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Canton eyes biggest housing plan in decade

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Canton, already witnessing a surge in new housing, is positioned for what officials call the largest residential development the community has seen in more than 10 years.

Upscale home builder Toll Brothers, making its debut in Canton, has confirmed plans to

build 274 single-family homes on the township's far west side, transforming 173 acres south of Ford Road between Ridge and Napier.

"We have always wanted to develop in Canton," Mike Noles, vice president of land development, said from the company's New Hudson office. "We think we've found a perfect fit. We think this is the

nicest piece of Canton left to develop."

Toll Brothers, headquartered in Horsham, Pa., inched closer to building Rosewood Place after it received special land use approval Tuesday evening from the Canton Township Board of Trustees. The company still faces proposals for site plan and engineering. Canton Municipal Services

Director Tim Faas said the Toll Brothers vision to build 274 single-family site condominiums reflects the largest single development proposed in Canton in more than a decade.

By comparison, Canton issued about 300 housing permits for all of last year and expects a similar number this year, Faas said. Toll Brothers isn't expected to build homes

here until next spring.

Jason Mmock, Toll Brothers assistant vice president of the Michigan division, said the homes are expected to range in size from 2,800 to 4,000 square feet. They are proposed for an area that incorporates 58 acres of open space, preserving a lower tributary of the Rouge

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Bob Hayes sits in his 1951 Ford Victoria. PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

District won't close school, nor open boundaries

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

Gallimore Elementary School students and their families and opponents of opening Plymouth-Canton's borders to schools of choice students from outside the district can rest easy.

The district's Board of Education decided against both avenues during a budget session Monday.

It would appear to be a reversal of direction on both fronts. As late as Friday, administrators were responding to a board request for information on potentially closing an elementary school - likely Gallimore - and had included the details in the board packet for a regular meeting held Tuesday night.

And as recently as its April 29 meeting, a majority of trustees supported the idea of opening some 200 seats at the elementary school level along with a few seats in the district's STEM, IB and arts academies - to students from outside the district, a move administrators said could bring some \$1.5 million.

But at Monday's meeting, board members felt like there were just too many concerns. It may come back for consideration next year.

"There were a variety of reasons why board members chose not to go with this option this year," board President Judy Mardigan said. "It'll continue to be on the table for future budget years or the state may force our hand to open our borders."

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FEEDING FRENZY

Classic car club raising money to fight hunger

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

They're America's most wanted, they drive flashy cars, they're looking for money and they're coming to Canton.

Never fear. They're harmless.

America's Most Wanted Car Club, a friendly group of classic car owners from communities such as Canton, Plymouth, Livonia, Garden City, Westland, Redford and Farmington Hills, has raised an estimated \$100,000 for charity since it formed in 1990, said Barbara Xenakis, club secretary.

The Canton-based club will mark its 23rd year at Canton

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The 1941 Ford business coupe spent years upside down in a swamp in South Dakota. Bob Hayes had the vision and resurrected the car, chopping the top 5 1/2 inches, adding grillwork from a 1950 Oldsmobile, seats from a 1980 Thunderbird and powering it with a 1951 flathead Ford V-8.

Canton woman accuses man of sexually accosting her while gathering mail

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

A Canton man is facing criminal charges following accusations he sexually accosted a 29-year-old woman when she stopped at her mailbox in the College Park Estates mobile home community on Mott Road east of Ridge.

Andrew Steven Perry, 24, was arraigned Monday in 35th District Court on a charge of fourth-degree criminal sexual conduct after the woman told



Perry

Canton police she was groped by a stranger shortly before 8 p.m. Saturday.

Canton police spotted the suspect walking along Mott Road after the incident, took him into custody and confiscated a BB gun that he allegedly had hidden in the waistband of his clothing, Detective Sgt. Chad Baugh confirmed.

According to a police re-

port, the suspect admitted he grabbed the woman by the breast. The report also indicated the man told authorities his behavior may be altered by a medical condition.

The victim said she had stopped her van near her mailbox to retrieve her mail, saying the suspect groped her before she got back into her vehicle and fled the scene. The report said the woman got her cellphone from home and called for help as she trailed the man until police arrived.

The woman had given police a description of the suspect.

Police arrived on the scene, ordered the suspect to put his hands in the air and noticed what was a BB gun protruding from under his clothing, the police report said. The man indicated he had consumed a small amount of alcohol, the report said.

According to a 35th District Court clerk, Perry was arraigned Monday by Judge Michael Gerou on a charge of fourth-degree criminal sexual

conduct. Perry was ordered jailed with a \$50,000/10-percent cash bond, meaning it would take \$5,000 for his release.

A not-guilty plea was placed in his court file as he awaits a May 23 preliminary examination that is expected to determine whether he should stand trial in Wayne County Circuit Court. If convicted, he could face penalties ranging up to two years in prison.

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Library offers parents help with school technology

The Canton Public Library is hosting Parent University, an effort to help parents learn about Google Chromebooks and iPads so they can, in turn, help their children.

It's an effort to help parents learn the technology Plymouth-Canton Community Schools students will be receiving.

Technology staff from P-CSS will be at

the library 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday, May 19, and Thursday, May 22, for a hands-on learning session. Chromebooks and iPads will be available for parents to use and play with.

Parents will learn how they can best support their children in the upcoming 1-1 program. The library is encouraging parents to attend, especially if they will have students in kindergarten, first grade, sixth grade or ninth grade next year.

Topics to be covered include devices and how they are used in the classroom; Chromebook use and trouble shooting; Google Apps for Education, including resources for help; Digital Citizenship, what parents need to know about online safety, passwords and more; and a question and answer time.



Standing in front of his 1941 Ford business coupe with its 1950 Oldsmobile front-end is Bob Hayes, president of America's Most Wanted Car Club. Behind him are officers Jim Tilley, vice president, Karen McDonough, treasurer, and Barbara Xenakis, secretary.

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HOUSING

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River and a large wooded area in the center of the property.

Notes estimated the home prices will likely be in the \$500,000 range. Toll Brothers' plan comes as Canton real estate officials have pointed to a strong demand for homes here, often outpacing the availability of homes on the market.

Notes said the first

100 homes could potentially be built next spring along the northern part of the property, with others phased in amid buyer demand. Some local officials raised questions about how Rosewood Place could affect traffic patterns on Canton's west side. Faas said it is projected the bulk of traffic from the development — as much as 80 percent — would access Ridge Road, with the rest using Napier, which could be paved.

Township Trustee

Tom Yack said he would prefer a greater emphasis on ensuring traffic patterns are addressed in the Ford and Ridge areas. A traffic engineering study will be done as part of the project.

Canton has long battled traffic congestion along Ford Road farther east. Trustee Steven Sneiderman said local officials should ensure "we're not making a mess here on Ford Road" on the west side.

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DISTRICT

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Trustee Mark Horvath, who wasn't in favor of the idea in the first place, hailed the decision as "good for the community."

"(Schools of choice) continue to erode local control for school communities," Horvath said. "It turns us into a Wayne County school system, not the Plymouth-Canton school system. We worked hard to establish the academic criteria for Plymouth-Canton schools."

The board also decided not to consider closing a school for the 2014-15 school year. Board members had asked administrators to resurrect some information from the last time a school was closed (Fiegel Elementary be-

fore the 2012-13 school year), as a potential means of saving money in the budget.

Administrators have estimated the closing of a school would save the district about \$1 million. But when the board met for its Monday study session, there was no real support for closing a school with so little time to implement the plan.

Mardigan said some board members were worried there wasn't enough time for the housing committee and others to put the plan together, notify parents and school officials and communicate the decision properly to the public.

"The feeling was there wasn't enough time to notify the families," Mardigan said. "We're going to have to look for that money somewhere else."

Horvath said he's

been urging the district to close a building for "a couple of years" as enrollment has declined.

Information presented at Tuesday's regular board meeting showed the district could have as many as 80 empty classrooms by the 2015-16 school year.

"We have a lot of empty capacity and it costs us money we could be putting into the classrooms," Horvath said. "Enrollment forecasts could change, but it's not going to change to fill that many classrooms."

Mardigan said the board will likely have to consider closing an elementary school before the 2015-16 school year. The district's boundary committee is expected to bring a recommendation on school boundaries in the fall.

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CLASSIC

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Liberty Fest — a community event June 12-14 in Heritage Park — amid plans to raise money to help others. For a second year, the group has chosen to assist Open Door Ministry, a food pantry that helps about 480 area families every week.

"It's wonderful the support we get from these people," Open Door Director Steve Darr said. "It's such a nice group of people."

Revvng up

Monday afternoon, car club officers gathered at the Garden City home of their president, Bob Hayes, to discuss this year's Liberty Fest classic auto show and their efforts to help the hungry.

"It's a good cause," said club treasurer Karen McDonough, who learned about Open Door Ministry after her grandchildren volunteered there to earn credits for the National Junior Honor Society.

Darr said Canton-based Open Door Ministry last year received \$5,000 from the car club — an amount that translated to \$50,000 in food through discounted prices with Gleaners Community Food Bank. America's Most Wanted Car Club members have long used their love of classic cars to support charities such as children's camps, Military Moms, Shriners and Special Olympics.

Hayes plans to show his 1951, toreador-red



The name of Bob Hayes' 1951 Ford Victoria can be seen on the back end of the car.

Ford Victoria, or Lady Victoria, at Liberty Fest. He also has a 1941 Ford business coupe; he chopped 5 1/2 inches off the car's roof and transformed the front end into a 1950 Oldsmobile to create a custom ride. "I wanted a hot rod," he said.

Other club officers have a 1974 Corvette coupe, a 1957 Chevy 150, a 1969 Chevrolet and a 1969 Corvette street machine. Xenakis said the club has about 50 members, though last June the Liberty Fest car show drew 212 classic cars and their owners.

Good memories

Jim Tilley, club vice president, has a good idea why classic car enthusiasts own the cars they do. "It brings back memories," Tilley said. They make more memories during Liberty Fest, where numerous awards are given for best of show, best interior, best motor, best paint and best wheels, among other prizes.

The club raises much of its Liberty Fest money from entry fees,

which are \$15 by mail before June 7. To get a registration form, call Xenakis at 734-455-9796. Then, checks payable to America's Most Wanted Car Club should be mailed to Karen McDonough, 45026 Geddes, Canton Township, MI 48188.

The entry fee remains the same for the club's festival pre-registration party, 5-8 p.m. Friday, June 13, at Heritage Park.

Entry fees are \$20 Saturday, June 14, at Liberty Fest, with registration set for 8:11-9 a.m. in the park. The car show runs from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The club also sponsors a silent auction to raise money for Open Door Ministry.

The car club welcomes new members who have vehicles that are at least 25 years old. For more on the club, call Hayes at 734-421-0090 or send him an email to threeduces@comcast.net or call Tilley at 734-459-8308 or send an email to h-jim@comcast.net.

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Canton police probe man's possible drug-related death

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

A 35-year-old man's death is under investigation by Canton police after authorities were called Friday evening to the Day's Inn at Michigan Avenue and Lotz Road on a possible drug overdose.

The victim, a La Porte, Ind., man, died Saturday night at Oakwood Hospital-Wayne, one day after police began investigating the possibility

that he and his male partner may have administered the drug methamphetamine to each other, Detective Sgt. Chad Baugh said.

Police have not released the victim's name.

The man's partner, described as a 38-year-old former Canton man who had been living in Indiana, called police after returning to the room and finding his partner "unresponsive," Baugh said. "It could take several weeks

for Canton police to receive word from the Wayne County Medical Examiner's Office on the official cause of death, Baugh said.

At that time, he said, the information could be turned over to the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office to determine whether criminal charges should be filed.

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Road worker hurt when struck by SUV on M-14

A road worker suffered serious injuries Tuesday afternoon when he was struck by a sport-utility vehicle on M-14 in Plymouth Township.

The accident occurred about 1:15 p.m. Tuesday on westbound M-14 near North Territorial, according to a press release from the Michigan State Police. The SUV was traveling in the left lane when the driver lost control while approaching a construction zone and the vehicle struck the worker and then rolled over,

police said.

The road worker was taken by helicopter to the University of Michigan Hospital, while the SUV driver was being released. St. Joseph Mercy Hospital with minor injuries. No further information about the worker or driver was being released.

Police said alcohol use does not appear to have been a factor in the crash, which remained under investigation. Police closed westbound M-14 at Beck for part of the afternoon.

CANTON CRIME WATCH

Sexual assault claim

Police advised a Canton man to convince his 35-year-old daughter to seek medical help after she accused him of sexually molesting her — possibly using hypnosis, remote control or dietary means — while they were in separate bedrooms, a police report said.

The woman went to the Canton Police Department's front desk Monday to report she experienced discomfort and believed she had been sexually assaulted when her 63-year-old father coughed in another bedroom, the report said.

The woman told police she was in a room alone when the incident occurred. She said she has been told she suffers from paranoia and is seeing a doctor, though she said she isn't taking medication.

The woman also told police that her family staged a funeral of an uncle in Alabama because she had a premonition about his death. The woman indicated to police that she is a practicing attorney.

She told police she believed she had been sexually assaulted by her father about 12:30 a.m. Monday and around midnight May 7.

Police advised the woman

to seek a doctor and also spoke with her father, saying he might want to assist her in getting medical help.

The father told police his daughter has mental issues and has asked him to stop coughing while she is trying to sleep.

Fraudulent flowers

A 51-year-old woman notified police after she said someone on two occasions used her personal information to buy and send flowers from an online service, a police report said.

The woman said she had used the flower company re-

cently. She said someone used her name, address and email address to place an order she didn't authorize.

