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Township ready to welcome soccer tourney

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

year's 577, but far fewer than a record-setting 780 teams in 2011, when fierce storms forced organizers to shut down the tournament a day early.

Local officials are hoping for good soccer weather this year and Abe Vinitzki, Canton park and sports supervisor, said recent rains have left playing fields in good shape at Independence Park, Heritage Park and the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

"The good news is the grass is in tremendous shape," Vinitzki said. "It's plush and it's growing because of all the rain we've gotten. The turf is very healthy."

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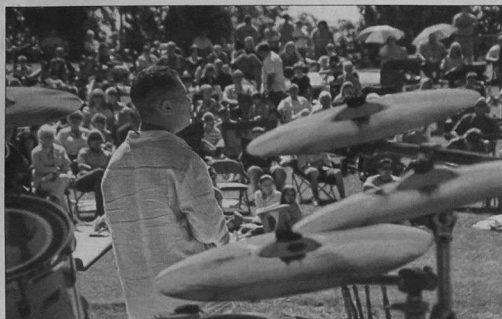


Scenes like this will return as the Canton Cup soccer tournament kicks off for the Memorial Day holiday weekend.

Canton and its parks, hotels, restaurants and retail shops are ready to roll out the welcome mat as thousands of young soccer players, their families and spectators gather for the 32nd Canton Cup.

Touted as one of the Midwest's largest and longest-running soccer tournaments, the Canton Cup draws crowds estimated by local officials at 40,000 or more, though precise figures are difficult to pinpoint.

This year's event is set for May 23-25 with a rain date of May 26. It is expected to draw 641 teams, a spike from last



The Thursday Night Concert Series draws thousands of music lovers to Canton's Heritage Park. COURTESY OF CANTON LEISURE SERVICES

SOUNDS OF SUMMER

Plymouth, Canton offer outdoor musical events

By Joanne Maliszewski
Staff Writer

If the temps are getting warmer and the sun is beaming, it's a sure sign that Plymouth and Canton will soon be alive with outdoor music.

"We get 4,000 to 5,000 people in Kellogg Park," said Tony Bruscatto, Plymouth Downtown Development Authority director. "There's been music in the park for about 35 years."

Hosted by the Plymouth DDA, Music in the Air begins May 23. Last year, Fifty Amp Fuse performed and is scheduled to return this year.

Music in the Air offers 14 concerts. The series is supported through the DDA with major sponsors Blue Cross Blue Shield, which provides \$25,000, and Hines Park Lincoln, with \$10,000. Other sponsors also step in to help defray the \$40,000 to \$45,000 cost of bringing in the bands.

"Last year, we got Fifty Amp Fuse for a pretty decent rate," Bruscatto said. "For the series, we are pretty close to

breaking even."

While Kellogg Park is the center of Plymouth's outdoor musical events, it's a winning way to bring attention to the whole downtown. Altogether, downtown Plymouth offers more than 130 events annually. "Anytime you can bring people into town, they are going to filter into the downtown," Bruscatto said. "The goal is to have fun events, let people walk around and see what is here."

Heritage Park

In Canton, Leisure Services folks are also preparing for its multitude of outdoor music offerings for the summer months. The Thursday Night Concert Series is one of the township's oldest outdoor series in the Heritage Park Amphitheater.

"We have a full family lineup," said John Lafever, Canton recreation supervisor. "We have a lot of classics coming and a few new ones."

The musical series that begins June 19 is a big draw

for families. "Kids get up and dance in front of the stage," Lafever said.

To make the events more kid-friendly, Leisure Services will provide a host of activities, including bounce houses.

Before the summer series actually begins, Canton's 23rd annual Liberty Fest will take center stage in Heritage Park with a concert Thursday, June 12.

In Plymouth, Kellogg Park is the center of most musical events, including the popular Music in the Park Children's Concert Series, which will debut at noon Wednesday from June 18 through Aug. 20.

Music in the Park is hosted by the Plymouth Community Arts Council, with a donation from the Wilcox Foundation.

"I don't think you will see a larger contingent of moms and strollers anywhere else," Bruscatto said.

To bring even more music to downtown Plymouth, the Plymouth Community Band, un-

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Canton taps projects for federal dollars

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Canton will use a chunk of federal dollars it receives to repair low-income homes, help victims of domestic violence, tutor at-risk students and make public facilities more accessible to disabled residents, among other projects.

Using \$332,411 in Community Development Block Grant dollars, the Canton Township Board of Trustees has identified how it will use this year's allocation to help low- and moderate-income residents.

Trustee Tom Yack cast the lone dissenting vote Tuesday and cited one line item, saying he believes the \$116,068 portion allocated for housing rehabilitation efforts could be better spent by spreading the money among a greater number of recipients.

Canton has a \$20,000 cap to fix up a single-family home and a \$5,000 limit for mobile homes. Carolyn Cox, township accounting manager, said about 15 homes receive repairs in a typical year, based on income eligibility.

Some low-income residents may need far-reaching repairs, while some may simply need a new roof.

"We have a waiting list at all times," Cox told the township board Tuesday night, adding later, "As funds become available, we let them know."

CDBG funds are intended to support programs to help the most vulnerable residents in communities across the nation. In all, Cox said, 65 percent of funds must be spent on brick and mortar

projects, 15 percent on public service efforts and no more than 20 percent on administration costs.

Canton has chosen to use its latest federal allocation as follows, based on recommendations of an advisory council:

» Housing rehabilitation, \$116,068

» Efforts such as making playgrounds and public property more accessible to disabled residents through the Americans with Disabilities Act, \$10,000

» First Step, a program offering shelter and other emergency services to domestic violence victims, \$15,000

» Efforts such as helping veterans, seniors and others through Neighborhood Legal Services, \$13,361

» Supporting programs such as emergency rent and mortgage aid through the Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency, \$15,000

» Programs ranging from youth assistance to substance abuse education through the Growth Works agency, \$1,500

» Swim lessons, group activities and other programs for low-income people to use Summit on the Park, Canton's premier recreation facility, \$2,500

» A program to provide tutoring to at-risk students through Canton's B.L.O.C.K. (Building Leaders Out of Canton's Kids) program, \$2,500

Cox said it's intended to keep students in school and curb dropout rates.

» Program administration, \$66,482

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Central Middle School appraised at \$4 million

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

The Plymouth-Canton Board of Education got the appraisal it has been waiting for on the market value of the Central Middle School property.

Now it just has to find out if the price is right.

Real estate appraiser David Burgoyne of Ann Arbor told board members this week the property, located at Main Street and Church in downtown Plymouth, is worth some \$4 million.

Burgoyne noted that while the appraisal came in at \$4 million, it might go higher than that.

"We made an effort to be realistic and conservative," Burgoyne told board mem-

bers Tuesday. "We think it could go better than this."

The district is looking to sell the property after the school closes in September 2015. A new middle school is being built at Canton Center and Cherry Hill in Canton.

Brodie Killian, the district's deputy superintendent for business and operations, called the appraisal "the key piece" of information for which the board was waiting.

"With the appraisal in hand now, we feel we have a true indication of the fair market value," Killian said. "So now any party interested in bidding on this parcel... the taxpayers and the board can feel comfortable they have a good indication what the price is."

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Canton Color Tour Jazz Series begins along Ford Road on July 11. COURTESY OF CANTON LEISURE SERVICES



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SOCCER

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Canton plans to have playing fields ready as the three-day tournament approaches.

"We will be doing lots of turf preparation and landscaping so that everything looks good for all the people coming from out of town," Vinitzki said. "We will absolutely be ready."

The Canton Soccer Club is expected to begin setting up the fields as early as Tuesday.

Visitors are booking hotel rooms not only in Canton, but also in communities such as Livonia, Farmington Hills, Novi, Northville, Wixom and Ann Arbor.

Some lodging places, such as Comfort Suites Canton on the northeast corner of Ford and Haggerty roads, already have sold out rooms for the Canton Cup, said Nada Sitto, director of sales and marketing.

"We get a lot of business from the soccer tournament," she said. "We have a lot of teams that are staying with us for the holiday weekend. It's great." Comfort Suites' sister



Soccer fun returns to Canton Memorial Day weekend during the Canton Cup.

lodging – the next-door Fairfield Inn – had only a few rooms left as of Thursday morning, Sitto said.

The Canton Cup draws teams from U8 to U19 – ages under 8 to 19 – for what has become a Memorial Day weekend tradition in Canton. It was started in the early 1980s by Canton Township Supervisor Phil LaJoy, then a soccer father, and he remains a supporter.

"I encourage people to come out and watch some great soccer," LaJoy said Tuesday evening, during a Canton Township Board of Trustees meeting.

Inevitably, the tournament brings its share of traffic congestion, already a problem for some Canton roads. Accordingly, the Canton Public Safety Department has issued the following orders to protect pedestrians and motorists:

- » The speed limit on Denton Road will be 25 mph from 1,000 feet north of Proctor Road to 1,000 south of the boundary of Independence Park 4.9 p.m. May 23, 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. May 24 and 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. May 25.
- » Parking will be prohibited on the east side of Denton Road from Times Drive to Landsdowne.

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The Central appraisal, Burgoyne explained, is based on the "highest and best use" of the property, located on 21.6 acres in the middle of downtown Plymouth. The city of Plymouth has zoned the property for single-family residential use, with minimum lot widths of 60 feet and a minimum lot area of 7,200 square feet.

The property includes 4.25 acres occupied by the Plymouth Cultural Center, 1.15 acres for the Miracle League of Plymouth special-needs baseball field, 9.79 acres of athletic fields and tennis courts and 6.41 acres for Central Middle School itself.

The cultural center and the Miracle League field likely won't be included in any potential sale, because their value to buyers would be diminished by long-term leases, Burgoyne said. That leaves a little more than 17 acres accounted for in the appraisal.

Burgoyne established three concepts, coming up with a potential value for each, during his appraisal.

One concept leaves out the area for the tennis courts and the building (in the event the building is not razed); a second concept includes the tennis courts, but leaves the area of the building out; the third concept includes everything except the Miracle League field and the cultural center.

The values of the various concepts range between \$3.0 million and \$4.3 million, which is why, Burgoyne said, the overall appraisal settled at \$4 million.

