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One-year cancer survivor Janet Vea (left) and 22-year survivor Phyllis Redfern walking the Relay For Life in Canton. PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

FEELING THE LOVE

Relay for Life walkers draw on each other for support

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

A year ago, Brittany Kipfmiller was still struggling from her battle with cancer when she came to Canton's Relay for Life.

This year, Kipfmiller eagerly walked the survivor lap, buoyed by the knowledge that she'll hit her one-year anniversary of being cancer-free July 22.

And walking the survivor's lap at last weekend's Canton Relay for Life is something Kipfmiller said she'll treasure.

"I had my struggles, but I'm getting



See RELAY, Page A2 Messages of hope line the route for Relay For Life walkers.

Local ceremonies mark holiday

By Jill Halpin
Correspondent

Memorial Day celebrations on tap in both the Plymouth and Canton communities include ceremonies, performances and a parade – as well as a great opportunity to honor and remember those who have served their country in the military.

In Canton Township, the annual veterans memorial service is scheduled for 1 p.m. Monday at the Veterans Memorial located behind the Township Administration Offices on Canton Center Road.

The 20-minute program features the Pledge of Allegiance, opening prayers and a reading of the poem *In Flanders Field*, as well as a closing prayer.

"We are honoring those who have given their lives to serve our country," said Canton resident John Spencer, president of the Canton Township Veterans Memorial Association.

There are also performances in the mix: BeckRidge Chorale, a local adult chorale ensemble, will present "Because of the Brave: A Tribute to our Fallen Heroes," a musical/dramatic/multi-media tribute, Monday afternoon.

"This is not entertainment; it is a patriotic celebration. The focus of the show is to remember those who we have lost," BeckRidge Chorale Musical Director Michael Gross said.

The 60-minute remembrance for those who serve, have served and those who never returned to those they loved is the true meaning of Memorial Day, Gross said.

Two performances are scheduled at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m., at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill, in Canton.

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Trial set for suspect in Craigslist robbery case

By Darrell Ciem
Staff Writer

Barring a plea deal, a Van Buren Township man is set for trial July 31 in Wayne County Circuit Court on charges he was involved in robbing a 42-year-old Canton man after they became acquainted through a Craigslist ad.

Eric Lee Taylor, 35, has been released from jail and placed on an electronic tether so authorities can monitor his whereabouts as he awaits trial, a Wayne



Taylor

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Ready for the Cup



Grounds crews were out early Monday setting up goals and bleachers and manuring the fields to be used for the 32nd Canton Cup soccer tournament. The tournament, set to begin Friday, is expected to draw more than 600 teams and as many as 40,000 fans over the three-day schedule. 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. For more information about the tourney, see page B1. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



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DAVIS TAKES FIRST ON 'DANCING WITH THE STARS'

By Steve Schrader
Gannett Michigan

They saved the best for last on ABC's *Dancing with the Stars*. West Bloomfield ice dancer Meryl Davis, who trained at Canton's Arctic Edge arena before she won the 2014 Olympic gold medal, and Maksim Chmerkovskiy performed the last dance of the season Tuesday night and clinched the championship with another perfect score.

"It was all you," Davis said to Chmerkovskiy as they collected the coveted Mirrored Ball trophy. The final three couples danced just once for judging in the 24-hour Fusion Challenge — "which sounds like a doozy," co-host Erin Andrews noted — with just a day to prepare for it. Davis — who earlier won the Olympic gold medal with ice dancing partner Charlie White — and Chmerkovskiy scored a perfect 30 and earned raves from the three judges for their fusion of a fox trot and cha-cha, just like they did for both of Monday night's dances.



Meryl Davis, who trained at Canton's Arctic Edge arena, and Maksim Chmerkovskiy won "Dancing With the Stars." AEC

"I'm not saying this is true, but this may be my last season and, if it is, I couldn't ask for a better dance to watch to finish up with," Len Goodman said. "You are great."

"Watching you two is like when you rediscover the passion and the excitement of your first love — dance," Bruno Tonioli said. "Thank you. Season 18 has been phenomenal. But the best part of the season, to me, honestly speaking, was you two. You are marvelous, Meryl, marvelous."

Davis and Chmerkovskiy's combined scores for the three dances was 90, one point better than the runners-up, Paralympic snowboarder Amy Purdy and pro partner Derek Hough. Third-place Candace Cameron Bure and Mark Ballas scored 78.

But it's not that simple on *Dancing*. Davis and Chmerkovskiy weren't officially the champs until host Tom Bergeron said they were, because the judges' scores also are combined with fan voting.

Promoted the first non-ice dance between Davis and Olympic gold medal partner White, so it apparently needed no introduction.

The two were already dancing when viewers returned from a commercial in the first half of the two-hour show. And the pair looked great for the 30 seconds or so ABC showed of the dancing.

White and pro partner Sharna Burgess, who were eliminated last week, also reprised their "Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious" dance from *Mary Poppins*.

ROBBERY

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County Jail spokesman said Tuesday.

Taylor, if convicted, could face penalties ranging up to 15 years in prison for unarmed robbery, identity theft, receiving and concealing stolen property less than \$20,000, theft of the victim's vehicle and using a financial transaction device — or credit card — without consent.

Chad Baugh has said Taylor was arrested following allegations he was involved when two intruders, described as black males who had their faces partially concealed, went to the victim's home and robbed him about 11:30 p.m. Saturday, April 5.

Baugh said the victim left his garage door open because he believed he was being paid a return visit by Taylor who, according to police, he had known about a year. Baugh said the intruders entered the house

through an access door off the garage, robbed the man, took his vehicle and fled the scene, eluding capture.

"The victim lives on Hunters Way, near Geddes and Canton Center. His 2012 Ford Escape was stolen in Ypsilanti and his laptop computer was recovered from the suspect's Van Buren residence, Baugh said. His credit card had been used.

"(The victim) had met a man on Craigslist and had a relationship with him," Baugh said.

Craigslist is used by people selling numerous types of merchandise. The website also includes personals and job listings, among other sections.

On its site, Craigslist says the "overwhelming majority" of its users are given a string of beads or a keychain to be trustworthy, though it offers common-sense precautions such as meeting in a public place and avoiding inviting strangers into a home.

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Shavees raise \$56K to fight kids' cancer at Plymouth event

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

The first year Eric Bacynski and Robb Drezewicki ran the local St. Baldrick's fundraiser to raise money to fight childhood cancer, the modest event raised some \$12,000.

There was nothing modest about the 2014 renewal of the event. More than 70 "shavees" — donors who raise money by having their heads shaved — raised more than \$56,000 this year, the event's first time in Plymouth, Bacynski's hometown. The first three events were held in Livonia.

"So much of the support for this event comes from this community, between donors and raffle items and general supporters," Bacynski said. "It was the right thing to bring it home to Plymouth and it turned out to be an amazing success."

The shavees who lost their hair all had different reasons for taking part in the fundraiser. Tom Buggy of Plymouth was doing it in honor of his nephew, diagnosed with cancer at the age of 1. Now, the nephew is a 30-year survivor and Buggy was sporting a new 'do Sunday.

"I heard they were doing this and I figured, 'Why not?' Buggy said, getting his head shaved by stylist Tiffany Burry of South Lyon, one of many volunteer cutters from Fantastic Sam's of Plymouth.

Cynthia Barcome of Saline got her head shaved in honor of her son Aiden, a cancer survivor. She said she wanted to do something so other children won't have to go through what Aiden went through.

"I want to raise money for kids so they don't have to go through this," Barcome said.

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RELAY

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over them," Kipfmiller said. "Walking the survivor lap" is amazing. It's something I never want to give up."

Kipfmiller joined some 200 survivors among more than 800 participants in the 18th annual Canton Relay for Life, traditionally one of the American Cancer Society's biggest fundraisers. More than 63 teams took to the track in Canton's Heritage Park for the annual walk, which raised some \$127,000.

Also joining the survivors were Dawn Hayes of Byron, diagnosed four years ago with melanoma just a couple of months after getting married.

At the time, she said, she was worried about

her husband bailing on her as she was undergoing a series of surgeries. Her husband, she said, "stayed right by my side," and Hayes — spurred on by her best friend, Tania Coaltrain — decided to walk her first Relay for Life.

"Tania talked me into it," Hayes said. "I'd never done anything like this — just to see all the people out supporting us cancer survivors. I never really cried as much as I did today."

Coaltrain said her own awareness of cancer was heightened by her father's diagnosis of colon cancer four years ago. She said Hayes has helped her cope with her dad's diagnosis and she wanted to do the same for Hayes.

Coaltrain said her husband wanted to do the relay to show her support and be by her side," Coal-

train said.

Survivors walking the Canton Relay for Life are given a string of beads for each year they've survived. Kelli Bennett of Canton walked Saturday's event with 28 strands of beads. She said she likes the chance the relay gives her to give advice to people going through what she has lived and learned.

And even though she's survived so many years, Bennett, a veteran Relay for Life walker, still gets a tremendous feeling walking it.

"I get to see everybody and keep an upbeat attitude," Bennett said.

"It gets me through even the toughest times, knowing people are going through what I went through. I still feel the love."

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Tickets are currently priced \$10 and are available for purchase online at <http://www.beckridgechorale.org> or by calling 888-459-4887.

The group would like to be able to offer the performances at no cost to the public, Gross said, and has started a funding campaign to help off-set costs of the performance.

Anyone interested in donating for the fundraiser can visit kickstarter.com and search for Beck-Ridge Chorale.

Plymouth parade

Holiday festivities kick off Monday in the city of Plymouth with the annual Memorial Day Parade beginning at 9 a.m. The parade starts at the intersection of Wing and Main streets and proceeds to Veterans Memorial Park, in front of Central Middle School, at Church and Main.

Featured in the parade

will be veterans groups, including American Legion Post No. 391, VFW Post No. 6695 and Vietnam Veterans of America Post No. 528, according to Doug Hinkler of the Plymouth Lions Club, sponsor of the parade.

In addition, local police and firefighters will join other community groups and local youth organizations in the parade, Hinkler said.

"We love to have as many youth groups as possible in the parade and teach the young ones to honor those who have served our country and died for it," Hinkler said.

A short ceremony at Veterans Memorial Park following the parade will feature Plymouth resident Dr. Steven Monaghan, a former United States Marine and Vietnam veteran, and guest speaker Ron King, president of the Veterans Veterans of America Post No. 528.

A B-24 bomber — manufactured at the former Willow Run plant in Ypsilanti — will also do a fly-over, Hinkler added.

"It's such a tremendous ceremony, with so much meaning, from the wreath laying to the flyover," he said.

For Plymouth resident Frank Pawlak, commander of American Legion Post No. 391, the ceremony offers a chance to recognize the true meaning of the holiday.

"A lot of communities have parades; it is a great way to honor the vets. Here, we also take the time to stop and talk about the veterans, what they did for us and for our country," Pawlak said. "We take the time to pause and recognize them for making the ultimate sacrifice."

The event will also feature music by the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Marching Band, two local Eagle Scouts, Mark Zdan and Stephen Dabkowski, will lead the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

"This is a good opportunity to instill history with our youth and help them remember what Memorial Day is really about," Pawlak said.

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Coffee With A Cop effort percolates throughout Canton

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Over a cup of coffee, Canton police are brewing up better relations with residents one mug at a time — outside the context of crime-related interactions officials say are often overshadowed by stress, fear and anxiety.

Coffee With A Cop, an initiative heralded by the U.S. Justice Department, has percolated in Canton since last September and fostered at least eight sessions between police and local residents.

"They have become increasingly successful as we do them," police Lt. Dave Schreiner said. "We've gotten a lot of good feedback from the public. We've had conversations with people we never had a chance to talk to before. We get to hear what's on their mind."

The next Coffee With A Cop session happens from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 24, at the McDonald's restaurant on Ford Road, west of Sheldon. Residents can stop by and chat with police officers over a free cup of coffee.

Police hope to draw more interest from people like Maria Winters, who attended the inaugural coffee session last September at the Bob Evans restaurant on Ford, west of I-275.

"This is the first time I ever met a real policeman in Canton," Winters told the *Observer* at the time.

Canton police say that is exactly what they hope to accomplish — strengthening ties within the com-

munity and developing positive relations with residents, who often only turn to police after they have become victims of crime.

Schreiner said it's difficult to build relations when police are patrolling neighborhoods and business districts, because officers are inside their patrol cars and on the move. It's not just residents who are learning from Coffee With A Cop.

"Our officers are becoming more comfortable with the process and the idea as well," Schreiner said.

During one session at the Sam's Club on Ford Road, store managers even made time for their employees to speak with officers, Schreiner said.

One of the upcoming meetings is expected to occur at the IKEA store. Coffee With A Cop isn't really intended as a way for residents to report crimes, although officers won't ignore such efforts. Rather, the intent is simply to stop positive relations between citizens and a police department that, based on previous surveys, already has earned high marks from the community.

Businesses or organizations interested in hosting a two-hour Coffee With A Cop session are encouraged to call 734-394-5401. The only requirements are the host site must be located in Canton, open to the public and able to provide coffee to attendees.

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CANTON CRIME WATCH

Apartment gunfire

A Canton man returned home to The Crossings apartment complex to learn that a bullet had pierced a kitchen cabinet in his residence and then ricocheted off a wall, a police report said.

The incident happened between 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 14.

The man told police he returned home and noticed drywall dust in his kitchen. No one was at home when the incident happened. Police learned that a neighbor supposedly had been cleaning his pistol when it was accidentally discharged. The gun owner's wife said an attempt had been made to contact the neighbor while he was away from home.

The police report indicated the gun owner had been cited previously for reckless discharge of a weapon after he accidentally shot himself in the leg, the police report said.

Good Samaritan

A 73-year-old Monroe woman was expected to get her wallet

returned after an honest Canton man found it and took it to the Canton Police Department.

The woman left the wallet in a shopping cart outside the Kmart store at Wayne and Cherry Hill roads in Westland, but the 59-year-old Canton man found it Sunday.

That evening, he took it to the Canton Police Department, which in turn notified the Monroe Police Department. Officers in Monroe were planning to go to the 73-year-old woman's house to let her know the wallet had been found.

Meijer altercation

Canton police went to the Meijer store at Ford and Canton Center roads amid reports Sunday afternoon of an altercation possibly involving a gun, a police report said.

A witness said two women driving a Cadillac got into an argument with a male customer about 2:40 p.m., prompting one of the women to threaten to get a gun from the car, a police report said.

One of the women told police that her daughter was driving in

the Meijer parking lot when a male pedestrian, without being provoked, struck the passenger side mirror of the Cadillac and caused damage, the report said.

The man, described as 300 pounds and in his early 60s with white hair, denied he damaged the mirror. Likewise, the women denied there had been any threats made about a handgun.

The man went inside the store and the women left the parking lot traveling westbound toward Canton Center.

Police made a report about the incident for informational purposes.

Garage intruder

A 34-year-old Canton woman told police someone went into an open garage door of her home on Shana, near Lilley and Cherry Hill, and stole a bicycle between noon and 4 p.m. Saturday.

The woman told police the bike wasn't chained or locked.

—By Darrell Clem

PLYMOUTH CRIME WATCH

a purse, police report.

The incident occurred shortly before 1 p.m., a police report said. A Kmart security employee who had witnessed the theft confronted the woman outside the store, said, and asked her to accompany him to the office, but she refused and fled east on Ann Arbor Road in a dark Volkswagen Jetta.

Shoplifting charges

A 64-year-old Dexter woman was cited for third-degree retail fraud May 14 after a security employee at Kmart said he had seen her walk out of the store with cosmetics and jewelry for which she hadn't paid.

The incident occurred shortly before 10 p.m.; the employee confronted the woman outside and police were called. The woman had put the cosmetics and a ring in a vest pocket and had put another ring on a finger, the employee told police, and paid for other merchandise before leaving the store, a report said.

The woman was released after

being issued a ticket with a mandatory Wednesday, June 4, court date.

A 21-year-old Detroit man accused of shoplifting fled from a Kmart employee just after 5 p.m. Friday, but was quickly arrested when police arrived.

The man had a digital video disc player concealed in his jacket and three sets of headphones in a pants pocket, a police report said. A store security worker reported having seen the man conceal the items before leaving the store, the report said.

Fuel theft

Someone stole more than \$89 worth of gasoline Friday evening from the Mobil gas station on Northville Road south of Five Mile.

The attendant told police the person pumped 24 gallons of gas into a full-sized gray pickup truck around 7 p.m., then left without paying.

—By Matt Jachman

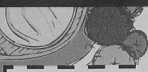


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Scout's project places benches on Metro Trail

By Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

Persistence paid off for Ryan Asher — and for the bicyclists, walkers, runners, in-line skaters and skateboarders who travel the I-275 Metro Trail through Plymouth Township.

Ryan, a 17-year-old from the township who graduates this week from the University of Detroit Jesuit High School, recently managed the construction and installation of a pair of seven-foot wooden benches along the Metro Trail. The rest stop is just east of the freeway and north of Ann Arbor Road, in an open field near a Dunkin' Donuts and a convenience store attached to a gas station.