Attempted break-in

A 45-year-old man told Canton police someone tried to break into his home on Cherry Hill Pointe, northeast of Cherry Hill and Lotz roads, prior to May 5.

The man said he noticed that someone had apparently tried to gain entry to his house by prying open a window on the back side of his house that leads to the basement.

The man said it didn't appear the would-be intruder

was successful. He said nothing appeared to be missing from his basement.

Car vandalism

A 58-year-old woman told police that her 2012 Ford Taurus was damaged while it was parked in her driveway on Charrington, near Canton Center and Sheldon Center, during a 25-hour period prior to 4 p.m. Friday, a police report said.

She said someone used a sharp object to make numerous scrapes on the vehicle, resulting in \$1,500 in damage.

—By Darrell Clem

PLYMOUTH CRIME WATCH

Man admits scam, says he'll stop calling

A man in Mexico admitted to being a scam artist after being told by police last week to stop phoning a Plymouth Township woman, police report.

The woman, 65, had reported being called several times recently by someone who claimed to be from the Internal Revenue Service and said that she owed the IRS money. The woman had never actually spoken to the person, she said, but messages had been left on her answering machine. She

had not sent any money, she said.

An officer went to the woman's house May 8 and, using the caller-identification feature on her phone, called the number from which the calls had originated, a Plymouth Township Police Department report said.

The officer spoke with a male with a heavy accent who "said he was a scammer because that's what he was good at," the report said.

The officer told the man to stop calling, the report said, and he agreed. The man said he was in Mexico, the report said.

Trailer damaged

Vandalism to a camping trailer parked at a storage lot on Ann Arbor Road caused it to leak snow and rain over the winter, which caused water damage to the interior, a police report said.

The complainant, a Canton Township woman, told police the trailer had been parked at the yard since last September. The front door, screen door and roof vent had been damaged, the report said, and water had come in through the broken vent, damaging fixtures and cabinets.

Police said damage to the trailer was not apparent when they were at the storage lot for another run March 17.

Supplies stolen

Tools, painting supplies and medication were reported stolen from the bed of a pickup truck Friday as the truck sat outside the Sherwin-Williams paint store on Ann Arbor Road, east of Haggerty.

The victim told police the equipment was in a red bag in the bed of the Ford F-350 when he parked the truck around 1 p.m. The bag and its contents were gone when he left the

store about an hour later, he said.

Credit fraud

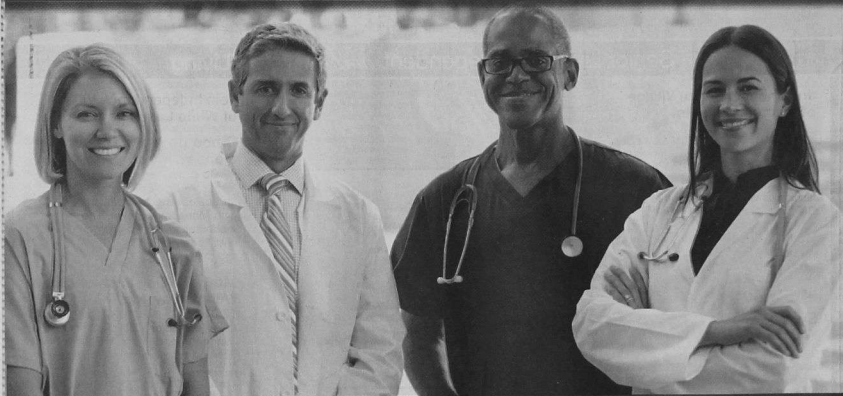
A township woman reported May 6 being the victim of an April credit card fraud.

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—By Matt Jachman

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Local family fights hunger with music

The Birchler family is hosting "Jamm'n to End Famine 2014," the seventh annual concert to benefit Kids Against Hunger, at 6:30 p.m. Friday, May 30, at The Plymouth Elks Lodge.

Kids Against Hunger is a nonprofit organization with the mission to significantly reduce the number of hungry children in the United States and to feed starving children around the world. The show will showcase four acts, each featuring members of the Birchler family.

"The need for nourishing meals here in Michigan, as well as places like Haiti, is just staggering," said big brother Dave Birchler.

Concert organizer Tom Birchler was very impressed with Kids Against Hunger after participating in a mega-packaging event in Okemos, where 800 volunteers assembled 100,000 meals.

"I was astounded to see hundreds of grade school and high school kids laughing and having fun while helping to package food for the less fortunate," Tom Birchler said. "All the profit from this concert will go directly toward buying the food (for) a packaging event we will schedule later this year. Your support of the concert will help us take advantage of the tremendous participation Kids Against Hunger inspires in our youth."

The concert gives people of all ages the opportunity to let loose and enjoy music and dancing in a casual atmosphere. Every act features outstanding singing. John Birchler will open the show as a



Tom and Dave Birchler perform at "Jamm'n to End Famine 2014." This year's seventh annual concert takes place May 30 at the Plymouth Elks Lodge.

member of the a cappella vocal jazz group The Grunyons. Rock band The Paisley Fog (featuring Tom, Keith and Dave Birchler) will feature a healthy dose of Beatles, along with other danceable favorites from the 1960s.

Next, Tom's son Mark Warren and his band 2 Dayz Gone will fire up the dance floor with '80s and '90s rock 'n' roll. The night concludes with contemporary rock band Playing Mantis, featuring Tom's son Michael Birchler on drums.

Attendees will enjoy free pizza and salad, along with a cash bar. Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$10 for students, and are tax-deductible.

"Pope Francis in his first speech asked Catholics and all people of good will to 'protect the poor,'" said Jim Birchler, who will host the event. "Don Birchler, our beloved papa and our spiritual inspiration for this event, taught us by his example to care for the poor. We're looking for some folks who are willing to have a good time and help us enhance food security for the thou-

sands of people who benefit from the work of Kids Against Hunger."

Kids Against Hunger works with churches and local nonprofits to package its specially formulated rice-soy casserole for delivery in the U.S. and more than 40 countries worldwide to feed starving children and their families.

"When you feed a child, you feed our future," Kids Against Hunger Coalition founder Donald Burwell said.

Since 2004, more than 95,000 volunteers in Michigan have packaged more than 10 million meals, which have been distributed to disaster victims, starving people throughout the world and to food shelters and depots in Michigan and the Great Lakes area.

Since 2008 "Jamm'n to End Famine" has raised the funds for more than 98,000 of those meals.

Youngest brother John Birchler, past president of the Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth, a major KAHC partner, said, "Our concert is a very fun way to help us continue this effort."

Tips to consider when buying a home

Spring begins the home-buying season and it's important to take some precautions to protect yourself.

Home ownership is a great way to improve your quality of life, but it is not necessarily a great financial move. Many people believe that their house is a great investment when it is not. Renting may be a better option. If the house will not increase your quality of life, then walk away.

When it comes to purchasing a home, the most important document that you sign is the purchase agreement, which sets forth all financial terms of the sale and includes other things, such as any warranties, terms of inspection and any items that go with the home.

In many cases, a purchaser will not have an attorney review the document before it is



Rick Bloom
MONEY MATTERS

signed but instead will trust the agent. As far as I'm concerned, the agent has nothing to do

with it. Prior to signing a purchase agreement, have an attorney review the document.

Not all purchase agreements are the same and don't believe Realtors who tell you that they are all standard, because they are not.

I recognize that a lot of Realtors will say that you have to sign the purchase agreement now or you risk losing the home. As far as I'm concerned, that is a marketing tactic. You have to protect yourself and the only way of

doing that is to make sure that the purchase agreement has the protections needed. Once you sign a purchase agreement and the seller accepts, it is too late to make any adjustments. That's why it is important an attorney — who represents you and only you — reviews the agreement.

Don't forget that in addition to a home, you have other issues such as saving for your retirement and potentially a child's college education. If you overspend on your home, you may find your retirement or your child's college education is jeopardized and that is something that will ruin the joy of home ownership.

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Joseph Styke (left) and Frank Mucci get a batch of lobster-filled saffron ravioli rolling at Mama Mucci's Pasta in Canton. PHOTOS BY DAN DEAN



Silvia Gomez sorts through the ravioli, picking out "bad" ones as they pass down the line.



Joseph Styke pours into a hopper lobster meat that will be stuffed into saffron ravioli.



Brothers Frank (left) and Vince with Mama Mucci, Margherita.

GOURMET GROWTH

Mama Mucci's celebrates 25 years making pasta the old artisan way

By Karen Smith
Staff Writer

Vince Mucci remembers his mother, 76, waking up early each Sunday morning to make pasta from scratch, rolling it out by hand and laying it all over the kitchen table to dry.

She followed a recipe she learned at her mother's side while growing up in Montelongo, Italy.

Today, she no longer has to go through that arduous process because her sons Vince and Frank make a variation of that same recipe at Mama Mucci's Pasta in Canton, a company they founded 25 years ago this month.

"We still do it the way my mother did it as a girl," Vince, 52, of Plymouth said during a recent tour of his plant. "It's still made in batches, the old artisan way."

Vince and Frank, 47, started the company in their parents' basement in Plymouth. Mama Mucci, Margherita, was the quality controller. "In the beginning, she threw away more pasta than we sold," said Vince, the company's president.

They took it to chefs at area restaurants, asking them to sample it. Their first buyer was Ernesto's Italian Country Inn in Plymouth, now the Courthouse Grille.

Today, Mama Mucci's Pasta Co. sells to 200 restaurants in metro Detroit, as well as food service clients in 12 states and Canada. Customers include US Foods, Sysco Corp. and Gordon Food Service. The company makes more than 100

products, including fresh, dry, frozen and filled pastas. It plans to expand its territory from Michigan to Florida.

Consumers can purchase Mama Mucci's dry and frozen pasta at Holiday Market in Canton and Royal Oak and Mama Mucci's dry pasta at Hillier's Markets, which has stores in Plymouth and Canton.

Helping the company grow has been the explosion in pasta's popularity, fueled by cooking shows and people traveling more. At the time the brothers founded Mama Mucci's, fresh pasta was gourmet, Vince said. "Now everyone's eating pasta" and it's on nearly every menu, not just those of Italian restaurants.

Process, ingredients are key

What sets his company apart from some competitors is the quality of ingredients and the manufacturing process, Vince Mucci said. The brothers use more eggs — some manufacturers don't use any eggs, he said — and 100-percent semolina flour made from durum wheat. Mama Mucci makes its pasta in smaller batches and rolls it, unlike some companies that use Play-Doh-like machines to extrude it. Rolling gives the pasta more texture so sauce will stick to it, Vince said. He slowly dries the pasta at low temperatures for 18 hours instead of four hours, so it retains its flavor; it is then packed by hand.

The company has focused on selling to chefs, instead of directly

to consumers, because "chefs are a lot more demanding and particular than the consumers," Vince said. For example, he sells lobster-filled ravioli wholesale for \$10 a pound. For him to sell it to consumers for \$10 a pound, he'd have to cheapen the product, substituting large chunks of lobster claw and knuckle meat for minced or pureed lobster. "I refuse to do that," he said.

The company employs 20 people, including Ed Kennedy of Westland, who has been with Mama Mucci's for 23 years. He is the production manager. "It changes all the time," he said of his job, as the company is always coming up with new products.

Mama Mucci's has been in Canton for 17 years, after it was moved from the parents' basement to a rented space in downtown Plymouth, where dad Pietro, 88, operated his shoe-making business.

Pietro and Margherita Mucci have been married 58 years. Their oldest son, Tony, is in computers.

Margherita Mucci said she couldn't have imagined the business her two boys started in her basement would grow into what it is today, producing one million pounds of pasta per year. "I'm really proud," she said. "They work hard."

And that means she no longer has to work hard each Sunday morning to enjoy authentic Italian pasta like her mother used to make.

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Spring shoppers finally out; brutal winter was better for some than for others

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Winter was rough on some Plymouth-Canton businesses — but not all. “It makes people want to get out of town,” said Kate Rosevear, owner of Travel Leaders, a travel agency at Ann Arbor Road and Sheldon. “I do snow dances and ice dances, but I think I overdid it this year,” the Plymouth Township resident joked.

Already, winter-weary travelers are planning for next winter. “Anyplace warm,” including Mexico, especially Hawaii and the Caribbean, Rosevear said.

“It’s really impressed people that they need to plan ahead,” said Rosevear, who also saw an increase in winter cruises. “I think we all got tired of this one. It was cold. The snow was kind of pretty.”

She’s seen an uptick in business the last two or three years as people are less apprehensive about the economy. There are longer booking times, including for European travel.

“All of my colleagues are saying the same thing,” Rosevear said of agencies that ring metro Detroit. “To a person, we’re all seeing much better business.” River cruises in Europe and even the U.S. are growing.

Cars move, too

Eric Roudy is new car sales manager for Dick Scott Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram, at Ann Arbor Road and Main. “We were busy” this winter, Roudy said. “It was a good winter. Pretty much across the board. It was a very good winter, actually.”

The body shop was busy, he said, but not as much as you’d think from winter fender benders. “Previous years they were busier when the winter wasn’t as bad,” he said.

The Chrysler 200 and Jeep Patriot have been big sellers lately. “I’d



Heidi Parent of Plymouth, owner of Sun & Snow in downtown Plymouth, notes these longboards are growing in popularity. PHOTOS BY JULIE BROWN

rather have a milder one, sure,” Roudy said of winter. “Not too bad for business, but we prefer a milder winter.”

Heidi Parent of Plymouth owns Sun & Snow at Ann Arbor Trail and Main in downtown Plymouth. It’s her fifth summer in town.