With those numbers in hand, Killian said, potential buyers know what they're looking at. The only known suitor so far is the Plymouth Arts and Recreation Complex. It's the only group the district has met with so

far, but Killian said the board has expressed a "very strong interest" in partnering with a public entity rather than simply settling for a residential use.

"Particularly for groups like the PARC group, they also now have a key piece of information they didn't have before that helps them determine when and how and if they're able to afford it," Killian said. "However, (selling it as a real estate development) will continue to be an option for us. If the publicly minded projects being proposed can't meet that number, we'll have to re-evaluate."

Don Soenen, a member of the PARC committee and the unofficial "face" of the project, said the group continues to explore alternatives for the financing and structure of the project. He said the figures used in the appraisal are "very ambitious."

"The appraisal came in higher than we had anticipated," Soenen said. "It suggests that up to 53 homes could be built on 60- by 120-foot lots at a selling price of approximately \$700,000 each. Based on input from our sources, we believe that is very ambitious. Considering the property is bordered by the ice arena on the north side, railroad tracks on the east side and the back of the school on the south side, the price point seems high."

Killian said the district would likely start marketing the property "in the next couple of months" and would hope to have offers in hand for the board to consider by December.

One decision that will have to be made is whether to include the Central Middle School building as part of the sale or knock the 180,000-square-foot building down.

Knocking it down, Burgoyne told the board, would cost some \$900,000.

Canton police probing rash of tire, rim thefts

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Thieves stole the tires and rims off two Ford Fusions early Friday in Canton and left the cars on landscaping blocks, Detective Sgt. Chad Baugh said.

The thefts occurred between 2 a.m. and 4 a.m., the latest in a rash of such incidents in Canton and across southeast Michigan, Baugh said.

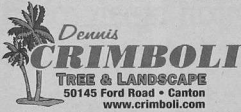
Authorities believe the auto-related thefts are being committed by thieves who can make money selling stolen

items to "small shops and chop shop-type locations" in the Detroit area, Baugh said.

In the latest incidents, thieves took all four tires and rims from two Ford Fusions, one parked at Heathmore Apartments, southeast of Ford and Haggerty roads, the other at Village Squire, an apartment complex northwest of Ford and Lotz roads, Baugh said.

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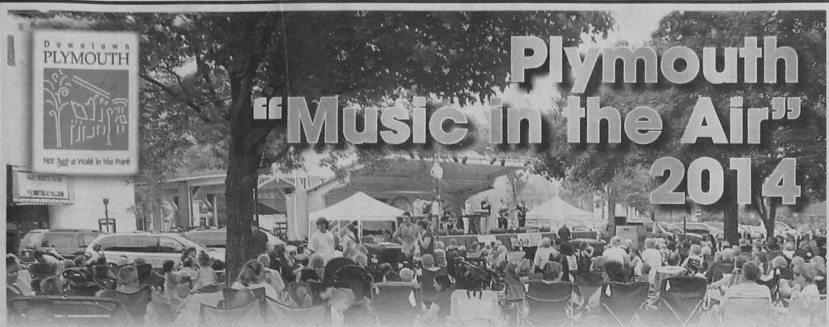
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P-CEP culinary team cooks up sixth-place finish

By Brad Kadrich
 Staff Writer

Diana Woodward has taken her Plymouth-Canton Educational Park culinary team to the national competition for four straight years.

But Woodward said this year's competition – held last week in Minneapolis, Minn. – was “like nothing I've ever seen.”

With 46 teams competing with what Woodward called a “ridiculous level of skill,” the P-CEP team managed a sixth-place finish, coming within a half-point of fifth place. The team was made up of Salem High School senior Paul Di Nicola, Salem senior Kristin Maretti, Plymouth High School senior Abby Lovelace and Plymouth junior Zachary Chouinard. Plymouth junior Zachary Bergquist was the team's alternate.

“Our team was amazing,” Woodward said. “As the hurt from coming so close heals, I am hoping they will understand just how amazing they are, how respected they are by chefs across the country and how far their talents will certainly take them.”

The team finished just short of the fifth-place qualifying that would have earned scholarships. The finish was likely influenced by problems the team had. While teams are given 20 minutes to set up the 10-foot square in which they'll cook, timing issues left the P-CEP team with just 15 minutes.

That meant starting with five minutes' less preparation time. “A huge stresser when you don't have everything you need,” Woodward said – and found themselves scrambling from the start. Then one team member cut himself badly enough to



The Plymouth-Canton culinary team (from left), Paul Di Nicola, Kristin Maretti, Abby Lovelace, Zachary Chouinard and Zachary Bergquist, finished sixth at the national competition in Minneapolis, Minn.

bring in an EMT team to assess the injury.

Though he missed six minutes of the hour allotted, the injured member “continued to call out instructions” while being bandaged, Woodward explained.

“The team worked like nothing I've ever seen before,” Woodward said. “I don't know how they pulled it off, but their plates looked great and they finished 25 seconds early. As a group, they completely owned the injury and fixed the problem.”

Woodward said the team earned “rave reviews” on technical skills, communication, organization and knife skills.

And even though they

missed the scholarship benefit by a half-point, Woodward said the students still learned a lot.

“Competition is often a measure of luck,” she said. “It doesn't matter what happens every day at practice. It matters what happens on that day, in that moment, and whether or not the judges see it and interpret your work the way you hope they will.”

“Some learning experiences are painful,” Woodward added. “But on a national level when going up against the very, very best in the world... I am so proud of them.”

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Daniel Li and Achieve Charter Academy Principal Jennifer Conley with Li's scholarship “check.”

Achieve Academy student wins \$5,000 scholarship

Students from 76 schools in nine states applied for a one-time college scholarship from National Heritage Academies CollegeBound Scholarship program. Out of 500 applicants, four were awarded a \$5,000 scholarship to be used for their future college endeavors.

One of the winners is eighth-grader Daniel Li from Achieve Charter Academy in Canton.

Li is a member of the math club, robotics club, band, Little Stars Foundation, National Junior Honor Society, Metropolitan Youth Symphony, Student Council, science club and writing circle club. He also participates in local international cultural events and Chinese culture events around the area.

Li has been the recipient of multiple awards, including a perfect score on the American Mathematics Competition 8. After high school, he hopes to attend Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Each student was required to pick from three topics to write a 250- to 500-word essay about their school's moral focus curriculum. An independent professional selection group picked the winners based on their essay submission, academics and community service.

The winners each receive a \$5,000 scholarship for college tuition. “Receiving this scholarship is really exciting, it's a great feeling,” Li said. “I think it is important to keep your interest in mind when learning.”

ON CAMPUS

Marietta College

Emily Lang of Plymouth has been named to the spring 2014 Dean's High Honors List at Marietta (Ohio) College.

Any full-time Marietta College student completing at least 15 credit hours with a grade-point average of 3.75 or better in a given semester is recognized as a Dean's High Honors List student for that

semester. Lang, who has anticipated graduation date of May 2017, is majoring in petroleum engineering. Lang is a graduate of Canton High School.

Walsh College

Kaylie Buenostro and Kimberly Zuccaro-Atkins of Canton were among students

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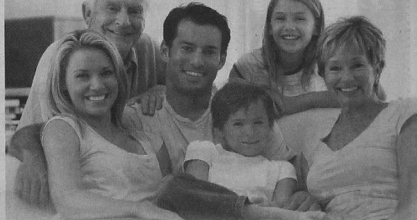
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Holocaust survivor passes message to Discovery students

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

Seventh-grade students at Discovery Middle School have been reading works about Anne Frank and the Warsaw ghetto as they study the Holocaust.

On Wednesday, they got to hear from a Holocaust survivor.

Dr. Irene Butcher, whose life is the subject of a documentary film, *Never a Bystander*, talked to students in a moving discussion of her life, the obstacles she's overcome and the achievements she's reached. Butcher, who owns a Ph.D. in economics, was instrumental in helping to start the Raoul Wallenberg Award the University of Michigan offers every year.

Students and teachers alike came away from her presentation impressed.

"Hearing Irene speak really helped them understand the material and personalized the horrific events of the Holocaust, but also that she shares a positive message of overcoming obstacles," English teacher Rob McLaren said.

Butcher has been an annual fixture in the



Holocaust survivor Dr. Irene Butcher got lots of hugs after her presentation this week at Discovery Middle School.

classroom of Discovery English teacher Jon Berger since he started teaching 15 years ago. He heard about her in a presentation he was in and began inviting her to speak.

"He's enjoyed Butcher's presentation ever since — and so have his students. "Students pay rapt attention, completely listening," Berger said. "She makes (the Holocaust) more real. It's not just a number on a calendar or in a book. Here's someone who was around when it really happened."

Berger said Butcher's life paralleled that of Frank, the Holocaust

victim who penned the famous *Diary of Anne Frank*. Butcher was in a concentration camp, her father died when leaving the camp, she was sent to America alone.

"Her talk transcends religion and ethnicity," Berger said. "She was the same age our students were now when she went through all of that. Her talks are just amazing."

But Butcher also talks about the positive things

Getting her degree, being on staff at the University of Michigan, helping start the foundation that hands out the Wallenberg Award. Berger said she shows a photo after she got her degree in which she's the only woman.

Mostly, she talks about overcoming obstacles and making things happen. "She talks about the things she's done that have been positive," Berger said. "Her message is 'never be a bystander.' She's very real to the kids."

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W-W board narrows superintendent search to one

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

A Farmington Public Schools official has been tapped as the finalist for the position of superintendent of the Wayne-Westland Community Schools.

The school board Thursday evening came to an agreement on asking Michele Harmala, Farmington's associate superintendent for instructional services and organizational leadership, to come back to visit the district Monday and participate in a second interview.

Harmala was the overwhelming choice among the five candidates who were interviewed.

In addition to Harmala, the Wayne-Westland board interviewed Charles Muncachy, the former superintendent of Mt. Clemens Schools and founder of the Jan Rose Leadership Academy. Deborah Piotrowski, superintendent of the Xenia Community Schools in Xenia, Ohio; James Larson Shidler, Wayne-Westland's deputy superintendent for administrative and business services; and Joshua Talison, superin-



Harmala

tendent of the Beecher Community School District. A sixth candidate, Paul Salath, Wayne-

Westland deputy superintendent of educational services, withdrew prior to the interviews.

