles
40 for short

38 Leave
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39 Boor
40 Subatomic
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42 Bumpkin
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51 Cartoon bear
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56 Demenor
57 not a ideal
58 Stretch of
turbulent water
59 low voice
60 Diva — Gluck
61 Prince Val's son

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8 honorific

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