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District adopts new regional plan

Four directors will coordinate operations

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

Schools in the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools this fall will be managed in a more regional fashion administrators believe will provide

more communication, better planning and, ultimately, a more cohesive learning environment for students.

The plan eliminates the district's director of elementary education and three curriculum coordinator positions and replaces them with four regional directors responsible for coordinating the operations of the district's schools, which will be divided among



MacGregor

the four of them, creating what district officials feel will be a better collaboration and delivery of education. The plan is being implemented after a districtwide assessment last fall "reaffirmed some things we knew needed to improve," according to Erin

MacGregor, the district's new assistant superintendent for teaching and learning, who said the new plan provides more consistent communication and a more pro-active approach.

"We need to do a better job when it comes to (administrative) support in our buildings," MacGregor said.

New directors

The district's Board of Education last week approved the appointment of the four regional directors, all veterans in the district:

» Kay Elaster, who had been the principal at Farrand Elementary School and has also served as the district's curri-

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The P-CEP Marching Band played patriotic tunes. PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Voters have many decisions on primary ballot

Local and statewide proposals also included

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

Voters headed to the polls – or filling out absentee ballots – have a lot of decisions to make when the Aug. 5 primary rolls around.

In addition to the traditional congressional and state Legislature races, Canton voters will have as many as three statewide ballot proposals to consider when they enter the voting booth.

There are primaries in the race for U.S. Congress, local state Senate and House races and the race for the Wayne County Commission. Canton Township Clerk Terry Bennett is reminding voters it's a partisan ballot.

"If you're going to vote Democrat or Republican on the front of the ballot, you're going to have to vote Democratic or Republican on the back of the ballot, as well," Bennett said. "Some people aren't happy about that, because the big races – like for Wayne County executive – or mostly on the Democratic side. They want to cross over and they can't do that."

Voters will also have to consider ballot proposals – state Proposal 1 and the Wayne County RESA millage, along with a non-home-stead property tax renewal for Plymouth-Canton Community Schools (only voters in the boundaries of P-CCS will have to decide on that one).

What will not be on the ballot, in Canton anyway, is the proposal for the SMART bus system. Canton is an opt-out community.

Here's what Canton voters will have to consider:

» Plymouth-Canton Community Schools officials are looking for renewal of the district's 18-mill non-home-stead millage, approved by voters in 2004 and which expires in July. The tax is applied to businesses and other non-principal property, such as apartment com-

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FUN ON THE FOURTH

Traditional events all weekend help locals celebrate the holiday in style

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

Sally Patch of Westland watched Friday's Good Morning USA Fourth of July parade roll by down Plymouth's Main Street and thought about her dad.

Patch, who watched the parade with her standard poodle, Oliver, colored with the red, white and blue of the American flag, said she likes everything about the parade.

"My dad was a military man; I was raised military," Patch said as some of the veterans in the parade strolled by. "I like being out here with the crowds and the noise ... the whole atmosphere."

Patch joined thousands of others for the traditional parade, which moved through downtown Plymouth from the railroad tracks south to Hartsough.

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The Salem varsity dance team entertained the crowd.

Township board OKs housing plans

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

The Canton Township Board of Trustees approved Tuesday plans that will bring 273 new homes to the township.

In moves that mirrored approval by the township's planning commission, the township board approved pro-

posals by Robertson Brothers Homes for 34 detached condominiums and a plan by Livonia Builders for 239 homes.

Township officials are excited not only for the new homes, but for the other retail businesses, such as grocery stores, they could help draw.

"The commercial (growth) will come when there is a suffi-

cient number of new rooftops," Municipal Services Director Tim Faas said. "With additional rooftops, we should hope to see that grocery store potentially come in and maybe a bank and other commercial retail along Cherry Hill Road."

The developments approved Tuesday included:

» Robertson Brothers

Homes has proposed 34 detached condominiums – essentially single-family homes – on 15.5 acres southeast of Cherry Hill and Denton, near the Central Park subdivision.

Dubbed the Garden Villas at Cherry Hill, the site will have fewer homes than an earlier

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FOURTH

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Nearly 100 parade entries walked the length of Main Street, some new along with some traditional favorites.

There were military veterans and civic groups, cheerleaders and marching bands. Steve King and the Dittilies and Mark Randisi provided some familiar tunes, while a variety of acts – from jugglers to unicycle riders to a K-9 unit – entertained the crowd.

The parade followed the annual Plymouth Township fireworks display, which took place

Thursday in Plymouth Township park. This year's show, run by Zambelli Fireworks Manufacturing Co., included thousands of shells and was longer than in past years, according to Plymouth Township Treasurer Ron Edwards, who organized the event.

"It was a great night," Edwards said. "People really enjoyed the longer show."

And then, following the parade, thousands moved back out to the park for the annual Good Old Fashioned Picnic, hosted in Plymouth Township park every year.

The picnic included traditional favorites – hot

dogs, soft drinks and ice cream. There was the traditional bicycle-decorating contest and the Detroit Devilles played a selection of oldies throughout the afternoon.

There was a large water slide, the Plymouth Community Fire Department, Plymouth Township Police Department and HVA Emergency Services each staged special educational sessions for children and the Grand Traverse Pie Co. sponsored.

Jill and Kevin Conte were at the picnic for the first time. The Canton residents, who brought their children Drake and Tahlia, decided to check it out after hearing about

it from Jill's mother.

"My mom's been coming for years," Jill Conte said. "It's a very nice, very kid-friendly. (The kids) are very excited to be here."

Larry and Sheila Place have lived in Plymouth for 38 years and said they wouldn't be anywhere else on the Fourth of July.

"It's the greatest place to be on Fourth of July morning," Sheila said. Added Larry, "Kids are growing up in a time when being patriotic isn't as exciting as it used to be. So I think this is great for the little ones."

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The Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps made its usual appearance. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

REGIONAL

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culum coordinator of English language arts and social studies.

» Michael Giromini, a teacher and coach since 2003, joined the district in 2012 as the curriculum coordinator for math, science and world language. He also served as an associate principal in Bloomfield Hills, where he was an instructional leader for their International Baccalaureate program.

» Nancy Laws had been the principal at

Salem High School. Her background is in alternative education and she began teaching at Salem High School in 2002.

» Anthony Ruela, most recently the principal at Central Middle School. He has been a teacher, assistant principal, athletic director and principal. In addition to his duties as a regional director, Ruela is expected to continue to help with the building of the new middle school in Canton.

Stepping up

"I truly am excited about the four people who stepped up," MacGregor said. "It's a per-

fect blend for what is needed. Each of them brings expertise from each level that will play off each other very well."

While specific school assignments haven't yet been determined, each director is expected to be responsible for three or four elementary schools, one middle school (although one will be assigned two of the district's five middle schools) and one high school (including Starkweather Academy at Fiegel, the district's alternative high school).

In addition, each regional director will be

responsible for two content areas they'll lead "to make sure that curriculum is aligned K-12," MacGregor said.

The new plan will also align the district's technology department and special education efforts in the same regional format. The benefit to special education students, in particular, will be noticeable. MacGregor pointed out that, under the current system, elementary-level special education students work with one supervisor, then are "handed off" to another supervisor at the middle school level and another

at high school.

Technology aligned

Under the new system, where students in the same region will flow from elementary to middle school to high school within the same region, special education students will remain with the same supervisor throughout their academic career.

"The special education supervisor will stay with the student K-12," MacGregor said. "They won't have to adjust to a new supervisor when they change schools."

Elson Liu, the district's director of in-

tegrated technology systems, said his department is already regionalized to a degree. He said while technicians are already broken into groups of schools, the regional model is "a matter of alignment." IT technicians aren't always grouped with the same technology integration-ist, a situation that will be clarified under the new plan.

"Aligning the team so the same people are working for the same team allows for better coordination," Liu said.

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HOUSING

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plan to build 60 condominiums. The homes will be marketed to young professionals and older homeowners who no longer have children at home. The planning commission already approved the measure in a 6-1 vote.

» Livonia Builders has proposed a two-phase development with 239 homes dubbed River Hill Ridge, in an area east of

Ridge and north of Proctor. It is an extension of Cherry Hill Village. It won 7-0 approval from the planning commission.

Canton Township Treasurer Melissa McLaughlin said she "absolutely" supported both developments.

"The Robertson Brothers project is going to market to either the empty-nesters who are looking to have a very nice home but don't want the upkeep, or young couples not having kids (yet)," McLaughlin said.

She said though the

Livonia Builders project is not in the Cherry Hill zoning district, it does about that district and developer Danny Veri has said he plans to "continue Cherry Hill ideas" all the way down to the Rouge River.

"He's going to continue with the theme and the designs, using a pattern book very similar to that done in Cherry Hill Village," McLaughlin said. "The really excellent news is, in working with the homeowners association, they look to adopt these next two

subdivisions into the over-arching Cherry Hill Village Homeowners Association so these folks will feel, and for all intents and purposes be, part of a big family."

Some residents in neighborhoods such as Central Park, southeast of Cherry Hill and Denton, have indicated concerns about portions of the housing spurt, though officials say builders in some instances have scaled back the number of homes they plan to construct to address the issue of high-density development.

Faas said the housing boom points to demand that is outpacing the number of existing



Many new homes are expected to be built in Canton as a local housing boom heats up. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

homes on the market, an analysis local real estate officials also have cited.

"The existing home inventory is at a record low in Canton," Faas said. "That's going to push the supply of new homes. If

people can't buy an existing home, they'll buy new. Instead of paying \$300,000, they might pay \$325,000 (or more)."

Staff writer Darrell Clem contributed to this report.

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plexes, etc. The tax does not apply to homeowners. The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce recently endorsed the proposal.

» Passage of Proposal 1 would end the Michigan Personal Property Tax, the tax businesses pay on equipment and supplies, like machinery. In addition, local units of government and educational institutions will be fully funded going forward with a more stable means of financing.

» The Wayne County RESA Board of Education is seeking approval of a 2-mill tax request that would be levied countywide for six years, beginning this year.

The political races Canton voters will help

decide this year include:

» State House, 21st District – There's only a primary on the Democratic side, where Cornell Mathis of Belleville and Kristy Pagan and Natalie Mosher, both of Canton, face off. The winner gets Republican Carol Ann Fausone in the November general election.

» State Senate, 7th District – Incumbent Patrick Colbeck of Canton is being challenged by newcomer Matthew Edwards of Plymouth Township. The winner faces Democrat Dian Slavens of Canton in November.

» Wayne County executive – The biggest names in the race to unseat incumbent Bob Ficano, who is seeking re-election, include former Wayne County Sheriff and Detroit Police Chief Warren Evans,

Westland Mayor Bill Wild, Wayne County Commissioner Kevin McNamara and state Rep. Phil Cavanaugh.

» U.S. House, 11th District – There are primaries on both sides. Democrats in the race include Dr. Anil Kumar of Beverly Hills, Bobby McKenzie of Canton, Nancy Skinner and Bill Roberts. Incumbent U.S. Rep. Kerry Bentivolio faces David Trott in the Republican primary.

Bennett said Canton's registered voter roll has grown to more than 64,000. She said turnout for a mid-term election generally ranges from 22 to 26 percent.

Voters requested 5,400 absentee ballots, Bennett said; as of Monday, more than 500 had already been returned.

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Commission candidates share thoughts on issues

Two candidates – incumbent Shannon Price and attorney Charles Clos – are seeking the Republican nomination for the Wayne County Commission's 10th District seat. The district includes the city of Plymouth, Plymouth Township and Canton Township.

How can Wayne County work more closely with local government to save money and resources? How? Be specific.

Price: As the commissioner for the past year and half, I have been working closely with our local communities. Some examples of these efforts include distribution of the Park Millage (each commission district receives 15 percent of the millage collected back to their district. I am working with each community to ensure that they receive their portion of the 15 percent) and road projects. When I learned that there would be a new charter high school next to the new middle school, I worked with Canton Township, Plymouth-Canton schools, the charter schools, and Wayne County DPS to develop a solution to traffic impact. As a result, Cherry Hill will be expanded to three lanes from Canton Center to Beck.

Clos: Eliminate duplication of services in county and local governments. For example, many police and fire departments throughout Wayne County have their own dispatch center. This function could be consolidated to have one or two dispatch centers for the entire county eliminating duplicate services. Additionally, the Wayne County Sheriff

could assume more responsibility traffic enforcement primarily on county roads allowing the local departments to focus more on crime protection and deterrence in their own city or township.

Provide at least three serious ideas for budget reform.

Price: The deficit elimination plan was a great start. There is no way we can fix the county's financial problems without cutting spending, restructuring contracts, and selling assets. The deficit elimination plan does all of that. Now we just need the executive's office to implement the plan. We also got the "Standing Sue" legislation passed, which should stop the practice of budgeting by lawsuit, something countywide officials have done often.

Moving forward, we need to work on the Sheriff's budget. Every year he is over budget, yet he continues to provide services that are not within the charter.

Clos: First, I would seek to eliminate as much as possible the county's retention of outside legal counsel and place more responsibility on corporation counsel for routine legal matters such as the current lawsuit by the retirees over their insurance deductible. This is not a complex legal issue and the fact the county is spending in excess of \$3 million to defend this lawsuit is ridiculous.

Second, I would request of all property being leased by the county and the rental rates the county is paying which I surmise is clearly in excess of standard commercial rates. Third, I would seek more con-

trol over county contracts that are not subject to the bidding process and would encourage the commission to set up a special committee to review any county contract over \$10,000.