Harmala has been with the Farmington Public Schools since 2004. She also has worked at the Oakland Schools Intermediate School District and Huron Valley Schools. She has worked in special education and taught at the middle school and college levels. She has a doctoral degree in educational leadership and policy studies from Wayne State University.

She also is a finalist for the superintendent's position in the Southfield district. She spent Wednesday doing a site visit and a second interview with the Southfield school board.

Harmala will do a second interview at 6:30 p.m. at the district's administrative offices.

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who were winter 2014 graduates of Walsh College.

Buenostro earned a dual master of business administration and master of science in finance degree.

Zaccaro-Atkins earned a dual master of business administration and master of science in finance degree.

Albion College

Albion College announced the following local students graduated this month:

► **Brett de Bear** graduated cum laude with a degree in English education, with a minor in history education, and a concentration in the Fritz Shurmur Center for Teacher Development secondary certification program. She is the daughter of Robert and Jane de Bear of

Plymouth and a graduate of Salem High School.

► **Cara Delaney** graduated cum laude with a degree in mathematics education, with a minor in physics education and art, with a concentration in the Fritz Shurmur Center for Teacher Development secondary certification program. She is the daughter of Stuart and Beth Delaney of Plymouth and a graduate of Canton High School.

► **Grace Dougherty**

graduated magna cum laude with a degree in biochemistry and anthropology, with a minor in cell and molecular biology. Dougherty was one of just 39 students to graduate with Albion College Honors, signifying completion of the College Honors Program and an original thesis.

She is the daughter of David and Lucy Dougherty of Canton and a graduate of Salem High School.

► **Matthew LeFevre** graduated with a degree in social studies education, with a concentra-

tion in the Fritz Shurmur Center for Teacher Development secondary certification program. He is the son of Paul and Kathleen LeFevre of Canton and a graduate of Detroit Catholic Central High School.

► **Jennifer Polinski** graduated summa cum laude Phi Beta Kappa with a degree in biology and mathematics. Polinski was one of just 39 students to graduate with Albion College Honors, signifying completion of the College Honors Program and an original thesis. She is the

daughter of Craig J. Polinski and Peggy A. Cummins of Plymouth and a graduate of Ladywood High School.

► **Joseph Thomas** graduated cum laude with a degree in chemistry and philosophy. Thomas was one of just 39 students to graduate with Albion College Honors, signifying completion of the College Honors Program and an original thesis. He is the son of Patrick Thomas of Plymouth and Nina Thomas of Belleville and a graduate of Canton High School.

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Expert: Human trafficking happens in Michigan

Legislators, attorney general address trafficking issues

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

News of schoolgirls kidnapped in Nigeria has dominated headlines lately, but Jane P. White knows human trafficking also happens in Michigan.

"There is a cycle we have to understand," White, director of the Michigan Human Trafficking Task Force, told a local audience Thursday.

"She told members and guests of the Plymouth-Canton Branch, American Association of University Women, of a teen girl who met a man, who said he was 21, online. The two met soon after at a mall and had sex in a dressing room. The girl was taken to a hotel room and tens of dozens of men raped her over three days.

"She was taken to the local police station when freed." The police officer said to her, "Hello, slut," White said.

The girl spent some nine months recovering at a ranch facility out west and began community college in Michigan. She spoke at a conference as a victim, and another policeman, also a father and husband, apologized.

"No man has ever said that to me since this started," was the young woman's reply, White said. The victim's life soon turned downward again.

Labor trafficking

White's task force is based in the School of Criminal Justice at Michigan State University, but depends on donations for its work. She told an attentive AAUW audience that night in Canton that the United Nations believes trafficking for labor is likely more common than for prostitution.

"Also, it often overlaps," she said. "It is the third largest criminal enterprise in the world."

Human trafficking begins with a promise, such as an education or decent wages. White noted a Michigan state inspector who saw a man with a shotgun in a farm field where workers were.

The state worker later told her supervisor, but when they returned the crop had been picked and the workers were gone.

"What's important is every one of us saying, 'Something is just not right,'" White said.

She described signs on Michigan freeways aimed at truck drivers showing an Asian woman for massages: "Why the Asian woman? She's not there. It's exotic. It's all kinds of stereotypes we have attached to age."

The average age is 12 when girls began as prostitutes. White asked her audience for words to describe a prostitute and then a 12-year-old girl who's abused sexually by her uncle. The audience realized the two girls are the same age, 12.

Of the 450,000 kids who run away annually, one-third will be approached by a pimp within 48 hours, White said. "How come the police can't find them, but the pimp can?" said White, a former police woman.

She recommends the Internal Revenue Service going after such illegal enterprises. "Bad guys got to pay taxes. They're methodical," she said of IRS agents. "They just keep moving in."

Trafficking also involves money and control. White noted the Elizabeth Smart case, the girl kidnapped from her home at 14 and raped daily by her tormentor for nine months.

Smart was told her family would be killed if she spoke out. Police approached the two three separate times before Smart was rescued; she had the "Stockholm syndrome" of identifying



Jane P. White, director of the Michigan Human Trafficking Task Force, spoke Thursday, May 15, in Canton. JULIE BROWN

with her attacker and even when back with her family asked about him in the beginning.

"He's not my pimp, he's my boyfriend," is something White and other task force members often hear from victims.

Trafficking victims sometimes have support during the trial. "But after that, lots of luck," said White, who noted the FBI has no category for trafficking, which makes law enforcement difficult.

Support for victims

She noted the success of Alcoholics Anonymous

and is starting with others a support system of victims with other victims. White also told the AAUW audience she favors "safe harbor" in which 17-year-olds are considered victims rather than being charged with a crime.

"I love law enforcement. They are very important in this, incredibly important," she said. Victim services are a key component.

In answering questions, she cited 300 teachers from Thailand promised jobs teaching in North Carolina but given field worker jobs. Those people later were sent to

State Rep. Kurt Heise, a Plymouth Republican, worked with human trafficking expert Jane P. White during White's time on the Michigan Commission on Human Trafficking.

"We put together a very diverse group," Heise said of the bipartisan commission, which included White, who spoke Thursday, May 15, in Canton.

The state Legislature started work on human trafficking laws in January 2013, said Heise, chair of the Criminal Justice Committee. He cited state Sen. Judy Emmons, a Republican, who represents Clinton, Ionia, Isabella and Montcalm counties, as the Senate leader. Emmons chairs the Families, Seniors and Human Services Committee.

Legislators are wrapping up work, said Heise, who cited their partnership with Michigan Attorney General Bill Schuette. Schuette's website includes a report on human trafficking, more than 60 pages.

New Orleans for hurricane clean-up.

He also described abuses in the garment industry. One man received a 40-year prison sentence, but his victims were shamed in their culture and unable to return home to their families.

He urged parents and grandparents to talk to grade-school children about their safety.

White recommended the book *The Slave Next Door: Human Trafficking and Slavery in America*

Today by Kevin Bales and Ron Soodalter as well as the *Half the Sky* video (www.halfthesky-movement.org) to learn more.

The Michigan Human Trafficking Task Force has more than 90 member statewide agencies in collaboration.

The National Trafficking Hotline is 888-373-7888. Text BeFree 233733 or visit Michigan Human Trafficking Task Force on Facebook.

At least 25 bills were introduced in the House, Heise said, and about 12 in the Senate. House bills were more criminal justice-oriented, "ways that we can hit the human traffickers in the pocket-book."

"People are trafficked predominantly through border communities like Detroit, Miami," he said.

In the Senate, the focus was more on social services such as rehabilitation, medical reporting, "strengthening the protocols for medical professionals to identify human trafficking," he said.

"Part of it, too, is training law enforcement," Heise added. Legislators and others have worked on protocols and training for hotels, airlines and others who encounter trafficking victims.

"It puts more pressure, it raises awareness," he said of pending state laws, adding some cases have been prosecuted successfully under federal law.

"We've got to have better rules in place in Michigan," he added.

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Guy Louis kicks off the Music in the Park series June 18. JOHN HIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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der the director of Carl Battishill, will again provide its Thursday evening concerts in Kellogg Park. The concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. and run through July 31.

American Salute

Continuing a special treat begun four years ago, the Michigan Philharmonic will perform its free concert, "An American Salute" at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, June 28, in Kellogg Park.

"It's like going to Greenfield Village," Bruscatto said. Back in Canton, Lafever has been tweaking the School House Rock musical series that provides concerts in Hulsing, Tonda, Dodson and Bentley elementary schools.

The free concerts run 6:30-8:30 p.m. every

other Wednesday beginning July 9. And if your family didn't have time for dinner before the concert, don't worry. The Mean Weenie and Rolling Stones food trucks take turns at the schools during the evening.

Under the auspices of the Canton Downtown Development Authority, Leisure Services and the Canton Chamber of Commerce, the Color Tour Jazz Series will return each Friday from July 11 through Aug. 22.

All of the concerts are outdoors at businesses along Ford Road. Typically, the concerts draw 500-1,000 people. "It really helps promote businesses along Ford Road," DDA Coordinator Amy Colligan said. "We also have a whole bunch of carryout special on concert nights. Or people can bring their dinners. We try to pick the big parking lots for the concerts."

The Color Tour Jazz

Series is aptly named because the concerts literally take place in the shopping centers with painted color blocks in the parking lots.

For example, the first concert by Phil Denny will be in the green block in front of JC Penny.

"DDA board member Mark Walbauer signs up all of the musicians. He is the heart and soul of the concert series," Colligan said. "He auditions talent year round."

If by chance, the concerts are scheduled on a night of bad weather, the music will continue indoors at the Super Bowl, 45100 Ford Road.

"Special events are why people move to Canton," said Peg Stevens, Leisure Service spokeswoman. "The events create a sense of community."

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7 p.m., Kellogg Park
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MUSIC IN THE PARK
Noon, Kellogg Park
June 18: Guy Louis; June 25: Saline Fiddlers; July 2: Matt Watroba and Robert Jones; July 9: Beverly Meyer; July 16: Jan Krist & Mustard's Retreat; July 23: Gemini; July 30: Barbara Bailey Hutchinson and Josh White Jr.; Aug. 6: Joel Tacey; Aug. 13: Tom Seley; Aug. 20: Guy Louis & Liberty Brass Quintet.
THURSDAY NIGHT COMMUNITY BAND CONCERT SERIES
7:30 p.m., Kellogg Park
June 26, July 3, July 17, July 24, July 31.