The project, years in the planning and approval but less than a month in the actual making, is a major step toward an Eagle Scout rank for Ryan, a longtime scout with Troop 781 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church.

He had to jump through a lot of hoops to get permission to put the benches near I-275, turning down chances to build benches at locations where it might have been easier.

"This isn't just about building benches. I wanted to do something for this trail," Ryan said at the new rest stop Tuesday.

'Never gave up'

"I give him a lot of credit, because he never gave up," said Diane Bancroft, president of the Friends of the I-275 Metro Trail, which will be responsible for maintaining the benches.

Ryan began developing the plan in 2011, at Bancroft's suggestion, after he sought advice on what he could do to improve the trail. He was familiar with the Friends because his mother Judy had volunteered for an improvement project and he had biked the trail before.

"We were getting comments from the public that there was no place to rest on the trail," Bancroft said.

Ryan submitted his plan for Boy Scouts of America approval in August 2012, but it wasn't until January of this year that the Michigan Department of Transportation issued a permit for the benches. The permit was issued to the Michigan Trails and Greenways Alliance, a nonprofit under which the Friends of the I-275 Metro Trail operates.

To get approvals, Ryan dealt with MDOT, the township government and then MDOT again.

"They embraced this project and they stepped up to find some way to make it work for him," Bancroft said.

Ryan enlisted family members, friends and fellow scouts to help with the project. A bowling fundraiser netted about \$300 for materials and the Friends chipped in a bit more.

The benches were built, at an uncle's home wood shop, over two days late last month, got several coats of sealant over the course of about a week and were installed May 10 — cemented into post holes more than three feet deep. On Saturday, Ryan and several others finished the job by putting in a gravel base under each bench.

A scout's service

Ryan, who plans to attend Hillsdale College later this year, said he enjoyed the adventurous aspects of scouting, such as hiking and camping, but also appreciated its emphasis on service.

"You have to work and you have to serve, but when you do that, you learn what life is all about," he said.

Ryan will soon age out of Boy Scouts and plans to take a break from scouting as he starts college, but said he would



Ryan Asher of Boy Scout Troop 781 in Plymouth Township headed up a project that built and installed two benches for weary cyclists on the trail that runs alongside I-275. The project will help him earn the rank of Eagle Scout. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

like to return to it later, perhaps as an adult leader.

The I-275 Metro Trail stretches for about 30 miles along the freeway in Wayne and Oakland counties. Bancroft said there are plans to connect it to what's envisioned as a larger, cross-state trail.

It's one of only two bike trails in the country that runs along an interstate, Bancroft said. "It's a true multi-use trail," she said. "People use it for all kinds of reasons."

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Ryan Asher with (from left) his father Roy, John Zick and David Anderson, the scoutmaster of Ryan's Boy Scout Troop 781, work on installing benches along the I-275 Metro Trail, just north of Ann Arbor Road and east of the freeway. Ryan enlisted friends, fellow scouts and adults to help him with the Eagle Scout project.

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The weather was cool, but good for walking at Canton's Relay for Life. PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

WALKING THE WALK

Relayers dodge the weather to fight cancer

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

Mother Nature didn't exactly cooperate, hitting Canton with rain, cold temperatures and clouds Saturday as walkers readied for the 18th annual Canton Relay for Life.

It didn't seem to dim the enthusiasm much.

With Canton Township Treasurer Melissa McLaughlin providing an encouraging opening speech and some 200 survivors on hand, the annual Relay – traditionally one of the American Cancer Society's largest Michigan fundraisers – still managed to produce solid numbers.

The walk, which started with the survivor's lap shortly after 10 a.m. Saturday and continued for 24 hours, drew more than 800 participants and 63 teams.

As of Saturday afternoon, the event had raised more than \$127,000; final totals weren't yet available.

ACS Relay specialist Abigail Stonerook, who coordinated the weekend event, said its location – Heritage Park in Canton – helps make it a success.

"This is a beautiful park and we have wonderful support from the community," Stonerook said. "Everyone here is very supportive."

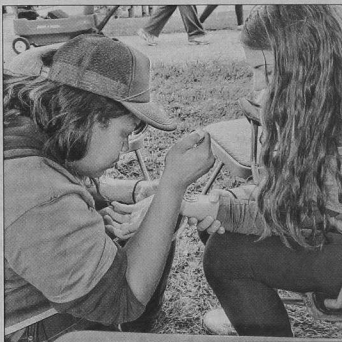
The relay, a fundraiser to help battle cancer, is generally an emotional event to begin with. Having so many survivors heightened the feelings, Stonerook said.

"It's awesome watching the survivors take to the track," she said. "Some of them are new survivors, some of them have survived for years. It's a very emotional day."

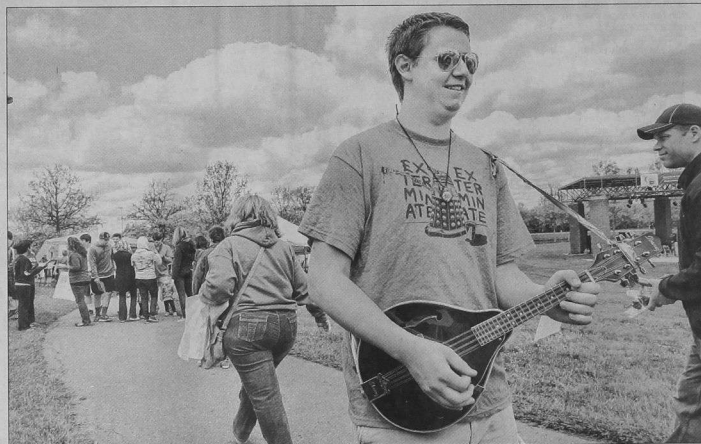
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Maha Zeidan adds her hand print to the Slap Cancer mural, an activity provided by the Muslim Community of Western Suburbs.



Christa Williams applies a henna design to Tania Nemeth's forearm at the Jazz Truckers tent. The Jazz Truckers remember Dennis J. Williams, Christa's father, who lost his battle with cancer in December.



Anthony Tippy of Plymouth provides a little entertainment on his mandolin during the Relay for Life.



Sally Bailey and Lu Ann Podrasky sign an IKEA bookcase that will be placed in St Joseph's Canton facility.



Luis Orozco gets a pie in the face, courtesy of Alexander Johnson and Rotary Interact.

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PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY CALENDAR

APPRECIATION DAY

Date/Time: May 30-31
Location: Victory Lane Quick Oil Change, 903 W. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth
Details: Victory Lane Quick Oil Change hosts a two-day community appreciation event at its store to thank the community for its support in its first year. A portion of the proceeds from the event will be donated to the Plymouth Family YMCA. Customers can support the YMCA and its Healthy Kids Campaign by getting their vehicle serviced during this event. The Corvette Legends Club of Northville will be on-site to showcase its classic Corvettes and there will be free food and a prize drawing for all customers.

FAMILY PICNIC

Date/Time: Saturday, May 31, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.



Hitting the stage

The bluegrassers kick off the Music in the Air series Friday in downtown Plymouth's Kellogg Park. The weekly concerts, which draw thousands of fans, begin at 7 p.m. and run through Aug. 29.

Location: Heritage Park Pavilion, Canton

Details: Canton Newcomers & Neighbors hosts a family picnic with grilled delights, a golf pro, face painting, soccer challenge, piñatas, door prizes and activities for everyone. Families are encouraged to attend with their \$20 fee for the 2014-15 season of the Canton Newcomers & Neighbors club. Visit www.cantonnewcomersandneighbors.org for all the club's offerings or to

request a complimentary summer newsletter.

Contact: To RSVP and for more information, call Koreen at 734-981-0486 or email nbar@yahoo.com.

SENIOR HEALTH DAY

Date/Time: Wednesday, May 28, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Location: Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton
Details: Area seniors are invited to the 21st Annual National

Senior Health and Fitness Day. Seniors 55 and older will have the opportunity to enjoy a variety of senior health- and fitness-related free activities, including some health screenings, lectures, fitness classes. Free lunch and lecture, sponsored by Health Systems, at noon. Seniors can also utilize the Summit fitness center, track, aquatic center and Senior Center for free throughout the entire National Senior Health and Fitness Day. All participants planning to use just the fitness amenities are asked to check in at the Summit on the Park front desk.

Contact: RSVP at the Senior Center front desk or by calling 734-394-5485.

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. HandyPro is looking for job candidates to fill openings for skilled general craftsmen for its handyman service operation in the Plymouth and Macomb offices and scheduling agents for its national call center, located in Plymouth. During the job fair, candidates will have their resumes reviewed by HandyPro staff and be given a job interview. Candidates must be 18 years of age or older. Craftsmen should have experience in general home maintenance, while scheduling agents need basic computer skills.

Contact: For more information, contact Laura Turner at 734-254-9160.

MSU WINE TASTING

Date/Time: Friday, June 6, 6-8:30 p.m.
Location: Cantor's Market, on Hagerty 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 to students transferring from local colleges to MSU. Enjoy a selection of eight or more wines and hors d'oeuvres by Cantor's. Live music will be provided by an ensemble of musicians from the College of Music and a talk will be given on the Wines of Michigan by MSU Professor Ron Perry. Admission is \$45.

Contact: To purchase tickets, visit eventbrite.com/cantors-festive-market-wine-tasting/

event tickets-115794337. Call Tom Hess for information at 248-380-8519.

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 Village church, hosts a concert featuring Karen Taylor Good and Stowe Dalley Shockey, who organizes sayings or performing "positive thought/spiritual message" music. Tickets are \$20 in advance and at the door.

Contact: Email Margaret Assemacher at mass4000@bloomberg.net for more information or for tickets.

JAZZ @ THE ELKS

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

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

Details: The May 27 event features Dennis Tito with April Tini on vocals. Dennis plays keyboard, Ray Tini on bass and Dave Taylor on drums. Jazz @ The Elks is a 501(c)(3) organization at the door, which includes hors d'oeuvres.

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

MEDICARE/MEDICAID COUNSELING

Date/Time: June 4, 1-3 p.m.

Location: United Home Health Services, 2200 N. Canton Center Road, Ste. 250, Canton

Details: United Home Health Services offers free individual counseling with a certified MMAP (Medicare/Medicaid Assistance Program) counselor who will help you understand: Medicare/Medicaid eligibility, transitioning from employer coverage to Medicare, plan options, assistance programs, drug insurance and Medicare/Medicaid fraud and abuse identification and reporting. Medicare plan enrollment and subsidy application assistance also provided.

Contact: Heather Pinage at 734-727-0663. Please specify you are requesting an appointment for the United Home Health location. For MMAP information visit www.mmapinc.org/pages/about-us/

CRAFTERS WANTED

Date/Time: Sept. 5-7

Location: Downtown Plymouth's Fall Festival

Details: The Plymouth Fall Festival has openings in the

Craft Show. Applications are available on the Craft Show page at www.plymouthfallfestival.com. Deadline for jewelry booth applications is June 15. Deadline for all other craft applications is July 15.

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

BLOOD DRIVES

Dates/Times/Locations:

■ Thursday, May 22, 1-6:45 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 4520 N. Territorial, Plymouth

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

■ Friday, May 23, 1-6:45 p.m., Plymouth City Hall, 201 S. Main

■ Friday, May 23, 1-6:45 p.m., South Canton Scholars Academy, 3085 S. Canton Center, Canton

■ Tuesday, May 27, 1:30-7:15 p.m., St. Michael Lutheran Church, 7000 N. Sheldon, Plymouth

■ Thursday, May 29, 2:30-8:15 p.m., East Middle School, 1042 S. Mill, Plymouth

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

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

FOOD PANTRY

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

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

Details: Abundant Life Church of God hosts New Dimension Outreach Food Bank for anyone who needs food. The pantry is run by people who love and care. Registration is 2-3 p.m., free raffles are at 3 p.m., and food distribution follows the raffles. The pantry serves more than 100 families per week. Users will need a photo ID and proof of address.

Contact: For more information, contact Donna at 734-383-5658, Pastor Dan Smitherman at 734-664-5848 or the church at 734-722-7688.

BNI MEETING

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

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

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

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

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Spring Fling Wednesday, May 20 1:30 p.m.

Spring is in the air! Come and celebrate with us! New Generations musical group will perform and sampling plates of delectable desserts will be served. RSVP by May 18.

Memorial Day Celebration Friday, May 23 12:00 p.m.

Veterans from VFW Post 6695 will join us as we honor and remember those who have given so much for our freedom. We will have color guard, flag raising and patriotic music. Every veteran will receive a commemorative pin. An old-fashioned cookout style lunch will be served. RSVP by May 19.

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Mother's Day Fashion Show Wednesday, May 7 12:00 p.m.

Enjoy a Mother's Day Tea, Luncheon and Fashion Show. Everyone is welcome to enjoy shopping for the latest Spring Fashion's following the show. Cash and Carry. RSVP by May 5.

Elder Law Workshop Thursday, May 22 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Join us as Attorney Nicole Wipp with Family and Aging Law Center provides information regarding VA Benefits, Estate Planning, Long term care insurance and Tax Planning. Please register at: (248) 278-1511.

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The Griffin family (from right), Geraldine, David and Larry, are taking over the funeral home formerly run by John Sassaman (at left) near Seven Mile and Northville roads. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

L.J. Griffin Funeral Home company expands with new Northville location

By Kurt Kuban
Staff Writer

David Griffin has spent pretty much his entire life in and around the funeral home business – literally.

While growing up in Westland, Griffin and his family lived in the upstairs area of the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home. His parents, Geraldine and the late Lawrence Griffin, were longtime funeral home operators, having opened their first one back in 1954 in Detroit before moving and opening up the Westland facility on Middlebelt in 1972.

So you might say young David had a bird's-eye view the day to day operations. After graduating from Bishop Borgess High School in Redford, he got more involved in the family business, along with his brother Larry. In the 1990s, the company underwent a major expansion, opening funeral homes in Canton (1994) and Livonia (1998).

"I think it's fair to say we're extremely established in this business," said David Griffin, 53. Now the family has added another facility to its stable, on Northville Road in Northville.

Having lived in Northville for a number of years, David often drove past the Northrop-Sassaman Funeral Home on Northville Road at Seven Mile. When its owner, John Sassaman, became ill and put it up for sale, Griffin jumped at the opportunity, purchasing

it in March.

"I live in the community. I know John. When I heard he had some health problems, we approached him and were able to come in and relieve him of the day-to-day operations," Griffin said.

Sassaman bought the funeral home, previously the Ross B. Northrop & Sons Funeral Home, back in 1986. It was built by Ross Northrop in 1974. Sassaman, a longtime Northville resident and very active socially, was diagnosed with stage IV colon cancer last July.

"Up until that day of the diagnosis, I had no inkling I was even sick," said Sassaman, 69. "After consultations with my doctor, he suggested I eliminate all stress-related activities. High on that list was running the funeral home."

That's when Sassaman decided to sell the business. In his opinion, he couldn't have been any more fortunate than finding the Griffin family. Both David and mother Geraldine live in Northville, while Larry lives nearby in Livonia.

"It is an excellent fit for the funeral home and it's going to be a perfect fit for the community," Sassaman said, stressing the fact that David Griffin lives in Northville, which sends an important message. "I couldn't have asked for anything better."

Having undergone cancer therapy that seems to be working, Sassaman is feeling better and is even working with Griffin on a part-

time basis to help with the ownership transition.

Due to the fact that the funeral home dates back to the early 1970s, the Griffins are giving it a major facelift. In fact, the renovation goes much deeper. David Griffin estimated by the time the project is complete sometime this year, they will have spent a quarter-million dollars updating the 12,000-square-foot building.

"We're doing a complete renovation. We've moved walls and stripped this place right down to the studs. We're putting on a new roof. You might say we've done everything, from the ceiling to the floor," Griffin said.

"We want to provide a funeral home that is up the standards of the Northville community. When we're done, we're going to have a much more modernized facility."

The renovation will include a more spacious lounge that will allow families to bring in refreshments and food, a dining room upstairs and the entire facility will be made handicap accessible. They are also bringing in new televisions for video tributes. Griffin said the whole goal is to make families more at ease and help them through the difficulty of losing a loved one.

"Once we are finished, people are going to walk into this place and say, 'Wow,'" he said.

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The Northville Chamber of Commerce's 27th annual Flower Sale will take place this weekend throughout downtown Northville.

The event, which will feature the products of more than 20 local growers and greenhouses, will run from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday and from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday. Vendors will be set up on East Main at Town Square.

According to Traci

Sincock, associate director of the Northville Chamber of Commerce, the event is perfect for people looking to fill their gardens or yards with flowers and plants. She said the sellers will be offering ornamental accent plants, perennials, herbs, annuals, roses, shrubs, exotic plants and trees. Some vendors will also be offering garden art and accessories.

"The Northville Flower

er Sale is the kickoff to the summer season of great events and fun, family times in downtown Northville," Sincock said. "Northville residents and businesses look forward to supporting our local growers at this popular event that is always scheduled for Memorial Day weekend."