“We didn’t (suffer) because that’s our market,” she said of skis and winter outerwear. “We’re still going to appeal to anybody who needs pants and jackets.”

“It is (busy) for us,” Parent said of winter. “We stay busy all season. We do rentals as well,” including skis, snowboards and cross country equipment.

Sun & Snow does a lot with the Plymouth Ice Festival, which boosts business. Warm weather yoga and, this year, Zumba added with business partners also help. Sessions are held Wednesday evenings in Kellogg Park.

Spring break has brought in shoppers for swimsuits, flip-flops and the longboards.

“That market has grown for us in the last few years,” Parent said of longboards, different from skateboards in that the skateboards are for tricks and turns while the longboards are more for traveling.

She’s also planning to repeat last year’s popular “Kick Butt” litter pickup, aiming for two such



Stella Delap owns Basket Kreations in downtown Plymouth. The Canton resident is happy to see her regular customers back with warmer weather.

events this year. Parent added of snowy winters, “We’ll take those every year.”

I say ‘hello’

Stella Delap of Basket Kreations on Forest in Plymouth is glad to see her customers, some of whom weren’t out and about this winter.

“We just have not seen a lot of our normal customers. People just didn’t want to get out. A lot of them I didn’t see over the winter at all,” said Canton resident Delap. “Some of the customers told me they’ve been in Florida.”

She’ll mark 25 years in business in June, her first 10 at a Canton site. “It’s starting to perk,” Delap said of spring business, which for her includes gift baskets and her made in Michigan items.

“With the warmer weather, the couple nice days we’ve had, I see people out,” she said.

“We’re looking forward definitely to the warmer weather.”

The Saturday, May 3, opening of the Plymouth Farmers Market helped her business. “People were excited to get out,” she said. “It’s just a sign of spring and summer.”

Downtown Plymouth concerts, including Fri-

days, help Basket Kreations. Delap plans “Freebie Friday” events at her store, with food products, iced coffee and the like for concert goers.

Down the street on Main in Plymouth was Diane McKeen of the Alpine Chocolat Haus, which opened locally in December.

Alpine Chocolat Haus also has stores in Gaylord, Boyne City and Sault Ste. Marie. “It doesn’t deter people up there like it does here,” Taylor resident McKeen said of winter weather.

“They’re used to it,” she called winter business in Plymouth “decent,” noting it was a soft opening and not a grand opening. Their prime spot across from Kellogg Park helps business.

“Oh, my goodness, yes,” McKeen said of the uptick now. “The sun’s out and people are walking.”

Comics to jewelry: Spring a time to shop

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Justin Vahosky is manager of the Comic City store on Ford Road at Lilley in Canton. He had some company at the store this past winter.

“We did have a steady amount of people come in this winter,” said Canton resident Vahosky. “Mostly comic books and graphic novels.” Some accessories also sold.

“The roads weren’t as bad as you thought,” he said, adding some very bad winter days, business was slow.

Comic City also has stores in Pontiac, West Bloomfield and Trenton, with Vahosky the Canton store manager. He’s seen an uptick in business come spring.

“People have been definitely coming back into the shop I haven’t seen (in a while),” he said. Those customers ask what’s new and have questions about popular series, “stuff that they missed.”

Comic City has been in that Canton shopping plaza for 20 years, seven in the current spot.

Over on Canton Center Road north of Ford Road in Canton, owner Linda Robin of Showroom of Elegance took some time to talk about the jewelry business. Her store’s been there 14 years.

“It was up and down,” Robin said of the winter,



Canton resident Justin Vahosky is the manager of the Comic City store on Ford Road at Lilley in Canton. He’s now seeing some customers he didn’t see in the winter. JULIE BROWN

noting Showroom of Elegance closed a couple of days in the winter when customers and staff couldn’t get in. “We did OK,” she said, citing engagement rings, Pandora jewelry and Valentine’s gifts as winter sellers.

“Pretty much the same thing (in spring) and especially this weekend with Mother’s Day,” Robin said. Showroom of Elegance draws mainly from Canton, Plymouth, Westland, Belleville and some Livonia and Ypsilanti customers.

“People are not going to drive out of their way, for the most part,” due to the number of jewelry stores, she said.

Robin sees a rebound in the local economy; “I do. I see it coming back. I just see more people spending. More people have adjusted to everything that has taken place.”

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Plymouth chiropractor finds it is possible to go home

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Andrea Hoglen has been thrilled to set up her chiropractic practice in downtown Plymouth.

"I really believe in that personal aspect of quality of care," said Hoglen, who earned her doctor of chiropractic degree from Logan College of Chiropractic in St. Louis, Mo., in April 2011. "It shouldn't be a rushed issue."

Hoglen, 28, of Plymouth Township, isn't a newcomer to the area. She attended Plymouth Christian Academy, Central Middle School and graduated from Plymouth Salem High School at age 16 in 2002. She was on the cross country team at Salem.

"I'm just looking to grow my practice and become more established in the community. It was kind of neat to come back to Plymouth," she said. "The Box Bar is different, but it's still there. It's beautiful to come back to this town and see what has stood the test of time."

She and husband Ryan Dunlap often walk to Panera Bread in downtown Plymouth. They also enjoy Kellogg Park. She specializes in athletic rehabilitation and laser healing treatments. Hoglen is starting her fourth year in the area. "I just opened this office in the past couple months," she said, adding she's excited about pursuing her own standards of quality care.

She was an assistant



Chiropractor Andrea Hoglen of Plymouth Township is enjoying work at her new Hoglen Chiropractic & Laser in downtown Plymouth. ADAM HEIDEN

with chiropractor Robert E. Potter of Canton Center Chiropractic Clinic earlier before she went to chiropractic school. She has patients still from that time and goes to the gym with a former Salem teacher.

After earning her doctorate, she'd worked several years with In-

novative Health Solutions under the direction of clinic owner Davis Brockenshire before opening her own practice recently.

She volunteered in 2011 as the site chiropractor in the Michigan Breast Cancer 3-Day event sponsored by the Susan G. Komen Founda-

tion. Her focus was walkers, volunteers and staff.

"Those people are the ones who do all the hard work. I'm just there to put them all back together," she said with a chuckle. "I'm hoping to be involved with it again. I would love to get back to it. I really would," she added, noting the big

commitment concurrent with her new practice.

She began her studies at the University of Michigan-Dearborn, finished her bachelor's degree at Logan University and then her doctor of chiropractic.

"I've been back in Plymouth ever since," she said. "It's just a dream come true to have both my professional and personal life based in my hometown. It's absolutely perfect. I love the area."

She works in a general practice, including athletes ranging from high school to Olympic hopefuls to "weekenders."

"Really, it's just anybody who wants to be more active, healthier," she said.

When not working, Hoglen runs in Hines Park and around downtown Plymouth with her German shepherd mix, Sienna. She goes hot air ballooning with her dad and enjoys scuba diving with her husband. She is also involved in community theater and enjoys classical and modern dance.

Hoglen's practice can be reached at 734-751-8068 or www.doctorhoglen.com/.

She has a website blog on health, nutrition, fitness and related topics and also speaks to companies, clubs and others on her areas of expertise. Her practice of Hoglen Chiropractic & Laser is in Suite 1B at 580 Forest, on the second floor of Westchester Square in downtown Plymouth.

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

City of the Week

Downtown Plymouth's Genuine Toy Co., will be the focus of a WCSS-FM (94.7) "City of the Week" promotion later this month.

Radio personalities from the station will be at Genuine Toy 1-2 p.m. Thursday, May 22. The station will park its van out front, play music and games, hand out stickers and raffie off T-shirts during concert tickets.

Genuine Toy Co., is located in Westchester Square Mall on Forest Avenue, in downtown Plymouth.

Business workshop

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

"Does Your Website Rule or Droll?" is presented by Sarah McCann of Search Ad Marketing and will teach how to determine what consumers want when they visit 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.

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

Chamber After Hours

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce hosts a Chamber After Hours event 5-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 21, at 3rd 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.

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.

New manager

R. Thompson Co. announces the appointment of Canton resident Rick Covault to the position of business development manager. He will be leading JCT'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, Ballyhoov 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."

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PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY CALENDAR

RIVER DAY
Date/Time: Saturday, May 17, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Location: Flodin Park (off Saltz and Morton Taylor), Canton
Details: Canton's annual River Day takes place rain or shine. Visitors of all ages, including residents, students and Scout troops, are encouraged to participate. River Day activities will include learning about the environment, especially healthy rivers and trail clean-up. There will be a live bird presentation by Leslie Science Center titled Birds of Prey, a nature scavenger hunt, trail hikes and birdhouse building. Volunteers should come dressed for the weather; jeans and boots are recommended. Registration will begin promptly at 8 a.m. Volunteers will be provided with a River Day T-shirt and a small lunch on a first-come, first-served basis.
Contact: River Day is hosted by Canton's Engineering Services Division and sponsored by Friends of the Rouge. For more information, call 734-394-5150.

HUMAN TRAFFICKING
Date/Time: Thursday, May 15, 7:15-8:30 p.m.
Location: Koppernick Tech Center, 40525 Koppernick, Canton
Details: The Plymouth-Canton Branch of the American Association of University Women is hosting this program. Jane P. White, director and founder of the Michigan Human Trafficking Task Force, a nonprofit organization housed within the School of Criminal Justice at Michigan State University, will explain the work of the task force and its mission. Part of the mission includes preventing trafficking, pursuing prosecution and to help the victims. Both women and men are welcome, with free admission.
Contact: For more information, call 734-853-5009.

macher at mass4000@bcglobal.net for more information or for tickets.
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 @ 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

MEDICARE/MEDICAID COUNSELING
Date/Time: June 4, 1-3 p.m.
Location: United Home Health Services, 2200 N. Canton Center Road, Ste. 250, Canton
Details: United Home Health Services offers free individual counseling with a certified MMAP (Medicare/Medicaid Assistance Program) counselor who will help you understand Medicare/Medicaid eligibility, transitioning from employee coverage to Medicare, plan

options, assistance programs, drug insurance, and Medicare/Medicaid fraud and abuse identification and reporting. Medicare plan enrollment and subsidy application assistance also provided.
Contact: Heather Paine at 734-727-2063. Please specify you are requesting an appointment for the United Home Health location. For MMAP information visit www.mmapire.org/pages/about.html

CRAFTERS WANTED
Date/Time: Sept. 5-7
Location: Downton Plymouth 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 Jewellery 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 craft-show@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.

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
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 313-545-7052 or email Diane.Risko@redcross.org

Stolen silverware found after auto accident

By David Veselenak
 Staff Writer

A disc jockey leaving Laurel Manor after working a party earlier this month hit the wrong restaurant as he tried to drive away under the influence with some stolen silverware. A police report was filed with Livonia police Monday afternoon from a family member related to the owners of the banquet hall, located at 39000 Schoolcraft in Livonia. The family member said they suspected a DJ who worked a party at the hall May 3 had stolen some silverware after the event and was caught by Plymouth Township police. The DJ, a 23-year-old Belleville man, was involved in a rollover accident that took place near the Livonia/Plymouth Township border at Plymouth Road and Eckles. The vehicle went off the road and hit the La Bisteca Italian Grille, 39405 Plymouth, and caught fire, according to police reports. As a result of the accident, some contents of the vehicle were found on the ground. The owner of the grill found several pieces of silverware on the ground and, being a family friend of the owners of Laurel Manor, recognized it was from the banquet hall. The suspect was arrested at the scene by Plymouth Township police under the suspicion of operating while intoxicated and is expected to be in 35th District Court later this month for arraignment.

FOLK FUNDRAISER
Date/Time: Saturday, May 17, 7-9:30 p.m.
Location: Joanne Winkelman Hulce Center, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth
Details: The BaseLine Folk Society hosts its final "open mic" night of its ninth season, this one a fundraiser with all proceeds being donated to the Plymouth Community Arts Council. BaseLine Folk Society is a group of musicians promoting and preserving the fine art of traditional acoustic folk music. "Open mic" welcomes performers who can sign up between 6:15-6:45 p.m. The May 17 event features a return visit from Judy Insley & Almost Perfect, providing original and cover music from other well-known artists. Tickets are \$5 at the door, including performers.
Contact: Email President Scott Ludwig at BfSpresident@aol.com

ALLEN AUCTION
Date/Time: Friday, May 16, 5:30-8 p.m.
Location: Allen Elementary School, 1100 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.

CHURCH CONCERT
Date/Time: Saturday, May 31, 7:30-9:30 p.m.
Location: Plymouth Community Arts Council, 2744 Sheldon, Plymouth
Details: Friend of Unity, a Plymouth unity church, hosts a concert featuring Karen Taylor Good and Stowe Dalley Shockey, who organizes say and pray or performing "poove thoughts/spiritual message" music. Tickets are \$20 in advance and at the door.
Contact: Email Margaret Assen-

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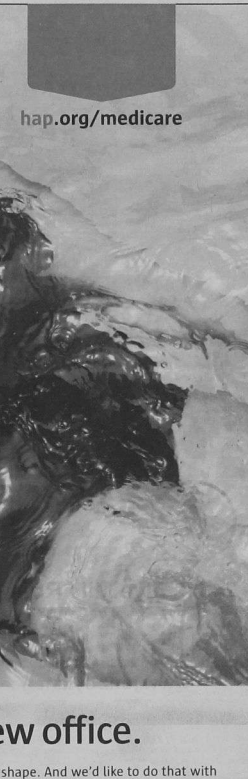
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OUR VIEW

Good choice

School board right to delay decision on building closure

The Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education reversed course Monday on two key decisions trustees were hoping would help them avoid making even deeper cuts to eliminate a \$5.3 million deficit in the district's budget.