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Michigan Philharmonic at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, June 28, in Kellogg Park.

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CANTON COLOR JAZZ TOUR SERIES

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SCHOOLCRAFT CHEF FEASTS ON INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION

By David Veselenak
Staff Writer

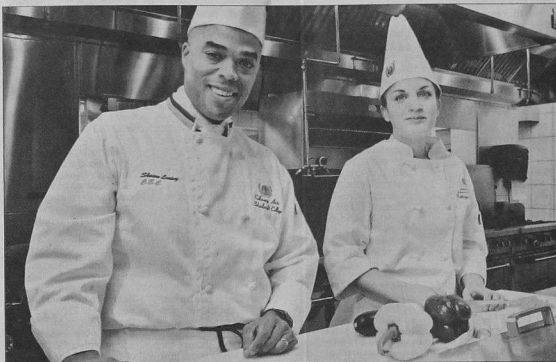
Chef Shawn Loving knows the Schoolcraft College culinary arts is well known locally. But Loving, the department chair who competed in an international competition last month and brought home accolades, knows expanding outside of Michigan and the United States is key to gaining more recognition for the Livonia-based college. "It's a mission of mine as a department chair to be globally strong," he said. "I think we have definitely made ourselves locally present through many decades of cooking and teaching and our formula. But as a chair, I have missions, I have goals. And my goal is to become globally strong. And globally strong to me means you need to take your product and take it to an area

where you have to use your passport."

To do that, Loving packed his bags, headed across the globe and competed at the Food and Hotel Asia event held last month in Singapore. He spent several days in the Malaysian city and competed in two events, bringing home gold and bronze in the hot food and cold food display categories, respectively. Loving was the only chef from the United States to compete.

His dish, Neptune's Feast, was a horseradish-encrusted halibut and included other ingredients such as mushrooms and potatoes. He practiced the dish back home and had one hour to prepare it on the competition floor.

He said he had not been to this particular conference in more than a decade and thought it would be good for him



Chef Shawn Loving and Sous Chef Kathryn Wandrie, in the Schoolcraft kitchens. BILL BRESLER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

and to bring attention to his department.

"I just thought we had had a strong year here in the school," he said. "I felt like the department would need that finish of a shot in the arm. I thought it would help the college a great deal."

Bringing home new ideas

Kathryn Wandrie, a Northville resident who worked as Loving's sous chef at the college, accompanied him as his assistant to Singapore. It was her first trip to an international competition, one that she said was enlightening to see the style differences used by other chefs from across the globe.

"It was great to see the other cultures participate and see their ap-

proach to competition," she said. "It was really great to see their approach to food as well. How they treated food, how they used lighting, how they really approached it. We're used to the Western and American approach and being on the other side of the world was a big deal."

Loving said he did not have a lot of time to take in the sights and sounds of Singapore, as much of his time was spent preparing for the competition, which included chefs from several continents.

He said after he came back, he had many students asking questions and inquiring about the trip and the information he brought back with him.

"Ultimately, I'm able



The hot food dish Chef Shawn Loving created that won a gold medal at the Food and Hotel Asia competition held last month in Singapore. The dish, titled Neptune's Feast, is a horseradish-encrusted halibut dish.

to do what I do because of the college," he said. "And the mission for my team here is to be able to put ourselves in position to always give the college an opportunity to be strong in the community and to be able to increase our knowledge base that

ultimately makes our core curriculum stronger, because we are able to give that back to the students."

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Barefoot fundraiser has Irish accent

Plymouth's only live theater company will offer its patrons something a little different on May 31 – an evening of Irish music.

The Barefoot Productions fundraiser will feature McLaughlin's Alley, a local band known for lively performances that have audiences singing and clapping along in no time.

"It appeals to everybody," said Craig Hane, Barefoot's artistic director and founder. "It's great fun and it provides a nice party atmosphere."

The McLaughlin's Alley play list includes favorites such as Black Velvet Band, McNamara's Band and Danny Boy, as well as lesser-known but equally appealing songs like the wildly humorous *Old Maid in the Garrett* ("If I can't get a man, I'll surely keep me parrot"), the lively *Whiskey in the Jar* (a woman-done-him-wrong song) and *Mary from Dungleo*, about an immigrant yearning for the girl he left behind. McLaughlin's Alley consists of Tina Paraventi (vocals, 12-string guitar), Maureen Paraventi (vocals, fute), Stuart Tucker (drums),

Norm Andresen (bass) and Rebekah Poisson (vocals, ukelele). Copies of the band's CDs, *McLaughlin's Green and Little by Little*, will be available at the fundraiser.

The biggest season ever

The event will also give the theater a chance to let patrons know about its ambitious upcoming season of seven shows in 12 months.

"In the history of Barefoot, it is the biggest season that we have ever put together," Hane said. It also may be the most eclectic, ranging from comedies like *Things My Mother Taught Me* and *Southern Hospitality* to heavy-duty dramas like *The Lights are Warm* and *Coloured* (the Lizzie Borden story) and *One Flew over the Cuckoo's Nest*.

It's that kind of variety that has earned the eight-year-old theater company a loyal audience base in Plymouth, along with a battalion of dedicated volunteers who help build sets, sew costumes, distribute publicity, manage props, usher and sell tickets and refreshments (more volunteers are always



Tina and Maureen Paraventi are part of McLaughlin's Alley, the group headlining a May 31 fundraiser for Plymouth-based Barefoot Productions.

Local and affordable

"People appreciate live theater," said Hane, who says Barefoot is committed to offering top-quality entertainment at affordable prices. "We're not any more expensive than going to see a movie. If you were to go and see an evening movie for a \$12 ticket and buy \$5 worth of concessions, you're paying more than you would to come and see one of our shows."

Beyond serving up entertainment for audience members, Barefoot also provides opportunities for people who've always wanted to get involved in the theater.

Hane says this is the year to come out and audition, because many of the shows have large casts with roles of varying sizes – including small ones with only a few lines that allow nervous newbies to get their feet wet without feeling too much performance pressure.

"Even if you only have two or three lines, you're still involved in the entire production, getting your feet wet and learning the process of how a show is put together," he said.

Despite the relationships it's forged within the community, like many nonprofits, Barefoot Productions struggles to maintain a healthy bottom line.

"We are one of few community theaters in the area that is not subsidized by grants, sponsorships or a city government – beyond Wilcox Grants that allowed Barefoot to purchase its sign and do necessary upgrades to the building," Hane said. "Other than that, we are strictly a standalone, on-our-own, nonprofit theater that has to come up with running expenses such as rent, heat, lighting, insurance and operating costs. We survive strictly on ticket sales."

Thus the Irish-themed fundraiser, which will be augmented by concession sales and raffles. The theater is also inviting people to "adopt" one of its comfortable new seats; a donation gets the patron's name on a brass plate affixed to a seat.

The Barefoot Productions fundraiser with McLaughlin's Alley is at 8 p.m. Saturday, May 31. Tickets are \$20. The theater is at 240 N. Main (just west of Bode's Corned Beef House), Plymouth.

For more information, call 734-560-1493 or visit the Barefoot Productions website at www.justgobarefoot.com.

Comcast hosting job fair for vets

Comcast Corp., which provides cable television, Internet and telephone services around the country and is the parent company of the broadcaster NBC Universal, will host an open house and job fair for military veterans Monday at its regional headquarters in Plymouth Township.

The event, from 9 a.m. to noon, is intended to inform veterans about career opportunities at the company and help link them to positions that are currently open, Randy Jones, regional director of public relations, said in a press release.

Comcast has committed to hiring 1,000 veterans across the country by next year – having already hired 1,000 between 2011 and 2013 – and there are currently 240 positions open in Michigan, including for sales representatives, sales consultants and customer service employees, Jones said.

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Michigan Philharmonic brings back cruise, raffle

The Michigan Philharmonic announced its fifth annual Travel Group Cruise Raffle. This year, the cruise features Majestic Alaska (Aug. 4-16). The 12-day trip includes both land and sea with five days in Denali and Mt. McKinley, Fairbanks and Anchorage, and a seven-day cruise through Glacier Bay, with inside passage

through Skagway, Juneau and Ketchikan, ending in Vancouver. There is an opportunity to win this cruise by entering the raffle. The winner receives the Alaskan Cruise Trip plus round-trip airfare for two. Tickets are \$50 and only 300 tickets will be sold. Drawing takes place Saturday, June 28, in

Kellogg Park at the Michigan Philharmonic Summer Concert in the Park. For cruise and raffle information, contact the Michigan Philharmonic at 734-451-2112 or visit www.michiganphil.org. Those interested can also contact Kate Rosevear at 734-455-5810 or email kate@travelleaders.com.

Key documents for estate planning

Q: My wife and I own all our assets jointly, including our home and bank accounts. The only exception is a 529 college savings plan I set up for our grandson. Upon my death, would this have to go through probate if I don't have a will? Except for this, I don't see why I would need a will.

A: When you established the 529 plan, you named a custodian, probably yourself, to administer the plan. You could have also named an alternative and, if you did, there would be no probate necessary upon your death. If you did not name an alternative, you can do it now and there would be no probate on the 529 plan.



you have designated. Another reason a will is important is there may be assets that slip through the crack and that do not have joint ownership attached. In that case, your will would act as a catch-all to make sure that your spouse receives everything. In addition, when you do a will, you can name a personal representative, a person in charge of your estate. Having a will allows you to name whom you want to be in charge. If you did not have a will, the court would make that decision.

tively straightforward estate planning needs. I would encourage you to complete this form. It will act as a catch-all just in case something unexpected occurs. It is important to remember that estate planning is just not wills and trusts. It's also taking care of how to handle a family emergency during your lifetime. In addition to a will, I recommend all adults have medical and durable powers of attorney. This would allow someone to act on your behalf if you were not able to do so. Having different powers of attorney can make the difference in handling a family emergency. I love the fact that you have beneficiaries and everything is jointly owned. I think that what you have done probably will solve your estate planning needs. However, having a will and the various medical powers of attorney will complete the puzzle and allow you to better protect your family in all situations.