What are the top three priority issues that the County Commission should address and what actions would you, as a commissioner, take?

Price: There are really four: a) We need to continue to work on our crumbling roads and develop a program to assist with fixing the roads in our neighborhoods; b) we were able to stop construction on the failed jail project. We now to move forward with a plan that will protect the tax payers and stay within budget; c) while water is not currently in the spotlight, dealing with DWSD will affect the region for the next 40 years. I am proud to be serving as the Chair of the Water Board Task Force that is overseeing the County's efforts to create a regional authority. We need a plan that will provide suburban representation and protect rate payers.

D) The budget will continue to be a priority. While we may have passed a plan to fix the deficit, there is a lot more work to do.

Clos: a) Proper funding of the prosecutor's office so that it can fulfill all of its responsibilities. The rape kits sitting untested in a warehouse is unacceptable. I would re-evaluate the funding priorities of other departments to ensure enough funds are available for the prosecutor and/or encourage the appointment of a committee to raise private

SHANNON PRICE

Name/Residence: Shannon Price, Canton



Price

How long have you lived in the district? 9 years

Family: Married to Jacqueline, a Livonia school teacher; two

children, Madeline and Braden

Education: Bachelor of Computer Science

Current job/profession: Wayne County Commissioner, District 10

Community involvement: Canton Lions; former secretary of the Miller PTO

funds or explore grant opportunities; b) more oversight and monitoring of the county executive's appointments to avoid the giveaway pensions and benefits unilaterally bestowed on these political appointees. c) controlling and monitoring more closely the out-of-control spending by the county, such as paying exorbitant rents for county office space and for the disaster in building a jail without proper financial oversight.

What can the county do to help promote new business growth?

Price: I am currently working with Wayne County EDGE, Plymouth Township, and Northville Township to develop an economic development plan to attract new high paying jobs to the 5 Mile Corridor. We also need to use all of our tools. For example, Wayne County has a major airport and a deep water port. We need Wayne County EDGE, the Airport Authority, and the Port Authority to all work together to provide opportunities for

CHARLES CLOS

Name/Residence: Charles "Chuck" Clos, Plymouth Township

How long have you lived in the district? 37 years

Family: Married to Liz for 41 years; sons Andrew, Bill and Tom; six grandchildren

Education: Bachelor of science, Eastern Michigan University; Detroit College of Law (MSU), juris doctor, magna cum laude

Current job/profession: Attorney and sole shareholder of Clos, Russell and Wirth, P.C.

Community involvement: 25-year coach and member, Plymouth Hockey Association; currently a member of the Health Advisory Board, 29th District Court in Wayne; organized and served on the board of directors of Ridgewood Hills II (Plymouth) Homeowners Association; founding member of St. Thomas a'Becket Catholic Church (1977) and member of first elected parish council; active member of Our Lady of Good Counsel in Plymouth since 1986.

growth.

Clos: There are three primary changes needed to promote new business:

a) First, the infrastructure of Wayne County, especially the roads and bridges, needs to be improved, along with proper traffic control (i.e., Ford Road and I-275); b) The county should be willing to give realistic but temporary property tax breaks to those who purchase business property in Wayne County, and perhaps some incentive to hire unemployed residents of Wayne County; and c) the county should be willing to make it easier for businesses to "do business" with the county. The county is a significant employer continually hiring vendors for a myriad of services. However, if a business wants to be a vendor for the county, it must fill out a phone-book size package of complicated forms. Further, reality suggests that unless you donate to county politicians and attend their fundraisers you have no chance at obtaining any county work.

What makes you the best candidate for this

position?

Price: I like to believe that I have done what I promised two years ago. I fought to increase transparency in the county, cut Ficano's appointees, passed a plan to fix the budget, worked to get our roads fixed, and brought more of our Park Millage money back to our communities.

Clos: I have been a resident of Wayne County my entire life. I own a business in Wayne County and employ Wayne County residents and worked for Wayne County for 17 years. Most of all, I care about Wayne County and its future. Currently, Wayne County is headed in the same direction as the City of Detroit and unless or until county leadership is willing to make hard but sensible financial decisions, not political decisions, the county may not fiscally survive. As an attorney I will bring my legal knowledge and experience, as well as my practical experience as a long-time resident of the county, to act in the best interests of the county residents rather than the best interests of the county politicians.

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CRIME WATCH

Cash theft

A Riverview man reported the recent theft of his wallet – and the \$480 cash and three credit cards in it – from his workplace on Helm Court, west of Sheldon and south of Five Mile, a Plymouth Township Police Department report said.

The man said the wallet had been in his unlocked work locker about 1 p.m. June 16, but was gone when he returned to the locker about 3 p.m. He immediately canceled the credit cards.

ID theft

Several Plymouth Township residents reported cases of identity theft to police recently, including:

» A 51-year-old woman who received a bill for \$140.65 from a phone service provider. The woman told police she didn't have an account with the company and didn't know how her personal information, including a partial Social Security number, had been obtained.

The woman got the company to cancel the charge.

» A 37-year-old woman who noticed unauthorized activity – both deposits and withdrawals of several thousand dollars each – on a bank account, transactions that were made in different communities in Oakland County.

The woman told police she had had her purse stolen June 7 from her car while it was parked in the city of Plymouth and that the suspicious activity started after that.

» A 72-year-old man and a 67-year-old woman who found that their Social Security numbers had been used on someone else's federal income tax return. They said they had straightened out the matter with the Internal Revenue Service, but had also been advised to file a police report.

– By Matt Jachman

Canton Police seek ID theft suspect

Canton Police are looking for a suspect they believe either used a victim's credit card – or cloned it – at a Canton retail store recently.

And police believe the suspect has likely victimized other people.

Detective Sgt. Chad Baugh said the suspect "most likely illegally obtained" the victim's identity.

Police have a surveillance photo of the suspect and they've been asking for the public's help in identifying him. Baugh said Wednesday the department "has received a number of tips" since releasing the photo.

But police said the man likely has other victims:

"Our concern is he has a lot of identities he's stolen," Baugh said. "The ease with which he was able to complete the transaction leads us to believe he has experience doing it."

The Canton Police Department is asking for assistance in identifying the male seen on the surveillance photo.

Anyone who thinks they recognize the male photographed can contact the Canton Police Department at 734-394-5400. Callers may remain anonymous.



Canton police are looking for help identifying the man in this surveillance photo, whom they believe may have been involved in a case of fraud and identity theft.

Errant firework kills Detroit man

By Eric D. Lawrence
Gannett Michigan

Before an errant firework blew into a Detroit man's chest and ended his life Friday night, he was spending the Fourth of July like millions of other Americans – grilling out and celebrating.

Ron Mohlman, 55, of Detroit said he and his friend Mike Abouroman and some of their friends were at a house in the 6000 block of Plainview on Detroit's west side Friday night. They had a fire pit blazing and were grilling when people started shooting off fireworks in a driveway.

Just before 10:30 p.m., Abouroman, 44, picked up a firework and lit it, but instead of shooting into the air, the firework flew right at him.

"It was like a flash, like a bomb, and he fell backwards. I went over there and grabbed his hand and said, 'Hey Mike, it'll be all right,'" and found a pillow to place under his head, Mohlman said.

But his friend did not respond and, within a minute, Abouroman's pulse was gone.

"It happened so fast you know; it's a terrible thing, I know that," Mohlman said.

Mohlman said Abouroman, who was also known as Maher

or Mahir, worked construction and had four daughters; he was separated from their mother, who lives in Canton with their daughters.

"I know he was a good guy who loved his kids," said Mohlman, who has known Abouroman for about 10 years and said he talked about his girls often.

The men were close, like brothers. "We'd always say to each other (we're) brothers from different mothers. That was our saying," Mohlman recalled.

The accident has changed how Mohlman views the Fourth of July, and he said he

is finished with fireworks.

"It's a tragedy what happened last night. ... I would never want to go through that again. It was horrible," Mohlman said. "People who mess with fireworks, I don't want to be around none of that."

Abouroman's death has been ruled accidental. He died of a perforation to the chest by projectile, according to the Wayne County Medical Examiner's Office, which listed him as Mahir Abouroman.

Detroit Police spokesman Adam Madera said there were no other serious fireworks-related incidents reported in Detroit overnight.

CANTON CRIME WATCH

Unlawful discharge

Canton Police responded to a Van Buren business after receiving reports of someone shooting a handgun near the railroad tracks.

When officers arrived, according to police reports, witnesses told them of seeing and hearing someone fire some 30-40 rounds near the

rear of the trucking yard.

Police met with the owner, who holds a valid concealed pistol license and was armed with a pistol. The owner told police he'd been shooting down into a pile of discarded asphalt.

Police explained to the man his yard was not an approved shooting range and that firing the gun there violated township ordinances.

There was no report of any damage and no one was injured in the incident.

Identity theft

A Canton woman told police she'd been the victim of identity theft. According to police reports, the woman said someone had made three unauthorized purchases against her credit union account.

The victim was still in possession of the credit card, police said. She'd been notified when credit union officials noticed suspicious activity on the account, according to the police report.

All three transactions occurred on the same day, for a total of nearly \$360.

– By Brad Kadrich

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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, 734-727-2063. Specify you are requesting an appointment for the United Home Health location. For MMAP information visit www.mmmapinc.org/pages/about.html

HOOPS CAR WASH

Date/Time: Sunday, July 13, from noon to 3 p.m.

Location: Dick Scott Dodge, Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth

Details: The Salem High School girls basketball team hosts a car wash fundraiser. Proceeds will help offset the cost of uniforms and equipment throughout the season.

IDENTITY THEFT

Date/Time: Friday, July 11, 10 a.m.

Location: Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, Plymouth

Details: The Plymouth Council on Aging will host a presentation on identity theft with a speaker from the attorney general's office and Wayne County Commissioner Shannon Price. This presentation will provide valuable information on how to reduce the risk of falling victim to the fastest growing crime in America and what to do if you become a victim.

Contact: Call 734-453-1234, ext. 236, to RSVP.

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Time/Location: Each Wednesday, 7-8:30 p.m., Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main

Dates:
» July 30, The Film Score Grows Up – After World War II, films and film music become darker and more realistic.
» Aug. 20, The Classical Film Score, Lost and Found – Big changes in films and scores in the '50s but it all comes back

again in the '70s.

Details: The Plymouth District Library will host music professor Karl Schmidt for a four-part series this summer. Schmidt will present music and video excerpts from films such as *The Jazz Singer* (1927), *Gone With the Wind* (1939), *The Best Years of Our Lives* (1946) and *High Noon* (1952), as well as a study of political and social changes that influenced all forms of art, including films. This music series is made possible through the Michigan Opera Theatre's Department of Community Programs and the Friends of the Plymouth District Library.

FALL FEST CRAFTERS

Date/Time: Craft show is during Plymouth Fall Festival, Sept. 5-7

Location: Downtown Plymouth

Details: It's not too late to send in an application for a booth in the Plymouth Fall Festival Craft Show. Organizers say spaces are limited and are filling up quickly. Applications are available on the Craft Show page at www.plymouthfallfestival.com.

Contact: For more information, contact Colleen Brown, craftshow@plymouthfallfestival.com.

HISTORY KIDS KAMP

Date/Time: Saturday, July 26, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Location: Plymouth Historical Museum

Details: The Plymouth Historical Museum hosts its third annual History Kids Kamp, where children can experience aspects of the Civil War by recreating what life was like during the war, including dressing in period clothing, getting their picture taken, as well as a chore race consisting of old-fashioned tasks from the mid-1800s. There will also be a scavenger hunt, which will entertain and educate while kids search for clues to solve a puzzle. Children will be able to chat with Civil War soldier re-enactors who can answer questions, demonstrate marching and much more. The boys will be given the opportunity to "enlist" in the army.

Tickets purchased by July 18 are \$35 per child; after that, tickets are \$40; alternatively, the purchase of a new or renewed Daisy membership to the Plymouth Historical Museum (value \$50) will allow one child to attend for free. The target age for children is 6-12 years

old; however, children under 8 will need to be accompanied by an adult.

Tickets are available at the Plymouth Historical Museum during open hours or can be purchased using PayPal on the museum's website. The Plymouth Historical Museum is located at 155 S. Main.

Contact: Call 734-455-8940 for more information.

BLOOD DRIVES

Dates/Times/Locations:

- » Sunday, July 20, 8:30 a.m. to 1:45 p.m., St. John Neumann Church, 44800 Warren, Canton
- » Monday, July 21, 1-6:45 p.m., St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon, Plymouth
- » Saturday, July 26, 9 a.m. to 2:45 p.m., Living Word Church, 46500 N. Territorial, Plymouth
- » Monday, July 28, 1:30-7:15 p.m., Geneva Presbyterian Church, 5835 Sheldon, Canton
- » Tuesday, July 29, noon to 5:45 p.m., Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Drive, Canton
- » Tuesday, July 29, noon to 5:45 p.m., Super Bowl Lanes, 45100 Ford Road, Canton
- » Wednesday, July 30, noon to 5:45 p.m., Canton Municipal Office

Details: The American Red Cross sponsors the above blood drives in the local community. Appointments can be made, and walk-ins are welcome.

Contact: Call 800-REDCROSS to make an appointment

CRAFTERS NEEDED

Date/Time: Oct. 18

Location: West Middle School, 44401 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth

Details: The Delta Kappa Gamma Education Society hosts its annual juried Craft Show. Proceeds from the show provide scholarships for young people who are pursuing a career in education and mini-grants for educators in the district.