For more information about the sale, visit www.northville.org or call 248-349-7640.

Protect yourself, your family

An important issue is who in the family takes care and is in charge of a loved one who is no longer able to handle his or her affairs.

The latest story dealt with Casey Kasem, a radio legend who for decades hosted *America's Top 40* and also lent his famous voice to numerous characters. Kasem has children from his first marriage and has been married to his second wife for more than 30 years. He has health issues that prevent him from handling his affairs. Not unexpectedly, there is a fight in the family between his current spouse and the children from the first marriage.

Disputes in families have increased exponentially in the last few decades. With blended families and people getting divorced later in life, these issues are going to continue to grow.

There is no 100-percent sure way of preventing family disputes, but there are some things that can reduce the chances. Don't think that family disputes happen only in second and third marriages or in blended families.



Rick Bloom
MONEY MATTERS

Whether you are single or in a second, third or even fourth marriage, there are some things to do to protect your family.

The legal documents that every adult needs are medical durable powers of attorney and general durable powers of attorney. These are two separate documents that allow someone to operate in your behalf.

These documents tend to reduce or eliminate many family disputes, because people will recognize that this is the person or persons who you chose to handle your affairs. In addition, if there was a court action, naming a person to be in charge of your affairs helps mitigate that action. When there are no legal documents, litigation has a tendency to drag on.

No one wants his or her family affairs dragged through court, causing undue emotional and financial distress. However, at the same time, most Amer-

icans have not done anything to prevent a potential looming crisis.

Many people choose to do nothing or they procrastinate, while others do nothing because they believe they are different and there will never be any disputes within the family. Either way, if you do nothing, you are leaving your family at risk.

Medical and general durable powers of attorney are easy and inexpensive and I provide the free forms in the Bloom University under forms - Legal & Tax - on my website.

There is no good excuse not to take action. Adults have responsibilities and one of those is to protect their families. In a complex and changing world, these documents are essential for all adults to make sure that if there is a crisis, judges, courts and lawyers are kept out of family affairs.

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Blackwell re-opening

Blackwell Ford celebrates its grand re-opening today (Thursday) by supporting the community that has been the main contributor to the dealership's continued success. Blackwell's re-opening event will feature Ford Motor Co.'s Drive 4 UR School program, an opportunity for guests to test drive a new Ford vehicle to earn a donation to the Plymouth Salem High School Football Boosters. The event takes place from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. today.

Drive 4 UR School gives the Plymouth community an opportunity to raise \$6,000 for the Plymouth Salem Football Boosters. The dealership will donate \$20 for every test drive of a new vehicle. Additional funds can be raised for the booster program at the Quick Lane Tire and Auto Center of Plymouth with vehicle inspections. The dealership will donate \$10 for any vehicle inspection.

"We have been in business since 1983 because of our community," General Manager Ron Blackwell said. "There is no better way to celebrate our grand re-opening than by giving back to the community to which we owe our longevity to."

Refreshments, entertainment and hourly raffles are also available for attendees. For more information on the event, visit www.FordRSVP.com.

Grub Crawl sponsors

The Canton Chamber of Commerce is offering members the opportunity to sponsor the chamber's annual Grub Crawl, set for 6-10 p.m. Tuesday, July 22. Four sponsorship levels are available; sponsorship deadline is June 12.

» Menu Sponsor, \$500 - Includes company name on posters and menus, plus name on the T-shirt that 600 guests will be wearing the night of the event, also six tickets to the event.

» Transportation Sponsor, \$500 - Includes company name in each Fun Bus, plus name on T-shirt that 600 guests will be wearing, also six tickets to the event.

» T-Shirt Sponsor, \$125 - Includes company name on T-shirt, plus two tickets to the event.

» T-Shirt Sponsor, \$75 - Can't come to the event? The chamber will list your company name on the T-shirt (600 shirts).

To get a sponsorship application and for more information, call the chamber at 734-453-4040.

Chamber golf outing

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce sponsors its annual golf outing and auction Monday, July 21, at the Fox Hills Golf & Banquet Center.

The event is a scramble that will include lunch, dinner, plus open bar throughout the day and on the course. All company foursomes receive a sign on the course. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m., with tee-off at 11 a.m. Box lunches will be available to eat in the clubhouse or to take on the golf cart. The cost is \$205 per golfer or \$820 per foursome.

Hole sponsorships are \$150 and all other remaining sponsorships are \$300. All sponsors will have signage, be listed in the program and on the website. There are sponsorships available for on-course games and other high-profile parts of the outing to give sponsors maximum exposure. Sponsorships must be confirmed by June 30.

For more details or to participate, contact the chamber at 734-453-1540 or email wes@plymouthmich.org.

IT'S YOUR BUSINESS Q&A

Plymouth frame shop still going strong

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

Frameworks: We offer custom picture framing. We have framed more than 400,000 pieces since we opened in 1975. At 39 years old, it's one of the oldest businesses in Plymouth.

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

Frameworks: I did framing in college, had gotten married and worked at a bank in Detroit. When I got bored, my wife Jan said, "Go down to that do-it-yourself shop and get this framed." Little did she know her request would lead to a life-changing event for us. I got the bug to quit the bank and go into business for myself using my training from my part-time college job.

Observer: Why did you choose Plymouth?

Frameworks: It's my hometown, my family lived here, (I) lived here all my life, wife taught special education in Plymouth-Canton schools, raised three children, all of whom graduated (from) Plymouth-Canton schools. The local frame shop had just gone out of business and it seemed like a good spot. Do-it-yourself framing was the big thing at the time, so we started as a do-it-yourself shop. Gradually we evolved into a full-service custom frame shop.

Observer: What makes your business



Frameworks owner Al Larson points out the custom frame shop has more than 3,000 frame choices and more than 600 mat colors.

unique?

Frameworks: We are unique in that our design staff has been with us for so long they have the experience to make sense of the 3,000 choices we have. We can help the customer make the right choice for their tastes and budget. Custom framing can be expensive, but it doesn't have to be.

Observer: How has it

changed since you opened?

Frameworks: When we first opened, there were limited frame choices. Now we have more than 3,000 frame samples and 600 mat colors.

Observer: Do you have a funny tidbit to share with our readers about your experience as a small-business owner?

Frameworks: Our greatest thrill was an art show we had with Ernie Harwell as our featured guest. Our visiting artist was commissioned to do a special limited-edition print featuring Ernie. He was here for the evening reception, signing copies for the customers. He was such a gracious and caring guy.

Observer: Any advice for other business own-

Local financial planner building national reputation

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer



Whipple

Plymouth financial adviser Curt Whipple wrote his first book, *You Will Never Have Financial Freedom By Paying Off Your Debt*, for the benefit of investors in their 30s who thought the best way to get rich was to pay off their debt.

Ten years later, Whipple aimed his second book, *Retiree Lifeline! How to Get the Government Out of Your Pocket* (published in July 2013), at what has really always been his niche market: those in their 50s headed toward retirement.

"Any adviser wants to get the older adults, because that's where the money is to invest," said Whipple, founder of C. Curtis Financial Group. "Nobody wants to talk to younger adults around 35. So I wrote my first

book for them."

Whipple said he "always had a problem" when advisers say "you have to pay off all your debt first."

He said the problem is younger people struggle to pay off all of their debt before trying to save any money and therefore "have nothing that excites them" about their finances.

"What happens is then the roof leaks or the furnace blows up all at one time and the next thing you know you're \$10,000 in debt again," said Whipple, who started part-time as a financial adviser in 1983, went full time in 1984 and started his firm in 1986. "They work it down, then run it

back up. They live in a cycle of debt."

In his first book, Whipple urged people to "split the difference," using some money to pay off debt and put the other half toward investments.

It's the method of investment he tackles in his second book. While he's "a big fan" of the stock market, he thinks older investors depend too much on it. The second book, he said, teaches readers how three simple colors (red, blue and green) can help a retiree control the way their assets are invested.

"I felt like a lot of people in their retirement years were taking way too much of a gamble on the stock market," Whipple said. "Now all our clients speak the 'red, blue, green' language. They'll come in and say, 'I think I need more green money.' The

value is, they know what they want and it's a matter of me teaching them where to get it."

Whipple, who is a nationally recognized speaker, is developing his reputation as an expert on a variety of financial topics. He's routinely appeared on local television and his opinion was recently sought for a financial story in *USA Today*.

He's also developed software that helps clients identify the amount of income needed to be "set for life," Whipple said. Dozens of advisers around the country have started using the software.

"We show (clients), 'In order to not run out of money, you need X percent,'" Whipple said, "and if you get it, you're going to be set for life."

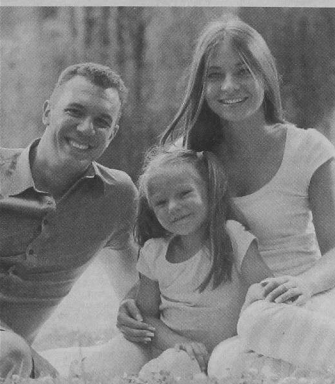
Whipple said the idea of the second book is to

help clients identify the kind of diversification they need and then help them find it. According to Whipple, everyone in his industry "is either a stock broker and all they want to do is sell you Wall Street" or "they're insurance agents who have great staff and they want to sell you annuities."

"That's where people are getting a lot of value out of what we do," Whipple said. "I wrote the book to let people know there's another way beside just Wall Street."

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Memorial Day honors servicemen, women who gave their lives

There's a lot of talk around the country these days about rights and freedoms. The Second Amendment right to bear arms and the First Amendment right to speak freely have been of primary focus as the debate rages over gun control in the wake of so many shootings, at schools and in other public places.

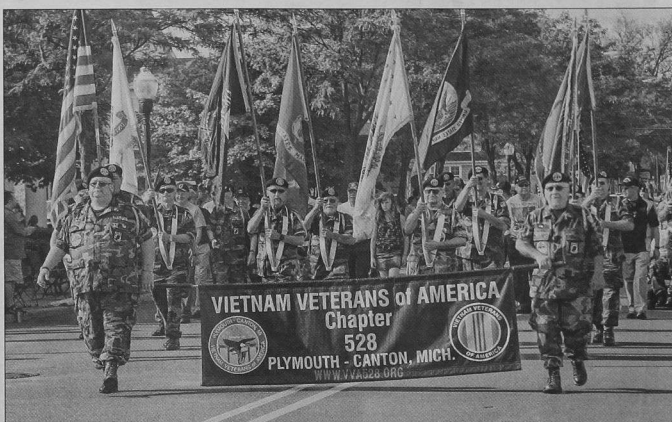
What is nearly always left out of the discussion – but what should be the primary focus – is how we got those freedoms in the first place and the men and women who have died making sure we can have those debates.

The chance to correct that comes Monday, when communities around the country gather for parades and ceremonies designed to honor the sacrifices of the military men and women who have given the ultimate sacrifice in the service of their country. Plymouth marks the occasion with a 9 a.m. parade, followed by a memorial ceremony in Veterans Memorial Park. Canton has a 1 p.m. ceremony in Heritage Park.

After that comes the traditional family celebrations in our parks, around our pools and barbecues, where we will enjoy the end of the three-day holiday weekend.

While enjoying families and friends, we urge you to keep the sacrifices of the brave men and women in your thoughts and prayers.

Since this nation's birth, in wars and battles, skirmishes and fights – large and small – more than two million military servicemen and women have given their lives, all to give us



Communities all over the country will honor the ultimate sacrifices given by servicemen and women in parades and ceremonies Monday.

the freedom and lifestyle we enjoy today.

These were brave souls who fought to produce our country's biggest victories. They've taken down dictators and terrorists, including Osama bin Laden, the orchestrator of the biggest terrorist attack on American soil in history.

All of that stunning success, however, does not overshadow the contributions made by the thousands of our military servicemen and women who have given the ultimate sacrifice

to ensure Americans continue to enjoy the freedoms secured by their efforts.

Memorial Day is the one day of the year set aside for the nation to remember, reflect and honor those who have given their all in service to their country. Americans have never wavered in their commitment to freedom, nor in the effort to help those who seek to be free.

Americans have fought in two world wars for freedom, as well as Korea and Vietnam. Americans have fought a Cold

War, in Desert Storm, in Iraq and Afghanistan against tyranny, oppression and terror.

However, the traditional observance of Memorial Day has diminished over the years. Some people think the day is for honoring any and all dead, not just those fallen in service to our country.

For many, Memorial Day and the three-day weekend mark the official start of summer. People use the time to open their pools and the cottages and gather for picnics.

In other words, people will, by and large, focus on having fun. And there's nothing wrong with that. But it has to be more – it has to mean more – than that. Enjoy those barbecues, open the pool or spend a relaxing weekend at the cottage. In the midst of that meritment, though, we urge everyone to take a moment to say thank you to those who have made all that possible.

There are more than two million reasons we cannot afford to forget why there is a Memorial Day.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Coffee shop talk

The coffee shop discussions got loud – again. “Charter schools perform better and let parents choose what they think is important for their kids.” No. “Charter schools skim off the cream of the students, leaving the public schools to deal with the rest.” There are few facts presented in the debate; the opinions seem endless.

Here's mine: It's not the parents' “right” to choose that's important, but the parents who do choose. I submit those are the parents who care for their children, choosing what is best for them. There are charter schools even in the inner city and parents who care line up to get their children into them, but what of “the rest”? What of the parents who don't care and their children?

Until our public school systems offer what are the best values of the charter schools (or even better, many caring parents will choose charters if they are available – until the public schools go out of business or they change for the better. And at that point, all children, with caring parents or not, will be better off, as will our society.

Tom Salapatek
Canton

Stick to the point

Recent Tim Szelata article about his retirement from NFL.

In this article, the writer did an excellent job providing readers with Tim Shaw's impact on football programs at all levels – high school, college and professional. Why did the writer in-

clude information about the Jerry Sandusky situation? The article was about Tim Shaw, not the horrendous Jerry Sandusky situation.

Why? Writers for O&E should remain fixed to the topic and not try to infer. If O&E writers desire to write about horrendous situations as caused by Jerry Sandusky, I recommend that they search and report about NAMBLA, which is a known organization in New York and San Francisco. This is a horrendous organization.

Todd Laird
Canton

School closings

On Thursday, May 15, there were two articles in the Observer. The first was about not closing schools this year and the second “Good choice.”

One indicated that the state will force us to make cuts in the future and the second stated the board's frustration in lack of support and funding from the state.

Wouldn't it be nice if the people of Plymouth-Canton helped vote Gov. Snyder out of office? Then maybe we'll have a chance for more school funding. And maybe we could get the roads repaired that our students travel to school without raising the already high gas prices or imposing other taxes on us.

Douglas Kelm
Canton

Get what you pay for

Say what you will about Patrick Colbeck – and I have – the man knows which side his bread is buttered on.

From being 100-percent behind the corporate

welfare that, through this year, will cost our treasury approximately \$6 billion to approving raising taxes on our most vulnerable citizens by voting to give that bill immediate effect to joining other Tea Partiers in failing to give the Medicaid expansion bill immediate effect, which cost our state tens of millions of dollars and now voting against the Senate bill that would raise the minimum wage to \$9.20 by 2017.

Colbeck didn't vote against the bill because it was a sham and subterfuge to nullify the petition drive that would raise the minimum to \$10.10, which it will do, and, in my opinion, the reason the bill was even proposed.

No, Colbeck is quoted in both daily papers saying, “Every time you jack up the minimum wage you decrease the rate of employment.” It's the same BS corporate leaders have been spouting since the first minimum wage was enacted.

But politics being like everything else, you get what you pay for in life and the Koch brothers and other multi-billionaires are getting their money's worth with right-wing organizations like Americans for Prosperity (for the rich) and the Mackinaw Center for Public Policy.

James Huddleston
Canton

Uphold Michigan's RFTA

It is unconscionable and un-American to create rules that are so unreasonable and restrictive that they prevent small businesses from existing while allowing large mega farms to “self-assess.”

The recent changes to the GAAMPs strikes against the growing trend of small farmers providing locally grown foods at community farm markets. These changes must be reversed or all of the residents stand to lose.

Tim Szelata
Canton

OUR VIEWS

Buckle up, it's Click It or Ticket time

Do you believe you don't need a seat belt because your vehicle has air bags? Have you decided not to use a seat belt because it wrinkles your clothing?

Those are just a few of the reasons people don't use seat belts. The fact is, seat belts are the most effective safety feature ever invented and have helped save thousands of lives. Sadly, one in five Americans fails to regularly wear a seat belt when driving or riding in a motor vehicle.

Beginning this week, local police departments, sheriff's offices and Michigan State Police posts in 40 counties will conduct federally funded seat belt enforcement zones through the busy Memorial Day travel weekend as part of the annual Click It or Ticket campaign, which seeks to reduce traffic deaths and injuries by increasing seat belt use.