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

However, you need a will. If something happened to you and your wife at the same time, there would have to be a probate. Since you have no will, the state of Michigan would be in charge of your estate and decide who gets your assets and who's in charge. That may not be what you desire. By having a will, even though the assets may go through probate, at least they'll go where

Many people don't want a will because they think they're expensive or they don't want to deal with an attorney. The Michigan Statute Will, which is a free fill-in-the-blank will, can be downloaded from my website under the "Forms" section in the Bloom University at www.bloomassetmanagement.com. This is a good will for many people, particularly where they have rela-

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Sticky Bellies grows into big business for Novi mom

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

What started out as just an idea to capture some monthly milestones of her daughter turned into a big business for Novi resident Carly Dorogi.

"I wasn't too serious at first, but through word of mouth and social media this idea turned into a new opportunity that has grown ever since," said Dorogi, founder and CEO of Sticky Bellies.

A great idea

Sticky Bellies are removable stickers that help a person photograph life's most important milestones with style and ease. This homegrown small business came from Dorogi's memories of her mother making her custom-made shirts. And each month, as a parent, Dorogi was taking photographs marking a big moment in her two daughters' lives.

"People have been documenting their child's monthly growth since the days of Polaroids and painted portraits, so I wanted to add a new way to do this," she said of starting the business in 2010.

She said with advanced technology, people now have the opportunity to share photos with friends and family all around the world as often as they like on Facebook, in emails and on photo-sharing websites. The only way to mark the moment really was the camera's date stamp in the corner.

DETAILS

To learn more about Sticky Bellies or to place an order, go to <http://www.stickybellies.com> or call 248-515-9314.



The sticker identifies at what point in this baby's life the photo was taken.

With some motivation from her husband, she designed and created some temporary stickers to go on a shirt. It blossomed so much that it led her to leave her job as a teacher in the Bloomfield Hills school district.

"I thought it would be great to have a creative, stylish and easy way to document a child's monthly growth," she said.

How they work

Sticky Bellies work by removing a sticker from its backing and applying it to a shirt. Then, take pictures and later remove it and replace it with the next one when taking a photo for the following month. The stickers are safety-tested and kid-friendly and in the short term can be reused until the adhesive



Novi resident Carly Dorogi has successfully advanced her line of children's T-shirt stickers, Sticky Bellies, to more than 1,000 retailers in the country within the last four years. JOHN HEIDER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

wears off.

"It's about sharing, displaying and enjoying adorable milestone photos," Dorogi said.

She had no idea it would grow the way it did. Her husband Jim calls it a viral product because it was truly through social media like Facebook and Instagram that helped it take off so quickly. The stickers come 13 to a package.

Success

To date, Dorogi has shipped 300,000 total packs.

Sticky Bellies has turned into a huge wholesale and retail store business that has become internationally recognized. It's received a lot of media attention and has appeared in a variety of news outlets, including a feature in *Parents* magazine.

As it grew, Dorogi hired a small staff to help out. But she still keeps a hands-on approach to the business by having weekly contact with customers. Business has doubled each year since its establish-

ment.

"I love the customer service aspect to it and connecting with the customer," she said. "I think it's important for parents to know there is a fellow parent behind this."

She has developed new lines to commemorate the different sea-

sons and expects to add more this fall. The new line of stickers will be even more fashionable with sports jerseys being one type coming out soon.

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Diabetes also causes a thickening of the tissues in the palm of the hand and in the tendons of the fingers as those tendons pass under the hand's palmar creases. The thickening makes it difficult to clench the hand or make a tight grip. Furthermore, in the morning the hands are stiff and painful as the tendons try to move against the impediment the thickened tissue causes.

Diabetes makes the hand prone to infection because of its effect to narrow the caliber of small arteries which in turn lessens the blood supply reaching the digits. Furthermore, diabetes itself burts the immune system, making it more likely that cuts and abrasions to the hands will become infected.

None of the hand complications that diabetes causes are amenable to medication with the possible exception of taking gabapentin for peripheral neuropathy. It would seem that good control of diabetes would bring the reward of resolving diabetic hand pain and impairment. But in life that is not always the case. Hand complications have more to do with the body's genetic makeup than with the level of sugar in the blood.

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PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY CALENDAR

HANDYPRO JOB FAIR
Date/Time: Thursday, May 22, noon to 3 p.m.
Location: 995 S. Main, Plymouth
Details: HandyPro (www.handypro.com), a national handyman service and senior home modification company, hosts a job fair at its Plymouth location.

CHURCH CONCERT
Date/Time: Saturday, May 31, 7:30-9:30 p.m.
Location: Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 Sheldon, Plymouth
Details: Friend of Unity, a Plymouth Unity church, hosts a concert featuring Karen Taylor Good and Stowe Dalkey Shockey, who organizers say are noted for performing "positive thought/spiritual message" music.

Happy anniversary



Comfort Keepers owner Jeanne Trumpy and Sarah Webb cut the ribbon celebrating their 10-year anniversary...

DRIVE A UR SCHOOL
Date/Time: Thursday, May 22, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Location: Blackwell Ford, 41001 Plymouth Road, Plymouth
Details: Test drive any vehicle at Blackwell Ford and it will donate funds to help support Salem School football.

MEDICARE/MEDICAID COUSLING
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 Medicare/Medicaid eligibility specialist.

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

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 50th anniversary.

BLOOD DRIVES
Date/Time: Locations: Monday, May 19, 1:30-7:15 p.m., Trinity Presbyterian Church, 10101 W. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth

FOOD PANTRY
Date/Time: Open every Tuesday, registration 2-3 p.m.
Location: Abundant Life Church of God, 2100 Hannan, Canton
Details: Abundant Life Church of God hosts New Dimension Outreach Food Bank for anyone who needs food.

FOURTH ART EXHIBIT
Date/Time: Through May 31, champagne and desserts reception 2-4 p.m. Sunday, May 11
Location: D&M Art Studio, Canton
Details: The fourth annual Ladies Dillenbeck Art Exhibition takes place at D&M Art Studio and features original artwork of women artists.

HOSPICE SUPPORT
Date/Time: Third Saturday of each month, 10-11:30 a.m.
Location: Compassionate Care Hospice, 5730 N. Lilley, Ste. A, Canton
Details: Compassionate Care Hospice conducts a grief support group, "Compassionate Words," providing emotional support to any adult grieving the loss of a loved one.

MSU WINE TASTING
Date/Time: Friday, June 6, 6-8:30 p.m.
Location: Cantoro's Market, on Haggerty just north of Five Mile, Plymouth
Details: The Western Metro Detroit Alumni Club of Michigan State University hosts a wine tasting event, a fundraiser to provide scholarships for students transferring from local colleges to MSU.

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Both Jack Driscoll (left) and Colin Pietron are comfortable wielding either a baseball bat or hockey stick for the Salem Rocks.

ROCK-SOLID CONNECTION

Salem seniors form lasting bond as teammates in hockey, baseball

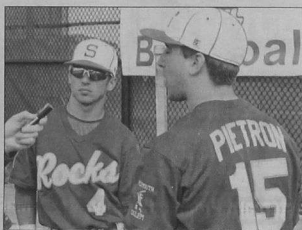
By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

This is the age of specialization in sports. Kids are encouraged to pick a sport and go with it, hopefully right on into a college scholarship opportunity and beyond.

Don't put that label on Salem seniors Jack Driscoll and Colin Pietron. They are two-sport dynamos who want nothing to do with that blueprint.

Skates and spikes are interchangeable for the duo, fast friends and teammates for Salem's varsity hockey and baseball teams since they were sophomores.

Just weeks after Driscoll and Pietron were key contributors to Salem's KLAACentral Division co-champion varsity boys hockey team, they are looking for similar success with the baseball squad — now nip-



Before high school, Jack Driscoll (left) and Colin Pietron played on opposite sides of the hockey rink or baseball field. Now, they're virtually inseparable.

ping at the heels of division-leading Northville with the districts just around the corner.

"You don't usually see guys who are hockey and baseball players," said Driscoll, 17, as intense as short-

stop or running the bases as he is when on the forecheck as a winger. "And to have two of the same, teammates on both teams, I think it's pretty rare."

Getting the edge

Evidence of that was on display during a recent game against Plymouth. Driscoll took a secondary lead off first base, crouching and nervously twitching his fingers waiting for the pitcher to throw to the plate.

"I was definitely a guy (in hockey) that would go out there and grind, and hit, and so I'm always competing," Driscoll explained. "Even getting low, getting a good jump."

Driscoll, a 5-foot-7 sparkplug, had second base stolen on the next pitch, too. But the umpire ruled the batter fouled it off.

No worries, just get ready for the next time. That mindset is ingrained in both guys, regardless of whether they are battling out on the ice or diamond.

For a while, however, the

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GIRLS REGIONALS

Rocks nip 'Cats

Kavulich wins four events to spark Salem's first regional title since 1997

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

The brilliance of Salem senior Kayla Kavulich turned out to be enough to help the Rocks nip Plymouth 131½-123 to win Friday's Division 1 girls track and field regional.

On a cool night when a lot of athletes sparred at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, it was Kavulich's star that shone the brightest.

Kavulich was champion in the 800 and 1,600 runs and was part of the victorious 1,600- and 3,200-meter relay teams as Salem won the regional for the first time since 1997.

"I can't even remember the last time Salem won a regional title," said Salem head coach Dave Gerlach, who first thought it was a 12-year drought that was quenched with the victory. "This is the fifth time we've faced Plymouth this year and it's always been close."

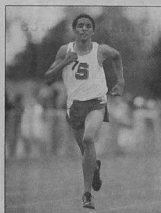
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Salem's Kayla Kavulich cruises to her win in the 1,600. DOUGLAS BARGERSTOCK

PREP TRACK AND FIELD

Bears nip Canton to take regional crown



Salem's Chaz Jefferson competes in the 1,600. DOUGLAS BARGERSTOCK

Host Chiefs' strong showing in field events not quite enough to secure title as Wyandotte wins by a point

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Fueled by a field events air assault, Canton's boys track and field team racked up more than 30 points before the running events even started during Friday's Division 1 regional meet held at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park stadium.

But Wyandotte Roosevelt had just enough juice in its tank to squeeze out a one-point victory over the Chiefs in a meet that stretched

close to 12 hours.