And they were right to do so.

While final decisions hadn't been made yet, the board was leaning toward opening some 200 elementary school seats, plus some additional seats in the district's STEM, IB and arts academies, to a schools of choice option for students from outside the district's borders.

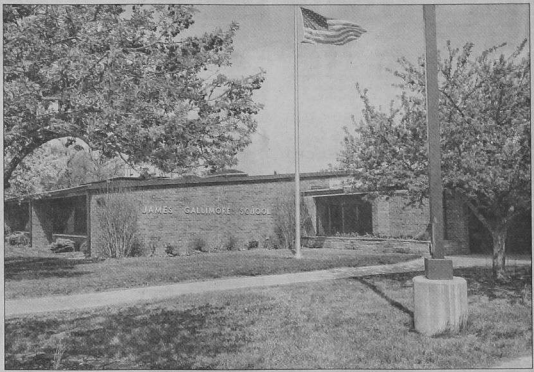
And, as late as Friday, the board was considering closing at least one elementary school—likely Gallimore—as early as the 2014-15 school year. Information had been gathered by the administration and placed in the school board packets to be introduced at Tuesday's meeting.

It's easy to see why the board would consider both moves. Administrators estimated opening the district to 200 students from outside its borders could generate as much as \$1.5 million in revenue it wouldn't otherwise get. And they've said closing a school could save the district some \$1 million.

That's nearly half of the projected deficit.

However, reaction to the potential changes was overwhelming. Residents (read: taxpayers or voters) were none too keen on inviting students from outside the district into the fold, fearful of lagging academic achievement, among other things.

And while the board's decision Monday not to close a school circumvented potential negative reac-



The Plymouth-Canton Board of Trustees decided Monday not to consider closing Gallimore Elementary School in Canton.

tion, it's not rocket science to believe families of the 314 students who attend Gallimore were going to put up a fuss.

No one is pretending a building closure isn't coming down the road. The district will almost certainly close a building before the 2015-16 school year starts. Enrollment numbers will force the issue; the district has lost hundreds of students in the last five years and is projected to keep losing them due to the presence of charter schools and the dwindling birth rate in Wayne County.

But the board was right to put it off. The decision to close Gallimore this September would have been forced, hurried by economic factors rather than logical thinking. Better to put it off, the board decided, and find the money elsewhere.

The district has already, to varying degrees of failure (bus privatization) and success (food ser-

VICES), done what it can to find cuts in expenses and increases in revenue. Teachers, custodians and other union members have given millions back to the district and certainly can't be expected to simply keep giving back.

In budget sessions so far this spring, the board has cut teachers, is almost certainly going to privatize custodial services and has made other cuts to try to deal with the deficit. Frustrated by what they say is lack of funding and support from the state, board members continue to do a remarkable job finding ways to cut. But you can't cut your way out of a deficit year after year; at some point, the board will have to make that most difficult of decisions—closing a school.

Some cans can't be kicked down the road. Closing a building was a decision the board was better off putting off.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Treating kids differently

Two weeks ago, the superintendent stated the district was considering opening our borders to out-of-district youth, while at the same time letters were sent to many district families that rescinded their ability to do the same. This again highlights that there is a marked discrepancy in educational experiences and allowances for the children in this district and it cuts across economic lines and neighborhoods.

Two years ago (school year 2012-13), there were three elementary schools that were rated by the state as "State Focus schools," due to large discrepancies in their MEAP scores. Parents in those schools were offered PRAs (the ability to transfer their children to another school in the district) and funding and focus was promised to these at-risk schools to address the issues. Many parents took this opportunity and moved to other schools in the district.

There were some added reading classes given to the youth in the focus schools; however, intervention for at-risk behaviors have still not been addressed properly. All of these schools fall in the lower income neighborhoods.

In August 2013, two weeks before the 2013-14 school year started, some of these PRAs were rescinded. When those of us who had our PRAs rescinded asked to see the data to demonstrate why this had happened, our PRAs were approved; data was not given to us to review.

Two months ago, parents were again sent letters stating that the PRA program was not being continued and once our child advanced from the school they were in, they had to go back to their neighborhood school and were no longer allowed to go to any other school in the district.

As one of those parents, let me tell you what this does. By making the decisions you have in the last two years, you are increasing the educational divide across economic lines for youth in this district and are not providing the same educational experiences or safety for all the schools in the same district.

Lower-income families statistically work more hours and do not have the time to pay attention to when they are being treated differently or unfairly. However, there are those of us who do notice and we will not tolerate this exclusion to continue and the

divide to increase.

We are asking for the model that demonstrates how opening our borders to out-of-district youth, while denying in-district children the same opportunities, improves education for all youth in PCCS and details on how are we utilizing state focus funds to positively improve education in the at-risk schools in terms of at-risk behaviors.

These requests will not go away, nor will those of us who you believe are not paying attention to how our children are being treated differently.

Anne Marie Graham-Hudak
Canton

Health is expensive

I appreciate how Canton is involved with our community and health providers. The Healthy Summer kick-off was a fun event.

Now I just need my money to be "healthy," too. Now my family pays \$400 to \$500 more each month in health premiums, including "surprise" co-pays.

Being healthy is a wonderful thing; now it's a really expensive wonderful thing.

Clare Barwick
Canton

Amazed, not surprised

The slyness of our Republican lawmakers in Lansing never ceases to amaze me. Not surprise, just amaze. I swear, at times I have to off my hat at the absolute wiles these people are able to pull off.

According to both of our daily newspapers, the Senate leader, Randy Richardville, has introduced legislation to raise the minimum wage by 75 percent Sept. 1. Sounds pretty good, right? Not so much when you look at the true motive behind this gesture.

A little information on what is afoot today. "Raise Michigan" has been circulating petitions to raise the minimum wage to \$10.10 per hour. It appears they have more than enough signatures to ultimately put the issue on the November ballot. However, the petitions being circulated are to amend the current minimum wage law.

Now, here's the rub: Richardville's bill would repeal the very law the petitions seek to amend. In other words, the petitions would be useless, null and void, because you can't amend a bill that no longer exists.

Amazed, but not surprised. These right-wingers are not about to let citizens encroach on their turf with ballot initiatives, unless they fit in with their dogma. The best example of this was in 2012, when voters threw out the emergency manager law. During the last lame-duck session, these same Republicans resurrected that law, changed a few words, added some state funds, called it an appropriations bill and, ta da, untouchable by the electors.

At some later date, I'll inform you readers about some of the things they have planned for the next lame-duck session.

James Huddlestone
Canton

Lipstick on pig

Education funding has increased since Sen. Pat Colbeck and Gov. Rick Snyder took office. The problem, if you are a school district, is that the increased spending has been mainly to make adjustments in legacy costs, while actual per-pupil funding has declined. When Gov. Snyder took office the per-pupil funding was \$7,316 and in 2013-14 the funding is \$7,076.

This week, House Democrats proposed a cap on the state's furniture purchases from Gov. Snyder's cousin and also proposed an increase in the education budget by \$22 million, the same amount Gov. Snyder's cousin's furniture contract was increased when it was doubled.

Don't you just love the conditions of the roads in Michigan? After shameful neglect, Colbeck and Snyder are frantically proposing election year fixes, which should be welcome to us all—except that 84 road repair projects were submitted by legislators and only two went to districts represented by Democrats. It is only Republicans that deserve to drive on safe roads?

Looking at the Colbeck and Snyder agenda and record, you can try and put lipstick on a pig, but it is still pretty ugly. How about Michigan Republicans making women buy special rape insurance so a legal medical procedure will be a covered part of their health insurance?

Steve Lawrence
Northville Township

STAFF COLUMN

Volunteers makes 'happy dance' possible

Months of preparation, countless hours of effort and innumerable amounts of emotional upheaval finally paid off Saturday when "Alexander's Express," the five-car play structure dedicated at Plymouth Township Park, was finally unveiled.

The structure is ded-



Brad Kadrich

icated to the memory of 2-year-old Alexander Petko, the Plymouth Township toddler who drowned in a tragic accident last September. It's

the best addition to the park since the sprayscape years ago, but that's not the real story here.

The real story is in the effort to take to make it happen. So many people contributed to the structure—and the revamping of Pavilion 2 that goes along with it—it would be nearly impossible to name all of them.

It started with Dave Brandon, the former CEO of Domino's, and the pizza chain's vice president of communications, Tim McIntyre. McIntyre then brought the idea to Plymouth Township Supervisor Richard Reaume and Treasurer Ron Edwards. Reaume and Edwards

did what government officials should do and made it happen, much to the surprise of McIntyre, who said, "Every time I expected to hear 'no' all I heard was 'yes.'"

The township donated the small tract of land on which Alexander's Express sits and spent a few thousand dollars turning the pavilion into a train station (critics should know it was money that was going to be spent on needed repairs anyway).

But the real heroes of this story are the many volunteers who chipped in in any number of ways. Donations large and small flowed in (to the tune of some \$30,000). Sure, there

were a couple of large donations mixed in (Domino's gave \$10,000 and the Dave Brandon Foundation donated \$5,000), but by and large, it was paid for the way these kinds of projects are normally paid for: the generosity of friends, family and even strangers.

Volunteers painted walls, searched for complementary pieces like the clock that's already up and the weather vane that will be added, put up brick siding and spread mulch. All of it was done to keep alive the memory of a young boy who loved trains and who spread joy in his ever-so-brief time.

"Zander (his parents' nickname for him) would have loved this," said Tom Petko, Alexander's dad. "He would have done his 2-year-old 'I'm happy' dance."

Ironically, Alexander's Express was unveiled on National Train Day. Judging by the numbers of children delighting in the play structure on its opening day, it's a pretty safe bet Alexander was, indeed, doing his happy dance.

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Students make connection with 'Macbeth'

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

MACBETH

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Friday, May 16, and 3 p.m. Sunday, May 18
Location: Lutheran High School Westland, 33300 Cowan, east of Wayne Road, Westland
Tickets: \$5 at the door

Kate Ulrey makes no bones about it; she loves Shakespeare. In fact, her favorite play is *Macbeth*.

So it comes as no surprise that Ulrey, the head of the drama department at Lutheran High School Westland, selected *Macbeth* as the final theatrical production this school year. The play will be presented Friday and Sunday, May 16 and 18.

"It's absolutely my favorite," Ulrey said. "*Macbeth* has some very teachable moments in it. The teachable moments run through the play and the kids can make the connection."

Work on the play started in March, less than two weeks after the curtain fell on the musical *Annie*. Working around spring break, the spring sports season and concert, a cast and crew of 60 students have been rehearsing after school.

The cast also includes teacher David Kusch as the Old Man and siblings Aaron Wentzel and his 9-year-old sister Elise, who play Doctor and the MacDuff child.

"We're also fortunate to have some athletes in the show," Ulrey said. "We were able to work with the athletic director to let them come in for some practice."

Costume stash

This is the third Shakespeare play Ulrey has produced at the high school. She has staged *A Midsummer's Night Dream* and *Romeo and Juliet* previously.

For this production, she dipped into her stash of costumes used by her Backyard Shakespearean Players, a children's troupe that performed in outdoor settings like her backyard. She estimates that 95 percent of the costumes "came out of my garage."

The witches will wear

white dresses and have blue, green and purple makeup because they will show up on stage and "be unexpected," Ulrey said. She also called in friend Jim Piche, who helped her with the Players, to provide two hours of stage sword play training.

"He showed them specific moves so they wouldn't hurt themselves," she said. "We'll open the whole thing with a battle scene and renaissance music. We also have a surprise planned for the banquet scene. It's very dark and we want to lighten up the mood."

Ulrey's daughter Jane, a veteran of the Backyard Players, is playing Lady Macbeth. She didn't expect to get the role and her mother admits she actually saw her playing one of the witches. Ulrey gets help from Kusch and Jeanne Wiley with auditions.

"When we do the callbacks, we allow the students to be in the room. It's a meeting of the minds," she said. "It was a surprise."

'Couple of lines'

"I thought I'd be a walk-on with a couple of lines," Jane Ulrey said. "It's really fun, but I wasn't expecting a lot of lines to memorize."

Jane Ulrey is very familiar with Shakespeare. She's been doing the Bard with the Players for 13 years.

"When I was very young, I wanted to be Juliet, but as I got older I wanted to be Lady Macbeth," she said. "She has a



King Duncan (Byrce Ingersoll of Livonia) greets Lady Macbeth (Jane Ulrey of Livonia). He doesn't know that he's not long for this world. Also in this scene are Donelbain (Timothy Contreras of Ypsilanti), McDuff (Wesley Schumacher of Westland), Lennox (Laura Sillanpaa of Dearborn), Ross (Lauren Tischler of Novi), Angus (Jonah Lambert of Garden City), Apparition (Gwen Ulrey of Dearborn) and Banquo (Kole Niemi of Garden City). PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Hecate (Carrie Caruthers of Redford) talks to the witches: Emily Blasiola of Ann Arbor, Natalie Freeman of Livonia and Sarah Braden of Dearborn.



Macbeth (Brandon Kruger of Ann Arbor) returns to Lady Macbeth (Jane Ulrey of Dearborn) after meeting with the witches, who prophecy that he will be Thane.

lot more going on." Of course, Jane is getting advice from her mother and calls her sister Nora who's acting in Chicago, too.

A senior at LHSW, this is her last play and she's "really enjoying doing it."

"This is a good way to end high school. I like this show a lot," she said.