Michigan law requires all drivers and passengers 15 and younger in any seating position to be buckled up. Children must be in a car seat or booster seat until they are 8 years old or 4 feet, 9 inches tall. Unbuckled motorists face a \$65 penalty if they don't buckle up.

During last year's Click It or Ticket enforcement, 9,003 seat belt and child seat violation tickets were issued. Of the 15 people who died in traffic accidents over the Memorial Day holiday period in 2013, two of the nine vehicle occupants were not wearing a seat belt.

“Seat belt use has dropped in Michigan and we're doing all we can to save lives and reduce injuries by stressing the importance of belt use and Michigan's seat belt law,” said Michael L. Prince, director of Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning. “With seat belt enforcement zones in effect, motorists need to play defense by buckling up.”

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Click enforcement isn't cracking down for the fun of it. Wearing a seat belt is a serious issue. For the first time in five years, fatalities for unrestrained passenger vehicle occupants have gone up. In 2012, there were 10,335 unbuckled passenger vehicle occupants who died.

Statistics also show that more men than women die every year in motor vehicle traffic crashes. In 2012, 65 percent of the 21,667 passenger vehicle occupants killed were men. Men also wore their seat belts less than women in fatal crashes – 56 percent of men were unrestrained, compared to 43 percent of women.

And young adults are dying at a disproportionately high rate because they are not wearing their seat belts. Sixty-two percent of 18- to 34-year-old passenger vehicle occupants killed in crashes were not wearing their seat belts. According to the AAA of Michigan forecast, nearly 11 million people are expected to travel for the Memorial Day weekend, a 1.3-percent increase over last year. Of those, nearly a million travelers will take a road trip.

If you're one of those 1 million people, be sure to buckle your seat belt and keep doing so. Wearing a seat belt shouldn't be tied to a two-week enforcement campaign. It needs to be done every time you get into a car.

AVOID A PENALTY

Click It or Ticket

CLICK IT OR TICKET

Click It or Ticket

No surprise as Madonna leads way at fundraiser

Deb Madonna didn't want the children she loves in the Miracle League of Plymouth to be frightened when she suddenly turned up with no hair on her head.

So Madonna, commissioner of the baseball league for special-needs players, died parts of her hair a bright blue about a month before taking part in Sunday's St. Baldrick's fundraiser to raise money for research into children's cancers. More than 70 people had their heads shaved for the charity at The Plymouth Roc and Madonna, knowing she was going to be one of them, worried



Brad Kadrich

more about the kids' reactions than she did about losing the hair. That comes as no surprise to the people who know Madonna. She's been associated - in most instances, the driving force - with some of the best things in town: The Miracle League, the Music in the Park children's concert series, the Plymouth Arts and Recreation Complex.

Notice the recurring theme? In one way or another, all of those things have something to do with children, as did her participation in the St. Baldrick's fundraiser. That's just Deb being Deb.

"I thought about it and it's an opportunity to make a statement," Madonna said of her first head-shaving. "It's not an easy thing to cut your hair, but it's a little thing and (compared to) people (who have) cancer, it's nothing. It's a little thing to make a big statement."

To pretty much no one's surprise, Madonna was the biggest fundraiser (at some \$4,500). Her



Deb Madonna (right) goes under the razor for the St. Baldrick's fundraiser at The Plymouth Roc.

sons Andrew and Mark bid a record \$221 for the pleasure of cutting her hair (third son John couldn't make it from Chicago). And she befriended others making the same sacrifice. When Rachel Koelzer's dad was next to her, holding her hand.

Actually, it's the kind of camaraderie and fellowship the annual event fosters. It's been organized all four years by Eric Bacyinski, a Plymouth resident and former deputy clerk in Plymouth Township who co-chairs the event with Robb Drzewicki. The event has grown immensely. In its first year, it raised about \$12,000; this year, it raised more than \$56,000.

They moved the event this year, bringing it "back home," Bacyinski likes to say, because a lot of the support for it during its birth and growth has come from the Plymouth and Canton area. It was at the Claddagh Irish Pub in Livonia the first three years; this year, Jordan West and the folks at The Plymouth Roc donated the space (and it was barely enough to contain a huge crowd that showed up to support the shaves).

Everyone is there because they want to be; it's an all-volunteer force working the sign-in table, covering the silent auction, doing the announcing, playing the music, getting their heads shaved.

Everyone's got a story, a reason they're doing it, and most of them are related to someone they love being touched by cancer. They're doing it because they care and because they can.

Bacyinski, who wrangles shaves like a Marine recruiter and pours his heart into the event, brought it home this year after three years in Livonia because home is where the heart is.

"So much of the support for this event comes from this community, between donors and raffle items and general supporters," he said. "We felt it was the right thing to bring it home to Plymouth and it turned out to be an amazing success."

Bacyinski's persistence is what convinced Madonna to do it and the support of husband Marcel and her kids was encouraging, as well. Madonna recognizes, as does everyone involved, that going (nearly) bald for a while is nothing compared to what cancer patients and their families have to deal with. They know the pain and the strain of a cancer patient's journey. Compared to that, "this is nothing," Madonna pointed out.

After all, the hair grows back.

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COMCAST

W-W board hires new superintendent

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

The Wayne-Westland Community Schools will have a new superintendent as of July 1 following the hiring Monday of Michele Harmala.

The school board voted unanimously to offer the position to Harmala, an associate superintendent for instructional services and organizational leadership in the Farmington Public Schools.

The decision came after a second interview with Harmala, who had spent part of Monday visiting schools in the district and meeting with administrators, staff and residents.

"I'm excited about the possibilities. I think she

will be an asset to the district," board President Shawna Walker said. "I'm proud to be a part of this board and I think we made a great decision. This is going to move our district forward."

Harmala was the front runner in the selection process, following interviews with five candidates last week. She was the only candidate the board decided to call back for a second interview.

She also was a finalist in the Southfield Public Schools, which Monday selected Lynda Wood as its interim superintendent.

School visits

Harmala's visit to Wayne-Westland in-



Culinary arts instructor chef Anthony Paquette (from left) and William D. Ford Career Technical Center Principal Steve Kay talk with Michele Harmala during her visit Monday to Wayne-Westland. TOM BEAUDOIN

cluded stops at Hicks Elementary in Inkster, P.D. Graham Elementary and Adams Upper Elementary in Westland and Wayne Memorial High School in Wayne and a reception at the school board offices, prior to the interview.

The board quizzed her about her management style, her perception of the school district and the staff after her visit and her reaction to the district's consumer service initiative.

Her comments were punctuated with the word phenomenal. She spoke highly of the Wayne-Westland district, the buildings, the staff and programs, telling the board that "what you're doing is absolutely phenomenal."

"You have a great district and a phenomenal staff," she said. "The seedlings have been planted and I want to help this district going forward. I want to be your superintendent."

She told the board her first 60-90 days on the job would include a lot of visits to buildings and talking to staff. She said she would "listen first and ask a lot of questions to get a feel for what is going on in the district."

"The first part of those 60-90 days, I would be talking to staff," she said. "You've got a strong school district with great strengths and challenges. I'll try to get to know what is valued and get a feel of what is working well and what needs to be changed."

When asked why she wanted to be a superintendent, she told the board she has always been in the lead and leads around the work that needs to be done. She added that she believes education needs flag bearers, advocates and people who will say that "we're not failing; teachers are not failing; public schools are not failing. Our kids are doing well." "Somehow we are

giving a message to our students, our administrators and our teachers that we're not doing the job," she said.

Making decisions

Harmala described her management style as collaborative, but is willing to make the decision if a decision needs to be made. She has five levels of decision making - "you decide; you decide with my input; we decide; I decide with your input; and I decide."

"I tend to be collaborative, but I can decide, if that has to happen," she said.

She said her colleagues would describe her as dedicated, focused, a person who sets high expectations and who is empowering.

"I think they would say she brings out the best in us, for the most part," Harmala said. "I think they would say they like me."

And the board said the

same thing.

"She is an excellent candidate. I think she will do a very good job for this district," Trustee Charles "Trav" Griffin said. "I think we're going forth with a candidate as a united board and she sees that. I think that will pay dividends."

"Dr. Harmala is head and shoulders above the other candidates," board Treasurer Frederick Weaver said. "There are no guarantees, but based on the information we have heard, Dr. Harmala seems to be the best decision."

Noting that every building in Wayne-Westland is a "good school building and provides a great education," board Secretary Carol Middel said she believes Harmala will "give it her all and work for the parents, staff and students."

"She will bring change to the district," she added.

Board members also were pleased with their unity in making the decision.

"I think we should congratulate all of us," Trustee Sally Madison said. "We did a great job in working together."

The board will now work on a new contract for Harmala, with a goal of announcing her as superintendent at its June 9 board meeting. When that happens, she will become the first woman in the history of the Wayne-Westland Community Schools to serve as superintendent.

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Arbor Hospice offering comprehensive volunteer training sessions

Arbor Hospice is hosting a new round of training sessions for volunteers who are interested in bringing comfort and companionship to patients facing life-limiting illnesses and their families. Volunteers choose locations they are most comfortable visiting within Arbor Hospice's seven-county service area. The four training sessions will be held at Arbor Hospice's Plymouth office, located at 40500 Ann Arbor Road E., Suite 102.

The comprehensive training sessions are set for 5-9 p.m. each Monday and Wednesday from June 9-23. A variety of volunteer opportunities are available, including patient companionship, care giver relief, facilitating pet therapy patient interaction, music visits or administrative support.

Arbor Hospice volunteers are unique and compassionate individuals willing to help someone in a time of need. In keeping with health care industry guidelines, Arbor Hospice provides a thorough training to ensure volunteers are fully prepared to assist patients, as well as provide a brief respite to caregivers. Make-up sessions are available for prospective volunteers who cannot make every date during the series.

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32ND CANTON CUP OPENS FRIDAY

Cup all about quality 'experience'

Thousands to embark on area for Memorial Day weekend soccer tradition

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Grounds crews are out early Monday at Independence Park and other Canton Cup venues, setting up goals, bleachers and manicuring the fields. BILL BRESLER (STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER)

Every year, the Canton Cup aims to please thousands of soccer lovers of all ages who make the pilgrimage with their teams and families to Independence Park or other township venues.

And like a well-struck ball zipping into the top corner of the goal, those efforts figure to once again be on the mark for approximately 40,000 people who turn out for the 32nd annual tournament hosted by the Canton Soccer Club.

"Generally, what we're trying to do is (provide) the Canton Cup experience,"

fourth-year tournament direc-

tor Darryl Noel said. "It's not just about high-level soccer, quality soccer, fair soccer. It's also about a family, fun atmosphere."

Noel, a Canton resident,



said about 65 fields are more plush than ever thanks to the deluge of spring rain, ready for action to begin at 5 p.m. Friday and continue through Sunday (with a rain date of

Memorial Day, just in case).

"This year, we've gone up in teams from last year," Noel said. "We're at 650 teams this year (up from 580); about 9,600 guests (his term for players) are coming in."

Equal opportunity

Competing at what is one of the Midwest's largest tournaments will be teams of all ages and skill levels — right on up to the PDL Michigan Bucks, who play at noon Saturday at Independence Park's Field No. 3 against the Pittsburgh River Hounds.

There will be Elite, Premier, Select and Recreational divisions.

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BOYS LACROSSE PLAYOFFS



Two saves in overtime Monday by Canton goalie Collin Smith were crucial. He is shown here from a game earlier this season. JOHN KEMSKI (EXPRESS PHOTO)

TOPPER THIS!

Canton senior nets OT winner over Huron in pre-regional

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Monday was "Senior Night" for Canton's varsity boys lacrosse team.

So it was fitting that two players ending their high school careers came up huge in the Chiefs' 16-15 playoff overtime win over Ann Arbor Huron in a Division I pre-regional matchup at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

First it was senior goalkeeper Collin Smith to come up huge, blocking two Huron chances off the hop that would have given the visitors the victory.

Then came senior attackman Kyle Topper winning play, giving the Chiefs their first playoff victory in three years. Topper picked up a groundball at midfield, eluded two defensesmen and buried his shot into the Huron cage.

The win advances Canton into a regional game 6 p.m. Thursday at Ann Arbor Skyline.

In the first half, sophomore Carson Pakula was a big gun for the Chiefs, tallying three goals. He finished with four for the game.

Topper, meanwhile gave Canton a 9-8 edge going into the intermission, for the team's first lead of the night.

Also getting on the board in the first half for the Chiefs were juniors Gerald Belanger (two goals), Brocton Baechler, Brian Newton (team-leading seven groundballs) and sophomore Ben

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KLAA CENTRAL SHOWDOWN

Rocks' hopes swept away



Salem senior shortstop Maranda Armstead tries to make the tag on South Lyon East's Morgan Bowen at second base. East swept the doubleheader 5-2 and 9-0. PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER (STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER)

Cougars' Jones gets best of Salem hitters in twinbill

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Fastball for fastball, South Lyon East pitcher Sydney Jones is as good as any other high school softball pitcher in the state, according to her coach.

And on Monday, the senior Cougar backed that up with a brilliant performance in a doubleheader sweep against host Salem in a showdown for the KLAA Central Division title.

Jones struck out 15 Rocks in Game 1 as East won 5-2, and then pitched six shutout innings in the nightcap, a 9-0 victory that gave the Cougars their second consecutive championship.

Had Salem swept the twinbill, the Rocks would have been in the division's driver seat. Following the day's out-

come, East improved to 19-8 overall and 11-3 in the division while Salem fell to 22-9, 8-6.

"We've gone after some of the best teams with some of the best hitters on them and she's gotten them out one after the other," Cougars head coach Paul Nieto said. "I'd put her as a top pitcher in the state right now. I'm excited for what's going to happen here in districts and hopefully states."

Rising on up

Salem head coach Bonnie Southerland tipped her cap to Jones, who has committed to pitch Division III softball at Hope College (Mich.) — and the Cougars.

"She's got an amazing rise ball, most of the teams in the league chase it and



Salem senior Kristi Zink delivers a pitch during Monday's first game against South Lyon East.

we're no different than anybody else," Southerland said. "We just chased her

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PREP BASEBALL

They sign, then shine

Five college-bound Chiefs still taking care of business for the home team

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Not only are plenty of Canton Chiefs signing to play college baseball, they are making a splash on the field to prove their future teams were on the mark pursuing them.

Last week, speedy outfielder Weston Price and pitcher Ty Robinson signed to play at Muscatine Community College (Iowa) and nearby Rochester College, respectively.

They joined first baseman/pitcher Nick Hazergian (Saginaw Valley State University),

pitcher Brent Mattson (Eastern Michigan University) and infielder/outfielder James Hall (Spring Arbor University), who made their commitments late last year.

"We're excited about it," Canton head coach Mark Blomshield said. "That's our goal is to help kids get better, and if they're able to perform and compete at the next level, that's what we're going to try to get them to do."

Then on Saturday, Hazergian and Mattson came within

two outs of throwing back-to-back no-hitters and Robinson pitched the Chiefs to a victory in the third contest of the afternoon.

The left-handed Hazergian no-hit Farmington, striking out 10, as Chiefs won 2-0. "That was the first one in my career," said Hazergian, signed mostly to play first base for Saginaw Valley. "I've had a couple close ones before. I had to rely on the defense, and they got my back the

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Five players from Canton's varsity baseball team will play the sport collegiately in 2015. In the back row (from left) are Chiefs head coach Mark Blomshield, James Hall, Brent Mattson and assistant coach James Wisniewski. In the front row (from left) are Weston Price, Nick Hazergian and Ty Robinson.

TIM SMITH

KLA A GIRLS SOCCER

Rocks, Chiefs win crossovers

A spectacular play by Salem's Kaitlyn Pelech late in the second half Monday night gave the Rocks a 2-1 victory over Plymouth in a KLA A Kensington Conference crossover girls soccer match-up of third-place teams.

Salem head coach Scott Duhl said Pelech made "the play of the game when she intercepted a pass near the midfield

and then beat two Plymouth defenders before striking the ball into the left corner of the goal past a diving Kylie Robb."

That lead held up, improving Salem's record to 4-7-4 for the season.

The Rocks got on the board midway through the first half when Hayley Rodgers connected on a 25-yarder. Setting up the goal with a nice feed was Morgan Siterick.

Plymouth (7-4-0) drew even about 10 minutes into the second half when Amber Allen's well-placed header got past Salem's goalkeeper.

That set the stage for Pelech's winning effort.

Chiefs prevail

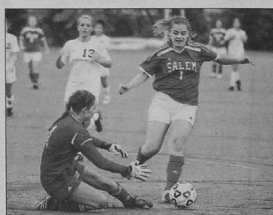
Also Monday night at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park was a KLA A conference crossover between second-place

teams Canton and Novi.

The Chiefs emerged with the 2-1 win to improve to 11-1 overall.

After a scoreless first half, the Chiefs went up on a goal by Madison Archibald.

Padding the Canton lead to 2-0 was Natalie Winters, but the Wildcats got on the board against goalkeeper Jenna Nutter to make the final minutes more interesting.