Contact: For more information, contact Debbie Cortellini at debortellini@comcast.net or 734-451-1525.

BNI MEETING

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

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

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

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



Beatles blast

The Michigan Philharmonic presents the music of the Beatles in two free outdoor summer concerts. The first is at 8 p.m. Saturday, July 12, at Kensington Metropark in Milford. The second is at 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 15, at Campus Martius Park in Detroit. This free event (there's \$7 park admission at Kensington) celebrates the 50th anniversary year of the Beatles coming to the U.S. Join the Michigan Philharmonic with the best of the Beatles, from "Eleanor Rigby," "Love Is All You Need" and "Hard Day's Night" to "Help" and "She Loves You."

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July 11	Phil Denny	JC Penney Ford between Morton Taylor & Sheldon	3
July 18	Kimie Horne	IKEA Ford & Haggerty	5
July 25	Demetrius "Krayon" Nabors	Kohl's Ford & Sheldon	2
August 1	John E. Lawrence	Willow Creek Ford between Lilley & Haggerty	5
August 8	Tim Bowman	Home Depot Ford & Lotz	7
August 15	Alexander Zonjic	Sams Club Ford & Lotz	7
August 22	Randy Scott	Super Bowl Ford between Canton Center & Sheldon	2

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A FANTASTIC FOURTH



Oliver, a standard Poodle owned by Sally Patch of Westland, showed off his patriotic colors.



The parade crowd applauds veterans.



Kim Godek marches to help save the World War II Willow Run Bomber Plant.



Honest Abe Lincoln, played by Ron Carley of Livonia, greets the Independence Day crowds.



Dennis MacDowell and Paul Mackiewicz grill hot dogs.



Fourth of July fun at the picnic. Jerrod Walton, Megan Talmadge, Malhynzi Talmadge, Layla Walton, Jayce Walton, Art Barber, Tina Barber, Tonya Wirebaugh, Arthur Barber III and Elizabeth Barber are from Wayne.



Plymouth's man about town, George Harvell, works the Fourth of July crowds.

Plymouth dance studio brings home hardware

Plymouth's Triple Threat dance studio recently made the trip to a national competition in Gatlinburg, Tenn., and proved to be just that – a huge threat.

Triple Threat dancers came home with a lot of the hardware from the competition, including the competition's biggest prize, first place in the Grand Championships.

"Everyone did such a great job," owner/athletic director Kristen Quesada said. "We had a lot of really high placements. It was a fantastic performance for us."

The wins included a victory in the Shootout Grand Champions Petite Division, where Triple Threat's team, True Colors, won it all.

The team, choreographed by Nicole Hopkins, includes dancers Chloe Carn, Mia Quesada, Idalia Shadhaya, Riley Southard, Hailey Titus and Albrie Whitlow.

Other winners included:

» Old Skin, second runner-up, Shootout Grand Champions Senior Division – Choreographer Joey Arrigo's squad is made up of Dominique Denson, Sawyer Jones, Colette Lanzon, Victoria Riley and Lindsay Spencer.

» Feelin' Good, first overall, Teen Duo/Trio – The team of Dominique Denson, Olivia Quesada and Hanna Titus is choreographed by Samantha Molinaro.

» Scholarship winners included national star senior dancer Dominique Denson and national standout dancer Lindsay Spencer.

Triple Threat Dance and Theatre Co. offers instruction to students ages 2 through adult and beginning through ongoing professional levels.



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True Colors, including dancers Chloe Carn, Mia Quesada, Idalia Shadhaya, Riley Southard, Hailey Titus and Albrie Whitlow, was choreographed by Nicole Hopkins.

Fall registration takes place 5-8 p.m. Aug. 20-21. For more information, visit www.TripleThreatDTC.com or call 734-335-7722.



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Oakwood Offers Joint Class 101

Minor aches and pains sometimes come and go, but shoulder,

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Be sure to take advantage of all the great events we have planned for the month of July. Join in for fun, informative, and entertaining activities throughout the entire month!

Events At:

Independence Village of Plymouth
14707 Northville Road, Plymouth, MI 48170
734-453-2600

Fourth of July Celebration

Wednesday, July 2 | 1:30 pm

Join your own Village Joy Singers as they help Independence Village celebrate Independence Day. Our thirty-voice choir will present a program of all your patriotic favorites. Light refreshments will be served.

Art in the Park

July 11 - 13
Friday, 11:00 am - 8:00 pm
Saturday, 10:00 am - 7:00 pm
Sunday, 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

Be sure to stop by our booth during Michigan's second largest art fair. Located in downtown Plymouth, it's a great weekend of art, food and fun you won't want to miss.

America the Beautiful Patriotic Presentation

Monday, July 30 | 1:30 pm

Celebrate America through song and story. "Suzanne and Jim" will inspire your patriotic pride with this star-spangled show.

Sunday Brunch & Open House

Sunday Brunch

Sunday, July 20

Bring your family and friends and join us for a delicious chef-prepared brunch buffet. In addition to the delicious breakfast and lunch food, be sure not to miss the fantastic desserts our chef has prepared especially for this event.

Cost **\$17.00** adults, **\$13.00** ages 6-12, ages 4 and under are free.

Summer Celebration Open House

Saturday, July 26

Join us for the July Open House and enjoy an old fashioned picnic with everything but the ants! It's a chance for us to get together as a community, tell a few stories, and share a laugh and a meal.

Please Call for Details

Events At:

Independence Village of White Lake
935 Union Lake Road, White Lake, MI 48386
248-360-7235

Ice Cream Social

Wednesday, July 9
2:30 pm - 3:30 pm

Two of our favorite things come together for this fun event—ice cream and being social. Create your own ice cream with a variety of flavors and toppings, then sit down with your friends and swap stories like you used to do at the local soda fountain.

Time to get Jazzy

Thursday, July 31 | 6:00 pm

What could be better than some cool jazz and an ice-cold martini? Independence Village of White Lake proudly presents an evening of jazz with vocalist Sheila Landos. Enjoy exquisite appetizers and be part of the scene.

PLEASE RSVP THREE DAYS BEFORE THE EVENT



Classic car buffs roll into Blackwell Ford

Plymouth auto dealership hosts first show with proceeds going to Race for the Cure

Classic cars from all over the state recently joined together to celebrate the inaugural Quick Lane of Plymouth at Blackwell Ford Classic Car and Truck Show.

More than 150 classic cars and trucks were on display at the show.

Different makes and models drove into the lot at Blackwell Ford to compete in the event. More than 90 trophies were awarded. Mayor's, Police Chief's, Dealer's Choice awards, Outstanding and Class winners – as well as a dash plaques – were awarded to the classics that filled the lot.

Dealer's Choice was awarded to a colonial white 1956 Ford Thunder-

bird in pristine condition.

Making a special appearance was the Wimbledon white Limited Edition 50th anniversary 2015 Ford Mustang, which was on display in the dealership.

A significant amount was raised throughout the day and was donated to support the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure.

Families and classic car aficionados alike enjoyed the festivities, including cameos by Batman and Spiderman, a disc jockey, concessions and more than 100 raffle prizes.

"We were so excited to see the range of vehicles that took part. Thank you



This 1956 Ford Thunderbird was one of 150 classic cars at the inaugural Quick Lane of Plymouth at Blackwell Ford Classic Car and Truck Show.



Batman made a cameo at the inaugural Quick Lane of Plymouth at Blackwell Ford Classic Car and Truck Show.

to everyone who made it a great day," Quick Lane of Plymouth manager Steve Colwell said. "It was a day full of perfect weather, surrounded by classic cars that really have a resounding pres-

ence to them." "I can't thank the United Street Machines Association enough for helping us put on such a great event and are excited for next year's show," said Ron Robertson, Black-

well Ford general manager. "We are so fortunate here at Blackwell Ford to be able to provide

great entertainment and positive financial impact to our community that surrounds Plymouth."

PLYMOUTH-CANTON CHAMBER CHAT

Grub Crawl sponsors

The Canton Chamber of Commerce is offering members the opportunity to sponsor the annual Grub Crawl, set for 6-10 p.m. Tuesday, July 22. Four sponsorships are available; 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 PLUS, \$135 – 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 company name on

the T-shirt (600 shirts).

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

Kona expanding

The Kona Running Co. is in the process of opening a specialty running store in Canton, according to information from the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce.

Alan Whitehead started the business in 2004 with the Solstice Run in Northville and has expanded the company to include Plymouth's Wicked Halloween Run in October, the Kona Chocolate Run in November and the St. Patrick's Day Run in March.

The Kona Running Co. signed a lease for a 2,900-square-foot location on Ford Road in Canton and is currently looking to hire two full-time people with specialty running store experience. It expects to

have a staff of 15 by the time the store opens in the fall. Visit www.konarunningcompany.com for more information.

Amish celebration

Amish Tables is celebrating two full years of being part of the Plymouth community and 19 years as a family-owned company.

After a move from Ann Arbor, it opened its new showroom doors at 236 N. Main Street in June 2012.

Visit www.signatreamish.com for more information.

Business workshop

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce hosts a business development workshop, "Building a Successful Customer Base," 8:30-9:30 a.m. Tuesday, July 29, at the chamber office, 850 Ann Arbor Trail, in downtown Plymouth.

The one-hour presentation from Greg Coyne of Sandler



Grand opening

Dean Shaska is joined by his staff, friends and the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce for the grand opening of Plymouth Pharmacy. The pharmacy was an addition to the Plymouth Urgent Care, located next door. It is located at 41416 Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth.

Training will help businesses answer the question, "What questions am I not asking my

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

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PLYMOUTH-CANTON BUSINESS BRIEFS

Heart hospitals

St. Joseph Mercy-Ann Arbor was named one of the top 15 hospitals in the country in *Consumer Reports'* first-ever rating of hospitals in heart surgery.

More than 400 hospitals were rated in 45 states plus Washington, D.C., and Puerto Rico based on data for two heart surgeries: surgical aortic valve replacement and coronary artery bypass graft surgery, an operation done to treat blocked coronary arteries. The ratings include data from patients' medical records showing whether patients survived the procedure and how they fared on other important measures, including complications. Information comes from the Society of Thoracic Surgeons, which has collected the data for several decades.

"This recognition from a highly-regarded publication relied on by

consumers is another affirmation of the top-notch care our entire surgical team provides every day," said Dr. Manak Sood, M.D., section head of cardiothoracic surgery at St. Joseph Mercy-Ann Arbor. "We are often referred some of the most complicated heart surgery cases in the state and we are very proud of the high-quality care and results we provide our patients."

Saint Joseph Mercy Health System serves six counties in southeast Michigan – Livingston, Macomb, Oakland, St. Clair, Washtenaw and Wayne – including the 304-bed St. Mary Mercy-Livonia.

Botsford surgeon

Dr. Janet Ajrouche has joined the medical staff at Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills.

She is board-certified in podiatric medicine and wound care. Ajrouche sees patients at Advanced Family Foot &

Ankle, located at 8596 N. Canton Center, in Canton.

She treats conditions of the foot and ankle for children, adults and older adults. Ajrouche earned her doctorate of podiatric medicine and

surgery from Barry (Fla.) University. She completed a three-year residency at Botsford and held the position of

chief resident during her final year of clinical training. Ajrouche won Botsford's Alvin Yarrows Research Award in 2010 and 2011.

She is an associate of the American College of Foot & Ankle Surgeons and a member of the American Board of Wound Management, the American Podiatric Medical Association, the American Board of Podiatric Surgery and the American Board of Podiatric Medicine.



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Funeral today for slain referee; suspect due in court

By David Veselenak
Staff Writer

Funeral arrangements are set for the Westland soccer referee who died last week after being assaulted at an adult league soccer match. The funeral will take place at 11 a.m. Thursday at Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran Church, 9600 Leverne, Redford Township, where Bieniewicz and his family have been long-time members.

His remains will be cremated and interred at a later date.



Bieniewicz

Bieniewicz died July 1 from his injuries, sustained June 29 while he officiated an adult recreational soccer match in Livonia. The Wayne County Medical Examiner's Office has ruled the death a

homicide. A player punched him while Bieniewicz was in the process of ejecting the player. Bassel Abdul-Amir Saad, 36, of Dearborn was charged with assault and is expected to face different charges since Bieniewicz died. There was no word on when or if any amended charges would be filed this week. Saad is due Thursday morning in Livonia's 16th District Court for a preliminary examination. He

remains locked up in the Wayne County Jail on bond. Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran Church is planning to raise money for Bieniewicz's wife and children through a Christian music festival taking place later this month at the church, according to its website. A 10-hour music festival on the lawn of the church is scheduled to take place starting at 11 a.m. July 26. Several

activities, including crafters and vendors, will be at the festival, as well as food concessions and a gift drawing. All funds raised during the event will benefit his family. Any questions can be forwarded to the church office at 313-937-2424. Those looking to donate to help the family can do so by dropping off donations at the Livonia Police Department, 15050 Farmington, or any Huntington Bank branch in

Michigan. Several thousand dollars had been raised through this fund. Donations are also being collected via the GoFundMe website, which can be linked by visiting johnbieniewiczmemorial.com. As of Tuesday afternoon, more than \$128,000 had been raised through the website.

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Novi nurse, son spread compassion and healing

Oakwood Hospital nurse Maribeth Guys, RN, CPNP, said she had always felt the call to serve above and beyond her traditional role in health care.