The Bears escaped the chilly "Park" with 75 points, outdistancing Canton (74), Dearborn (67), Westland John Glenn (62) and Plymouth (58). Wyandotte did most of its damage in the relays, as it won the 400, 800 and 1,600 races while taking third in the 3,200.

Distance runner Dominic Davis was the lone Bear to win an individual event as he took the 3,200-meter run in 9 minutes, 41.81 seconds.

The Livonia schools —

Churchill and Franklin — placed sixth and seventh, respectively, with 57 and 54 points. Other Observerland entrants were Salem (eighth with 44 points), Garden City (11th with 32) and Wayne Memorial (12th with 25).

Jamal Dixon served as the catalyst for the Chiefs, as he won the high jump with an eye-opening leap of 6 feet, 9 inches. Canton's Kyle Zander equaled Dixon's points contribution by seizing the regional pole vault title by clearing the bar at 13-2.


"I knew we'd be in the thick of things at the end of the night because of how well we did in the field events,"

first-year Canton head coach Jess Shough said. "We had two regional champions in Jamal and Kyle and we scored in just about every event we thought we could score in. We've been strong in the field events all year, so that was no surprise."

Shough praised the effort of Darren Davis, who qualified for the D-1 state meet by taking second in the 200-meter dash.


The night's most dominating performance was delivered by Westland John Glenn sprinter Jaron Flirnoy, who registered a trio of

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PREP GIRLS BASKETBALL

Interim tag vanishes for Salem's Klemmer

She nabs full-time job as Rocks' girls basketball coach to succeed Thomann



Klemmer

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Lindsay Klemmer passed the audition. The 31-year-old earlier this month was officially named head coach of Salem's varsity girls basketball team. She had coached the squad the second half of the 2013-14 season on an

interim basis, following the Dec. 27 death of longtime Salem coaching legend Fred Thomann. "I am ecstatic about the opportunity I have in front of me," said Klemmer, in an email to the *Observer*. "I feel honored and blessed that the Salem administration and staff has trusted in me in moving forward as a

program since Fred's passing. "We suffered a great loss with him last season, and I've wanted nothing more than to honor him by bringing the players and program to a new light. Salem has always been successful because of Fred's selflessness and the kids' best interest

always being his top priority. I plan to follow in his footsteps." According to Tom Willett, assistant principal of athletics at Salem, Klemmer topped a standpoint list of applicants.

"I had two rounds of interviews with some quality candidates and after those two rounds Lindsay came out on top," Willett said. "Lindsay's knowledge of the game and her passion for basketball were important factors in our decision."

"I am confident that Lindsay will be successful at Salem and continue to build the program and uphold the strength and quality of

the program that Fred Thomann built over his 30 years as head coach." Last season, the Rocks continued climbing back into contention in the KLAAs Central Division and were a tough out in the districts (losing 45-40 to Plymouth).

Intangibles matter
Klemmer already knew about "The Salem Way" as a star point guard for Thomann from 1997-2000.

After high school, Klemmer enjoyed a stellar career as a guard at Madonna University and later coached at Concordia University.

Thomann recruited her to join his coaching staff for 2013-14 to largely help players with their defense.

"She intends to bring the same passion to the sidelines that Thomann was known for. With some fire, intensity and passion, anything is possible, and that's what I plan on bringing to these kids," Klemmer said. "The game of basketball means so much to me and has taught me countless lessons."

"I can't wait to share my passion and push them in the direction to succeed as individuals, players and people."

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING City of Plymouth NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING 2014 / 2015 PROPOSED CITY BUDGET

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held on Monday, June 2, 2014, at 7:00 P.M. in the Commission Chambers of City Hall at 201 South Main Street for the purpose of discussing and receiving public comments on the proposed 2014 / 2015 City Budget.

Proposed 2014 City Millage Rates

The property tax millage rates proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing. The following statements are provided concerning the 2014 proposed millage levies for the City of Plymouth:

- The 2014 tax rate for City operating millage is proposed to be 11.3834 mills, which is the same as the 2013 operating tax rate. The City Commission has the authority under the City Charter to set the operating millage rate within the maximum allowed rate of 11.3834 mills, as adjusted by the Headlee millage roll-back formula.
- The 2014 tax rate for debt service millage to fund debt service requirements for the 2004 (refunded in 2014), 2008, and 2012 General Obligation Street Bond issues is proposed to be 2.9700 mills, which is .1000 mills lower than the 2013 tax rate.
- The 2014 tax rate for City solid waste and recycling millage is proposed to be 1.9200 mills which is .2000 mills higher than the 2013 tax rate.
- The total City millage for all purposes is proposed to be 16.2734 mills for 2014, which is 1000 mills higher than the 2013 total City tax rate.

Equalization Factors

Wayne County established tentative 2014 equalization factors of 1.0963 for the residential class of property, 1.0410 for the commercial class of property and 0.9066 for the industrial class of property. Since the City has adjusted assessments for all property classes for 2014 by the proposed factors, all 2014 equalization factors will be set at 1.0000.

2014 / 2015 Proposed City Budgets

The budgets for the various funds of the City of Plymouth are proposed for 2014/15 as follows:

Revenues	GENERAL FUND	Expenditures
Property taxes	\$4,888,150	Administration \$1,398,020
Licenses & Permits	\$5,100	Buildings & Grounds \$78,940
Federal Grants	28,000	Police Department \$3,449,990
State-shared Revenue	852,230	Fire Department 796,770
Sales of Service	693,470	Public Works Dept 697,350
Cemetery Revenue	131,000	Other Functions 137,400
Parking Revenue	69,400	Capital Outlay 197,280
Other Revenue	829,180	Debt Service 61,230
Transfers-In	1,000	Transfers-Out 382,550
REVENUE TOTAL	\$7,497,530	EXPENDITURE TOTAL \$7,497,530

MAJOR STREET FUND	
Gas & Weight Tax	\$ 374,520
Contrib & Other	100
REVENUE TOTAL	\$ 374,620

LOCAL STREET FUND	
Gas & Weight Tax	\$ 15,030
Contrib & Other	96,080
REVENUE TOTAL	\$ 111,110

WASTE & RECYCLING FUND	
Property Taxes	\$ 815,840
Sales of Service	398,780
REVENUE TOTAL	\$1,214,620

OTHER CITY FUNDS	Revenues	Expenditures
Parking Fund	\$ 44,810	\$ 44,810
DDA Operating Fund	\$ 877,330	\$ 877,330
Building Fund	\$ 449,380	\$ 449,380
Neighborhood Services Fund	\$ 140,780	\$ 140,780
Brownfield Re-Development Authority Fund		
Brownfield Site Remediation Fund	\$ 336,510	\$ 336,510
Drug Law Enforcement Fund	\$ 48,280	\$ 48,280
OWI Forfeiture Fund	\$ 9,000	\$ 9,000
Omnibus Forfeiture Fund	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
2004 GO Debt Fund	\$ -0-	\$ -0-
2006 LTGO Debt Fund	\$ 122,490	\$ 122,490
2008 GO Debt Fund	\$ 529,120	\$ 529,120
2010 LTGO Debt Fund (DDA)	\$ 235,790	\$ 235,790
2012 GO Bond & Refunding Bond Debt Fund	\$ 369,800	\$ 369,800
2012 WS Refunding Bond Debt Fund	\$ 252,050	\$ 252,050
2014 GO/2004 Refunding Bond Debt Fund	\$ 401,700	\$ 401,700
Public Improvement Fund	\$ 155,050	\$ 155,050
Recreation Capital Improvement Fund	\$ 4,050	\$ 4,050
DDA Capital Improvement Fund	\$ 65,050	\$ 65,050
2012 GO Bond Construction Fund	\$ 953,229	\$ 953,229
Water / Sewer Capital Improvement Fund		
Water / Sewer Operating & Maintenance Fund	\$ 713,520	\$ 713,520
Equipment Fund	\$ 4,579,500	\$ 4,579,500
Cemetery Trust Fund	\$ 745,560	\$ 745,560
	\$ 11,000	\$ 11,000

Transfers between Appropriations

As provided in State law, the general appropriations resolution is proposed to allow the City Manager to transfer up to ten percent (10%) of each appropriation to any other appropriation within each fund, but not from Reserve Accounts nor between funds.

Copies of Proposed Budget Available

A complete copy of the 2014 / 2015 City Budget is available for public inspection at the City Clerk's office during regular business hours, and also at the Plymouth District Library during its regular hours of operation.

Linda J. Langmesser, CMC
City Clerk

PREP GIRLS SOCCER

Chiefs blank Wildcats, 1-0

Canton kept flickering hopes alive for the KLAAs South Division girls soccer championship with Thursday's 1-0 victory over Plymouth.

The Chiefs (8-4-1 overall, 8-2 in the division) broke a scoreless tie in the second half, when Hannah Janke drove a shot into the Plymouth goal.

That held up as Canton goalkeeper Jenna Nutter shut the door.

Canton needed Livonia Churchill to lose Friday's game against Livonia Franklin to still have a shot at a co-championship. Plymouth fell to 9-5, 7-3 with the loss.

PLYMOUTH 9, JOHN GLENN 1: Alyssa Olliva had two goals and added two assists Wednesday as the Wildcats (9-4, 7-2) in the KLAAs South Division girls soccer hopes ended with a victory at Westland John Glenn (5-6, 2-4).

Thomson, which led 6-1 at halftime, also got two goals from Kathryn Gordon.

Raven Buck scored the Rocky, lone goal from Melissa Edwards in the first half. Courtney Schuber was in goal for the Rocks, while Kylie Bobb and Katelyn Mellick scored.

SALEM 1, STEVENSON 1: Talyssa Salem's only goal in Tuesday's KLAAs Central Division contest was Bridget, sending the rebound of a Kathryn Kiehl shot past Spartan goalkeeper Kylee Smith (right).

Stevenston's Karilyn Foster scored the game-tying goal with seven minutes remaining.

Salem's backcourt corner kept up the goal as the Spartans stand 6-3 overall and 2-6-1 in the KLAAs Central Division.

"We played really well and had great performance from Salem," said Salem coach Scott Duth, whose team is 3-4-4 overall.



Competing in close quarters Thursday night are Plymouth's Olivia Janke (No. 3) and Canton's Madison Archibald (No. 11). PHOTOS BY JOHN KEMSKI / EXPRESS PHOTO



Salem's Morgan Stieriet (No. 1) controls the ball during Tuesday's KLAAs Central girls soccer game against Livonia Stevenson.