Plymouth goalkeeper Kylie Robb (left) slides out to try and deny Salem's Morgan Siterick (No. 1) during Monday night's contest. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

SOFTBALL

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rise ball today, we weren't as disciplined as we have been in the past."

One Salem hitter who had success against Jones in each game was senior tri-captain Gabbi Zott. She doubled in a run in the bottom of the seventh in the opener and also ripped a line-drive single in the fifth inning of Game 2 to spoil Jones' no-hitter.

"She has a really good rise ball, that's for sure," Zott said. "I think it's hard for a lot of our guys to shorten up their swing ... just to make a good contact swing. She throws the ball hard so she's giving all the power, all you have to do is hit it."

Squaring off against Jones in the first game was senior pitcher and tri-captain Kristi Zink, and she quickly fell behind 1-0 in the first and gave up another run in the third.

But she kept her team close after that for a while, thanks in part to outstanding defense from junior shortstop Maranda Armstead and freshman third baseman Kristin Mihalich.

The Rocks just could not solve Jones during most of the game. All 15 Salem outs in the first five innings were via the



Not many hitters managed to get around on the pitches of South Lyon East's Sydney Jones, but Salem sophomore Kara Hutchison did here for an RBI double in Game 1 of the doubleheader. PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

strikeout.

Salem did start to come to life in the sixth inning, getting on the board to cut the South Lyon East lead to 3-1. Sophomore Jamie Squires was safe on a bunt single and went to second on a passed ball before scoring on sophomore catcher Kara Hutchison's double to left.

South Lyon East, however, got it right back and more with two runs in the top of the seventh to take a 5-1 edge. Carly Petri scrambled home after getting caught in a rundown; Jones then singled to score Taylor Bailee.

Those insurance runs paid off. In the bottom of the seventh, Katie Hiltz walked and scored on Zott's double to make it



Salem freshman Katie Hiltz rounds third base on her way to home plate Monday.

5-2.

Jones settled down, however, to get the next three batters and finish off the win.

Still going strong

The nightcap pitted Jones against Salem junior pitcher Marissa Hunley, and it was a 1-0 Cougars lead going into the sixth as both threw well. An RBI double by Jessica LaVoie in the second scored Morgan Bowen (who walked) for the lone tally of the first five frames.

All the Rocks could muster during that span was a walk and two-base error when the East left

fielder misjudged Mihalich's liner and had the ball glance off her glove.

The Cougars teed off on Hunley in the sixth, however, scoring four runs on six hits, including a three-run homer by Kailey Doty.

Things could have been worse for Salem if not for one of several spectacular catches by Zink in center field. She flagged down Bailee's fly ball and then doubled off a runner at home plate.

"Kristi Zink is just an amazing outfielder," Southerland said. "She's a gamer."

East turned the game into a rout with four more runs in the seventh and Bailee pitched a scoreless seventh to finish off the sweep.

According to Southerland, her team came out sluggish against the Cougars. She said a long weekend at a tournament in Canton might have been the culprit.

"I think the girls came out a little bit flat today," she said. "They had a long weekend, coming off a big win this weekend, they won their tier (pool) at the Canton Softball Center and walked out of there with a trophy."

"They played hard, but they were a little flat today. They just might be a little bit tired, too, because we were out there for 12 hours both days." Although the twinnish defeat cost the Rocks the chance to win a division, Zott said Salem isn't done for the season by any means.

"We're disappointed, but we can still do districts, we can still go far," Zott said. "I have high hopes, we'll come back from it."

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GIRLS SOFTBALL

Rocks win Tier 3 at tourney

Salem won its tier during the two-day Michigan Challenge tournament hosted by Canton Softball Center.

The Rocks did lose to eventual tournament champion Anchor Bay, but not until winning the trophy for Tier 3 with Sunday triumphs over South Lyon (6-0) and Carleton Airport (4-7).

In the win over the Lions on Sunday morning, senior pitcher Kristi Zink dominated with a three-hitter.

Coming up with a homer was freshman Melanie Anderson while sophomore Jamie Squires and freshman Katie Hiltz each doubled.

In the tier final against Carleton Airport, Zink did the job on the mound while the Rocks slammed out 15 hits.

Sophomore Kara Hutchison and senior Gabbi Zott each doubled while junior Maranda Armstead hit a home run. Mihalich and Squires tallied multiple hits in each game.

Also helping the cause were senior tri-captain Emily Marcero and freshman Emily Stewart, each tallying two hits in the Tier 3 final.

Anchor Bay ultimately topped the 28-team field with a victory over Canton.

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D-4 TRACK & FIELD

PCA runners enjoy success at regionals

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Plymouth Christian Academy's track and field teams displayed resilience and a penchant for doing the spectacular during Saturday's Division 4 regional at Lutheran Westland.

Major individual accomplishments carried the day. Eagles head coach Jennifer Lemieux said.

As far as team results were concerned, both the boys and girls teams finished in the middle of the pack in the standings — PCA's boys tallied 20 points for seventh place; the girls registered 31 to earn fifth.

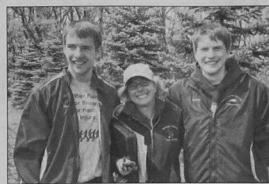
Lemieux listed several highlights, including new school records set by Jacob Bailey in the boys 800-meter run (his 2:03.69 time broke a 27-year-old record) and the girls 3,200-meter relay team of Megan McHugh, Allie Crecelius, Terra Crown and Rachel Smith.

The relay team finished second with a time of 10:41.83 to set the new PCA standard, Lemieux said. Regional team champion Royal Oak Shrine captured that event with a time of 10:37.3.

Crown continued her outstanding high school career, qualifying for states in two other events — the mile and two-mile



PCA's 3,200-meter relay team of (from left) Allie Crecelius, Terra Crown, Rachel Smith and Megan McHugh qualified for the Division 4 state finals.

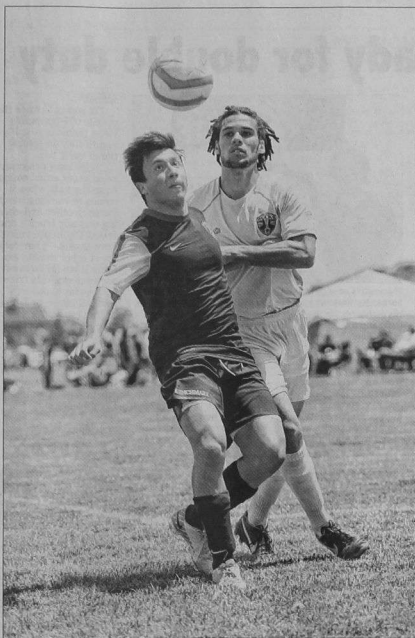


Plymouth Christian Academy track coach Jennifer Lemieux celebrates with Joseph Fanelli (left) and Jacob Bailey (right), who both qualified for the D4 state finals.

runs. She took the top spot in the latter, completing the race in 12:26.55.

On the boys side, Joseph Fanelli's time of 2:04.54 in the 800 run was third overall but good enough to qualify for states, she continued.

"There were multiple personal bests with every member of the (boys) team earning a medal in their events," Lemieux said. "... and all the girls earned medals as well (with) four out of eight girls going to state finals in four separate events."



The Michigan Bucks will highlight the Canton Cup when they play the Pittsburgh River Hounds at noon Saturday.

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sions for boys (U8-U19) and girls (U8-U14). Noel estimated that 80 Canton Soccer Club teams will participate, as well teams from other youth soccer clubs such as the Plymouth Reign or Michigan Jaguars.

And from the young-est players right on up to the Bucks, all efforts are being made by the Canton Cup committee (composed of all volunteers) to ensure games are closely contested rather than lopsided.

In 2013, only about 50 out of 1,100 games were decided by four or more goals. More of the same is what Noel and others want to see continue, thanks to extra pains putting brackets together.

The reason: Visiting teams want to leave Canton feeling they were embroiled in quality, competitive matches. Good soccer is at the core of the Canton Cup experience that Noel emphasizes.

How can that happen? Through extra hours spent tweaking brackets, with plenty of input from coaches and teams when registering online (about 90 percent of all teams now sign up electronically).

"Nobody wants to win by a ton and nobody wants to lose by a ton," Noel said. "The best games are within two- to three-goal differentials; you're going to have people going back and forth."

"Our goal every year is to have zero games won or lost by more than three goals. Obviously, some teams will be able to do that and some teams won't."

Booming
As demonstrated by the strong interest in the Canton Cup, both by teams and fans, Noel sees room for the sport to keep thriving.

"Soccer in this area continues to grow," Noel said. "You see a lot of mergers between clubs and you still see the Jags getting bigger and the Reign getting bigger. Vardar, the Hawks, the Wolves, Canton Alliance, Livonia Soccer."

CANTON CUP FACTS

What: 32nd Canton Cup, hosted by the Canton Soccer Club.

When: 5 p.m. Friday, through Sunday, May 25 (with Memorial Day as a makeup date).

Where: Independence Park, 1898 Denton Road in Canton, is where tournament headquarters and most of the games take place. Other locations include Heritage Park (1010 S. Canton Center Road), P-CEP (Canton Center and Joy roads), Griffin Park (500 N. Sheldon Road) and Flodin Park (43399 Saltz Road).

Bucks: The Michigan Bucks will square off against the Pittsburgh River Hounds in a PDL game at noon Saturday. The game will take place on Field No. 3 at Independence Park. Admission is free.

Raffles: There will be two car raffles going on this weekend. The one at Heritage Park will benefit the Canton Firefighters, with proceeds to help their efforts to come to the aid of families. Another raffle at Independence Park will help Canton Soccer Club raise money to build a turf field.

Info: For more information, go to www.cantonicup.net.

"More and more people are coming out and getting involved in soccer."

Original tournament director Phil LaJoy, as always, will precede the Bucks-River Hounds game with welcoming remarks, while the Canton Police Department will present colors for the national anthem.

"The Michigan Bucks, they are such a really good example of being able to play high-quality soccer," Noel said, stressing that fans can watch the game for free. "They're a very family-oriented group. They fit really well with what the Canton Cup's all about."

"We're about family, we're about high quality, we're about good soccer. That's exactly what they do."

And when it comes to soccer and families, Noel — like virtually everybody with Canton Soccer Club — knows how the two are intertwined.

The Canton resident is a soccer dad, first and foremost. He and wife Patty have two children competing in this year's tournament. Julia, 13, is playing with the U-13 Celtic '01 Black girls team, while 11-year-old Tyler is a member of the U-11 Celtic '03 Black boys team.

His oldest daughter, Nicole Ineich, is a Canton Cup and Plymouth High School alum now attending (but not playing soccer at) Grand Valley State University.

"Patty is not playing, she's surviving," Noel said, laughing. "Luckily, she's able to keep our

house going. ... Work is extremely busy as the automotive industry is picking back up and the Cup is doing good."

He is chief engineer at Johnson Controls in Plymouth, while Patty is a paraprofessional at Dodson Elementary School in Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.

Mini-fest

Meanwhile, Independence Park will be the hub, but soccer spokes will fan out to Heritage Park, Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, Griffin Park and Flodin Park to accommodate teams and families arriving from all over Michigan, as well as Ontario, Ohio, Indiana and Pennsylvania.

Advance forecasts show good weather all weekend and the fields are green and good to go thanks to the hard work turned in by members of Canton Leisure Services and Canton Cup volunteers.

Plus, in addition to soccer, folks again will enjoy inflatables and a wide array of food vendors.

"We're not trying to compete with (Canton's) Liberty Fest, we don't want to do that," Noel said, smiling. "But it is nice that the Canton Cup happens, you get this little carnival atmosphere and then Liberty Fest comes in and blows the carnival atmosphere out the water."

"It's almost like we're a precursor to Liberty Fest. It's nice."

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Winning smiles!



Canton's varsity girls soccer team shows team spirit after defeating Novi 2-1 Monday night in a crossover game between second-place teams in the Kensington Conference. From left are Laurel Paputa, Madison Archibald, Paige Messmer, Genevieve Nutter, Natalie Winters, Chloe Donlin, Hanna Reinhardt, Katie McGlacken, Briana Grillo, Casey Muglia, Rachel Winters, Emily Spreitzer, Gabriella Epelman, Hannah Lapack, Taylor Topolski, Kristen Pedersen, Kelsey Cheaney, Kelly Schmidt, Rachel McGue, Erica Lucas, Emily Vanerian, Samantha McGrath and Gabriella McArdle. **AMY MCGRATH**

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Scramble golf June 1 for Canton hoops

The seventh annual Canton High School Boys and Girls Basketball Shotgun Golf Scramble Outing is scheduled for 1 p.m. Sunday, June 1, at Felloes Creek Golf Club (2936 S. Lotz Road) in Canton. Registration on the day of the event is 11 a.m.

A fee of \$100 per golfer includes 18 holes of golf with cart, lunch at the turn (hot dogs, chips, pop), dinner and raffle. Non-golfers are welcome to have dinner (\$25 fee).

The registration deadline is Friday, May 23.

All proceeds from the event will benefit Canton's boys and girls basketball programs. For more information, contact Carol Reddy at 734-718-4402, Jimmy Reddy at 734-751-9496 or Brian Samulski at 734-673-2555.

Wildcats football camp

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

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

Visit www.plymouth-wildcatsfootball.com to download a camp brochure and get additional information.

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

Canton football camps

The summer football camps being run by the Canton Chiefs high school program are slated for June and July. All three offerings will take place at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park varsity field.

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

► **Wing T Camp:** The camp is for players entering grades 10-12 in fall 2014. Times are 2-5 p.m. June 16 and 5-8 p.m. June 17-19. Contact Tim Baechler at 734-455-7691.

► **Skills Camp:** The camp is for players entering grades 7-9 in fall 2014. Times are 5-7:30 p.m. June 9-12; 5-7:30 p.m. July 14-17. Participants who sign up can get both camps for the price of one. Contact Richard Mui at 248-229-7238.

► **Fundamental Camp:** The camp is for players entering grades 3-6 in fall 2014. Times are 9 a.m. to noon June 23-26. Contact Xanava at 313-300-1173.

Summer camps

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

The camps will emphasize drills and skills that cover offensive strategies and defensive plays in game situations. Mornings will be

spent on drills focused on improving fundamentals, while afternoons will be used for scrimmages. Participants should pack a sack lunch and a water bottle.

► **Basketball:** There will be three weekly basketball camps at Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway. Those sessions (for ages 7-14) will run from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. as follows:

Session 1, July 7-11; Session 2, July 21-25; Session 3, July 28 through Aug. 1. The fee is \$150 for residents and \$160 for non-residents.

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

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

Woods top netter

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

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

Woods, who is 20-9 in singles matches this season, will lead her team into the NAIA National Tournament qualifier this weekend as the WHAC will be paired with schools from Iowa in an Unaffiliated group.

Think spring golf

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

Adult drop-in clinics are also available including Golf Enhancement sessions — 6-45-8 p.m. each Monday (locations and times subject to change by season); and Golf for Women's — 10-10:13 a.m. each Saturday (January through November) at Hickory Creek.

To register for classes, visit Bealart's Facebook page at Trainwith-TamiGolf.com.

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

MU cross country

Madonna University will stage summer cross country base camps for serious high school runners from 8:45-9:45 a.m. July 28 through Aug. 1. The cost is \$75.

MU will also hold long runs from 7:30-9 a.m. Saturday, July 12, July 19, July 26 and Aug. 2, at Cass-Benton Park. The cost is a \$2 donation each long run.

For more information, email Madonna cross country coach Pat

Daugherty at pdaugherty@madonna.edu.

Daugherty can also be reached during the evenings at 734-458-0226 (cell) or 734-432-5634 (office).

Motor City Hoops

The MetroPCS Motor City Hoops Classic, a new 3-on-3 basketball tournament, will be Saturday and Sunday, June 7-8, on the Detroit Riverfront.

The Classic will have divisions for all ages and skill levels with both men's and women's teams invited.

Team registration is under way with the deadline Friday, May 23.

To register or for more information, visit motorcityhoops.classic.com.

Drive, chip, putt

Pleasant Run Golf Club is hosting a local qualifier for the 2014 Drive, Chip, & Putt Golf Championship on Tuesday, July 1, for boys and girls ages 7-15.

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

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

Boys and girls just need to bring a driver, putter and a wedge. Contestants will be given three attempts, with their best shots qualifying them for points that will be accumulated throughout the day.

Top finishers will be awarded certificates.

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

Online registration is currently underway at www.drivichipandputt.com.

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

MU hoops camp

The Madonna University summer boys basketball camp (ages 8-15), sponsored by the city of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation, will be from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday, June 23-27, at the Livonia Community Recreation Center (main gym), 15100 Hubbard (at Five Mile).

The cost for residents is \$205 and \$215 for non-residents.

Registration will be at the LRCR, but can also be done through many fax or by registering at www.clivonia-mi.us (to download a form). For more information, call 734-466-2900.