Guys, along with her son Nicholas, had that opportunity recently when she traveled to South Africa on a mission trip to bring medical care to an impoverished area of that country.

"It was one of the best things I've ever done," said Guys, a Novi resident who works at the Oakwood Taylor Teen Health Center in Taylor. "I just loved it. It's a whole different way of practicing medicine and nursing. It changes you."

Guys had heard about the opportunity through Africa Christian Ministries. She had never been able to take part, however, until this year, when she and her 21-year-old son — who is a senior at the University of Michigan, pursuing a career in medicine — took part. Preparation for the 16-day trip took six months. The Guys' committed in November and traveled with the group in May.

They landed in Durban, the largest city in the South African province of KwaZulu-Natal and from there took a two-hour trip to the townships of Sikhawini and Ingwavuma where they would conduct five health clinics during their stay. Everyone had to bring along five suitcases — three of which were filled with medicines such as antibiotics, asthma medications, antifungals and analgesics as well as eyeglasses and sunglasses. The medicines were donated, many of them came from Guys' Oakwood colleagues. As they left the relatively prosperous city behind, they traveled over nearly

impassible roads where cows, chickens and dogs roamed free to the dormitories that would be their temporary home.

"There was no comparison between Durban and where we were," Guys said. "It was very remote. Some people didn't have electricity; many didn't have running water."

"We only had hot water sometimes, we frequently lost electricity; we slept in bunk beds — but it was still a luxury to us," she added.

The missionaries spent the first three days of the trip sorting medicine and preparing for the clinics. When Guys arrived at her first one, she said the site that greeted her was very humbling.

"People generally got in line the night before," she said. "You would pull up and find, literally, a hundred people lined up just to see you. I took that responsibility very seriously. I was very moved by that."

The group put on five clinics throughout the 16-day period. Guys said they treated more than 800 people and more than 300 of those were children. They administered to people with fungal, upper respiratory and skin infections, people who suffered from asthma and other allergies exacerbated by the dusty conditions, as well as many who suffered from abdominal pain due to parasites. For Guys, helping the young people was particularly rewarding.

"For many of the children, it was the only physical exam they would get in a year," she said.

Many of the adults suffered from the general fatigue that came from living in adverse conditions. Also, many had eye issues as a result of spending a lot of time outdoors with no

protection from the intense African sun.

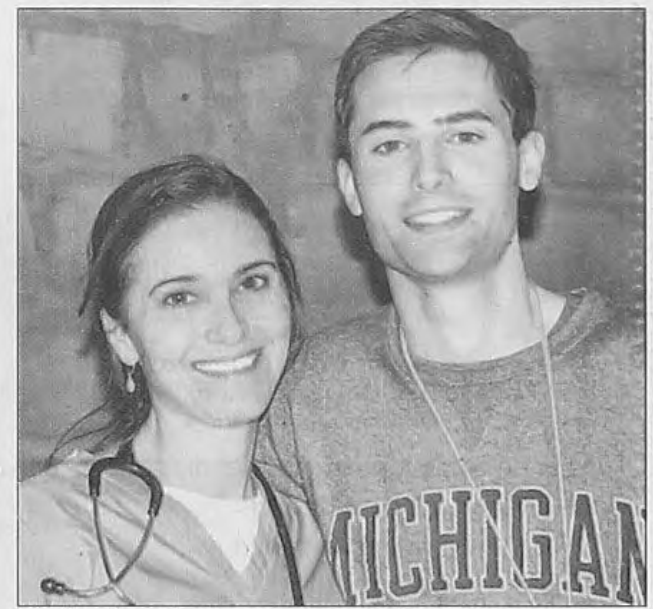
"They were just sore and tired. They had to walk to get their water, or walk to get to any sort of jobs that they had," Guys said.

The clinics were generally nine-hour days with 15-minute breaks to eat or use a restroom. That didn't count the time heading to and from the clinics, as well as the chores before and after. Guys said they were drained every day.

Guys said that the experience was difficult and humbling and it served as a reminder to how fortunate we are. It was an eye-opening experience, she said, to find such poverty within a short drive from a

major city. "Two hours is nothing," she said. "You wouldn't expect to see something like that in 2014. It's really another way of life and you forget how easy it is here. It gave me a tremendous perspective."

Her son agreed. "One thing in particular that I took away from the trip was an appreciation for the strong spirit displayed by so many of the people we cared for and got to know in South Africa," he said. "Even while living and working in very difficult conditions, most everyone was happy, especially the children. That is something we at home should learn from."



Novi resident Maribeth Guys, an Oakwood Hospital nurse, and her son Nicholas traveled to South Africa on a mission trip to bring medical care to an impoverished area of that country.

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Westland author holds book signing

Paul Travis, author of *Straight Path for the Lord and Tenfold Ministry*, will hold a book signing event at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, July 12, at Greater Dreams Church, 35118 Michigan Ave., just west of Wayne Road, in Wayne.

According to Travis, an apostle in the Davidic Apostolic movement of God, *Straight Path's* title speaks of the book's message: Make a clear path for the Lord to travel.

"This is a proven biblical process ordained by the Lord," he said. "Walking this process will clear our paths of all of the snares, bondage and bands that would hinder us from fulfilling our call to ministry."

The writing will approach readers from all ministry standpoints. It gives readers



Travis

a "pot-pourri of the apostolic voice, prophetic utterance, evangelical testimony, through the eyes of the shepherd, while teaching from a strong biblical foundation."

"This book is complete, this is a testimony, a commentary, a reference book and a tool for apostolic warfare," he said.

Travis, who grew up in Detroit, was a gifted athlete who received a full college scholarship

in football, even though he didn't play his senior year in high school. After college, he started a career in management for the Big Three and in his spare time played in local bands as a professional drummer.

But according to a post on his website, www.paul-travis.com, he spent most of his life away from the church, until he was saved several years ago: "All of the skills Paul learned through life had to be purged in order for the Lord to impart His call."

The books have been printed through Tate Publishing and Enterprise and are available in paperback and electronic versions.

Understanding the Dow Jones Industrial Average

Last week, after the release of favorable job numbers, the Dow Jones Industrial Average closed above 17,000 for the first time in its history.

Over the last five years, the Dow has experienced a remarkable run. A little over five years ago, the Dow was just under 7,000.

It's nice the Dow has reached record highs, but that doesn't mean that your portfolio has performed as well. That's because the Dow only measures the performance of 30 stocks and these companies are all large, U.S.-based leaders in their industry. The Dow does not measure the performance of small or international companies.

It is important to talk about the Dow so investors have a better understanding of what the average means. The Dow has been around for more than 100 years and, during that time, the individual stocks contained within the index have changed.

Stocks are taken out or added to the Dow based upon a number of factors, including the financial health of the company, its reputation, its ability to grow and its interest to investors.

Over the Dow's 128-year history, there have been 53 changes. The most recent change occurred last September, when Goldman Sachs, Nike and Visa were all added to the index and Alcoa, Bank of America and Hewlett-Packard were removed. General



Rick Bloom
MONEY MATTERS

Electric is the longest tenured member of the index.

The Dow is a price-weighted index. Most of the other popular indexes use the company's overall market value, which is nothing more than multiplying the number of outstanding shares the company has by the stock price. When they compute the Dow Jones Industrial Average, the stock price is the only factor.

A dollar rise in Nike will have the same impact on the index as a dollar gained in GE, no matter what the overall market value of the company is. Therefore, it is possible for one stock to move the entire index.

A dollar change in any Dow's stock price is equal to a movement of 6.42 points on the Dow. Therefore, if one of the Dow stocks increased by a dollar and the other 29 companies were flat, the Dow would increase by 6.42 points. The result is that higher priced stocks in the index have more influence on it than lower priced stocks.

IBM and Visa are two of the higher priced stocks in the average and would therefore have a greater influence than the lower priced stocks such as Cisco.

On the whole, the question for investors is whether the Dow is an accurate reflection of the

overall stock market. In my view, it is not.

In addition, diversified portfolios contain bonds, which are not included in any stock indexes.

It is important for investors to remember they are not managing to achieve the results of an index, but rather to achieve individual goals and objectives.

All the stock indexes assume you are 100-percent invested in those stocks. For most investors, that would not be responsible. After all, if one of your goals is current income, you need to have bonds in your portfolio.

Following the Dow or any stock index such as the S&P 500 or the NASDAQ is interesting and can be fun. However, as investors be cautious and don't let the indexes effect investment decisions.

Focus on achieving your financial goals and objectives within your risk tolerance level. Investors that don't take risks or consider their goals and objectives will generally not be successful investors. Indexes are important to provide a gauge as to what is happening. However, they alone should not dictate your investment decisions.

Good luck.

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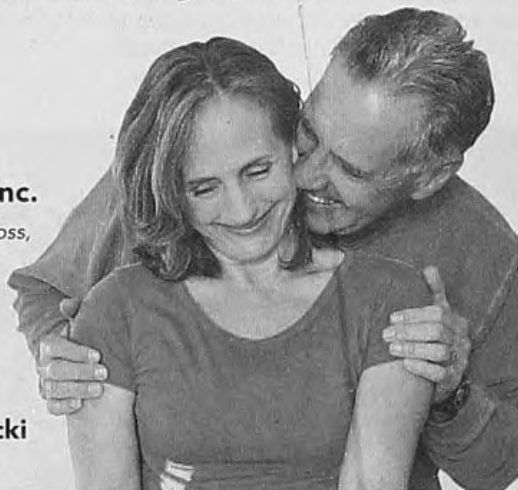
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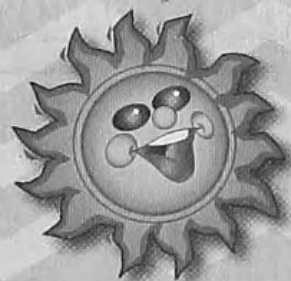
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For the love of Mud Day

Crowds small, but spirit high for annual Wayne County event

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

Jeanette Werling has two kings in her house — her son Daniel and now son Anthony. Two years after his brother won, the 9-year-old Southgate resident was wearing the crown as king of Wayne County Parks' 27th annual Mud Day.

"It feels good," said Anthony, who was shivering by the time the winner was announced.

He sported a muddy hairdo decorated with bits of greenery that his mother Jeanette helped with. She battled a steady rain to keep it piled on his head.

"The rain doesn't help, everything just gets rinsed off," she said, admitting that having one Mud Day king really didn't give her a leg up on how to muddy up her younger son for the contest.

"I just kept piling it on," she said.

Sharing the throne was Mud Queen Jillian Palshan of Taylor, who believes her helmet head of mud put her over the top with judges.

"This was my second time trying for queen," Jillian said, admitting that she was cold the entire time. "This feels great."

Let it rain

Despite a few claps of thunder and rain, the event went off as planned. The crowd was far smaller than in previous years. Several hundred adults and children, ranging from infants to teens, didn't let the weather deter them. Many worried that the event would be canceled.

"I've been hundreds of times," said Sheila Morelli of Livonia, who was there with her niece and nephew, twins Tommy and Olivia Gallo of

Dearborn. "My kids got big, so now I have to borrow them so I can get dirty. This is their first time."

"And we'll be back from now on," Olivia said.

"I love Mud Day and the rain made it more muddy," said Emily Stough of Garden City.

"I told them these are the kind of people who go camping," her mother Sabrina said. "We come every year. We've been coming since she was 6, so this is our seventh year."

The Stoughs brought along newbie Hannah Outlaw, also of Garden City, who said it was fun and admitted that her mother let her play in mud when she was little. "I'm going back in," she said, heading for the mud pit.

Less than a half hour into the event, Amanda Williams was gathering her group to head for the Western Wayne County Hazmat area, where they could get hosed off and rinsed in a warm shower.

"We did it all in 20 minutes," Williams said. "We've been coming for seven years. I go in, too. I think I have more fun than they do."

Her group of "mud puppies" included her sons Owen and Kaden, her friend Jen Audristch, also of Garden City, and her son Ian.

Not quite sure

Two-year-old Carter Richard wasn't quite as muddy as some youngsters. The toddler wasn't quite sure what to think, said his grandmother Gina Sursely of Westland.

"He's not sure what to make of it," she said.

Also first-timers, Sursely was joined by her husband Scott and son Jonathan, 12, who also wasn't sure about doing



Mud Day officially begins. PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

it.

"I told him, 'Once you see all the kids running around, you'll get into it,'" she said. He did and came away thinking it was "pretty fun."

Tracy Bassett of Wayne has been going to Mud Day for six years and thought "oh, no" when the rain moved in, so she called to make sure it was a go. She was there with sons John, 8, and James, 6, as well as Deque Booker, 9, and Charlie Porter, 8.

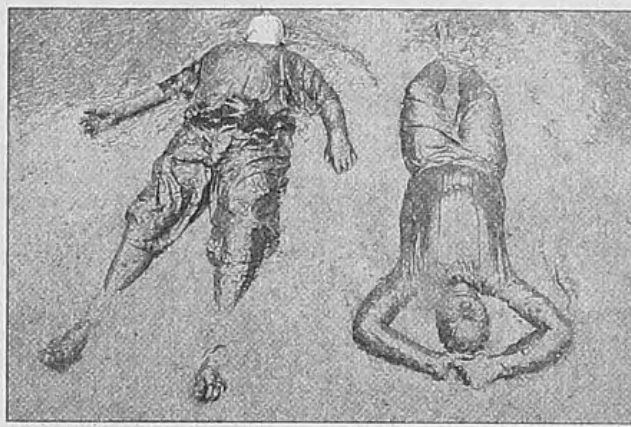
"They said it was a go, but I told them they may only have five minutes," she said. "I can't miss this; it's our favorite activity of the year."