GIRLS SOCCER

Chargers clinch KLAAs South title crown, 8-0

Northville on tap next for conference title

By Brad Emmons
Staff Writer

Livonia Churchill put an exclamation point on its KLAAs South Division girls soccer season Friday night with an 8-0 girls soccer triumph over Livonia Franklin.

The Chargers, who improved to 10-3 overall, claimed the title outright with a 9-1 record and will face KLA Central Division champion Northville (14-0, 10-0), the state's No. 1 ranked team in Division 1, for the Kensington Conference championship beginning at 7 p.m. Monday at home.

"We played really, really well, one of our best games tonight," Churchill coach Reid Fries said. "We're excited to take a shot at the title. We're really proud and happy we won the division. Now we're excited to represent our side." Fries' always fun to play number one and it's exciting to see how we stack up against the best team and we'll be ready, I tell you that."

Sophomore Lauren Wynns scored a hat trick for the Chargers, who jumped out to a 4-0 half-time advantage against the Patriots.

Kacie Murray and Alexis Lubanja added two goals apiece while Kelsey Parrinello had a goal and three assists. Alivia Kondrath pitched in with three assists,



Churchill's Alivia Kondrath (left) contests for the 50-50 ball with Canton's Kelsey Cheaney. PHOTOS BY JOHN KEMSKI / EXPRESS PHOTO

while Ashley Slaviero and Sara Taylor added one apiece.

"I'm happy for coach Reid because he's able to maximize his talent," said Franklin coach Dean Kowalski, whose team slipped to 3-8-2 overall and 2-7-1 in the division. "They've been dominant in our division and I think they can give Northville all they can handle."

CHURCHILL 2, JOHN GLENN 0: Livonia Churchill (9-3, 8-1) moved within nine wins of capturing the KLAAs' South Division crown with a victory Thursday night over Westland John Glenn (5-7, 2-7).

Sophomore Lauren Wynns scored a pair of goals, while Katelyn Parrinello contributed a goal and assist for the Chargers, who led 2-0 at halftime, but missed four breakaway attempts and a penalty kick. Churchill goalkeeper Brittany Hayes (first half) and Christina Vanasco (second half) combined on the shutout.

Salem's Morgan Stieriet (No. 1) controls the ball during Tuesday's KLAAs Central girls soccer game against Livonia Stevenson.



Ducketts Grove provides a fairy tale setting for the wedding of Yvonne Nolan and Michael Benck.

True love: Couple exchanges vows amid castle ruins

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Michael Benck and Yvonne Nolan made history when they married last month at Duckett's Grove in Carlow, Ireland.

"The wedding itself was the most beautiful thing you could imagine," said Diane Benck, the groom's mother and a Livonia resident. "I call it a fairy tale wedding. It was held in front of a castle. This castle was originally the home of the Duckett family. They had weddings there when they lived in the home, but it was 200 years since the last wedding."

The Duckett mansion, built in the 18th century, was part of what was once a 12,000-acre family estate. It was expanded and transformed with turrets and towers, arches, granite gates and more in the early 1800s, sold nearly a century later and reduced to ruins by a fire in 1933. Carlow County acquired the building and surrounding grounds in 2005 and restored its walled gardens. A tea shop also operates on site.

"We had to have special permission for the wedding there," said Michael Benck, a 1992 Stevenson High School graduate who now lives in Philadelphia, Pa., where he works as a freelance illustrator. "We looked at other castles and they were outrageously expensive."

He said his wife grew up near the estate and as a child rode horses at a stable on site.

"I loved it. It's in ruins but there are still some liveable portions. I love old architecture," Benck said. "Our wedding was the first time they granted anyone full access. They gave me the key the night before."

That gave family and



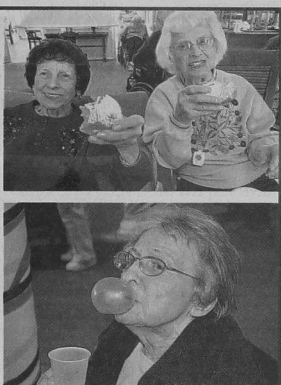
Niece and nephew, Cambrie and Bodie, are all smiles at Michael Benck's wedding.

friends a chance to explore the building in addition to the grounds. The next day, April 15, the couple exchanged vows under a flower arch on the lawn in front of the picturesque ruins, before heading to a hotel for the reception.

Long distance love

Benck met his future wife during a trip to Alaska in 2001. He was on a two-week vacation, spending the first week with his parents, Bill and Diane, and the second week on his own. She was traveling for a year, heading south from Alaska to South America. They met at a hostel, exchanged email addresses and began writing to each other. About four years ago they began a long distance relationship, flying between Ireland and the United States several times a year to see each other. In 2012, they both took time off from work — she taught special education in Ireland — for a nine-month tour of southeast

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Asia.

"After nine months I thought they'd either hate each other or be engaged," Diane Benick said.

Her son proposed two months after the trip return during a slide show at a "welcome back" party.

The wedding and reception included both American and Irish traditions and several of the groom's friends, former Stevenson High School students, traveled from as far away as Japan, the United States and Africa to attend the event.

Benick is the youngest of four siblings and the third to marry. His brother, Jeff, is single and his sister, Kristin had a traditional wedding, according to their mother. When his sister, Sherrie, married three years ago at Best Friends Animal Sanctuary in Kanab, Utah, nearly half of the wedding party spent time volunteering with cats, dogs, and other feathered or furry residents at the site, days before the ceremony.



Michael and Yvonne (Nolan) Benick leave the ceremony as husband and wife.



The bride and groom with flower girls in tow, take a wedding march on the castle grounds.



A few of the Stevenson High School graduates who attended the Benick-Nolan wedding including Jeff Benick (left), Michael Benick's brother, Mark Hoenerhoff of Ann Arbor, George Hogan of Tokyo, Japan; Wayne Krause of Austin, Texas. That's Michael Benick right.

Search for love, marriage ends in motherhood

In my early 30s, and I have spent the better half of the last decade or so searching for someone to love me. I know it's been said you cannot search for love, but I have tried anyway.

I've had my share of lousy relationships that have fallen apart, some quickly, some slowly, but never have I had one that was fitting enough to keep. I've moved across the country, literally to the furthest west point I could hope of finding the place where I belong. I didn't find a home out west, but I did find out a whole lot about myself, and that was very rewarding to me. I learned, during my four-year stint in California, that I longed to be near my family and most of my relatives lived in Michigan. And so I returned to the Great Lake state, and settled into a routine I would quickly grow accustomed to.

I dated guys here and there, but couldn't find "the one" that I know is out there waiting for me. I spent many nights praying for someone to love me unconditionally. I did meet a guy who



Sarah Davies
THEN THERE WERE TWO

him I thought it was better we just stay friends. "I want to husband up, and have a family," I told him, "and I know you're not ready for that."

A few weeks later, in the dead of Michigan's snowiest winter on record, I came down with a nasty virus. I assumed it to be the same virus my sister and brother-in-law had just suffered, and knew it was a rough recovery. I went to my doctor and three days later, I was feeling like my normal self again.

But it wasn't long before I woke up again one morning as sick as could be. I couldn't hold down water, let alone anything else, and did nothing but vomit for nearly eight hours. I finally mustered up the strength to return

to the doctor's office, hoping for a quick resolution to my symptoms.

Unexpected news

Instead, the doctor rushed me to Emergency, saying I needed to have my gallbladder removed. My mother met me in the ER, and sat with me through many hours of testing and resting. My father came too, and we prepared for the worst. What we didn't prepare for was the news the doctor would bring, after returning a CT scan. I would not need to have my gallbladder removed. In fact, I would need nothing removed at all, at least not for another seven months. I was eight weeks pregnant.

My initial reaction was to cry. My mother held me as I sobbed uncontrollably. I had longed for unconditional love, I had prayed for a family, but this wasn't the way I expected things to go.

I had a decent job, with benefits and had a loving and supporting family, but I was not dating the baby's father, and never planned nor was prepared to be a single mother. God had

answered my prayers. I knew he worked in mysterious ways, but was blown away that this would be the route my life would take. It took a while to sink in, but I got more excited as the days passed.

Before, it had been just me. I had been worried about love and my life. But now I'm thrilled about this incredible blessing, however challenging it will be. I am embarking on a journey to receive a wonderful

Single mom shares her experiences

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Sarah Davies hasn't always known what she wanted in life, but one goal was certain — to have a family of her own.

The Livonia woman will see her dream come true, differently than what she had planned, on or around Oct. 16, the date she is due to give birth.

"I wanted to have a family and was expecting to get married. I think it's pretty much just going to be me," said Davies, a single woman. "It's going to be an interesting road."

She'll write about the joys and pitfalls of her journey toward single

motherhood as a guest columnist for the Observer, starting in today's issue. The Farmington High School graduate saw her first work, a poem, in print when she was 10.

"I wrote about my grandma, my dad's mom. My parents were moved and read it at grandma's funeral. They buried the original poem with her," Davies said.

She works in the computer science and information technology field.

Davies, the youngest of three daughters, lived in California for a few years after high school. She said the experience helped her learn how to support

herself with several jobs, while also attending college.

But she missed her family and her native state. Two years ago, just a week after graduating from college, she moved back to Michigan. In addition to working a full-time job, she has hosted trivia nights at restaurant bars in Walled Lake and Farmington.

She describes her family as "really close" and she is grateful that her parents have offered to lend a hand caring for her baby, their second grandchild.

"They are excited to have another grand baby, even if it was a little shocking at first."

gift. I'm going to be a mother.

Sarah Davies, who grew up in Farmington Hills and now lives in Livonia, writes about the ups and downs of her experience as a single mother-to-be.

Take a cue from Meals on Wheels this World Hunger Day — volunteer

Upon realizing that May 28 has been designated "World Hunger Day" by the Hunger Project, a group from the United Kingdom, I thought it timely to devote my "Our Mental Health" monthly column to the topic of people helping people throughout the world and especially locally.

The notion of people providing food for others in need is certainly not new. The Bible tells us that Jesus provided loaves and fishes for the multitudes over 2,000 years ago.