BOYS GOLF RESULTS

Canton scores: Donnie Trappier, 35 (individual); Noah Lindblauer, 37; Cam Schenk, 37; Suban Perfori, 37; Josh Johnson, 39; and Chris Dooley, 43.

Salem scores: Brady Cole, 38; Connor Enjo, 39; Francis Page, 39; Nick Dault, 41; Jake Lang, 42; and Jake Seely, 44.

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GIRLS SWIMMING & DIVING

Wildcats' Forbes ready for double duty

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

When the time came to look for a new Plymouth swim coach all they had to do was go to the "old" one.

Kenn Forbes — already on board as the Wildcats' varsity boys coach — was more than happy to take the reins of the high school's girls swim program (succeeding Doug Schade).

"I love coaching," said Forbes, in a recent email to the *Observer*. "To add another season is wonderful (and) to have it be with the same school is even better."

"I worked with the girls team last fall, so I am lucky to have a few familiar faces going into this."

Forbes, who also was varsity boys swim coach at Redford Union (one of

his former swimmers with the Panthers, Ronson Webster, is a member of Forbes' staff with the Plymouth boys), will have diving coach Vikki Journey helping both of his teams.

As of last week, he was still looking for an assistant coach.

"I am still privileged in having a wonderful diving coach in Vikki Journey," Forbes said. "She does such a great job and is a pleasure to work with."

Aiming high

Forbes emphasized that he and his staff will set the bar high for the team whether in the pool or classroom.

It is a lofty standard Plymouth's boys swimmers and divers already know about and strive to reach.

"This winter my boys

team ranked 12th in the state academically in Division 1 with a cumulative (grade-point average) of 3.45," Forbes said. "That's a great accomplishment when you look at how much they put into practices and meets."

"I have no doubt the girls can match that or beat it. I hope they do, and I hope my boys try to (one-up the girls) after that and so on. If you think you can't get any better, you've just hit your limit so to speak."

Forbes added that across-the-board excellence is what he will expect. "I want my student-athletes to be the best at whatever it is they do whether it's in swimming, or pole vault, the debate team, acting, or any career."

The response from swimmers and parents



Plymouth's new girls swimming and diving coach is Kenn Forbes (center), who also coaches the Wildcats' boys team. His assistants for the boys team include Ronson Webster (left) and diving coach Vikki Journey (right). As of now, only Journey is on his staff with the girls.

to Forbes adding the girls team to his workload has been very encouraging, he said.

"I've gotten a lot of support from a lot of people," Forbes said. "My boys all think it's

great that I'm the girls' coach."

"Any of the girls I've run into or have worked with at the boys meets seem to be pretty excited. The parents seem pleased, and so does the

school."

He wants to raise the profile of Plymouth's swim teams across Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, too.

"With both programs I hope to get equal support from the kids when it comes to working meets for each other and cheering on their friends and fellow Plymouth teams," Forbes said. "That goes for all other events too. I think it would be great to see as many kids from both swim teams at a football game, or hockey, or track meet for example decked out in swim team shirts or varsity jackets."

"Likewise, I would want other teams to do the same at our swim meets. That's something I feel is lacking."

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whole game."

In the second of three games played by Canton against Farmington-based teams, Mattson had a no-hitter going until Alex Darden lofted an opposite-field double down the right-field line with one out in the seventh, when the Chiefs were up 8-0.

Mattson struck out 12 and walked two, leaving the game in favor of Drew Misenko, who finished out the 8-1 victory. The Raiders' lone run was unearned, scoring when a wild throw prevented what could have been a game-ending double play.

Quick assessment

After the game, Hazergian was asked if he threw harder Saturday than Mattson — a hard-throwing righty with a nasty breaking ball for good measure.

"Nah, Mattson did," said Hazergian, grinning. "He's got me by a couple miles an hour, he gets it into the upper 80s and lower 90s sometimes."

"He's a great pitcher, kudos to him. He threw very well."

Price also made an impact on the win over North, collecting two hits, two runs and two RBIs while Hall also drove in a run.

The biggest hit of the day, however, was a bases-clearing triple to left-center by junior second baseman Nick Schnur.

Blomshield undoubtedly helped prep the ambitious quintet on what life as a college baseball player is like, having been a pitcher (a southpaw, like Hazergian) at Western Michigan University.

"It's hard for them to understand what kind of dedication and commitment you need," Blomshield stressed. "Once you can get a kid on board, like a Brent Mattson, a kid with that size and strength and ability, it's just a matter of when."

"With Nick, his nickname since the day he



Canton first baseman/pitcher Nick Hazergian leads a stellar cast of college-bound seniors.

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entered the program is 'Little Coach Blomshield' because we're built the same. He's left-handed, I was left-handed. You just have to be a bulldog. He wasn't gifted with great size, strength and speed. But the heart and character of individuals can help them achieve some of those goals at the next level."

Something special

All five seniors said it meant a lot to be part of such a large group of

college-bound players and to have gotten important instruction and encouragement during their Canton careers.

"It's great," Hazergian said. "I'm really proud of all the kids on our team, who are going to continue to play college ball next year. They've all worked their hearts out. It's really great to be around a group of guys that enjoys the game as much as I do."

Mattson concurred, describing it as "really

something special, and I'm proud to say that we can all play the next level. Those are my best friends. It's great to see my guys have success, too."

"Coach Blomshield has actually pushed me along the whole way," Mattson said. "I wasn't much of a pitcher my freshman year, he kind of got me ready for D-I. I'm happy to say I'm part of this program."

For Mattson, it took extra measures of deter-



Canton senior infielder/outfielder James Hall (No. 10), shown from earlier this season, is slated to play college baseball for Spring Arbor University.

mination and hard work to get the college nod. He tore an ACL early during his junior season, an injury that caused some potential suitors to balk on committing to him.

"Talking to a bunch of colleges, they were all iffy to give me a scholarship. A lot of them backed out on me," Mattson said. "I just had to tell them 'I'll come back stronger than ever, that it's just a minor setback to a major comeback. Luckily, Eastern still believed in me.'"

Hall, owner of a 4.0 grade-point average, said his faith played a big role in his decision to go to Spring Arbor, a National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics school in Michigan.

"I really wanted to go to a Christian college, that was a big factor for me," Hall said. "And when I went to Spring Arbor it just seemed like the right fit."

"It's a smaller school, and I liked that aspect of it. I don't know. I just went to the college and it felt right, it felt like the right place."

Asked about being one of five teammates headed to college, Hall called it "pretty cool, because you know you're not the only person in that situation, you know you have good ballplayers all around you, even if they're not going to college."

Far and near

Price will have to go the longest distance from

the Park, playing at Muscatine in eastern Iowa.

"It's a long drive, but I'm not really concerned with that. It's a good program," Price said. "I like the workout facilities, and the goal is to make you better."

He added that he plans on dealing with a quicker pace and pitchers who throw even harder than Hazergian and Mattson do.

"I probably won't steal as many bags because the catchers are good," Price said with a smile.

As for Robinson, a left-handed pitcher who pitched five strong innings in Canton's 12-2 win over Farmington Harrison to close out Saturday's tripleheader, he will only have to travel to Oakland County once in 2014-15 rolls around.

"I think it's a great one (opportunity), and I hope to spend four years there and play good ball," Robinson said. "I was looking more for a smaller school so I can really have a good relationship with the coaches and everyone else on campus."

Robinson's fellow college signees helped him defeat the Hawks. Price drilled a home run while Hall smacked a pair of doubles for Canton (17-7 overall).

Actually, six of Canton's 10 senior players will be playing sports in college, Blomshield said. Jake Boucher signed to play football at D-II University of Findlay (Ohio).

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Salem seniors shine!



It was "Senior Night" Friday for Salem's varsity girls lacrosse team, and the Rocks celebrated with a 17-6 win over West Bloomfield. From left are seniors Rose Krasofsky, Sarah Edgcomb, Samantha Mihalic, Lauren Britton, coach Dave Medley, Kiersten Vala, Bridget Kervin, Shannon Burke and Jenna Carter. In the win over the Lakers, all but the injured Carter scored in the non-league contest. Krasofsky led the way with four goals, with Edgcomb, Kervin and Vala netting two each. Single goals were scored by Britton, Burke and Mihalic. Chipping in were underclassmen Leah Tardiff (three goals) and Joslyn Longe (one goal). JEFF CARTER

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Phillips.

Canton built a 12-8 edge entering the fourth, courtesy of two tallies by junior Nolan Gilo and another by Baecher.

The Chiefs carried that momentum into the final quarter of regulation, with sophomore Micah Rinke and junior Austin Bauer finding the range to go up 14-8.

But the River Rats then scored seven unanswered goals, going up 15-14 with 58 seconds remaining.

Canton head coach Hank Lewandowski called a timeout at that point to map out a play to extend the contest into overtime and Pakula came to the rescue.

Pakula took control of the ball, beat the Huron D-man, circled the net and whipped a shot into the goal with 33 seconds to play to make it 15-14.

That gave the Chiefs the window of opportunity they needed to finish off the River Rats and move on in the state tournament.

Another key Canton player was senior Jake Evalov, with four takeaways.

Plymouth and Salem lost their pre-regional games last Thursday. The Wildcats dropped a 10-4 decision to University of Detroit-Jesuit while Salem was defeated 15-8 by Novi.

PAKE TOLD ON LINE Canton and Salem were expected to pick up the rest of a weather-superseded regular season game Sunday evening. Salem scored three goals early in the first quarter May 1 when the Rocks were down 15-14. Whoever wins the game will capture the Park Championship.

RELIGION CALENDAR

MAY
BETHANY
Time/Date: 8 p.m. to midnight Saturday, May 31
Location: Don Hubert VW Hall, 27345 Schockcraft, Redford
Details: Admission, \$13, includes beer, wine, soft drinks and snacks. Dance lesson from 7:30-8 p.m. Attire is business casual.
Contact: bethanysemt.org

JUNE
DAY CAMP
Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., June 16-20
Location: Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 30650 W. Six Mile, Livonia

Details: Holy Cross and Emmanuel Lutheran churches sponsor the camp for children, ages 5 through sixth grade. A typical day will include music, worship, games, arts and crafts, nature study, snacks and more. Get registration forms and information packets at Emmanuel, 45467 Seven Mile, Livonia or from the church's website, www.emmanuel-livonia.org. Early-bird registration is \$55 for the first child in the family, \$50 for the second child, and \$45 for each additional child. After May 25, registration is \$60 per child.
Contact: Judy Cook at 248-442-8822

RUMMAGE SALE
Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Friday, June 6, and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday, June 7
Location: Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster Road, Livonia
Details: All items half price from noon to 3 p.m. Saturday
Contact: unityoflivonia.org

ONGOING CLASSES/STUDY
Men's Bible study
Time/Date: Breakfast at 7 a.m. and study at 8 a.m.
Location: Kirby's Cone Island, 2120 Haggerty, Northville Township
Contact: John Shlenberger at 734-464-9491

Our Lady of Loreto
Time/Date: 6:30-7:30 p.m., Monday

Details: Six Mile and Beech Dale, Redford Township
Location: Scripture study
Contact: 313-534-9000

St. Michael the Archangel
Time/Date: 7:30-8:30 p.m., the second and fourth Thursday.
Location: School library, 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, Livonia

Details: Catholic author Gary Michuta leads a study of Acts of the Apostles.
Contact: 734-261-1455, Ext. 200, or www.livoniamichael.org

Ward Presbyterian
Time/Date: 7 p.m., Mondays

Location: Room A101, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville Township
Details: Learner's Bible study is held
Contact: 248-374-5920

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

Location: Salvation Army, 27500 Shawnee, Farmington Hills
Details: Free meal
Contact: 248-477-1153, Ext. 12

MOMS
Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church
Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m., second Tuesday, September-May

Location: 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia
Details: Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) is aimed at mothers of infants through kindergarten
Contact: Elaine Defoe at 248-227-6617 and Jody Fleszar at 734-658-2463

Dunning Park Bible Chapel
Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m., first and third Tuesday

Location: 24800 W. Chicago Road, Redford
Details: MOPS is a place where moms can build friendships, receive mothering support, practical help and spiritual hope
Contact: Amy at 313-937-3084 or Kristen at 734-542-0767

PET-FRIENDLY SERVICE
Time/Date: 1 p.m., Sunday
Location: Dunk N' Dogs, 27911 Five Mile, Livonia

Details: All Creatures ULC sponsors the service, which is conducted in an informal setting. Pet blessings are available after the service.
Contact: 313-563-0162

PRAYER
Nardin Park United Methodist Church
Time/Date: 7 p.m., Wednesday

Location: 29807 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills
Details: Participating in an open time of praying silently and aloud together as well as responding to personal requests
Contact: 248-476-8860

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

Details: Music, singing, prayer
Contact: Grace at 734-464-1896, Shirley at 734-464-3656 or Geri at 734-464-8906

St. Michael Lutheran Church
Time/Date: 6-7 a.m., Monday-Friday

Time/Date: 10 a.m., 2 p.m., Sunday
Location: 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton

Details: Praying silently or aloud together; prayer requests welcomed.
Contact: 734-459-3333 for additional information

SINGLES
Detroit World Outreach
Time/Date: 4-6 p.m., Sunday

Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford, Room 304
Details: Divorce Overcomers group is designed for individuals going through divorce, those who are divorced or separated. Occasionally includes guest speakers, open to the public and visitors are welcome.

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

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

Location: 200 E. Main St., Detroit
Details: Single Place Ministry, cost is \$5

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

Steve's Family Restaurant
Time/Date: 9 a.m., second and fourth Thursday

Location: 15900 Middlebelt, 14 mile north of Five Mile, Livonia
Details: Widowed men of all ages may attend the Widowed Friends Men's breakfast. This is an informal "peer" group where men have an opportunity to meet with others.

Contact: 313-534-0399

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian
Time/Date: 7 p.m., Mondays

Location: Room A101, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville Township
Details: Learner's Bible study is held
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Details: Single Point Ministries, for 30 and up, offers fellowship, coffee, doughnuts, conversation.
Contact: 248-374-5920

SONG CIRCLE
Congregation Beth Am
Time/Date: Noon to 12:30 p.m., every Shabbat

Location: 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield
Details: Sing zemirot (Shabbat songs) and celebrate Kiddush following morning services. Lyrics are provided in translation as well as the original Hebrew.

Contact: 248-737-1931 or email nayellen879@att.net.

SUPPORT
Apostolic Christian Church
Time/Date: 5 a.m. to 11 p.m., daily

Location: 29667 Wentworth, Livonia
Details: Adult day care program at the church's Woodhaven parish and celebrate Kiddush following morning services. Funding available from TSA, AAA, 1-C and Older Americans Act.

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

» Detroit World Outreach
Time/Date: 7:30-8 p.m., Tuesday
Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford, Room 203

Details: Addition No More offers support for addictive behavior problems, drug, alcohol, overeating, gambling.
Contact: 313-255-2322, Ext. 244

» Farmington Hills Baptist Church
Time/Date: 7-9 p.m., second Tuesday of the month except January, July and August

Location: 28301 Middlebelt, between 12 Mile and 13 Mile in Farmington Hills
Details: Western Oakland Parksong Support Group

Contact: 248-433-1011
» Merriman Road Baptist Church
Time/Date: 1-3 p.m., second and fourth Thursday

Location: 2055 Merriman, Garden City
Details: Metro Fibromyalgia support group meets; donations accepted
Contact: www.metrofibromyalgia.org, or call Rubham with questions at 734-981-2519

» Riverside Park Church of God
Time/Date: 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday-Friday

Location: 11771 Newburgh, Livonia
Details: Adult Day Ministry offers an adult daytime care program with a specialty in dementia care. Not a drop-in center

Contact: 734-367-4220 or 734-642-0090; www.riversideparkchurch.org; or email to rpdm@riversideparkchurch.org

» St. Andrew's Episcopal Church
Time/Date: 10 a.m. to noon Saturday

Location: 16360 Hubbard, Livonia
Details: A weekly drop-in Food Cupboard (nonperishable items) is available
Contact: 734-421-8451

» St. John Neumann
Time/Date: 7 p.m., Wednesdays
Location: 48800 Warren Road, Canton

Details: Overeaters Anonymous meets
Contact: Mary at 734-634-7154

or Jennifer at 734-812-6077 for additional information
» St. Thomas' e Beckett Church
Time/Date: Weigh-in is 6:15-6:55 p.m.; support group meeting starts at 7 p.m., Thursday

Location: 555 S. Lilley, Canton
Details: Take Off Pounds Sensibly encourages members of the organization to lose weight and keep it off, for good.

Contact: Margaret at 734-838-0322 for additional information
» Unity of Livonia
Time/Date: 7 p.m., Thursday

Location: 28660 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster, Livonia
Details: Overeaters Anonymous
Contact: 248-559-7722; www.oa.org for additional information

» Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church
Time/Date: 6 p.m., dinner (optional); 7 p.m. worship; 8 p.m. small group discussion; 9 p.m. Solid Rock Cafe (optional coffee/desserts)

Location: 40000 Six Mile, Northville Township
Details: Celebrate Recovery helps men and women find freedom from hurts, habits and addictive (addictive and compulsive behaviors); child care is free.