Charlie was shivering from being cold, but that didn't matter since getting muddy "was the best part."

"I saw you doing the army crawl out there," Bassett said.

"No, we were swimming," James said.

Parks official divided



Nine-year-olds Hunter Mullinex of Wayne and Buster Wurm of Westland relax in the ooze.

the 175-foot long pit into two areas — one for older children and a smaller area for toddlers. That's where Angela and Jon Green went with a group of 15 people.

"We were packed in a Tahoe and a Suburban,"

Green said.

Angela Green was holding 19-month-old son Jon Jr. while her grandmother Shirley Brothers was holding Green's 7-month-old granddaughter Annabella McManaway.

"We've been coming for 18 years. This is the first time I remember it raining," Angela Green said. "We were worried they would cancel it, but we came down and they were waving the cars in. Last year, there were so many people and it was hot. It's a little cold for the little ones, but she liked it. She was eating it."

A few kids remained in the mud after the announcement of the king and queen, but most families packed it up and headed for the showers.

"Yeah, I'm ready to go," said a shivering Anthony Werling.

"His brother had enough after 20 minutes," his mother added.

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Bentivolio targets VA medical care at South Lyon center

By Diane Gale Andreassi
Staff Writer

U.S. Rep. Kerry Bentivolio slammed the medical care given to veterans as he talked to patients and staff last week at South Lyon Senior Care and Rehab.

An Army veteran who served in the Vietnam, Gulf and Iraq wars, Bentivolio said he knows firsthand the problems with getting adequate care from Veterans Administration health care facilities. He alluded to recent news reports about Rep. John Dingell, D-Dearborn, questioning the care veterans receive in the VA Ann Arbor Healthcare System.

"I came to talk to my fellow veterans," Bentivolio said, adding that it's unacceptable for veterans to wait as long as 45 days for medical appointments at veterans hospitals.

"Once you get to see a doctor and they want to send you to a specialist, the wait can be four months for physical therapy," he said. "This has been going on for 40 years."

Bentivolio, R-Milford, is seeking re-election in the U.S. House 11th District. He faces a challenge from Birmingham lawyer Dave Trott in the August primary. Bentivolio, who ran as a tea party candidate, won the congressional seat in 2012 after then-U.S. Rep. Thad McCotter, R-Livonia, resigned following revelations his campaign staff compiled fraudulent petition signatures for his re-election.

"The tea party is a bunch of people who got



U.S. Rep. Kerry Bentivolio, R-Milford, chats with Doris Dodds during a recent visit to South Lyon Senior Care and Rehab. HAL GOULD | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

together and said, "Something is wrong with the country," Bentivolio said in a conversation with a South Lyon Senior Care and Rehab patient. "The best part is, they're asking questions. They want government to be accountable. The tea party is concerned about obligations to veterans and the Social Security system. I'm not here to lie to you or to tell you a fancy story. My constituents want the truth."

Patients respond

Rehab resident John Talmage said he is always interested in getting an idea of what politicians are doing.

"Some are insulated from the wants, desires and needs of the people," he said. "It's nice to get an idea of what they are about."

Russell Maxwell, also a rehab patient, liked what he heard.

"I like everything in the right way," Maxwell said. "I'm a right winger. I don't believe in socialism and that's the way the current president is leaning."

During his tenure as congressman, Bentivolio

said he was most proud of being recognized for transparency in his work representing his constituents. He also applauded his office staff for receiving awards for their availability to constituents.

Bentivolio pointed to a bill he sponsored, the Safe and Secure Federal Websites Act of 2013, promoting privacy on federal websites. The bill was introduced to the House and is being revised.

Regarding the opportunity to meet Bentivolio, rehab resident Janet Bartsch said she appreciated the opportunity to hear the congressman, "because all we have to go on is what other people say that they say."

Bentivolio concluded his visit with an invitation to everyone to contact his staff if they need help with any concerns.

"I don't care what your political party is, we are here to serve constituents in this district," he added.

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OUR VIEWS

Price is right for county commission

Wayne County Commissioner Shannon Price is seeking re-election to the seat he earned for the first time in 2012.

We believe Price, a Republican from Canton, should be the GOP nominee and deserves a chance to retain the 10th District seat, which serves the city of Plymouth and Plymouth and Canton townships.

Price campaigned the first time around largely on a platform that promised transparency and, two years later, Wayne County has moved from a grade of D to an A-minus in transparency, while the Government Finance Officers Association has honored Wayne County with the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for its presentation of the 2013 fiscal budget.

Price and other commissioners have worked to ensure local communities get their 15-percent share of the county's parks millage, a financial benefit to Plymouth, Plymouth Township and Canton Township. That money has been used for projects such as therapeutic programs at The Summit in Canton.

Price serves as vice chair of the county's public services committee. He's had a role in bringing road money to the community for improvements on Beck, on Cherry Hill (where Plymouth-Canton Community Schools is building a new middle school next to a charter high school) and on Lilley.

As one of only two Republicans on the commission (Livonia's Laura Cox is the other), Price has provided an opposition voice to the heavily Democratic commission, but he's shown an ability to work in a partisan fashion.

Plymouth attorney Charles Clos is opposing Price in the Republican primary, having filed his last-minute candidacy. He said Price isn't visible enough, he doesn't like the commission's deficit elimination plan and doesn't think the commission is transparent enough.

Clos is a well-meaning candidate, but Price has been on the commission for two years, has dealt with a variety of issues and has earned his party's nomination.

PARADE PRIDE

Hill should be proud of his leadership

For a guy putting together his last Good Morning USA Parade in downtown Plymouth, Fred Hill did a pretty good job.

Hill, in his 18th and final year guiding Plymouth's attention-getting parade, organized an event that featured nearly 100 entrants and, though there were a few gaps, wrapped up to loud and boisterous applause - again.

Hill, who announced last week this would be his final Fourth of July parade, goes out on a high note leading a parade that has gone from a well-attended, but perhaps relatively unknown, event to one that draws thousands of people every summer.

Not bad for a guy who got involved only because he "wanted to help."

Hill got involved in the parade at a time when it was held at 1 p.m., making it difficult to draw big crowds. Soon after, the parade was moved to 7:30 a.m., in order to give the event a chance to draw attractions that were also committed to other, later parades.

Rechristened the Good Morning USA parade and moved to 9 a.m., it has become a huge local draw, with thousands of people lining Main Street and crowded around Kellogg Park to watch nearly 100 groups take part.

In addition to organizing the parade, Hill has brought in his own Fred Hill Briefcase Drill Team, one of the highlights and most popular attractions, to the parade every year. The briefcase drill team has become a fixture in the Detroit Thanksgiving Day parade and has even appeared in Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade in New York.

There have been challenges - this year's dust-up with the veterans organization was a potentially damaging hiccup the sides eventually ironed out - but Hill has more than met them.

And now Hill is ready for a new challenge, although "I'm not sure what that's going to be yet," he said. "But I'm sure I'll find one."

He passes the challenge of running the Plymouth parade to Scott Kappler and Pam Kosteva, who've worked with him the last few years. They'll have big shoes to fill.



Hill

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A changing world

Comments made by some citizens at the June 24 meeting of the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education focused on two generalities that I would like to address.

First, many comments implied that the 200 5-, 6-, and 7-year-olds who would be admitted under a limited school of choice option would be somehow different from students who presently reside within our district. During my 20-plus years teaching in Plymouth-Canton, I learned that there was no way to know in advance how a child's presence would impact my teaching or the growth of my students.

Every child who enters a classroom becomes part of that classroom community and enriches that community with his/her strengths. Members of Plymouth-Canton's teaching staff are creative professionals who know how to build on those existing strengths and how to address challenges.

Second, some comments stated that as Plymouth-Canton residents, we have no ability to impact decisions that are made by our state legislators and then signed into law by our governor. These comments were made in reference to the last-minute cuts in state funding for our traditional public schools.

We live in a representative democracy where we decide who will represent us in Lansing. If a citizen is not happy with the current state of affairs, that citizen needs to vote for candidates who will be vigorous advocates for traditional public schools. We have an opportunity Nov. 4 to fill the positions of governor, state senator and state representative. We do have choices and we can make changes.

This world is changing and we need to embrace our role in making those changes opportunities for growth.

Nancy Sullivan
Plymouth

Vets say 'thanks'

The members of Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 528, Veteran of Foreign Wars Post 6695 and their respective Men's and Ladies Auxiliaries send a warm, heartfelt "thank you" to the Plymouth community for your outstanding support and respect during the recent patriotic celebrations at the July 3 musical tribute in Kellogg Park, and the Fourth of July Good Morning USA Parade.

Your standing ovations along the entire parade route brought tears to our eyes and humbled our hearts.

Also, we want to thank Frank Sinagra and Fred Hill for their understanding of just how important it was for our veterans to lead the parade and to feel the warmth and glow of a very receptive crowd.

We look forward to participating in next year's patriotic activities and events.

Ron King
president, VA Chapter 528
Jerry Thomason
commander, VFW Post 6695

Vote Kristy Pagan

As a Canton retiree, I will be voting for Kristy Pagan for state representative in District 21. I encourage my fellow retirees to join me by casting a vote for Kristy Pagan on your absentee ballot or at the polls in the primary election Aug. 5.

Kristy is a Canton native who is a graduate of Plymouth-Canton Schools. She worked as a legislative aide to U.S. Sen. Debbie Stabenow. Kristy is well aware of the issues that matter for seniors in our community. She has taken special care to go door-to-door, meeting seniors and listening to our concerns and issues.

I know first-hand the impact of the pension tax. I attended Kristy's Tax Day Rally that publicly opposed the pension tax and was impressed by the passion she showed over the issue. Kristy understands that Gov. Snyder's pension tax takes money out of the pocket of retirees on fixed incomes and hands it over to big business. After the rally, she took the time and listened to me and other retirees, as we shared with her other issues that matter to us.

Kristy's compassion for seniors and all of her constituents is why I am casting my vote for her. I hope that you will join me and vote for Kristy Pagan for state representative.

Elaine Thomas
Canton

Stop the bashing

Never have I been so concerned reading the opinion page with readers expressing so much hate, frustration and political party bashing. Often there is nothing constructive offered except who should not get your vote and por-

traying some political candidates as pure evil.

But some recent comments are downright scary; see the recent letter discussing China trade, blaming it on Nixon's historic visit and another letter stating that "debt is our friend."

It was Bill Clinton who signed into law the historic bill granting permanent normal trade relations to China. That bill was approved by Congress despite opposition from labor groups. It didn't take long for the Chinese to offer unimaginable low-cost labor and for corporate CFOs and CEOs to take notice of a chance to dramatically improve their bottom line.

This was the beginning of our massive trade imbalance with China. China has played the game well and always in its favor. It has counterfeited our technology, devalued the yen, provided many low-quality products, including poisoned pet food, lead in toys, tainted seafood, illegals dyes, tainted cosmetics, etc.

And secondly, debt is not our friend. Continued massive debt has caused families to lose their assets and their homes. It is no different with our nation's continued borrowing and increasing debt. Debt does have limits. Eventually, debt becomes non-sustainable. Borrowing power becomes limited or at high interest rates. Purchasing power becomes diminished.

When the payment cannot be paid, there is the need for negotiation (usually not in the debtor's favor) or catastrophic consequences. Look at the struggles of Greece, the former Soviet Union, Europe, etc. Many debtor nations have begged for their debts to be forgiven, as they have no ability to repay and cannot face the consequences of driving their people into an economic disaster. It's time to stop dismissing our debt and discuss constructive means of rectifying and controlling this situation.

The beauty of our democracy and a two-party system is that we can have opposition dialogue and bring balance to any issue. It's time to stop the bashing and start offering something constructive.

Gloria Kulpa
Plymouth

Troubling notion

The notion of accident cost recovery is very troubling. I foresee a local patchwork of predatory communities each preying on out-of-town accident victims to fund their public safety departments. Accidents are called accidents because those involved did not intend them or expect them. Yet as most of us realize, blame for an accident can generally be found whenever investigators are sufficiently motivated to find it.

Because the whole idea for this initiative is to raise money, there would be the expectation of nearly always assigning blame; investigators might even be given quotas to fulfill.

To be sure, some accidents involve negligence, recklessness or malice. In these cases, judging and punishing guilty parties is a job for the courts, not public safety departments. Our judicial system has standards and procedures to protect our rights and it does not bear the conflict of interest imposed by the need to raise money; justice is its only mission.

"Accident cost recovery" is an extraordinarily bad idea; it is a dangerous folly that must be abandoned now and forever, before it can corrupt the institutions we all rely on in times of trouble.

H.N. Williams
Canton

Supports Pagan

Next fall, I will begin my 19th year as a teacher at Salem High School. While things have grown worse for educators and public schools over the past few years with the constant steamrolling we have taken from certain elected officials, I and many of my colleagues still cherish the work we do each and every day.

Most of my friends and colleagues chose teaching because we had a memorable teacher who helped us find our path in life. They cared for us personally, they dedicated extra time and they knew us and had our backs. Daily, we reflect on our passion to leave that same impact for the next generation.

I have probably had more than 3,000 students since I began teaching. While I cannot possibly remember all their names, many have left a large impact on me as a teacher and a person. Kristy Pagan was one such student more than a decade ago. I can still picture her sitting in the front row of my civics class ready to engage in the day's lesson.