Jane also is working with Annalee Kuhr and Bethany Hoehne in choreographing the dances. Kuhr, who plays Fleance in the play and is stage manager, joined the Backyard Players at age

9 and became Jane's best friend. When Jane decided to attend LHSW, Annalee did the same.

Playing *Macbeth* is Brandon Kruger. He, too, didn't expect to get the role. A veteran of the theater - he's done six plays at LHSW and productions in his hometown of Ann Arbor - drama "is my life, I love it."

"I tried out for a main character, a minor character or a walk-on. I wanted a main role, Duncan, I think," he said. "I was thrilled when I got called back. My mouth

dropped when I heard it was an awe-inspiring moment. It was overwhelming, one of the most exciting moments for me."

Kruger is trying to channel the character of Kevin Spacey, who did Richard III. He describes Spacey as a "good person

to learn from." "I do get nervous, because there's so much to learn and it's not in modern day language," he said. "It's more challenging, but it's a beautiful way of speaking."

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PREP BOYS LACROSSE

NOAH'S MARK

Willer hits the target as Rocks win weather-delayed game over 'Cats

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

The first half of a Kensington Conference boys lacrosse matchup between campus rivals Plymouth and Salem was as hotly contested as one might expect.

But put the second half on hold for three days and there's no doubt things would really reach a fever pitch when the game resumed on the varsity

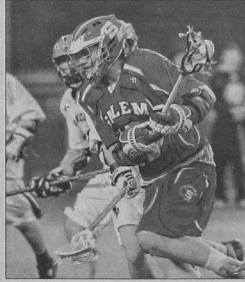
turf field at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park. Such was the case Saturday, with the Rocks rallying for an 8-7 victory on junior attackman Noah Willer's goal with about four minutes remaining in regulation.

It was Willer's second goal of the second half and third overall; he also scored Wednesday, May 7, when the first half took place before lightning delayed completion of the

match with the teams tied 3-3. "It kind of bubbled up and boiled over before the game today," said Salem head coach Paul Nemzek about the anticipation for rebooting the game, which had implications for the Park championship.

Salem (5-8 overall, 2-3 in the Kensington Conference) can win campus bragging rights with a victory over Canton, but

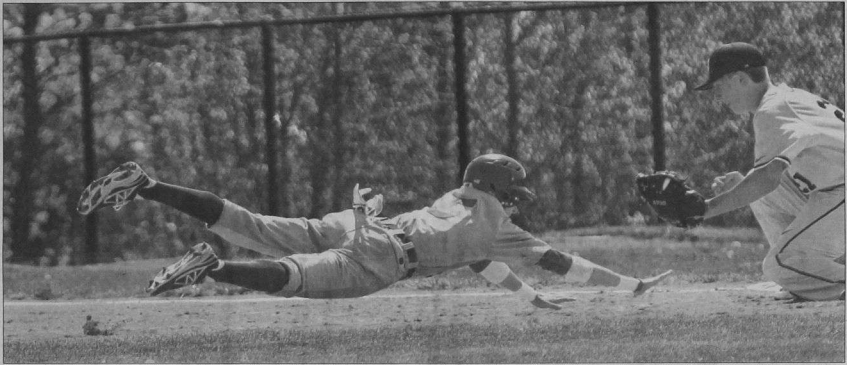
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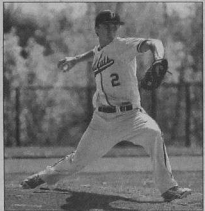
Making another determined offensive push is Salem's Noah Willer (No. 19), who was a thorn in Plymouth's side. BILL BRESLER / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

STRIKE OUT PROSTATE CANCER TWINBILL

Stella's stellar as 'Cats strike first



Plymouth first baseman Seth Hubbard (right) tries to pick off Salem's Mike Vernon during the first game of Saturday's Strike Out Prostate Cancer doubleheader. PHOTOS BY BRIAN QUINTOS



Plymouth sophomore pitcher Cameron Stella went the distance, scattering four Salem hits in Saturday's opener of the Strike Out Prostate Cancer doubleheader.

Campus rivals each earn victory while supporting important cause

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Practice makes perfect, they say. And that made all the difference for Plymouth sophomore pitcher Cameron Stella and the Wildcats varsity baseball team in Saturday's 4-2 victory over Salem in the opener of the annual "Strike Out Prostate Cancer" twinbill.

Salem had runners on second and third with one out in the top of the seventh, trying to mount a rally against Stella.

Mike Vernon smashed a hot shot up the middle that looked to be a game-tying single to center field, but Stella snagged the comebacker and threw to catcher Andrew Jossey who proceeded

to get courtesy runner Conner Shaughnessy into a rundown.

Shaughnessy was tagged out for the second out of the seventh and Stella then got Josh Penn on another hard-hit grounder (to Plymouth first baseman Seth Hubbard) for the win.

"We do a lot of plays like that in practice, where we get it and step off, look right at the runner, throw it and kind of just run him down," said Stella, about the crucial defensive gem.

He added that first-year head coach Jason Crain and the rest of the coaching staff always puts a premium on making the plays — routine or not — when they need to be made.

"Before the game the coach just says there's going to be three to five

plays that determine if you win or not, and we made those plays," Stella said.

Stella also helped his cause at the plate, doubling to lead off the fourth against Salem starting pitcher Nick March with the Rocks nursing an early 1-0 lead (via an RBI-double to right-center by Jack Driscoll).

Hubbard then singled and Patrick Downey's attempted sacrifice bunt was thrown into the left-field corner, enabling the Wildcats to go up 2-1. A balk followed to make it an unconventional three-run rally.

"Those things happen in high school baseball," said Crain, about the wild throw. "We've had it happen to us, it

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PREP GIRLS TENNIS

Northville netters dominate 'A' tourney

Division champion Chiefs 7th; Salem wins 'B' tournament

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Probably the highlight of the day for Canton's varsity girls tennis team Saturday was receiving the trophy for winning the KLAAs South Division championship.

Other than that, Saturday's Kensington Conference "A" tournament at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park belonged to the KLAAs Central Division champion Northville Mustangs.

Canton placed seventh out of 12 teams with seven points, far behind



Canton's Nikki Cotham begins her serve during Saturday's Kensington Conference 'A' tournament. BRIAN QUINTOS

Northville's 34 points and even the 20 points secured by runnerups Novi and Grand Blanc.

It was an even more dismal day for Plymouth, placing 10th overall with just three points.

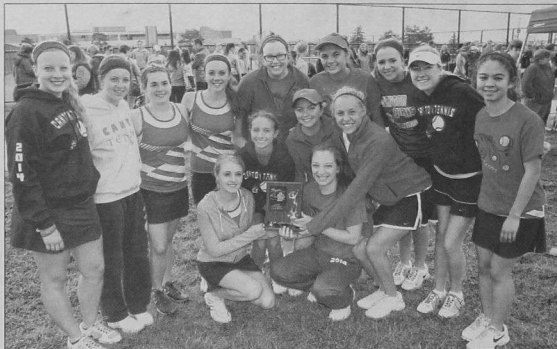
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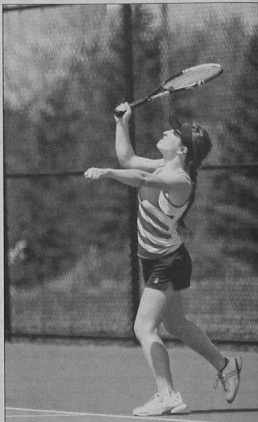
Tuesday's thunderstorms forced the postponement of a scheduled KLAAs Kensington Conference baseball matchup between host Salem and Canton. It marked the second consecutive day for storms and washouts at the Park. Both teams are hoping to make up the game this week to determine seedings for the May 19 conference tournament. BILL BRESLER / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

They're the best!



Canton's varsity girls tennis team celebrates with its KLAAs South Division trophy, presented at Saturday's conference meet at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park. Standing (from left) are Olivia Tubaro, Maddison Johnson, Anna Scheppelle, Jasmine Najm-Henry, Amy Dalton, Lily Pita, Kaylee Rivera, Julia Stevenson and Sarah Kalasky. In front with the trophy are (from left) Nikki Cotham, Alexis Madon, Melissa Karbon, Angie Distelrath and Abby Wampler.

GIRLS TENNIS RESULTS



Getting a bead on the tennis ball Saturday is Canton's Angie Distelrath. BRIAN QUINTOS

TENNIS

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According to Chiefs head coach Barb Lehman, talking earlier during the tournament, her team's top two doubles tandems were "still on the court and most of the girls got through the first round, which is great. They played some great tennis. And then my third singles actually beat Novi in a split set and is going on to the next match (semifinals)." But Canton's 3 singles player, Jasmine Najm-Henry, fell short in the semifinals against Sydney Wisniewski of Brighton.

Wisniewski earned a 6-7 (6-8), 6-4, 6-3 victory over Najm-Henry.

Finishing fourth with 15 points was Walled Lake Northern, followed by Livonia Stevenson and Brighton, tied for fifth



Sending a backhand toward her opponent is Canton's Abby Wampler. BRIAN QUINTOS

with 10 points each. The Salem Rocks did not play at the Park as they were at the conference "B" tournament

featuring the lower teams per each division. Salem did win the B tournament, held at Novi, with 29 points. Chelsea

Yu came in second at 1 singles while Bianca Ghita finished second at 2 singles.

The Rocks did take first at 3 singles, with Kylie Enright defeating Livonia Franklin's Madison Eisenhauer, 6-1, 6-0.

Salem also was strong in doubles play, taking the first three flights.

Winning 1 doubles was the duo of Kiley Flynn-Madison Kulik; Ashmi Nagar-Ashley Henderson finished first at 2 doubles.

At 3 doubles, Kendall Berghofer-Rachel Herschok prevailed for the Rocks.

May 10 at Novi M.S.
TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Salem, 29 points; 2. Livonia Franklin, 20; 3. Howell, 6; 4. Oak Meadow and South Lyon East, 13 each; 5. South Lyon, 12; 7. Piquette, 10; 8. Walled Lake Western, 7; 9. Wayne Memorial, 5; 10. Waterloo Kirtling and Waterloo Ford, 2 each; 11. Westland John Country.

FINAL FLIGHT RESULTS
No. 1 singles: Carolyn McCullin (U) defeated Chelsea Yu (Salem), 6-2, 6-0.
semifinals: McCullin defeated Shannon Parr (Milford), 6-0, 6-1; Yu, 6-0, 6-1.
Finals: McCullin, 6-0, 6-1.
No. 2: Kendall Payne (U) def. Bianca Ghita (Salem), 6-0, 6-1.
semifinals: Payne def. Sarah Lakerton (Howell), 6-0, 6-0; Ghita def. Lauren Kynard (Milford), 7-6 (7), 3-4, 6-1.
No. 3: Kylie Enright (Salem) def. Madison Eisenhauer (U), 6-1, 6-0.
semifinals: Enright def. Holly Vasher (Piquette), 6-3, 6-1; Eisenhauer def. Heather Lakerton, 6-4, 6-2.
No. 4: Morgan Whittemore (U) def. Hannah Turnbull (Howell), 3-6, 6-2, 6-2.
semifinals: Whittemore def. Tiffany Chen (Salem), 4-6, 7-6, 6-1; Turnbull def. Sarah Ploshetta, 3-1, 7-6 (7), 6-4.
No. 1 doubles: Kiley Flynn-Madison Kulik (Salem) def. Chloe Gordon-Pauline Parr (Milford), 6-2, 6-6, 6-3.
semifinals: Flynn-Kulik def. Ali Sotony (Salem) (W), 6-3, 5-7, 6-2; Gordon-Parr def. Lea Field (U), 6-2, 6-0.
No. 2: Ashmi Nagar-Ashley Henderson (Salem) def. Prachi Chakrabarti (Sedonia-Walker), 6-4, 6-3.
semifinals: Nagar-Henderson def. Marjorie Benavente (Howell), 6-1, 6-3; Chakrabarti-Sedonia def. Lauren Folk (Madison-Cross Creek), 6-4, 7-5.
No. 3: Kendall Berghofer-Rachel Herschok (Salem) def. Rachel Berghofer-Ashley Herschok (Salem), 6-2, 6-4.
semifinals: Berghofer-Herschok def. Rachel Kopp (U) (Milford), 6-0, 6-3; Berghofer-Herschok def. Kelley Hanson-Katy Johnson (U), 6-1, 6-2.
No. 4: Megan DeLuca-Deyn Schlar (U) def. Alyssa Buccarini-Grace Martin (U), 6-2, 6-7, 6-2.
semifinals: DeLuca-Schlar def. Bridget Dolan-Emily Pines (U), 6-1, 6-4; 17, 6-1; Buccarini-Martin def. Blake Newberry-Katelyn Mahony (U), 6-0, 6-4.
No. 5: Olivia Stevenson-Bianca Ghita (Howell) def. Brooke Hudson-Luca Rinaldi (U), 7-6 (7), 6-2.
semifinals: Stevenson-Ghita def. Kim Boyce-Chloe Oshwald (Howell), 6-3, 6-4; Hudson-Rinaldi (U) def. Alyssa Schwartz-Rachel Godfrey (Salem), 6-1, 6-4.

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PREP SOFTBALL

Marlins sweep Blazers to capture division title



Molly Murphy had some big hits for the Marlins softball team. JOHN STORMZAND | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

By Dan O'Meara
Staff Writer

Farmington Hills Mercy swept a softball doubleheader from Livonia Ladywood for the second time in three days last Thursday to win the Catholic League Central Division championship.

The Marlins finished 11-1 in the loop, losing only to Warren Regina, and improved their overall record to 13-1 by defeating the host Blazers, 11-0 in a five-inning mercy, and 9-4.