Contact: Child care, 248-374-7400; www.celebrate-recovery.org; or www.wardchurch.org celebrate

THRIFT STORE
St. James Presbyterian
Time/Date: 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford

Contact: 313-534-7730 for additional information
» Way of Life Christian Church
Time/Date: 2:30-3 p.m., third Saturday from October through May

Location: 9401 General Drive, Lilley Executive Plaza, Suite 100, Plymouth

Details: Women's fellowship is designed for women with a question to know God more in their lives.
Contact: 734-637-7618

TOUR
Time/Date: 10:30 a.m. to noon first Sunday of the month

Location: The Solanus Casey Center, a Capuchin ministry, at 1780 Mount Elliott, Detroit
Details: Led by Capuchin friar Larry Webb, the director of the Solanus Casey Center, the tour focuses on the spirituality and holiness of Father Solanus, a humble Capuchin friar credited with miraculous cures and valued for his wise and compassionate nature. He provided soup for the hungry, kind words for the troubled and a healing touch for the ill. No reservations are needed; although the center requests an advance phone call for groups of five or more. No cost for the tour, although donations are accepted.
Contact: 313-579-2100, Ext. 149; www.solanuscenter.org

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Time/Date: 6 p.m., dinner (optional); 7 p.m. worship; 8 p.m. small group discussion; 9 p.m. Solid Rock Cafe (optional coffee/desserts)

Location: 40000 Six Mile, Northville Township
Details: Celebrate Recovery helps men and women find freedom from hurts, habits and addictive (addictive and compulsive behaviors); child care is free.

Contact: Child care, 248-374-7400; www.celebrate-recovery.org; or www.wardchurch.org celebrate

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» Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church
Time/Date: 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. services; 9:45 a.m. Sunday school and youth and adult Bible classes

Location: 14175 Farmington Road, just north of I-96, Livonia
Contact: 734-522-6830

» Congregation Bet Chavrim
Time/Date: Services are held 7 p.m. the third Friday of the month

Location: At the shared facilities of Cherry Hill United Methodist Church, 321 S. Ridge, Canton

Details: Reformed Jewish Congregation with Rabbi Peter Gluck and Cantorial soloist Robin Liberatore

Contact: www.facebook.com/betchavrim or email to betchavrim@yahoo.com

» Due Season Christian Church
Time/Date: 10 a.m., Sunday, with 7:15 p.m. Tuesday Bible study

Location: Stevenson High School on Six Mile, west of Farmington Road, in Livonia
Details: Non-denominational, multicultural, full gospel church services

Contact: 248-960-8063 or visit www.DueSeason.org

» Faith Lutheran Church
Time/Date: 10 a.m., Sunday, learning hour is at 9 a.m. for all ages

Location: 30000 Five Mile, west of Middlebelt, Livonia
Contact: Visit www.livon-faith.org

» Faith Community Wesleyan Church
Time/Date: Prayer service, 9 a.m., worship service, 11 a.m., May

Location: Trinity Church, 34500 Six Mile, Livonia, and Kresge Hall on the Madonna University Campus, 36600 Schoolcraft, Livonia
Contact: www.HisChurchAnglican.org; 248-442-OHCA

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 Loved by so many and taken too soon. Preceded in death by his loving mother Beulah. Tony leaves behind many extended family and friends. Service is May 23, 2014, morrishayfuneralhome.com

KETCHMAN, SHIRLEY
 Died May 19, 2014 in Helena, Montana. Born 1921 in Detroit. Beloved wife of the late Rodger A. Loving mother of Rodger T. (Jamiah) Ketchman and Victoria "Tori" Ketchman. Marion. Proud grandmother of Christopher R. Blakley, Ysmaiah, Latif, Said, and Hamid Ketchman. Dear sister of Joyce Lykou. Also survived by five great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. Funeral Thursday 11 a.m. at Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Rd., (btwn Sheldon & Beek), Plymouth. Visitation Wednesday 4-6 p.m. at Detroit Memorial Park - West. Memorial contributions may be made to Great Lakes Field Service Council of Boy Scouts of America. Condolences may be mailed to the family at P.O. Box 664 Townsend, MT 59644 or by visiting: vermeulenfuneralhome.com

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Play dresses up women's life experiences with humor, drama

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Two Muses Theatre's upcoming production of *Love, Loss and What I Wore* will parade a dazzling array of fashion through the audience's imagination.

Three all-women casts, each with a celebrity guest performer, will take the stage on different weekends, May 30 through June 15, to portray characters reminiscent about their lives and their wardrobes.

The play, a collection of monologues about clothing and its connection to life experiences, was adapted from Ilene Beckerman's book by Nora and Delia Ephron. Two Muses will stage the show to look like a reader's theater, with minimalist set and black costuming.

"It's five women talking. It's elegant and eclectic. To watch it happen with a sparse set, it's like watching *The View* — you know how they chat cat — but with cool, black clothing," said Barbie Weissman of Farmington Hills, producer and co-founder.

Both she and co-founder



Stacey DuFord of WOMC performs May 30-June 1 at Two Muses Theatre in West Bloomfield.

Diane Hill of Wolverine Lake says the characters' stories are funny, poignant and universal.

The clothing serves as a vehicle to tell stories about mothers, cancer, bra-buying, divorce, marriage and more. "We all have stories about articles of clothing that have stuck with us for some reason or another," said Hill, who directs the play. "For me, it was those white go-go boots that I wanted so desperately. Recalling that makes me feel like a kid again, and it helps me to remember that even though I didn't get those boots, I man-



Lila Lazarus of WKYZ plays *Gingy in Love, Loss and What I Wore*, June 6-8.

aged to live without them. And that's why the audience will enjoy it as well. These ladies tell stories that we can all relate to in our own ways."

More opportunities

Hill selected three separate casts to give more women a chance to perform. Two Muses' mission is to give women opportunities in theater and to promote female artists. "It's very interesting working with three different casts on the same literary material because everyone brings a part of themselves to the roles



Anquetette Jamison of Fox 2 News, performs June 13-15 in *Love, Loss and What I Wore*.

they play, and it's fun to see how different each performance is," Hill said. "Likewise, an audience member who comes to see the show each weekend will be touched by different segments in a different way with each new cast."

Stacey DuFord, co-host of *Bobby & Stacey* on WOMC; Lila Lazarus, host of *Discover Remarkable* on WKYZ; and Anquetette Jamison, morning news anchor on Fox 2, will play the role of *Gingy* in the cast.

Weissman said the play traditionally is staged with a celebrity playing the part of

Gingy. When she and Hill saw a production in Chicago, Loreta Swit appeared in the role.

"She is the anchor so to speak," Weissman described the character. "She opens the show and does most of the talking and is the leader of the other four."

Performances are Friday-Saturday, May 30-June 1, for DuFord, June 6-8 for Lazarus, and June 13-15 for Jamison.

The show starts at 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday in the theater inside Barnes & Noble Booksellers, 6800 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield.

Advance tickets are \$20 for adults and \$17 for students and seniors, available at twomuses-theatre.org or by calling 248-850-9919. Tickets at the door are an additional \$3.

The theater also is partnering with Closet NV to raise donations for Dress for Success, an organization that provides professional attire to disadvantaged women. Donations will be accepted May 26 through June 14 at Closet NV in The Boardwalk, 6889 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield; 248-626-9996.

GET OUT! CALENDAR

ANIMALS DETROIT ZOO

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Through Labor Day, with closing time at 8 p.m. Wednesdays in July and August.

Location: I-696 service drive and Woodward, Royal Oak
Details: Admission is \$14 for adults 15-61, \$10 for senior citizens 62 and older, and for children ages 2-14; children under 2 are free. Parking for cars and vans is \$5. Detroit Zoological Society members get free admission and parking.

Zoo Brew: Sample more than 60 beers from Michigan craft breweries, 6-10:30 p.m. Thursday, May 29; includes complimentary train tours and zoo-keeper talks. The Hard Lessons will perform during this event for age 21 and over. Advance tickets, \$35 until May 23; \$40 after that date online or at the gate. Ticket package includes zoo admission and 12 beer-tasting tickets. Designated driver tickets are \$25 and include zoo admission and unlimited soft drinks. Parking is \$6 per car. Tickets available at detroitzoo.org/events/zooobrew
Contact: 248-541-5717

ART & CRAFTS CITY GALLERY

Time/Date: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, until 7 p.m. Wednesday, through June 2
Location: Costick Center at 28600 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: Clinton Snider's oil paintings include landscapes and scenes with an introspective mood
Contact: 248-473-1856

JANICE CARACH GALLERY

Time/Date: Noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Wednesday and 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday, through June 26
Location: Jewish Community Center of Metropolitan Detroit, 6600 W. Maple, West Bloomfield

Details: The works of Abraham Loewenthal are on exhibit. Loewenthal's paintings incorporate themes of Kabbalah, holidays and prayer with contemporary design
Contact: 248-432-5448

LIVONIA ARTISTS CLUB

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

VILLAGE THEATER

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

FILM PENN THEATRE



The Improv troupe, Shelby, performs June 3 in Ypsilanti.

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Friday, May 23, and 4:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, May 24-25
Location: 760 Peninman Ave., Plymouth

Details: Muppets Most Wanted, admission \$3
Contact: 734-453-0870; www.penntheatre.com

REDFORD THEATRE

Time/Date: 8 p.m. May 30 and 8 p.m. and 8 p.m. May 31
Location: 17366 Lahser, north of Grand River Avenue, Detroit
Details: *Imitation of Life*, \$5
Coming up: *Spite Marriage*, \$7, 8 p.m. June 7; *Invasion of the Body Snatchers and War of the Worlds*, \$5, 8 p.m. June 13 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. June 14
Contact: 313-537-2560

HISTORY GREENFIELD VILLAGE

Time/Date: 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. May 24 and 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. May 24-26
Location: 20900 Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn

Details: Civil War Remembrance includes 450 history re-enactors, a period dress fashion show and other events during the Memorial Day week-end celebration. Admission is \$24 for adults, \$22 for seniors, 62 and up, and \$17.50 for youth, 12-14. Children 4 and under are free
Contact: 313-982-6001

KELSEY MUSEUM OF ARCHAEOLOGY

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



John Latini will perform with his band, The Flying Latini Brothers, June 6, at Trinity House Theatre in Livonia.

Ford is free
Contact: 734-764-9304

PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL MUSEUM

Time/Date: 1-4 p.m. Wednesday, Friday-Sunday, through June 8
Location: 155 S. Main, Plymouth
Details: Vintage Runway exhibit features men's and women's clothing fashions from 1820-1970s; admission is \$5 for adults, \$2 for ages 6-17
Contact: 734-455-8940

YANKEE AIR MUSEUM

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday; new exhibit opens 10 a.m. Monday, May 26, following 9 a.m. Memorial Day program
Location: 47884 D Street, Belleville, at Willow Run Airport
Details: Vietnam Exhibit opens; Memorial Day program includes Taps, bagpipes, color guard and more. Admission is free on May 26. Regular admission is \$8 for adults, \$5 for children, seniors, students with ID and



Geoff Gallante, 13-year-old trumpet soloist, performs with Stan Kenton drummer Jerry McKenzie's trio. Just Jazz, with McKenzie on drums, Terry Lower on piano and Ray Tini on bass. A contribution of \$15 per person is requested
Contact: 248-957-8028

military, past and present
Contact: 734-483-4030

MUSIC FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Time/Date: 4 p.m. June 8
Location: 26165 Farmington Road, just east of 11 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: Works by Clinton Snider, including this piece, *The Old Watch Dog*, are on display through June 2 at the Costick Center in Farmington Hills.

JAMMIN' TO END FAMINE 2014
Time/Date: Doors open at 6:30 p.m. May 30
Location: Plymouth Elks Lodge 1780, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth

Details: The Gruntyons, The Paisley Fogg, 2 Dayz Gone and Playing Mantis perform at an annual concert to raise money for Kids Against Hunger. Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$10 for students, and include free pizza, salad and cash bar, along with the music. Buy them at the door or in advance by phone or email
Contact: Tom Birchler at 248-722-1820; tombirchl@gmail.com

JAZZ@THE ELKS

Time/Date: 7-10 p.m. the last Tuesday of the month

Location: Plymouth Elks Lodge 1780, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth

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

TOKEN LOUNGE

Time/Date: Doors open at 5 p.m. June 5
Location: 28949 Joy Road, Westland
Details: Dog Fashion Disco, Psychobitch and The Bury The Reverend Robert Jones, June 7; Christopher Williams, June 12; Mark Stuart, June 13; The Blue Flowers with Ryan Dillaha; Steve Kovach, June 20; Tracy Kash, Thomas, June 21; The 77s, June 26; The Hackwells, June 27; Wisal with The Webbs, June 28. Most shows tickets are \$15, and \$12 for subscribers. Only cash and checks accepted
Contact: 734-513-5030

TRINITY HOUSE THEATRE

Time/Date: Most shows start at 8 p.m., doors open at 7:30 p.m.
Location: 38840 W. Six Mile, Livonia
Details: Anthony Retko of Tone and Niche with Great Alexander and Chris Degnore, May 30; Julianne and the Rogues, May 31; Annie and Rod Capps and Joel Palmer, June 1; The Flying Latini Brothers, June 6; The Reverend Robert Jones, June 7; Christopher Williams, June 12; Mark Stuart, June 13; The Blue Flowers with Ryan Dillaha; Steve Kovach, June 20; Tracy Kash, Thomas, June 21; The 77s, June 26; The Hackwells, June 27; Wisal with The Webbs, June 28. Most shows tickets are \$15, and \$12 for subscribers. Only cash and checks accepted
Contact: 734-464-6302

THEATER EMERGENT ARTS

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, May 22-24, 29-31, June 5-7; 2 p.m. Sunday, May 25 and June 8
Location: Mix Studio Theater, 8 N. Washington St., Ypsilanti
Details: *Appointment With a Highwire Lady* by Russell Davis tells the story of a man in a mental hospital trying to regain his memory. Tickets are \$12 general admission and \$10 senior and student admission. Buy online at www.emergentarts.com or with cash or check at the door
Improv Mix: Improv troupes Gut Shot and Shelby perform 8 p.m. and 10 p.m. All seats \$5 online or at the door
Contact: 734-985-0875

STILL GOT IT PLAYERS

Time/Date: 1 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, June 4-5; 2 p.m. Friday, June 6, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday, June 7, and 2 p.m. Sunday, June 8
Location: Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton
Details: Spotlight Players' senior troupe presents *Appointment With a Highwire Lady*, a murder mystery comedy about a group of greedy relatives counting the hours until their billionaire uncle passes on. The audience decides who the killer is. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$13 for seniors and youth, available at cantonmi.org/villagetheater
Contact: 734-394-5300

MAKE A SPLASH WITH SALMON

You've probably heard that eating seafood rich in heart-healthy omega-3 fatty acids can help protect against heart disease while delivering other important nutrients. In fact, the U.S. Department of Agriculture recommends eating seafood twice a week for such benefits. Salmon is one fish long-heralded for its nutritional value, and Alaska canned salmon offers a convenient way to add more deliciously nourishing seafood to your diet.

Whether your tastes lean toward a traditional croquette drizzled with a light dill sauce, or a refreshing take on a pesto pasta salad, canned salmon is easy to prepare and surprisingly versatile.

Because canned and pouched salmon is shelf-stable, you can always have some on hand for a quick, tasty meal or flavorful snack. At the grocery store, simply look for "Alaska" on the lid or label to ensure a top-quality, wholly natural product with nothing added but a pinch of salt for flavor.

These recipes showcase how Alaska canned salmon can be adapted to a wide range of meals and lifestyles, from the indulgent to the uber-healthy. For additional preparation tips and recipes, visit www.wildalaskaseafood.com.

SALMON BENEFITS

» Alaska canned pink salmon has four times the omega-3s EPA and DHA, and 12 times the vitamin D as many popular canned meats and fish. It also has 25 percent of adults' Recommended Daily Allowance for calcium and nearly meets the daily reference amount for selenium.

» Traditional pack-canned salmon contains skin and delicate, edible bones that are rich in calcium and magnesium. Pressure-cooked in the can, they are so soft they can be easily blended into the salmon, adding extra nutrients and flavor. Skinless, boneless Alaska salmon is also available in cans and pouches.

» Pink salmon — the variety commonly found in cans — has a light color and mild flavor, while red salmon (or sockeye) has a richer, more intense flavor and color.

ALASKA SALMON PESTO PASTA SALAD

Prep time: 25 minutes
Servings: 8 to 10

8 ounces dry, small shell pasta 2 to 3 **teaspoons garlic, finely minced**
½ cup prepared basil pesto
½ cup light Italian salad dressing
1 zucchini, cut in ½-inch half-moon slices
1 pint cherry tomatoes, halved
1 small red onion, thinly sliced
½ cup frozen peas, defrosted
1 can (14.75 ounces) traditional pack Alaska salmon or 2 cans or pouches (6 to 7.1 ounces each) skinless, boneless salmon, drained and chunked
Salt and pepper, to taste

Cook pasta according to package directions; drain well. Let cool slightly then toss with garlic, pesto and dressing. Set aside.
Cook zucchini in covered microwavable container on high 2 minutes or until just tender and bright green.