A decade ago, before we were overburdened with the never-ending desire for data collection and standardized tests, we com-

monly had time to hold more class discussions where the students would evaluate differing positions on specific policy issues. It struck me that Kristy, unlike many of her peers, truly listened and invested in the dialog.

The next time I ran into Kristy was on a visit to Washington, D.C., with my students on a class trip. As we entered the Hart Building to meet with Sen. Debbie Stabenow, Kristy was there to greet our students. I was very impressed with how she worked with my students, listening to their ideas and answering their questions.

One part that struck me was when a young student, who declared that she was a Republican, wanted to know how she could get involved, but didn't want to work with the Democrats. Kristy, unlike any person I had seen before, offered my young student her contact information as a way to help her connect to our Republican representative's office.

Kristy was happy to help and wanted to encourage a young student from her hometown to be involved. It's her passion to make a difference and her willingness to engage with all parties that left such a lasting impact on my students that day. These qualities are what sets Kristy apart.

I am excited to vote for Kristy Pagan, not because she was one of my students, but because of the character she possesses. Pagan will be unlike so many of those elected in 2010. She will listen to all sides, she will make rational decisions and those decisions will have both a lasting and positive impact on our community.

Darrin Silvester
Canton

Frick for Frack

According to published reports, the Tea Party is once again flexing its muscles.

The Tea Partiers say they are for smaller government. Well, I am here to tell you the only programs they want to shrink are the ones that affect folks on the lower rung of the economic ladder.

Case in point, look at Paul Ryan's federal budget proposals. They have no problem expanding tax welfare for the likes of the Koch brothers, who just happen to fund organizations such as the Tea Party, Americans for Prosperity (for the rich) and the Mackinac Center for Public Policy. These groups push to elect politicians that will make sure the rich get richer at the expense of everyone else, Michigan being a prime example.

I would like to stress that thanks to these people, the Republican Party of yore is non-existent. This new breed is made up of self-servers, opportunists or members who are afraid to anger the first two.

The old guard, like Gov. Bill Milliken or our own former representative, John Stewart, would be derided and ridiculed by the new right. These men, and others at the time, believed in low taxes for all, not just for the rich. They knew that being a conservative meant being a moderate, that it was not a sin to work with Democrats and to make sure everyone was treated fairly.

The Republican primary in August is really just a game of musical chairs. All the voters will have a chance to do is trade Frick for Frack.

James Huddleston
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Supports Cavanaugh

Who is best qualified to fix the mess that Wayne County finds itself in? The first reality is that the winner in November will be a Democrat. The county is more than 60 percent Democratic. The winner for all practical purposes will be the candidate who wins the Aug. 5 Democratic primary.

Eleven candidates are listed, but only five have real campaigns and any chance of winning: Phil Cavanaugh, Warren Evans, Robert Ficano, Kevin McNamara and Bill Wild.

As part of a Northville Democratic Club screening committee, I recently had the chance to question each of the five in depth on a wide range of county issues. We concluded that Phil Cavanaugh was the best qualified candidate, though we noted two other candidates as well qualified.

Phil Cavanaugh has the education, the experience, the brains and the integrity to find solutions for what ails the county.

Most importantly, Phil Cavanaugh has the integrity to run an honest, transparent county government.

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Mark Babcock is retiring as a cross country coach. JOHN STORMZAND | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Babcock steps down at Harrison

Longtime coach retires from girls cross country post

By Dan O'Meara
Staff Writer

When practice begins in August, the Farmington Harrison girls cross country team will have a new coach for the first time in 24 years.

Mark Babcock, who has taught health and physical education for 34 years at Harrison, is retiring from teaching and also leaving his fall coaching post.

He does plan to return and coach the Harrison girls track and field team for one more season in 2015, however.

Babcock and his wife, Shelly, will spend next fall in Hammond, La., where their two daughters, Jennifer and Lauren, will be teammates on the Southeastern Louisiana University women's soccer team.

Jennifer will be a senior captain; Lauren will be an incoming freshman. Both played soccer at Plymouth High School and are scholarship players at SLU.

"I'll miss those (cross country) girls and that season," Babcock, 56, said, "but I'm

going to be doing some things with my girls.

"I look at it as a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity with your kids playing on the same college team. I think any parent would."

Babcock, who attended North Farmington High School and now resides in Canton, has been the Harrison track coach since 1981 and brought continuity to that position.

"They had three coaches in three years," he said. "I hadn't thought about coaching girls at that time, but the job opened up and the rest is history as they say."

In the fall, Babcock was a football coach for the first 10

years of his career. He was the defensive coordinator at North Farmington for the last eight.

When Harrison needed a cross country coach in 1990, Babcock thought a change in sports made sense at that time.

"We were having a hard time keeping a cross country coach, and I had been a track coach for 10 years," he said. "I thought it would help the track program."

"It was a logical move to coach in the same school (where he taught) and a sport that complements the other.

"And football is a lot of work; it's seven days a week. It

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Livonia native and Novi Detroit Catholic Central grad Michael Dube will take his talents to Michigan State. PHOTOS BY DAN DUBE

Dube setting his sights on MSU tennis career

Ankle injury slowed CC grad in Midwest Closed

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Michael Dube's junior tennis days are over, but in the fall he'll gear up again for what he hopes is a successful four-year career at Michigan State.

The Livonia native, who graduated in May from Novi Detroit Catholic Central High School, signed an NCAA letter of intent last November with the Spartans.

He is one of two incoming recruits for coach Gene Orlando.

Dube, who recently played his last junior event at the USTA Midwest Closed in Indianapolis, had a comfort level with MSU's returning players and coach.

"I really like them a lot," Dube said. "Also, they have good academics and a good tennis program, too."

Dube qualified last year for the prestigious boys 18 USTA Nationals in Kalamazoo, where he posted a 3-2 record overall while falling in the Round of 64 to Collin Altamirano (Santa Barbara, Calif.) in straight sets.

"I thought I did pretty well

and got a pretty good draw," Dube said.

Rated a four-star recruit by tennisrecruiting.net, Dube posted a 31-13 singles record in USTA tournament events during the past 12 months.

In Indianapolis, Dube captured his first-round match before retiring with an ankle injury after playing just one game in the opening set against No. 2 seed John McNally (Cincinnati, Ohio).

Dube, who injured his ankle playing soccer two weeks prior to the Closed, was able to rebound in the consolation bracket and win four of five matches.

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MHSBCA ALL-STAR GAME

Prep showcase has local flavor

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

The cream of the high school baseball crop — including several players from Observerland — is ready to step onto the Comerica Park field for Thursday's annual all-star game.

Area players such as Canton High School's Nick Hazergian, Plymouth Christian Academy's Daniel Jipping and North Farmington's David Lett are among 36 recent graduates who will take part in the 33rd annual East-West game.

The 7 p.m. contest is presented by the Detroit Tigers Foundation (an affiliate of Ilitch Charities) in conjunction with the Michigan High School Baseball Coaches Association. Tickets are \$10 and will be available for purchase at the gates prior to the start of the game.

Meanwhile, all youth baseball players attending in uniform will get in free.

Hazergian, Jipping and Lett will suit up for the East All Stars along with a handful of other players from metro

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Michael Dube, a Livonia native and Catholic Central grad, played in last year's boys 18 USTA Nationals in Kalamazoo.



Canton alum Nick Hazergian is on the East All Stars. FILE PHOTO

Whalers open, close at home against Erie

OHL franchise to host 28 games on Friday, Saturday nights

The Plymouth Whalers start the 2014-15 Ontario Hockey League schedule playing four tough opponents from the Western Conference. It will mark the Peter Karmanos-owned franchise's 25th season.

After opening the season Friday, Sept. 26, in London, Plymouth hosts the Erie Otters in the home opener at 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 27, at Compuware Arena.

The following weekend, the Whalers play Friday, Oct. 3, in Guelph against the OHL-champion Storm at Sleeman Centre before returning home to host the London Knights at 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 4.

Plymouth will host Windsor on Thanksgiving Eve in what



usually is a popular home date. So is the annual holiday matinee, 2 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 30, also against the Spitfires. That home game is one of just three during the month. Also visiting Compuware in December are OHL powerhouses London (7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6) and

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The Plymouth Whalers host the Erie Otters in their home opener at 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 27, at Compuware Arena.



The 12-and-under South Farmington Blues players are (front, from left) Jake Kelbert, Eric Johnson, (middle row) Jack Felder, Parker Kent, Alex Kosdrosky, Tommy Walsh, Greg Wiacek, Nick Pearen, (back row) Ben Ward, Gunnar Lombard, Chris Martin and Kyle Goodling. The coaches are (from left) Chris Kelbert, Jim Pearen and Eric Johnson.

Blues win pair of tourney titles

The South Farmington Blues 10- and 12-and-under baseball teams continued their winning ways in the 16th annual USSSA Blues Invitational June 14-15 at Founders Park.

The 12U Blues won their first three games before losing their fourth, but they still advanced to the championship game and defeated the Bay Area Bulls from New Baltimore, 11-1.

The 10U Blues opened with a loss, but they came back to win their next three and reach the final round.

They avenged their lone defeat with an 11-5 victory over the Oakland Diamondbacks in the championship game.

It was the second consecutive tournament title for both teams, following their wins June 1 in the Livonia Junior Athletic League's Diamond Dig Classic.

The 10U Blues improved to 24-5 overall and are the first-place team in the Advanced East A Division of the Kensington Valley Baseball and Softball Association.

They have finished as runners-up in two tournaments



The 10-and-under South Farmington Blues players are (front row, from left) Michael Downs, Nicholas Zappia, Davis Kent, Kyle Harvey, Gus Weeks, (back row) Anthony Jentzer, Jake Matteson, Danny Hanus, Sam Felder, Noah Felder and Alex Switlik. The coaches are (from left) Chris Weeks, Tom Downs and Jim Kent.

and won championships in two others this season.

The 12U Blues were 24-3 and 13-1 in the Northwest Division of the KVBSA's 12U Advanced Division. They have won all three tournaments in

which they have participated.

The 12U team traveled to upstate New York to play in a national tournament June 29-July 3 at the Cooperstown Dreams Park.

Generals finish third in ASA tourney

The Michigan Generals, a 12-and-under girls softball team based in Farmington Hills, finished third in an ASA national qualifying tournament.

Games were played June 19-22 at Power Park in Novi and ITC Sports Park in Northville. The Chicago-based Orland Park Sparks won the tournament.

The Generals opened with a 6-2 loss to Ice Blue from the Clarkston area. Sarah Cassidy drove in a run with a double and scored a run. Kacui Noseworthy, who had a single and two stolen bases, scored the other run.

The Generals won their next two games in pool play, defeating the Michigan Rage, 7-3, and the Great Lakes Sharks, 11-3.

Jordyn Taylor and Sarah Fish scored two runs each in the win over the Rage. Taylor had two hits and a walk, Fish a double and two walks.

Noseworthy and Alayna Mulford had two hits apiece in the Great Lakes game. Mulford also scored two runs.

Sydney Bernot (single), Noseworthy and Molly Simpson, who played outstanding defense at second base, each scored a run. Emma Curan was the winning pitcher in both games.

The Sparks used a 10-run inning to engineer a 12-1 win over the Generals, who slipped to 2-2.

The Generals rebounded later Friday with a 15-2 defeat of the Mid-Michigan Firesticks, scoring 14 runs in the first inning.

Curan had three hits; Noseworthy, Kelly McCullough and

Allison Poremba had a double and two walks apiece.

Curan, Poremba and McCullough also scored two runs each. Maddie Armstrong chipped in a double; Taylor was the winning pitcher.

In the first round of bracket play Saturday, the Sharks edged the Generals in 10 innings, 4-3.

Each team scored three runs in the ninth inning. Using the international tiebreaker, the Generals left their runner at third base in the 10th.

Taylor hit a two-run single; Curan, who pitched a complete game, had a double and a run scored. Simpson was a stand-out at second base again.

The Generals won their next two to stay alive in the double-elimination tourney and advance to the final round Sunday.

Mulford, Curan and McCullough had three hits each in the team's 19-10 win over the Firesticks.

Mulford had two doubles and scored twice; Curan tripled and scored three runs, and McCullough had a double and one run scored.

Fish, who walked twice and had one hit, scored four runs. Mulford, Taylor and Curan shared the pitching duties.

Bernot had three hits and scored two runs as the Generals beat the Rage again, 10-4. Noseworthy had a double, a walk and two runs; Poremba had two singles and scored once.

The Generals, who finished the tournament with a 5-4 record, fell one game shy of the final Sunday when they lost to Ice Blue, 7-4.

BASEBALL

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Detroit schools.

Also on the East squad are Dazon Cole (West Bloomfield H.S.), Grant Reuss (Cranbrook Kingswood Prep), Gordon Fisher (University of Detroit-Jesuit) and Will Salter (Orchard Lake St. Mary's

Prep).

Cole and Reuss recently were selected by the Atlanta Braves and Detroit Tigers, respectively, in the Major League Baseball amateur draft.