Mercy sophomore Abby Krzywiecki threw a three-hit shutout in the first game and was 6-for-8 at the plate with seven RBIs and five runs scored in the doubleheader.

She went 4-for-5 in the nightcap, knocked in four runs and scored three. Krzywiecki and Jor-

dan Ewald hit back-to-back RBI doubles in the first inning of that game, but the Blazers scored three runs in the third to take a 3-2 lead.

Mercy tied it in the fourth with Alex Sobczak's RBI single, then Cari Padulla hit a two-run triple in the fifth to give the Marlins a 6-3 lead. Krzywiecki broke it open with a two-run homer in the sixth and added an RBI single in the seventh.

Ewald was 3-for-5 and Sobczak and Jordan Johnson were 2-for-4 as the Marlins out-hit the Blazers, 13-5.

Cecé Werner had the lone Ladywood RBI with a ground out that scored Maddi Haas. The Blazers scored their other runs on a wild pitch and two errors.

Christina Meyer, Haley Lawrence, Rozlyn

Price (double), Hallea Garcia and Sydney Triest had one hit each for Ladywood (7-5, 9-10).

Andrea Elmore pitched a complete game for the Marlins, striking out two and walking six. Sarah Knapp went six innings for the Blazers.

In the first game, Krzywiecki struck out six and walked one. Price pitched four innings and took the loss.

Ewald hit a two-run triple in a three-run first inning. Krzywiecki and Molly Murphy both had a two-run single in a five-run fourth.

Sophia Van Acker contributed a pair of RBI singles and Krzywiecki and Ewald each got a third RBI in a three-run fifth with a base hit and a fix on a base.

Krzywiecki, Ewald, Van Acker and Ladywood's Werner were

2-for-3.

Earlier twinbill

The Marlins also won both ends of a doubleheader against the Blazers on May 2, including 11-1 in a six-inning mercy, and 10-4.

Krzywiecki pitched a two-hitter in the first game.

Price allowed seven of 10 hits over five innings and got the loss.

After hitting a solo home run in both of her first two at-bats, Sobczak was intentionally walked the next three times, including once with the bases loaded. She was 2-for-2 with three RBI.

Kelly Abeska hit a two-run single and Krzywiecki also had two RBIs with a double and a bases-loaded walk.

Van Acker (2-for-3), Courtney Avromov and Murphy had one RBI

apiece with a single, ground out and suicide squeeze bunt, respectively.

Price and Michaela Warner had the only Ladywood hits. Price,

who was hit by a pitch to start the second inning, advanced on two walks and scored the lone run on an infield error off the bat of Meyer.



Salem pitcher Nick March sends the baseball toward home plate during Saturday's opening game against Plymouth. BRIAN QUINTELL

TWINBILL

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happens to anyone at any given point, it's how you capitalize on those. It just happened to be our turn this time."

The Rocks (18-7) trimmed the lead to 3-2 in the fifth when Driscoll's infield hit scored Nick Minnichello (who was hit by a pitch and advanced to third on a wild pick-off play; Minnichello also scored Salem's first run).

Insurance time

But Plymouth (19-9) responded in the bottom half of that frame. With one out, Andrew Hejka singled and moved to third on a hit-and-run base hit by Jared Merandi.

A perfect squeeze bunt by Stella scored Hejka for the add-on run.

"This was an important game for us, on top of (being) a good cross-campus rivalry," Crain said. "All these kids have played with and against each other all these years. On top of that, they're a great team playing on the other side of the conference.

"It was an important win for us as we move to hopefully clinch something in the next few days.

For the annual "Strike Out Prostate Cancer" benefit doubleheader, each team hosted one game.

But only the opening game, at Plymouth, counted in the Kensington Conference standings for seeding purposes ahead of the May 19 conference championship.

Game 2 went to the host Rocks, also by a 4-2 score, but that one was mostly for the overall records.

"It feels good that we have good momentum coming into the conference," Stella said. "Just the fact that nobody really knew who we were in the beginning of the season, we were quite underrated.

"So now we're pretty much making a name for ourselves."

Rocks prevail

In the nightcap, Salem sophomore starter Eric Scott out-pitched Plymouth's Derek Ebeling. Scott gave up two runs in the second on a run-scoring double by Nick Foster and RBI single by Dakota Lynn before settling down.

Featuring a sharp breaking ball, Scott retired the Wildcats in order the next two innings — fanning the side in the fourth. Josh Penn closed out the victory with two scoreless frames.

Saehon had gone up 1-0 in the first on Penn's RBI double to left, scoring Vernon (who walked).

Plymouth still led 2-1 going into the bottom of the fifth when the Rocks surged ahead for the winning rally.

Driscoll, who had two hits in each game and also made a handful of stellar defensive plays at shortstop, got things started with a single up the middle.

Vernon was hit by a pitch and Penn (2-for-3, one run, one RBI) beat out an infield hit to lead the bases.

Clearing the bases with one swing of the bat was Brandon Gillen, roping a double to right-center to make it a 4-2 Salem advantage.

The day wasn't just about baseball, however.

On sale during the games at both venues were blue wristbands and baked goods, with proceeds earmarked for the Prostate Cancer Foundation to help with research efforts. A silent auction also took place.

"It's obviously a great cause and we're real happy to be a part of it," Crain said. "We talked to the kids a little bit about it. We've talked about what it means now and what it's going to mean for them in maybe 30 years — not too far down the road, although it seems like a lifetime for them."

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COLLEGE BASEBALL

3 Crusaders get All-WHAC honors

Madonna University landed first-team honors on the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference baseball team as voted upon by the nine WHAC coaches.

Leading the way for MU was senior catcher Donny Holland (White Lake Lakeside), senior pitcher Travis Schuba (Rapid City/Kalkaska) and sophomore second baseman Shane Dokey (Brighton).

Holland is making his second straight appearance on the squad after being tabbed for the honorable mention team as a junior. The Crusaders' team MVP controlled a young pitching staff from behind the plate while posting a .252 average with 32 hits and 15 RBI.

Holland also fielded a .985 average, picked off five runners and struck out 22 base stealers this season.

Schuba became the first male student-athlete in MU history to earn All-WHAC first team honors in two sports after being tabbed to the All-WHAC basketball first-team in each of the last two seasons.

The jack-of-all-trades for the Crusaders this season, Schuba posted five saves while

also making three starts in the rotation. In addition to a team-best seven wins, Schuba collected five saves with a 1.66 earned run average in 20 appearances after joining the squad following the completion of basketball season.

Schuba is second in career saves with 13 and tied for fourth in single-season appearances with 20 in 2014.

Dokey ranked third on the team with a .291 average, collecting 51 hits while scoring a team-best 53 runs. MU's leadoff hitter most of the season, Dokey drew a team-best 33 walks while stealing 31 bases.

A trio of Crusaders were named to the WHAC's honorable mention including sophomore pitchers Evan Piechota (Livonia Stevenson) and Adam Prashad (Mississauga, Ontario), along with freshman designated hitter Taylor Grzelakowski (Fraser).

Piechota went 5-3 with a 2.55 earned run average this season in MU's weekend rotation. He struck out a team-leading 49 batters in 70 2/3 innings of work while holding the opposition to a .233 average. Prashad posted a 4-3

record with a 2.62 ERA in 72 innings. He was second to Piechota with 40 strikeouts, while walking just 19 batters.

Grzelakowski hit .287 this season, including eight doubles a team-best 36 RBI. He also went 17-of-19 in stolen base attempts.

Seniors Ryan Lech (L'Anse Auxepes North), Tyler Schofield (Windor, Ontario Brennan) and Dan Stonery (Canton), along with red-shirt sophomores Ben Matigian (Livonia Churchill) and Piechota were all named to the Academic All-WHAC team.

To be honored on the academic team, a student-athlete must be a junior or senior academically and have a grade-point average of 3.25 or better.

Holland, meanwhile, earned his second straight WHAC's Champions of Character Team honor. He was selected by his coaches as the student-athlete who best displays and lives the NIAA's Five Core Values of respect, responsibility, servant leadership, integrity and sportsmanship.

The Crusaders finished 29-25 this season, including 13-14 in the conference.

PREP BASEBALL



PCA's Michael Slater pitched a complete game against Southfield Christian.

Eagles soar in 12-3 victory

Plymouth Christian Academy's varsity baseball team staked starting pitcher Michael Slater to a 3-0 lead in the first inning last Thursday.

That was plenty as Slater pitched a complete game, walking one and striking out 12 as the Eagles earned a 12-3 victory over their MIAC opponent.

PCA went early on a double by Johnny Laugh, singles by Daniel Lipping and Michael Slater and a two-base hit by Austin Anders.

Southfield chipped away with a run in the second, but PCA replied with a five-run surge to go up 8-1.

That rally started with Jared Cobb's bunt hit.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Wildcats football camp

The 2014 Plymouth Wildcat Football Skills Camp will be held June 23-25 at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park varsity turf field.

Youngsters who will enter grades 5-9 next fall will go from 5-7 p.m. each day; those going into grades 10-12 will go from 7-9 p.m.

Visit www.plymouthwildcatsfootball.com to download a camp brochure and get additional information.

Any questions, contact Coach Mike Sawchuk at 734-765-1766.

MU signs cager

Madonna University women's basketball coach Carl Graves announced the signing Monday of Cara Horst, a 5-foot-10 forward from Clo.

Horst, who led Clo to a pair of Metro League titles (2011, 2013) is the third to sign an NAIA letter-of-

intent this offseason with the Crusaders joining Lindsey Hergen, a 5-6 guard and 1,000-point plus career scorer from Romeo, along with Kacy Robinson, a 5-8 guard-forward from Clarkston.

Horst was a two-time second team All-Metro performer as a junior and sophomore, along with being a first-team All-League and team MVP as a senior. She also lettered in volleyball for the Mustangs.

"Cara has enjoyed an incredible high school career, and I'm pleased that she has chosen to join our family," Graves said.

"She will be a great fit, and brings the right attitude and commitment to the program. I'm certain that today's signing makes the future of this program a bit brighter."

"My staff, my captains and returners are all very excited for next season."

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CANTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Futsal socce to a 'T' at seminar

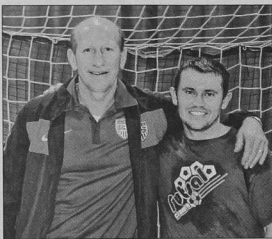
United States Futsal Soccer National Team Coach Keith Tozer visited High Velocity Sports in Canton late last month to conduct a coaching seminar.

The Canton Soccer Club and many other soccer clubs attended to listen to "Coach T," the winningest coach in indoor soccer history with over 700 victories and five league titles.

Tozer, who has coached 31 years in the Major Indoor Soccer League, is now stepping away from coaching in the MISL and shifting his focus to the growth of Futsal in the United States.

Futsal is a variation of soccer played on a basketball size court with one keeper and four field players.

The ball is smaller than a normal soccer ball and weighted to keep it



United States Futsal Soccer National Team coach Keith Tozer (left) reunites with former Futsal player Drew "Ducks" Ducker during a recent event at High Velocity in Canton.

on the ground.

There are no walls so players must rely on skill and creativity to keep the ball in play.

Futsal originated in

Brazil and now the top countries in the world have added it to their youth soccer curriculum.

Although Futsal is in its infancy in the United



Players from Canton Soccer Club, Michigan Rush and Next Level Training pose with Coach "T" Keith Tozer and Drew "Ducks" Ducker (standing, fifth and sixth from left, respectively) at a recent Futsal Coaching Seminar.

States, hopes are for it to grow by leaps and bounds thanks to the efforts of Tozer.

It is anticipated that Futsal soon will be mandated by US Soccer for all clubs at the youth

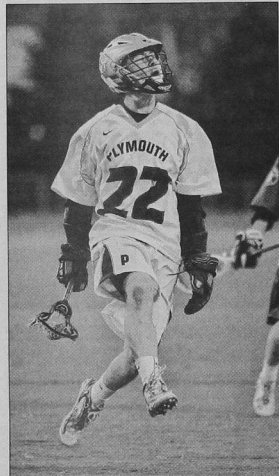
level.

Drew "Ducks" Ducker, a former Futsal National Team Player under Tozer, hosted the event and will continue to grow Futsal in Michigan.

Ducker has an acad-

emy and works with Rob Smith at the East Michigan Futsal League.

For more information on Futsal in Michigan, visit drewducker.com or eastmichiganfutsal.com.



Plymouth's Kyle Robertson was in more of a celebratory mood in the first half of the game against Salem, when he scored twice. Robertson scored another goal after the game was resumed Saturday, but the Wildcats were defeated 8-7. BILL BRISLER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

LACROSSE

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just when that game will be played remains to be seen. The Salem-Canton game on May 9 was stopped in the first quarter — yes, also due to weather — with the Rocks leading 3-0.

Willer received a crisp pass from freshman Marty Mills and ripped a 10-yard shot into the top corner of the Plymouth goal, beating sophomore netminder Trevor McManus.

Then with the Wildcats (4-10, 0-5) ganging up on Willer to knock the ball away from them no matter what, said Willer, about his blue-collar effort at the end of the game. "Because, at that point, it's for the game."

According to Nemzek, that gutsy sequence by Willer was no surprise.

"He's our best player. We want the ball into his stick at any point when it's at the crucial point of the game," Nemzek said. "When we want to run the clock out, that's our player. Either with him or Joey Kruska. We were fortunate to run it down."

Willer scored the first goal of the second half after the suspended contest got back underway and Dillon Farmer added another marker to put Salem up 5-3.