Toss blanched zucchini, tomatoes, onion and peas into pasta and stir to combine. Gently fold in drained salmon; season to taste with salt and pepper. Serve immediately or chill before serving.

Nutrients per serving: 310 calories, 16 g total fat, 3 g saturated fat, 30 mg cholesterol, 17 g protein, 26 g carbohydrate, 3 g fiber, 485 mg sodium, 214 mg calcium and 1,300 mg omega-3 fatty acids



ALASKA SALMON AND CHIPOTLE WRAP

Prep time: 15 minutes
Servings: 4

2 to 3 tablespoons fresh lime juice
1 tablespoon chopped chipotle peppers in adobo sauce
2 tablespoons chopped fresh cilantro
2 tablespoons chopped red bell pepper
1 to 2 tablespoons chopped red onion
1 teaspoon chopped garlic
½ teaspoon salt
½ teaspoon pepper
1 can (14.75 ounces) traditional pack Alaska salmon or 2 cans or pouches (6 to 7.1 ounces each) skinless, boneless salmon, drained and chunked
3 tablespoons light cream cheese or light sour cream
1 teaspoon adobo sauce
4 whole wheat tortillas (8-inch)
4 large lettuce or cabbage leaves, shredded

In bowl, mix lime juice, chiles, cilantro, bell pepper, red onion, garlic, salt and pepper. Gently stir in salmon until blended.

In small bowl, blend cream cheese and adobo sauce. Spread ½ mixture over each tortilla to within 1 inch of edge. Spread ½ cup salmon mixture over cream cheese. Top with ½ of lettuce and roll up burrito-style. Repeat for remaining tortillas.

For appetizers, cut each wrap into thirds (makes 12 appetizer servings). As a meal, cut each wrap in half (makes 4 entree servings).
Serve immediately.

Nutrients per serving (4 entrees): 305 calories, 8.5 g total fat, 2 g saturated fat, 88 mg cholesterol, 32.5 g protein, 26.5 g carbohydrate, 4 g fiber, 1,228 mg sodium, 130.5 mg calcium and 1,290 mg omega-3 fatty acid



ALASKA SALMON CAKES WITH YOGURT DILL SAUCE

Prep time: 21 minutes
Servings: 4

1 egg
½ cup small-curd nonfat cottage cheese
1 tablespoon chopped fresh dill or 1 teaspoon dried dill weed
1 teaspoon lemon pepper seasoning
½ cup sliced green onions
1 can (14.75 ounces) traditional pack Alaska salmon or 2 cans or pouches (6 to 7.1 ounces each) skinless, boneless salmon, drained and chunked
3 tablespoons garlic-and-herb bread crumbs
Vegetable oil
Yogurt Dill Sauce

In medium bowl, whisk egg lightly. Add cottage cheese, dill, lemon pepper and green onions; mix well. Mix in drained salmon, then sprinkle in bread crumbs and mix well. Shape mixture into 4 patties, ½ to ¾ inch thick and 3 inches in diameter.

Heat nonstick skillet over medium-high heat and brush skillet with oil. Fry salmon cakes for about 2 ½ to 3 minutes per side. Cakes should be crisp and golden on the outside and still moist on the inside.

Serve with Yogurt Dill Sauce.

Nutrients per serving: 217 calories, 8 g total fat, 2 g saturated fat, 112 mg cholesterol, 27 g protein, 8 g carbohydrate, 0.5 g fiber, 897 mg sodium, 320 mg calcium and 1,800 mg omega-3 fatty acids

YOGURT DILL SAUCE

½ cup nonfat yogurt
1 ½ teaspoons finely minced fresh garlic
Salt and pepper
1 tablespoon chopped fresh dill or 1 teaspoon dried dill weed
½ cup grated cucumber (squeeze dry)

Mix yogurt and garlic, and add salt and pepper to taste. Stir in dill and cucumber. Refrigerate, covered, until ready to serve.

Commercial real estate pros see income upswing

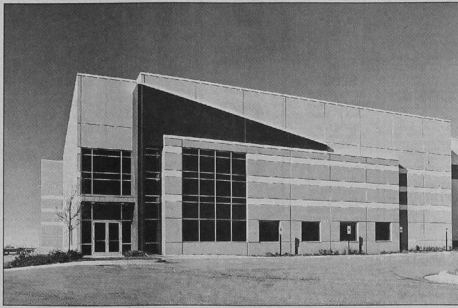
Realtors who practice commercial real estate reported an increase in sales transaction volume and median gross annual income last year, according to the 2014 National Association of Realtors' *Commercial Member Profile*.

NAR commercial members who were surveyed conduct all or part of their activity in commercial sales, leasing, brokerage and development for land, office and industrial space, multifamily, and retail buildings, as well as property management. The survey shows that even with challenges in the market, commercial members saw a rise in median sales transaction volume to \$2,554,700, up nearly \$50,000 from 2012.

"Despite a government shutdown, regulatory changes and a budget sequestration, ongoing job creation has helped the commercial market make continued progress," said NAR President Steve Brown, co-owner of Frongate Inc. Realtors in Dayton, Ohio. "Realtors who practice commercial real estate help build our nation's communities by helping their clients make informed business decisions and reliable commercial investments that support economic growth. A stronger commercial market is a good indicator of a recovering and growing economy."

Commercial members completed a median of eight transactions in 2013, equal to the previous year. Nine percent of commercial members reported not having a transaction in 2013, also the same as 2012. Brokers typically had a greater sales transaction volume than sales agents.

Seventy-six percent of commercial members reported having a leasing transac-



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action; their median transaction volume in 2013 was \$431,600. Twenty-nine percent of members cited investment sales as their primary business specialty, making it the most popular area of concentration. Land sales and office leasing were reported as the second and third most popular primary commercial specialties.

Realtors reported an increase in annual gross income for the fourth year in a row. The study found median annual gross income for 2013 was \$96,200, an increase from \$90,200 in 2012, that is the highest reported level since 2008.

Commercial members who manage properties typically managed 60,000 total square feet, representing twenty total spaces. Those who manage

offices typically managed 25,000 total office square feet, representing eight total offices.

Twenty-eight percent of commercial members were involved in international transactions in 2013. Sixteen percent of commercial members reported an increase in international transactions, while only 1 percent had a decrease. Nearly one-fourth of commercial members reported international business is important to their company.

The typical commercial NAR member has been in real estate for 25 years, in commercial real estate for 15 years and a member of NAR for 18 years. Eighty percent of members reported working at least 40 hours a week, with about half stating that they spend 75 to 100 percent of

their time on commercial real estate activity.

Commercial members are predominantly male with a median age of 59. However, women are slowly becoming a stronger presence in the industry, 35 percent of those with two or fewer years' experience are female, up from 33 percent last year, and sales agents have the largest representation of female practitioners with 29 percent.

The 2014 NAR Commercial Member Profile was based on a survey of 2,213 members. Income and transaction data for 2013, while other data represent member characteristics in 2014. Approximately 70,000 commercial real estate professionals are members of NAR, making it the largest commercial organization in the industry.

State Supreme Court rules on marijuana, zoning

Q: Our city passed a zoning ordinance to prohibit any land use contrary to federal law. One of our residents is claiming that the Michigan Medical Marihuana Act pre-empts that ordinance. What do you think?

A: I think that he is correct based upon a recent case out of the Michigan Supreme Court which found that the Michigan Medical Marihuana Act immunity does not purport to alter the CSA's Federal Criminalization of Marijuana or to undermine federal enforcement of that prohibition and therefore there was no possible conflict between the Michigan Marihuana Act and the Federal Controlled Substances Act. The court said that the Michigan act did not preempt the city's ordinance and also pointed out U.S. Supreme Court decisions on federal pre-emption principles which stress a strong presumption against federal pre-emption over state statutes.

Q: We are attempting to remove the board and are getting the co-owners to vote to stop a petition. Do you think we need legal advice and why?

A: I have seen many situations where the petitioners have not dotted their 'i's and crossed their 't's in order to comply with the bylaws which mandate the manner in which a special meeting of the members is to be called. A recalcitrant board can then flout the petition and find errors which keep the petition from going forward. You are best advised to have an experienced community association lawyer assist you in preparing the petition to ensure that it is signed by the right parties in the right form.

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REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

Short sales

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

Bonnie David, broker/owner of Quantum Real Estate, is the presenter. It will be 6-7 p.m. each Thursday at 120 N. Lafayette, downtown South Lyon. Please call 248-782-7130 or email june.quantum@gmail.com for additional information.

Investors

The Real Estate Investors Association of Wayne will have an open month. Meetings are at 6-9 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at the Red Lobster on Eureka in Southgate.

Members are free, guests \$20, which will be applied to their membership. The Red Lobster is next to 7-11, near Trenton Road.

Any questions or concerns, call Bill Weddes at 734-934-9091 or Bay DeWoe Koehler at 313-819-0919.

Seminar each Tuesday, Thursday

A free seminar on government-insured reverse mortgages is offered by Colonial Mortgage Corp. at 6:30 p.m. each Thursday and at 2 p.m. each Thursday at various locations.

RSVP with Colonial Mortgage at 800-260-5484.

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Dec. 30, 2013, to Jan. 10, 2014, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

BEVERLY HILLS		
16904 Dunblaine Ave	\$195,000	
21001 Hillcrest St	\$344,000	
7500 Sheridan Dr	\$217,000	
14520 Warwick St	\$450,000	
32304 Weston Dr	\$375,000	
BIRMINGHAM		
1376 Bennaville Ave	\$479,000	
1599 Chetnam Rd	\$260,000	
1042 Chestnut St	\$215,000	
185 Oakwood Dr	\$110,000	
2997 Dorchester Dr	\$215,000	
1854 E Melton Rd	\$290,000	
1684 Hazel St	\$249,000	
1135 Hillside Dr	\$172,000	
608 Lakewood Ave	\$574,000	
1055 N Old Woodward Ave	\$195,000	
CLINTON		
417 N Old Woodward Ave	\$225,000	
1832 Stanley Blvd	\$346,000	
819 Suffolk Ave	\$1,545,000	
1135 Hillside Dr	\$245,000	
BLOOMFIELD HILLS		
465 Haverhill Rd	\$700,000	
915 Hickory Heights Dr	\$340,000	
12052 Glenview Trl	\$205,000	
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP		
1629 Apple Ln	\$535,000	
2388 Klingensmith Rd	\$122,000	
845 N Pemberton Rd	\$260,000	
880 N Pemberton Rd	\$140,000	
4355 Rison Ct	\$430,000	
4250 Cranbrook Rd	\$275,000	
5575 Woodland Pass	\$214,000	

COMMERCIAL TOWNSHIP		
1606 Commerce Shrs	\$246,000	
4658 Darlene Dr	\$288,000	
4864 Driftwood Dr	\$775,000	
3260 Greenlawn Ave	\$98,000	
4171 Heatherwood Dr	\$265,000	
1456 Knob Hl	\$169,000	
3174 Lacosta Ct	\$195,000	
3192 Pikewood Ct	\$412,000	
2444 Trillium Hills Dr	\$275,000	
LIVONING		
33680 Heilloom Cir	\$433,000	
28283 Thorny Brae Rd	\$135,000	
FARMINGTON HILLS		
22966 Ashley St	\$125,000	
31724 Aspen Dr	\$320,000	
34544 Bunker Hill Dr	\$207,000	
2500 Clear Lake Dr	\$338,000	
30587 Community Ridge Cir	\$205,000	
28526 Cumberland Dr	\$205,000	
22821 Earth Ln	\$110,000	
21199 Flanders St	\$65,000	
21330 Forest Hill Ct	\$279,000	
14266 Glangary Cir	\$350,000	
22082 Handvale Dr	\$340,000	
36839 Heilloom Cir	\$70,000	
21911 Hemlock Ct	\$195,000	
17248 Hidden Tr	\$290,000	
21809 Inkster Rd	\$57,000	
24887 Ivywood Dr	\$477,000	
25555 Klineghr Dr	\$228,000	
21165 Klineghr Dr	\$263,000	
29275 Laurel Dr	\$115,000	
21916 Leeburg Ct	\$265,000	
25589 Lyford St	\$196,000	
42542 Maywood Lane Ct	\$170,000	
24666 Middlebelt Rd Unit 36	\$35,000	
27176 Power Rd	\$210,000	
22117 Purdue Ave	\$140,000	
26676 Ramblewood Club Dr	\$210,000	
3010 Arcola St	\$99,000	
63128 Donnelly St	\$84,000	
14284 Arcola St	\$134,000	
32536 Barkley Ct	\$140,000	
28606 Bayberry Park Dr	\$136,000	
16463 Bennett St	\$115,000	
11425 Bennett St	\$140,000	
9355 Butwell St	\$143,000	
11864 Camden St	\$89,000	
14646 Deering St	\$305,000	
14205 Foch St	\$134,000	
34051 Hampshire St	\$173,000	
32235 Hees St	\$110,000	
14660 Highland St	\$210,000	
20280 Hugh St	\$54,000	
38036 Lynbrook St	\$149,000	
31961 Lyons St	\$125,000	
15082 Lyons St	\$58,000	
39586 Oakdale St	\$191,000	

36971 Sandwood	\$185,000	
35166 Savannah Ct	\$279,000	
30307 Southampton Ln	\$229,000	
33550 Stocker St	\$200,000	
34665 Thornbrook Dr	\$260,000	
34780 W Eight Mile Rd #	\$75,000	
FRANKLIN		
30705 Woodside Dr	\$326,000	
LATHROP VILLAGE		
28736 Blackstone Dr	\$120,000	
28825 Eldorado Pl	\$139,000	
27314 Evergreen Rd	\$48,000	
18666 San Diego Blvd	\$231,000	
MILFORD		
885 Abbey Ln	\$218,000	
3065 Delrose St	\$162,000	
848 E Commerce St	\$100,000	
3166 Granda Vista Dr	\$178,000	
990 Hickory Ridge Dr	\$120,000	
17178 Hilltop Dr	\$377,000	
469 John R	\$427,000	
2346 North St	\$160,000	
984 Riverstone Dr	\$270,000	
607 Village Ln	\$114,000	
3470 W Buono Rd	\$330,000	
1282 Yellowstone Valley	\$291,000	
NORTHVILLE		
22985 Bentley Dr	\$100,000	
41768 Briquet Dr	\$112,000	
22074 Cumberland Dr	\$335,000	
37579 E Meadowhill Dr	\$245,000	
21035 Normandy Ct	\$70,000	
29066 Poppleton Dr	\$100,000	
29019 Richmond Dr	\$225,000	
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22215 Antler Dr	\$30,000	
27588 Belgrave Pl	\$267,000	
27620 Belgrave Pl	\$253,000	
22669 Bertram Dr	\$555,000	
24561 Cavendish Ave E	\$65,000	
46337 Cedar Mill Dr	\$310,000	
34574 Country Ln	\$131,000	

46571 Galway Dr	\$515,000	
50588 Glades Ct W	\$545,000	
44762 Gwinnett Loop	\$142,000	
44831 Huntington Dr	\$218,000	
24801 Jamestown Rd	\$290,000	
27008 Ladbrooke St	\$251,000	
42750 Morgan Creek Ct	\$350,000	
22581 Sheridan Rd	\$244,000	
24614 Venice Dr	\$347,000	
4111 W 10 Mile Rd	\$150,000	
29339 Van Dyke Dr	\$165,000	
SOUTH LYON		
61485 Brookway Dr	\$412,000	
23207 Cheyenne Ct	\$459,000	
52642 E Fremont Dr	\$516,000	
815 Glen Meadows Dr	\$352,000	
210 Little St	\$120,000	
20560 Padstone Dr	\$365,000	
24057 Prescott Ct	\$338,000	
61235 Saddlecreek Dr	\$337,000	
61257 Saddlecreek Dr	\$320,000	
61302 Saddlecreek Dr	\$346,000	
856 Wood Run	\$310,000	
WATFORD		
525 Fifth St	\$185,000	
27676 Aberdeen St	\$75,000	
17718 Adrian Rd	\$123,000	
15309 Eureka Dr	\$132,000	
19304 Bridgechase Dr	\$142,000	
30231 Canterbury Dr	\$174,000	
22214 Chatsford Circuit	\$175,000	
WHITE LAKE		
27416 Fairfax St	\$115,000	
29195 Marshall St	\$76,000	
23621 Plumbrook Dr	\$80,000	
21679 Potomac St	\$155,000	
15801 Providence Dr #	\$48,000	
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20900 Wellington Rd W	\$95,000	
27329 Withshire Blvd	\$73,000	
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8867 Saronite Dr	\$382,000	
23501 W Chicago	\$49,000	
19398 Wakenden	\$55,000	
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