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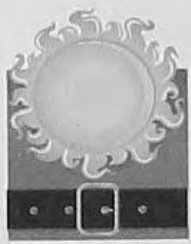
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Highly touted center Bitten commits to OHL's Whalers

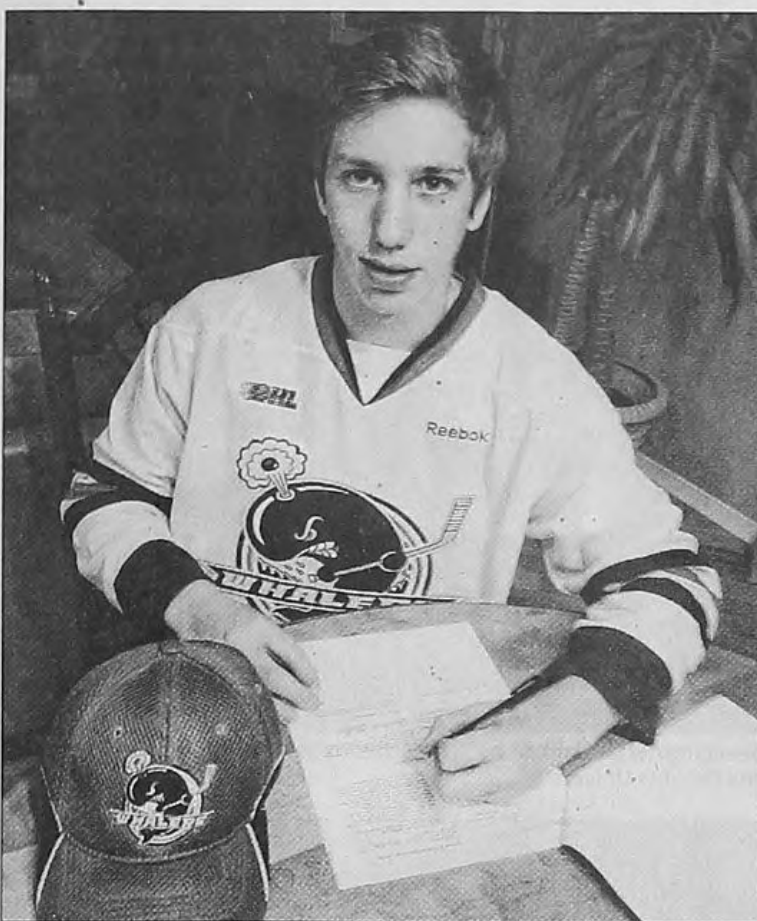
Plymouth Whalers General Manager Mark Craig last week announced the commitment of center Will Bitten, who was taken by the Whalers in the first round (seventh overall) of the 2014 Ontario Hockey League Priority Selection.

"Will's exactly the kind of player we need," said Plymouth Whalers Head Coach Don Elland. "I love the fact that when he doesn't have the puck — in spite of his size — he'll do whatever he can to get it back. He's a very good play maker. Given time, we think Bitten will become a very good player in the Ontario Hockey League."

Bitten, who turns 16 on Thursday, scored 36 goals and 42 assists for 78 points in 29 games as captain of the Ottawa Jr. 67's minor midgets last season. He added five goals with five assists for 10 points in six games last spring in the OHL Cup tournament. He was named Minor Hockey Player of the Year for the Ontario East Minor Hockey League.

In 2012-13, Bitten scored 29 goals with 25 assists for 54 points in 30 games for the Ottawa 67's bantams. In 2011-12, Bitten scored 30 goals with 33 assists for 63 points in 28 games for the Ottawa 67's bantam minors.

After playing in Ottawa, Bitten hoped to be taken by his hometown team. But the 67's chose left wing Travis Barron



Center Will Bitten recently was taken by the Plymouth Whalers in the first round of the OHL Priority Selection. PHOTO COURTESY BITTEN FAMILY

with the third overall pick in the OHL Priority Selection. "I'm very excited to play for the Whalers," Bitten said in a recent interview. "Plymouth seems like a really good place

to play. My goal is to be ready for the NHL Draft in a couple of years. The Whalers will help me to realize my dream." According to NHL Central Scouting, Bitten "is an un-

dersized, skilled center that doesn't play like he's 5-foot-8. He is very tenacious and is not afraid to get into the dirty areas of the ice to get the puck or to defend. He is a very smart player with a high hockey IQ."

Bitten is part of an athletic family. Parents Doris Piche and Mike Bitten played badminton for the Canadian Olympic team. Doris Piche played is a two-time Canadian Olympian, playing singles and doubles in the 1992 Summer Olympic Games in Barcelona and singles and mixed doubles 1996 Summer Olympic Games in Atlanta. Mike Bitten played singles and doubles for Canada in the 1992 Summer Olympics in Barcelona.

His cousin — Sebastien Piche — skated in the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League from 2004-09 for Lewiston, Shawinigan and Rouyn-Noranda and played against the Whalers in two games in the 2007 MasterCard Memorial Cup while playing for Lewiston. A free agent, Piche spent time in the Detroit Red Wings system from 2009-12, playing between Grand Rapids of the American Hockey League and Toledo of the East Coast Hockey League.

Bitten joins a young Whalers team that made the OHL Playoffs last season for a league-record 23rd consecutive season.

WHALERS

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Guelph (7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13).

Things pick up in January and February, with eight and seven home games, respectively. Some of the highlights include the Saturday, Jan. 10, game against Sault Ste. Marie (7 p.m.), the Martin Luther King Jr. Day matinee against Saginaw (2 p.m. Monday, Jan. 19) and contests against Sarnia on Saturday, Feb. 21, and Thursday, Feb. 26 (both 7 p.m.). Meanwhile, Erie closes out the Compuware slate with a 7 p.m. Saturday, March 21, contest.

All told, the Whalers will play 28 home games Friday and Saturday nights.

Following is the home portion of the Whalers' 2014-15 schedule:

September: Sat. Sept. 27, Erie, 7 p.m.;

October: Sat. Oct. 4, London, 7 p.m.; Sat. Oct. 11, Peterborough, 7 p.m.; Fri. Oct. 24, Mississauga, 7 p.m.; Sat. Oct. 25, Kitchener, 7 p.m.;

November: Sat. Nov. 1, Kingston, 7 p.m.; Fri. Nov. 7, Owen Sound, 7 p.m.; Sat. Nov. 8, Kitchener, 7 p.m.; Sat. Nov. 15, Sault Ste. Marie, 7 p.m.; Sat. Nov. 22, Niagara, 7 p.m.; Wed. Nov. 26, Windsor, 7 p.m.; Sat. Nov. 29, Sarnia, 7 p.m.;

December: Sat. Dec. 6, London, 7 p.m.; Sat. Dec. 13,

Guelph, 7 p.m.; Tues. Dec. 30, Windsor, 2 p.m.;

January: Fri. Jan. 2, Saginaw, 7 p.m.; Fri. Jan. 9, North Bay, 7 p.m.; Sat. Jan. 10, Sault Ste. Marie, 7 p.m.; Sat. Jan. 17, Sudbury, 7 p.m.; Mon. Jan. 19, Saginaw, 2 p.m.; Sat. Jan. 24, Guelph, 7 p.m.; Fri. Jan. 30, Belleville, 7 p.m.; Sat. Jan. 31, Windsor, 7 p.m.;

February: Sat. Feb. 7, Owen Sound, 7 p.m.; Fri. Feb. 13, Barrie, 7 p.m.; Sat. Feb. 14, Sault Ste. Marie, 7 p.m.; Fri. Feb. 20, Windsor, 7 p.m.; Sat. Feb. 21, Sarnia, 7 p.m.; Thurs. Feb. 26, Sarnia, 7 p.m.; Sat. Feb. 28, Ottawa, 7 p.m.;

March: Thurs. Mar. 5, Saginaw, 7 p.m.; Sat. Mar. 7, Oshawa, 7 p.m.; Sun. Mar. 15, Saginaw, 2 p.m.; Sat. Mar. 21, Erie, 7

p.m.

TICKET CAMPAIGN: The Whalers are in the middle of a "25 Days of Giveaways" campaign for season ticket holders.

Fans who purchase a season ticket in full are eligible to win prizes in a raffle.

The first two winners are Canton residents Tom Pawlowicz and Steven Gavala.

ALUMNI GAME: One highlight of the Whalers' preseason schedule is Plymouth's fourth Alumni Game at 4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 16, at Compuware Arena.

More details will be released soon. Some 20 alumni have committed to the game, with more coming soon.

PRESEASON SLATE: Plymouth starts the preseason with its annual off-site game, hosting Windsor at 7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 30, at Mike Modano Ice Arena in Westland.

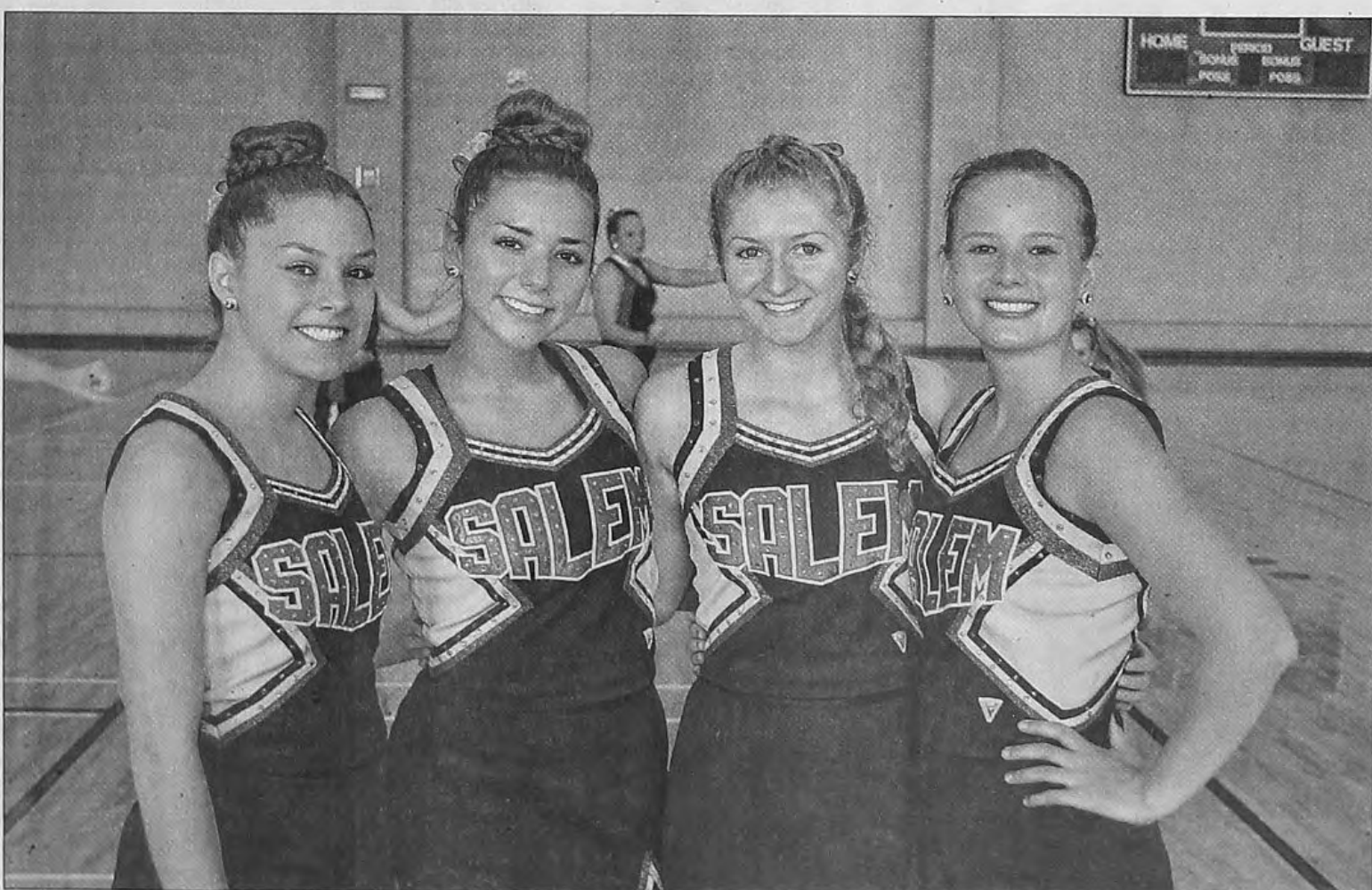
The Whalers play Thursday, Sept. 4, at Windsor Family Credit Union Centre and then finish the preseason with home-and-home games Sept. 5-6 with Saginaw.

ETC: Plymouth finished 28-33-0-7 last season, eighth in the Western Conference, while making the OHL playoffs for the 23rd consecutive season. The Whalers were eliminated in the first round by the Guelph Storm.

The Whalers return an entire roster of players from last season.

For ticket info, call Compuware Arena at 734-453-8400 or go to plymouthwhalers.com.

All-American Rockettes!



Salem Rockettes varsity girls pom squad members (from left) Olivia Benintende, captain Rachel Duprey, Maddie Harvath and Lauren Lachowski receive All American honors at the UDA camp held June 13-16 at Oakland University. Only 10 percent of each camp is selected as an All-American.

SPORTS CAMPS

Churchill hoops

The Churchill girls 2014 summer basketball camp (grades 5-9 in the fall) will be 3-6 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, July 15-18, at the high school. The cost is \$50.

For more information, email coach Matt McCowan at mmccowan54@gmail.com or call 248-761-9201.

Plymouth Y programs

The Plymouth Family YMCA is offering a variety of youth instructional programs. The focus will be on fun, exercise and social interaction through sports instruction.

The programs include preschool soccer, preschool and youth basketball and volleyball. Ages vary by program but offer something for children age 3-14.