Bouncing back

But the Wildcats did not go quietly. Derek Szczepanik scored

make it 5-4 with 1:45 remaining in the third, finishing a play started by Jack Balch.

Krause got it right back to restore a two-goal lead (6-4), but the Wildcats' Justin Brodzki and Mitch Gonzalez netted back-to-back markers against Salem goal-keeper Mack Baker in the final minute to enter the final stanza deadlocked at 6-6.

Momentarily keeping the Rocks from taking the lead early in the fourth was McManus, who blocked a scorching one-bopper from Willer.

Then the Wildcats took a 7-6 edge with nine minutes remaining when junior attackman Kyle Robertson buried a 12-yarder inside the right post. It was the third goal of the game for Robertson.

The euphoria on the Plymouth sidelines did not last very long, however. Just 44 seconds later, Krause circled the Plymouth goal and flipped the ball in front to Mills — who quickly snapped it home.

"We were without our second-leading scorer, Lucas Martin, that's why No. 1 (Mills) stepped in and started and he played well," Nemzek said.

Plymouth also was without a key player for the second half, losing Nolan Ouellette to an injury during Wednesday's first half when he also scored one of the Wildcats' goals.

The Mills goal set things up for the Noah Willer Show down the stretch, and he didn't disappoint his team or its fans.

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PREP TRACK AND FIELD

Mustang girls, lovi boys rule the conference

Kensington meet features slew of top performances

By Brad Emmons
Staff Writer

There was little drama determining the boys and girls KLAAS Kensington track and field champions Friday at Livonia Churchill.

The Northville girls, led by double individual winners Rachel Coleman (800-meter run, 1:60.00) and Chloe Abbott (100, 200 dashes), put on a dominating display to repeat as champion with a team-best 161.6 points.

Novi was a distant second with 90, while Salem (86.6), Churchill (74.6), Plymouth (59.1) and Livonia Franklin (49.6) rounded out the top six.

On the boys side, Novi (101.5) repeated as champ, with Livonia Stevenson edging Westland John Glenn for second place, 69.33-68. Churchill (54.5), Northville (53.0), South Lyon (52.33) were the next four teams.

Obviously, it was very good competition and we knew Northville was going to be way out

in front," Salem girls coach Dave Gerlach said. "And we did some things with our lineup today, just trying to see what we could do in different events. Now we got to concentrate on regional finals and get kids to the state (finals)."

The Rocks got a sterling performance from freshman Isabel Rodriguez, who posted an impressive time of 58.06 to win the 400. She also teamed up with Kayla Knake, Anya Cho and Kayla Kavulich for a first in the 1,600 relay (4:06-31).

"Very exciting race," Gerlach said of the 400. "They came around the turn there with a 100 (meters) to go and three abreast. That's one tough kid, Isabel Rodriguez, as a freshman. To run 58 flat, that's the real deal."

Emily Merer swept the shot put (38 feet, 9.25 inches) and discus (124-0), while Franklin's Sheila McKinley captured the pole vault (10-9).

The Novi boys were led by sprinter Jordan

Love, who captured the 100- and 200-meter dashes, as well as anchoring the first-place 400 relay (43:58).

The Stevenson boys got only one first, but it was a big one as Terry Buford-Pendergast took the 110 hurdles in 15.84.

He was also runner-up in the high jump behind Canton's Jamal Dixon, who set a meet record with a leap of 6'8."

"Buford-Pendergast did a very nice job today ... that was a surprise for him to come out and win the hurdles," Stevenson coach Scott Shaw said.

"He's had more success in the high jump and has been following Nate (Falzone) a little bit, but he came out and took that first. He also got a second for us in the high jump, so he was the man today."

"Again, we were strong in our normal areas. We only had seven kids technically all-conference (top three), but we got guys taking fifth, sixth, seventh down the line. That's what does it."

Glenn junior Jaron

Flournoy ran a blistering 48.59 to edge Wayne Memorial's Montel Hood (48.88) in the 400 finals. Flournoy also teamed up with Freddie Thompson, Kenya Mason and Austin Hickers for a first in the 800 relay (1:30-5).

The Rockets' quartet of Thompson, Kimari Johnson, Hickerson and Mason also captured the 1,600 relay (3:29-16).

"Coming into the meet, I knew we'd be in the top three," Glenn coach Jason Dixon said. "Of course, you always hope for a first-place finish, but I'm very proud of them."

"Everyone did what I thought they were going to do. It's getting towards the end of the season. We're getting some PKs, some great performances."

Meanwhile, Churchill senior Jacob Hage broke his own conference record in the pole vault (14-6), while Plymouth sophomore Michael Jordan was best in the discus (47-4.25).

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BOYS TRACK RESULTS

WARRIOR INVITATIONAL

BOYS TRACK MEET

May 10 at Lutheran Westland

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Garden City, 159 points; 2. Northville, 144; 3. Redford Thurston, 82; 4. Detroit, 59; 5. Royal Oak Shreve, 26; 6. Cozette Point, 25; 7. Waterford Ford Lady of the Lakes, 18; 8. Plymouth Christian Academy, 21; 9. Dearborn Heights Annapolis, 20; 10. Dearborn Heights Cozetteville, 14.

FINAL EVENT RESULTS

Shot put: 1. Andrew Strickler (GHS), 44 feet, 1.25 inches; 2. Thomas Kruger (WV), 42.8; **discus:** 1. Kruger (WV), 29.7; **high jump:** 1. Brownlee (GHS), 6'5.5; **low jump:** 1. Alec (GHS), 19.9; 2. Kyle (WV), 18.5; **100-meter dash:** 1. Newman Hager (WV), 11.9; 2. Josh Kuhn (WV), 8.4; **200-meter dash:** 1. Newman Hager (WV), 25.2; 2. Austin Olson (WV), 25.3; **300 hurdles:** 1. Brown-Baiko (GHS), 42.33; **100 dash:** 1. Jay (WV), 11.13; 2. Nye (WV), 11.96; **200:** 1. Jay

(WV), 23.09; 3. Roberts (WV), 23.81; **400:** 1. Franklin (WV), 52.77; 2. Harper (WV), 54.29; 6. Jake Devonport (WV), 57.79; **800:** 1. Johnson (GHS), 2:03.2; 2. 1,600: 1. Johnson (GHS), 4:41.8; 2. 2,000: 1. Haddock (GHS), 11:20.3; **400 relay:** 1. Thurston, 45.83; 4. Lutheran Westland, 47.32; 2. Thurston, 14.82; 3. Lutheran Westland, 1:36.5; **1,600 relay:** 1. Garden City, 3:38.2; 2. Lutheran Westland, 3:44.3; **200 relay:** 1. Garden City, 8:56.7

SPORTS ROUNDUP (CONTINUED FROM B3)

Canton football camps

Three summer football camps being run by the Canton Chief's high school program are slated for June and July. All three offerings will take place at the Plymouth-Canton Education Park varsity field. Go to www.cantonchiefsfootball.com to download a flier:

- » **Wing T Camp:** The camp is for players entering grades 10-12 in fall 2014. Times are 10-12 in fall 2014. Times are 2-5 p.m. June 16 and 5-8 p.m. June 17-19. Contact Tim Baechler at 734-455-7691.
- » **Skills Camp:** The camp is for players entering grades 7-9 in fall 2014. Times are 5-7:30 p.m. June 9-12; 5-7:30 p.m. July 14-17. Participants who sign up can get both camps for the price of one. Contact Richard Mai at 248-229-2738.
- » **Fundamental Camp:** The camp is for players entering grades 3-6 in fall 2014. Times

are 9 a.m. to noon June 23-26. Contact Ezra Lanava at 313-300-1173.

Summer camps

On top of this summer through Canton Leisure Services are basketball and baseball summer camps instructed by longtime coach Pat Watson.

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

» Basketball:

There will be three weekly basketball camps at Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway. Those sessions (for ages 7-14) will run from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. as follows: Session 1, July 7-11; Session 2, July 21-25; Session 3, July 28 through Aug. 1. The fee

is \$150 for residents and \$160 for non-residents.

» Baseball:

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

To register, visit cantonleisure.com or call Canton Sports Center at 734-483-5600 or visit either Canton Sports Center or Summit on the Park and inquire.

Woody top netter

The weekly honors continue to roll in for the Daventport University women's tennis program, which grabbed its fifth WHAC Tennis Player of the Week and in Angelica Woods.

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

Woods, who is 20-9 in singles matches this

season, will lead her team into the NAIA National Tournament qualifier this weekend as the WHAC will be paired with schools from Iowa in an Unaffiliated group.

Think spring golf

PGA teaching professional Tami Bealert is offering a series of spring golf classes and events at Hickory Creek Golf Course, 3525 Napier Road, Superior Township.

Adult drop-in clinics are also available including Club Enhancement sessions — 6:45-8 p.m. each Monday (location and times subject to change by season) and Golf Conditioning — 10:30-11:30 a.m. each Saturday (January through November) at Hickory Creek.

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

For more information, email TrainwithTami@gmail.com or call 734-731-0238.

Plymouth theater stages funny, poignant sides of motherhood



Cast members from Barefoot Productions' *Motherhood Out Loud* show just how fun motherhood can be.

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Get ready to celebrate Mother's Day for one more weekend with Barefoot Productions' *Motherhood Out Loud*, Friday-Sunday, May 16-18, in Plymouth.

The play, which closes Barefoot's 2013-14 season, takes a look at motherhood from pregnancy and labor through great-grandmotherhood in scenes and monologues written by 14 American writers, including Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright, Beth Henley. It replaced the theater's annual production of *The Vagina Monologues* in this season's line-up.

"We decided to put more variety into the season," said Craig Hane, who is co-directing the play with Dana Naughton. "We thought we'd drop it (*Vagina Monologues*) for a year and we found this great little script celebrating motherhood."

Like *The Vagina Monologues*, some of the scenes in *Motherhood Out Loud* are read and some are acted out. Monologues and sketches are arranged along a time line that's divided into chapters.

"The first chapter is all about labor and newborns. The second chapter is the first day of school ... the reaction of mothers when their children go away," Hane said. "Parts of the show are about the fun of motherhood, but also about the craziness."

"There is a wonderful scene about a son who has gone to Afghanistan and another about an autistic son's very first date. The scenes vary from comedy to poignant, but they're all very true to life."

Casting moms

Although the script calls for just four actors playing multiple roles, Hane and Naughton cast 12 actors, including two men.



Amanda Durham of Westland (left) rehearses a scene with Nicole Holiday of Plymouth.

"Being a community theater, we wanted to use as many people as we could. Each scene represents different people anyway," Hane said. "I would say there are six people who are new to our stage. Half who came in to audition are brand new and the other half are veterans."

"I was surprised to find out how many mothers we have in the show."

Naughton, who had a baby last summer, will perform the opening and closing scenes of the show. Hane tapped her to help direct the play because of

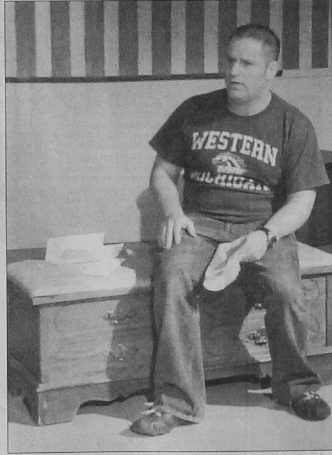
its large cast. He also was happy to let Naughton choose the scenes that resonated with her, but that left him a bit bewildered.

"She'd say I want this one, I know what this is about. And I'd say, good, because I don't."

Dog dad

Hane doesn't have any human children but has cared for three rescued dogs. His current furry child is Murphy, a shepherd mix.

"Many people say to me 'You treat your dogs better than I know some parents treat



Sean Randolph of Canton is one of just two men cast in *Motherhood Out Loud*.

their kids.' My pets are my everything," Hane said. When Murphy temporarily slipped away on a recent trip to Maine, Hane panicked.

"My heart went into my throat. I know how a mother feels when she turns around and her child is gone," Hane said. "I think I can identify with a lot of this."

The play starts at 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday and at 2 p.m. Sunday, at the Barefoot Productions theater, 240 N. Main, Plymouth. Tickets are \$15, available in advance at justgobarefoot.com or at the theater

box office, which opens one hour before the show.

Tickets also are available for Barefoot Productions' fundraiser event with the band, McLaughlin's Alley, 8 p.m. Saturday, May 31. The band, which includes sisters Tina and Maureen Paraventi, Rebekah Poxson, Stuart Tucker and Norm Andresen, plays upbeat Irish music. Tickets are \$20 per person, available at justgobarefoot.com.