Len McCulloch
OUR MENTAL HEALTH

In more recent times, folk singer, Harry Chapin, (*Cats in the Hat*) established The World Hunger Organization. The proceeds of every other concert, performed by Chapin in the 1960s and early 1970s were given by him to help the hunger cause.

Meals on Wheels (MOW)

It has been said that MOW began during WWII in Europe when one man delivered free meals on his bicycle to a family of needy refugees.

Meals of Wheels Association of America (MOWAA), helps food programs throughout the U.S. which delivers meals to people who are elderly and homebound. MOWAA's efforts filter down to us, locally via Meals of Wheels Michigan (MOWM) which includes the Farmington

area, Huron Valley area, Livonia and Novi, to mention just a few.

Half of meal recipients say that the voluntary delivery people are their only visitors during the day. Seventy percent of volunteers stay with MOW for more than five years.

In my work with MOW, I met Erik, Jeff, and Brandon. For some time now, they have teamed with volunteer drivers to deliver meals, prepared and paid for by MOW. Approximately three days per week for three hours per day they

have gotten meals to numerous MOW recipients.

When I asked each how they experience this process, Jeff told me, "I get the feeling I'm helping people, and can tell they are grateful by the smiles on their faces. I have a purpose." Erik said, "It's like therapy for them and for me. I enjoy talking to these folks. It's about more than just food. It's about helping people." After I told Brandon that the first Meals on Wheels was delivered on a bicycle (wheels), he could

relate to the method of delivery because of his own unique challenge. You see, Brandon is confined to a wheelchair (wheels) and has advanced stage Parkinson disorder. He hands off the meals to Jeff and Erik who give of their time as part of their ongoing rehabilitation for traumatic brain injuries.

Family pets, too

For many years now, my friends at Diamond Jim Brady's Bistro in Novi, have enhanced the

What motivates you to get in shape for the warm weather months? If you're like most people, it's the desire to fit into the smaller, more revealing clothing of the season.

Whether it's a new swimsuit you want to buy in a smaller size or last year's shorts you plan to wear, getting a beach-ready body can often seem unattainable. But summer boasts an abundance of outdoor activities that take away the "chore" of getting in shape. Focus on the fun of the season, and before you know it, you will be fitting into your favorite summer wardrobe staples.

Go take a hike

Nothing allows you to take in the peace and tranquility of nature more than a long

hike. This summer, incorporate many long hikes into your weekly routine and build up your endurance with this beneficial cardio exercise.

Hiking engages the quadriceps, hamstrings, calves and gluts. This activity also strengthens your abdominal core, especially while carrying a heavy pack.

Break a sweat, courtside

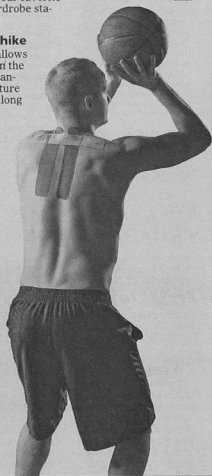
All you need to increase your heart rate is a basketball and an empty court at the local park or school playground. Practice shooting, normal

Make summer fitness fun



Incorporate fun outdoor activities into your summer fitness routine. GETTY IMAGES

Shooting hoops works out triceps, shoulders, biceps and pectoral muscles.



dribbling, dribbling while doing sit-ups and dribbling behind the back of your legs. Make it a weekly event to gather for a game with friends and you'll forget you are even working out. Basketball can be a full-body workout, but it mainly targets your triceps, shoulders, biceps and pectoral muscles.

Go for a swim

While the summer days often bring about occasions to relax by the pool, there's no reason not to jump right in. Take refuge from the sun's heat and burn calories at the same time by swimming. This exercise is a top choice for those with physical limitations or who find simple cardio

TRENDS IN FITNESS

Want variety in your fitness routine? Here are a few new trends taking shape — for indoors and outdoors — that may be just what you need to take your fitness to the next level.

- Body weight training works by using your own body weight as resistance, which can help you shape muscles, tone, increase flexibility and ultimately, burn fat.
- High intensity interval training is great for those who are short on time, requiring extreme exertion in short intervals followed by a shorter recovery time.
- Yoga by air is called aerial or antigravity yoga, which combines classic yoga moves with acrobatics, all while being suspended in the air from a hammock.

activities — such as walking, hiking or jogging — difficult or painful. Swimming works all major muscles groups, especially the shoulders, abdominals, legs, hips and back.

By engaging in a workout routine, you've already proven that you care for your body. But do you have a care plan for the muscles that take you to your next level of fitness?

Regardless of the sport or activity you pursue, it's always best to ease into it slowly and build your endurance as you go. Warming up can include light jogging, walking or performing the activity at a very slow pace. At the end of your routine, be sure to lightly stretch out each major muscle group you worked.

If you experience any sharp or sudden pains while exercising, don't ignore the warning signs. Working out through the pain may make a small injury much worse. As a general rule, if it feels wrong, stop the workout.

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By Angela Rose
HEALTHCAREERS.com

Few industries added as many jobs to the national economy as healthcare did in 2013, as hospitals, private practices, outpatient care centers, and other organizations maintain their pursuit of job seekers. In fact, data on jobs posted to HEALTHCAREERS Network from January 1 through March 31, recently revealed a 16 percent increase in advertisements over the same period last year.

While the entire industry is expanding due to increased consumer demand—including population growth, aging Baby Boomers, and the Affordable Care Act—experts predict some positions within the healthcare space will increase at a brisker than average rate. Consider the following medical

professions included on the U.S. Bureau of Labor and Statistics (BLS)'s list of 20 occupations with the highest projected numeric change in employment from 2012 to 2022.

Personal care aides, +580,800 jobs

Topping the BLS' list of occupations with the highest projected change in employment are personal care aides. Earning a median salary of \$19,910 per year, these professionals work within the homes of elderly clients, in small group homes, or in larger residential care facilities. Daily tasks may include assisting clients with bathing and dressing, as well as housekeeping, shopping, meal preparation, and transporting clients.

Registered nurses, +526,800 jobs

A close second in the BLS' list of high growth occupations is registered nurse. Earning a median

salary of \$65,470 per year, these professionals work in a variety of environments, from hospitals and physician offices to nursing care facilities, schools, and the military. Daily RN tasks generally include recording patient medical histories, administering treatments, performing diagnostic tests, consulting with physicians, and providing patient education.

Home health aides, +424,200 jobs

Home health aides fall in the number two position on the BLS' list. Earning a median salary of \$20,820 per year, most home health aides work within their client's homes, though some are employed within small group homes and larger residential care facilities. Their daily duties are similar to that of personal care aides with two major differences: home health aides work under the supervision of medical professionals (such as registered nurses) and may provide basic health-related services.

Nursing assistants, +312,200 jobs

Landing at number six on the BLS' list of occupations with the highest projected change in employment are nursing assistants. Earning a median salary of \$24,400

per year, these professionals primarily work in skilled nursing facilities, hospitals, and residential care facilities. Daily tasks may include the bathing and dressing of patients, transferring patients between bed and wheelchair, measuring vital signs, reporting to nurses, and helping patients with their meals.

Licensed practical and licensed vocational nurses, +182,900 jobs

In the last position in the BLS' list of top 20 growth occupations is licensed practical and licensed vocational nurse. Earning a median salary of \$41,540 per year, LPNs and LVNs work in skilled nursing facilities, hospitals and physician offices as well as home healthcare services and residential care facilities. While working under the supervision of RNs and physicians, these professionals may monitor patient health, administer basic care, maintain patient records, and assist patients with bathing and dressing.

About the Author: Angela Rose researches and writes about job search strategy, career management, hiring trends and workplace issues for HEALTHCAREERS.com.



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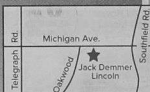
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24 month lease

Security deposit waived, plus tax and license, includes acquisition fee and lease renewal.

NEW 2014 Ford Flex SEL

Buy for **\$28,118+**
MSRP **\$35,565**



Featuring: Leather, Blis, SYNC with My Ford Touch, Remote Start.

3 at this price,
37 available.

\$286* with \$636 due at signing

24 month lease

Security deposit waived, plus tax and license, includes acquisition fee and lease renewal.

NEW 2014 Ford Fusion SE Luxury

Buy for **\$20,097+**
MSRP **\$27,110**



Featuring: Leather, Luxury Package, Sync with My Ford

10 at this price,
539 available.

\$227* with \$439 due at signing

24 month lease

Security deposit waived, plus tax and license, includes acquisition fee and lease renewal.

NEW 2014 Ford Explorer XLT

Buy for **\$29,135+**
MSRP **\$37,015**



Featuring: Leather, SYNC with My Ford Touch, Premium Audio, Keyless Entry, Reverse Sensing.

3 at this price,
105 available.

\$321* with \$629 due at signing

24 month lease

Security deposit waived, plus tax and license, includes acquisition fee and lease renewal.

NEW 2014 Ford Escape SE

Buy for **\$19,978+**
MSRP **\$26,445**



Featuring: SYNC with My Ford, Power Windows, Locks, Cruise Control.

25 at this price,
465 available.

\$215* with \$486 due at signing

24 month lease

Security deposit waived, plus tax and license, includes acquisition fee and lease renewal.

NEW 2014 Ford Edge SEL

Buy for **\$26,770+**
MSRP **\$34,815**



Featuring: Leather, Sync with My Ford Touch, Rear View Camera, Heated Power Seats.

3 at this price,
123 available.

\$298* with \$589 due at signing

24 month lease

Security deposit waived, plus tax and license, includes acquisition fee and lease renewal.

NEW 2014 Ford Focus SE

Buy for **\$16,156+**
MSRP **\$23,540**



Featuring: Leather Heated Seats, Appearance Package, Sync and Sound Package.

15 at this price,
236 available.

\$203* with \$412 due at signing

24 month lease

Security deposit waived, plus tax and license, includes acquisition fee and lease renewal.

NEW 2014 Ford F150 STX SPORT

Buy for **\$27,556+**
MSRP **\$38,770**



Featuring: Power Windows, Locks, 20" Alum Wheels, Sync.

5 at this price,
168 available.

\$296* with \$557 due at signing

24 month lease

Security deposit waived, plus tax and license, includes acquisition fee and lease renewal.

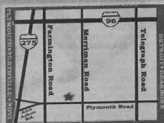
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