GET OUT! CALENDAR

ANIMALS DETROIT ZOO

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Labor Day, with closing time at 8 p.m. Wednesdays in July and August
Location: 1696 service drive and Woodward, Royal Oak
Details: Admission is \$14 for adults 15-61, \$10 for senior citizens 62 and older, and for children ages 2-14; chil-

dren under 2 are free. Parking for cars and vans is \$5. Detroit Zoological Society members get free admission and parking
Contact: 248-541-5717

MAYBURY FARM

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 17
Location: 50165 Eight Mile, Northville

Details: Visit bunnies, lambs, pygmy goats and calves, and many other farm animals at Farm Fest. Face painting, spinning and dairy demonstrations and hayrides begin at 10 a.m.; llama shearing and blacksmith demos begin, 11 a.m.; gardening activities for kids, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.; story time, noon and 2 p.m.; making fresh cheese, 1 p.m.
Contact: Jessica Striegler at 248-374-0200

ART & CRAFTS CITY GALLERY

Time/Date: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, until 7 p.m. Wednesday, through June 2
Location: Cotick Center at 28600 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills
Details: Clinton Snider's oil paintings include landscapes and scenes with an

introspective mood
Contact: 248-473-1856

JANICE CHARACH GALLERY

Time/Date: Noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Wednesday and 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday, through June 26

GET OUT

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Location: Jewish Community Center of Metropolitan Detroit, 6600 W. Maple, West Bloomfield
Details: The works of Abraham Lowenthal are on exhibit. Lowenthal's paintings incorporate themes of Kabbalah, holidays and prayer with contemporary design
Contact: 248-432-5448

LIVONIA ARTISTS CLUB

Time/Date: 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday, through May 30
Location: Livonia City Hall lobby, located on Five Mile, east of Farmington Road, Livonia
Details: The club, which was founded in 1950, will hold its 54th annual exhibit
Contact: Yvette Goldberg at 248-476-2313

NORTHVILLE ART HOUSE

Time/Date: Gallery hours, 1-5 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, through May 17
Location: 215 W. Cady, Northville
Details: 15th annual Northville Student Art Exhibition features the work of students in sixth-12th grades. Includes metals, painting, ceramics, photography
Contact: 248-344-0497; http://www.northvillearts.org

VILLAGE THEATER

Time/Date: Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday-Friday and during public performances
Location: 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton
Details: "Collective Reading: Works on Paper & Beyond," runs through May and features book and paper art by fine artists
Contact: 734-394-5300

FILM PENN THEATRE

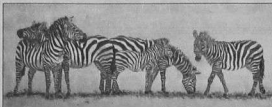
Time/Date: 7 p.m. Friday, May 16 and Thursday, May 22; 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, May 17-18
Location: 760 Penniman Ave., Plymouth
Details: Divergent, admission \$3
Coming Up: Muppets Most Wanted, 7 p.m. Friday, May 23 and 4:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, May 24-25
Contact: 734-453-0870; www.penntheatre.com

REDFOOT THEATRE

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Friday, May 16, and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, May 17
Location: 17360 Lahser, north of Grand River Avenue, Detroit
Details: Raiders of the Lost Ark, \$5
Coming up: Limitation of Life, 8 p.m. May 30 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. May 31
Contact: 313-537-2560

HISTORY GREENFIELD VILLAGE

Time/Date: 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. May 24 and 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. May 24-26
Location: 20900 Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn
Details: Civil War Remembrance includes 450 history re-enactors, a period dress fashion show and



This watercolor by Al Weber of Canton is among the art works on display through May 30 at Livonia City Hall.



Zach Damon and Megan Shipllett rehearse a scene from Dapton with a High Wire Lady at The Mix Studio Theater in Ypsilanti.

other events during the Memorial Day weekend celebration. Admission is \$24 for adults, \$22 for seniors, \$2 and up, and \$17.50 for youth, 5-12. Children four and under are free
Contact: 313-982-6001

KELSEY MUSEUM OF ARCHAEOLOGY

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday-Friday and 1-4 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, June 6-Sept. 7
Location: 434 State St., Ann Arbor
Details: The exhibit, "Ancient Modern: The Design of Everyday Things" examines how inhabitants of the ancient Mediterranean and Near East both resembled and differed from contemporary Americans by juxtaposing ancient and modern objects of similar use and/or appearance. Opening lecture by Donna Braden of The Henry Ford is 6 p.m. June 6. Admission is free
Contact: 734-764-9304

PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL MUSEUM

Time/Date: 1-4 p.m. Wednesday, Friday-Sunday, through June 8
Location: 155 S. Main, Plymouth
Details: Vintage Runway exhibit features men's and women's clothing fashions from 1920s-1970s; admission is \$5 for adults, \$2 for ages 6-17
Contact: 734-455-8940

MUSIC BASELINE FOLK SOCIETY

Time/Date: Open mic sign up, 6:15-8:45 p.m.; performances 7-9 p.m., Saturday, May 17
Location: The JWH Center for the Arts, Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth
Details: Open mic musicians may perform two songs, original or cover. Featured performer is Judy Insley & Almost Perfect. Scott Ludwig hosts. Tickets are \$5 at the door. Annual memberships are \$25 for individuals and include free admission. Proceeds will benefit the Plymouth Community Arts Council
Contact: Scott Ludwig at B5.president@aol.com for additional information

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JAMMIN' TO END FAMINE 2014

Time/Date: Doors open at 6:30 p.m. May 30
Location: Plymouth Elks Lodge 1780, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth
Details: The Grunjons, The Paisley Foggy, 2 Dayz Gone and Playing Mantis perform at this annual concert to raise money for Kids Against Hunger. Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$10 for students, and include free pizza, salad and cash bar, along with the music. Buy them at the door or in advance by phone or email
Contact: Tom Birchler at 248-722-1820; tombirchlert@gmail.com

JAZZ@THE ELKS

Time/Date: 7-10 p.m., the last Tuesday of the month
Location: Plymouth Elks Lodge



Psychostick plays June 5 at the Token Lounge in Westland.

PSYCHOSTICK PLAYS JUNE 5 AT THE TOKEN LOUNGE IN WESTLAND

1780, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth
Details: On May 27, Dennis Tini Trio will perform, with April Tini on vocals, Dennis Tini on keyboard, Ray Tini on bass and Dave Taylor on drums. \$10 donation at the door includes hors d'oeuvres
Contact: 734-453-1780 or email plymouthelks1780@yahoo.com

TOKEN LOUNGE

Time/Date: Doors open at 5 p.m., June 5
Location: 28949 Joy Road, Westland
Details: Dog Fashion Disco, Psychostick and The Bunny Bear perform this concert for all ages. Advance tickets, \$12, at the door, \$15
Contact: 734-513-5030

TRINITY HOUSE THEATRE

Time/Date: Most shows start at 8 p.m., doors open at 7:30 p.m.
Location: 38840 W. Six Mile, Livonia
Details: Don Ross with Calum Graham, May 17; Open Mic, May 20; June 3 and June 17; Anthony Retka of Tone and Niche with Great Alexander and Chris Degross, May 30; Julianne and the Rogues, May 31; Annie and Rod Capps and Joel Palmer, June 1; The Flying Latini Brothers,

June 6; The Reverend Robert Jones, June 7; Christopher Williams, June 12; Mark Stuart, June 13; The Blue Flowers with Ryan Dillaha, Steve Kovich, June 20; Tracy Kash Thomas, June 21; The 77's, June 26; The Hackwells, June 27; Wisaal with The Webbs, June 28. Most shows tickets are \$15, and \$12 for subscribers. Only cash and checks accepted.
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THEATER BAREFOOT PRODUCTIONS

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 16-17 and 2 p.m. Sunday, May 18
Location: 240 N. Main, Plymouth
Details: Motherhood Out Loud, is collection of monologues and sketches that look at motherhood from labor through great-grandmotherhood. Tickets are \$15
Contact: 734-560-1493; just-gbarefoot.com

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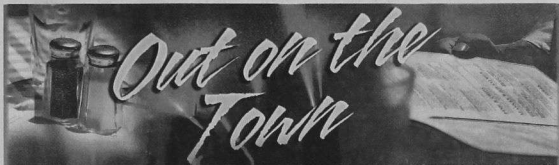
Time/Date: 8 p.m. Wednesday May 21 and Thursday-Saturday, May 22-24, 29-31, June 5-7, 2 p.m. Sunday, May 25 and June 8
Location: 8 N. Washington St., Ypsilanti
Details: Appointment With a

Book art from the current exhibit at the Village Theater in Canton.

Highwire Lady by Russell Davis tells the story of a man in a mental hospital trying to regain his memory. Tickets are \$12 general admission and \$10 senior and student admission. Buy online at www.emerentarts.com or with cash or check at the door
Auditions: 4:30 p.m. Sunday, May 18, and 6:30 p.m. Monday, May 19, for the comedy, The Complete History of America (abridged) by Adam Long, Reed Martin, and Austin Tichener. Three actors step in and out of roles while racing around the theater creating chaos and laughter. For more information, call Paul Bianchi at 734-468-1592
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STILL GOT IT PLAYERS

Time/Date: 1 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, June 4-5, 7 p.m. Friday, June 6, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday, June 7, and 2 p.m. Sunday, June 8
Location: Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton
Details: Spotlight Players' senior tour presents *Murder in the Heir*, a murder mystery/comedy about a group of greedy relatives counting the hours until their billionaire uncle passes on. The audience decides who the killer is. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$13 for seniors and youth, available at cantonmi.org/village theater
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SUMMER COLOR

Food stylist offers advice on how to make your meals pop

Unforgettable spring and summer moments are typically defined by family, friends and great weather—and made even more memorable by the meals. Take warm weather gatherings to a new level of festive by adding fresh pops of color to everyday meals and outdoor celebrations.

For inspiration, try these warm weather tips from food stylist and loyal Aldi shopper Janice Stahl:

» **Mason Jar Salad:** Keep salads fresh and delicious by layering nutritious goodies in a mason jar. Start with dressing on the bottom, then layer veggies, cheese, lettuce and your favorite protein or topping. Everything stays separate and dressing-free until you toss the salad together in a bowl.

» **Sweet Summertime:** End your meal with a light but special sweet treat by serving fruit for dessert. Summer fruits can be baked, grilled, frozen or simply used as fresh pops of color on top of your favorite sorbet.

» **A Toast to Summer:** Raise a glass this summer in a toast to refreshing seasonal beverages for all ages. From the sunny yellow of

lemonade to the ruby red of sangria, these drinks can double as centerpiece for all your backyard get-togethers.

Aldi style tip: Fill ice cube trays with lemon juice, fruit or fruit juice to add to your drinks. This will help keep them from getting watered down as the ice melts.

Grilling tips:

» Prevent food from sticking by oiling your hot grill rack with an oil-soaked paper towel. Hold it with tongs and rub it over the rack.

» Before using a marinade, divide it into two containers. Use one part as a marinade and the other as a dipping sauce, once the food is cooked.

» Grill meat with a dry spice rub instead of a traditional sauce. Supply a buffet of sauce choices that complement the rubs for guests to choose and try.

» Use cinnamon sticks in place of skewers when grilling fruit kabobs. These spicy skewers not only hold the fruit together, but also impart a bit of flavor as they caramelize on the grill.

For more tips and recipes, visit www.aldi.us.

RASPBERRY LEMONADE ICE CREAM CAKE

Recipe courtesy of Chef Jonathan, Aldi Test Kitchen

Prep Time: 20 minutes

Cook Time: 10 minutes

Total Time: 30 minutes, plus 2 hours to freeze

Makes 8 servings

Lemon Curd:

½ cup frozen lemonade concentrate

½ cup granulated sugar, plus 2 tablespoons, divided

2 large eggs

6 tablespoons unsalted butter, cubed, room temperature

Cake:

1 cup vanilla ice cream, softened

1 cup raspberry sherbet, softened

4 ounces loaf cake, sliced

To make lemon curd: In medium sauce pan, combine lemonade concentrate and ½ cup sugar, bring to boil. Continue cooking for 2 minutes. In medium bowl, whisk remaining sugar with eggs. Slowly temper lemonade mixture into eggs; whisking small amount in at a time until all of lemonade mixture is incorporated.

Return mixture to saucepan. Slowly bring to simmer over medium heat and continue whisking until thick and resembles pudding, about 3 minutes.

Strain lemon curd into medium bowl, place over bowl of ice water. Whisk butter into lemon curd, stirring every 5 minutes until mixture is reduced to room temperature.

Cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate.

To assemble cake: Line one pound loaf pan with plastic wrap, spread vanilla ice cream on bottom, followed by raspberry sherbet, lemon curd and top with loaf cake slices. Cover with plastic wrap and place in freezer for 2 hours. To serve, invert cake and slice.



BROCCOLI SALAD WITH BACON & TOMATOES

Recipe Courtesy of Chef Apdell, Aldi Test Kitchen

Prep Time: 15 minutes

Total Time: 15 minutes

Makes 8 servings

1 head broccoli

8 slices bacon, cooked and crumbled

½ cup chopped red onion

½ cup raisins (optional)

8 ounces sharp cheddar cheese, cubed

½ cup halved cherry tomatoes

1 cup mayonnaise

2 tablespoons white vinegar

½ cup granulated sugar

Salt, to taste

Ground black pepper, to taste

Wash broccoli thoroughly. Cut head into florets, and stem into small bite-sized pieces.

Place broccoli in medium bowl. Add crumbled bacon, onion, raisins, cheese and cherry tomatoes.

In small bowl, combine mayonnaise, vinegar and sugar. Stir until sugar dissolves. Add to broccoli mixture; toss until well coated. Season to taste with salt and pepper.



PINEAPPLE MINT JALAPENO SMOOTHIE

Recipe Courtesy of Chef Michelle, ALDI Test Kitchen

Prep Time: 10 minutes

Total Time: 10 minutes, plus two hours to freeze

Makes 8 cups

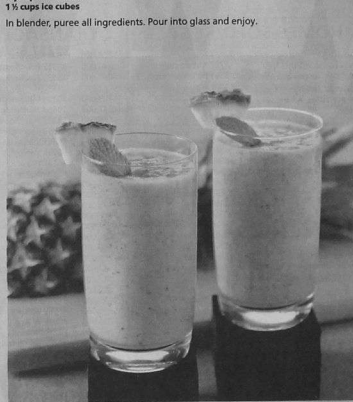
1 pineapple, peeled and diced

8 mint sprigs

½ jalapeno, seeded

1 ½ cups ice cubes

In blender, puree all ingredients. Pour into glass and enjoy.



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