The programs are open to YMCA and community members. For more information, contact the YMCA at 734-453-2904 or visit ymcadetroit.org/plymouth.

Canton football

A summer football camp run by the Canton High School program is slated for July 14-17 at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park varsity field.

The camp is for players entering grades 7-9 in fall 2014. Times are 5-7:30 p.m. Contact Richard Mui at 248-229-2738.

Visit www.cantonchiefs-football.com to download a flier.

Wildcat baseball

The Plymouth Wildcat summer baseball clinic will be Wednesday, July 23, at the Plymouth High School baseball field.

The first session is 9 a.m. to noon for boys and girls entering grades 1-4; the second is 1-4 p.m. for boys and girls entering grades 5-8.

The cost, which includes a snack and water, is \$25 before July 20, \$30 after that date. Participants need to bring a glove, cleats, bat and baseball hat.

To obtain a registration form, contact head coach Jason Crain at plymouthbaseball@pccsmail.net or plymouthbaseballboosters@gmail.com.

Harrison volleyball

Harrison High School will host a girls volleyball camp July 22-24 in the school gym.

The hours are 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. for girls who will be in the grades 4-6 in the fall, 1:45-4 p.m. for girls in grades 7-8.

The cost is \$55 at the door. There is a family discount of \$50 per girl for a family with two or more children participating.

A concussion form must be completed and signed. Go to farmington.k12.mi.us to find the form.

For more information, call either coach Mike Love at 313-758-1185 or coach Sue Kendall at 248-505-7261.

Lutheran soccer

A soccer mini-camp for beginning and intermediate players (boys and girls ages 5-12) will be 6:30-8 p.m. Monday through Thursday, July 21-24, at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia.

The cost is \$20 (includes T-shirt, snacks and soccer ball).

To register, visit www.christsaviors.org or call 734-522-6830.

Summer camps

On tap this summer through Canton Leisure Services are basketball and baseball summer camps instructed by long-time 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.

DUBE

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"This year I didn't play that many tournaments, but ones I played I did pretty well, especially this last tournament at the Closed," said Dube, who was the Southeast Michigan Muthig Junior Qualifier runner-up to Novi's Tim Wang, 6-4, 6-4. "I was coming off a sprained ankle and I was still able to do pretty well in the back draw, at least. I was playing through pain for most

of the tournament. I just wanted to go in and play my game and play competitive tennis, which I thought I did."

As a freshman at CC, Dube teamed up with his older brother Joseph to help the Shamrocks win the 2010 MHSAA Division 1 state title. Joseph, who will be a senior this fall at Marist (N.Y.) College, was the state runner-up at No. 1 singles, while Michael took the No. 2 singles flight.

Dube was also state semifinalist at No. 1 singles both in 2011 and 2013 (losing in three sets to Northville sophomore

Connor Johnston).

A four-year honor roll and National Honor Society member at CC, Dube plans on majoring in biochemistry and molecular biology at MSU.

"We are excited to have Michael and another great player from southeast Michigan," Orlando told msuspartans.com following the signing. "One of our recruiting goals each year is to win with Michigan talent and Michael adds to that tradition. Michael's biggest attribute to his game is his ability to find ways to win. He's a hard

worker and will only continue to grow in our program."

Although he did not qualify this year for Kalamazoo — in large part because the draw has been reduced from 196 to 128 — Dube plans to stay busy training under coach Grant Asher at The Sports Club of West Bloomfield.

"I'll played in a couple of ITA, college-age tournaments this month and it should prepare me pretty well for the fall coming up at Michigan State," Dube said.

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Cadwell's love of bowling pays off

Recent Salem grad to continue career at Siena Heights

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Bowling has always been a family passion for the family of recent Salem graduate Steven Cadwell.

His grandparents, Jim and the late Camille Ebersole bowled. So do his parents, Kevin and Denise Cadwell.

And, so does Steven Cadwell — who parlayed an outstanding four-year career with the Rocks into a scholarship to bowl at Siena Heights University (NAIA Division II).

Cadwell, 17, is the first boys bowler from any of the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park teams to receive a college scholarship to continue his career.

He was a member of Salem's 2012-13 state championship squad and had another big year, with an average of 211 and high-water marks of 279 (game) and 475 (two-game series).

"Steven has been a pleasure and key member of the Salem varsity team for four years," Salem coach Kathie Hahn said. "He was key in getting the state championship, ... he was team captain (as a senior)."

"The younger players looked to him for advice and guidance. He will do well at Siena Heights and

in his future. We will miss him and wish him only the best, he deserves it."

Cadwell recently signed his national letter of intent during a ceremony attended by his parents as well as Jim Ebersole, grandma Nancy Cadwell and Saints men's bowling coach Charles Cain. Salem coaches Hahn and Glenn Clark also were on hand.

"Steven started league bowling when he was four at Super Bowl (in Canton)," wrote Kevin Cadwell in a text message. "He participated in other sports such as soccer, basketball, baseball and tennis."

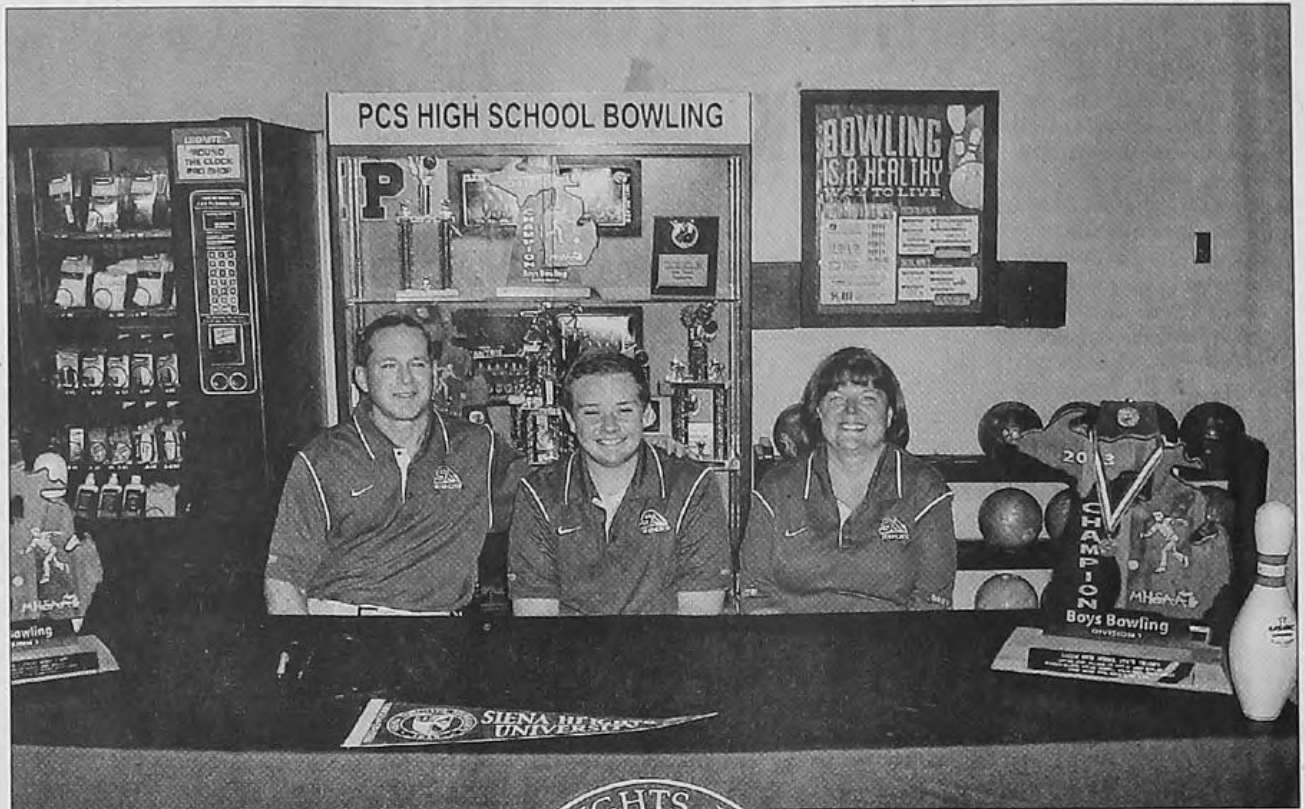
"But bowling's passion. He lives, sleeps and breathes bowling."

He also took his allowance growing up and used the money to buy a new bowling ball or other equipment.

If the younger Cadwell's college career is as successful as his high school career, the money might be coming in rather than going out.

"Steven dreams of becoming a pro bowler one day," Kevin Cadwell said. "He would also like to own his own pro shop one day and give lessons to kids, and (to) coach."

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Steven Cadwell (center) is flanked by his coaches at Salem High School, Glenn Clark and Kathie Hahn, after signing to bowl at Siena Heights University.



Steven Cadwell's proud parents (Kevin and Denise Cadwell) watch as he signs his national letter of intent to bowl at Siena Heights University.

CAMPS

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

inquire.

Churchill football

» The Livonia Churchill Twilight football camp (grades 3-8) will be 7-9 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, July 23-24, at the high school.

The cost is \$35 if pre-registered by July 1 or \$50 after. You can register in person beginning at 6 p.m. Wednesday, July 23, at the football field pavilion.

» Churchill will also offer a camp for grades 9-12 including advanced offense and defense techniques, 5-8 p.m. Sunday through Tuesday, July 27-29.

Campers will need cleats, running shoes and a signed liability agreement. All checks should be made payable to Churchill High School: Allen Feigel, 8900 Newburgh Road, Livonia, MI 48150. No refunds two weeks prior to start of camp.

Franklin girls hoop

The Livonia Franklin girls summer basketball camp (grades 5-8 as of this fall) will be 4-7 p.m. July 29-31 at Franklin High School.

The camp is free to all. To register email coach James Milican at

jmilican@livoniapublicschools.org. Please give name, age and grade when registering.

MU cross country

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

MU will also hold long runs 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 Pat Daugherty at pdaugherty@madonna.edu. Daugherty can also be reached during the evenings at 734-658-0226 (cell) or 734-432-5634 (office).

CC basketball

Detroit Catholic Central High School will have a boys basketball camp from 9 a.m. until noon (grades 5-7) and 1-4 p.m. (grades 8-9) Monday through Thursday, July 7-10, at the high school, 27225 Wixom Road, Novi.

To download a flier, visit catholiccentral.net. For more information, email CC coach Bill Dyer at [\[ford.net\]\(http://ford.net\).](mailto:dyerja01@southred-</p>
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Churchill gymnastics

The Churchill gymnastics camp for ages 11-and-up will be 6-8 p.m. Monday through Thursday, Aug. 11-14, at the high school, 8900 Newburgh Road, Livonia. The fee is \$71.

For more information, email coach-director Kelly Grodzicki at kgradzic@gmail.com or assistant coach Sara Wilchowski at sarawilchowski@gmail.com.

For more information, call Grodzicki at 248-880-0198.

Madonna volleyball

Madonna University will have a series of volleyball camps for middle and high school players.

The remaining camps are: hitters (session II) — 8:30 a.m. to noon Monday through Thursday, July 7-10; and defenders — 1-4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday, July 7-10.

The cost for each camp is \$135. For more information, call MU coach Jerry Abraham at 734-432-5612 or email jabraham@madonna.edu.

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BABCOCK

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was a step back and a good move for me then. We were going to have children and all that."

Babcock coached a number of outstanding runners such as Allison Noel, Breanna Morrison, Janel Carter and Catherine Barkach, and the 2000 team qualified for the Division 2 state meet.

In recent years, the Hawks won four OAA Blue Division championships during a five-

year span between 2008 and 2012.

"You really get those top-notch kids," Babcock said.

"They're really motivated; they're top students and they're fun to coach. There's a lot of things to love about cross country."

"There are a lot of team elements about the sport. You train together and do the same things. It's definitely a close-knit group."



Babcock

"You don't get as much of that in track because of the size of the team and different elements. You don't always train together."

"There's a lot of bonding and we do a lot of things to develop that team chemistry. I'll miss that most. That's one of the great things about coaching high school sports, especially cross country."

"It's been a good run; I've enjoyed it. It was sad when I had to tell (the current team members) goodbye, but it's for the right reason."

Green leads field at Lyons Oaks

The Michigan Publinx Seniors Golf Association (MPSGA) held the seventh of its 15 tournaments on June 24 at the Lyon Oaks Golf Club in Wixom.

Billy Green of Waterford shot a 71 for the low round of the day. There

were 21 winners from a handicapped field of 101 players (50 years and older).

The first-place prize winners were (Gross/Net): Flight A: Billy Green, Waterford (71/66); Flight B: Mark Iovan, West Bloomfield (80/68);

Flight C: Steve Germond, West Bloomfield (88/67); Flight D: Tie: Carl Carli, Sterling Heights (103/71); and Desmond Roberts, Trenton (93/71).

For more MPSGA information, visit www.mpsga.org or call 734-207-7888.

Parade of Homes winners show design innovations

The Home Builders Association of Southeastern Michigan announced the winners in its 25th annual Parade of Homes architectural judging. Parade of Homes is an exhibition of 45 new model, under construction and pre-construction homes and condominiums located throughout southeast Michigan. The show-case took place during the month of June. All 45 homes are featured at www.ParadeHBA.com. HBA and Bank of America Home Loans sponsor the event.

In this year's architectural judging, blue ribbons were awarded to the model homes in eight categories. Winning homes were selected based on the following criteria: best value for the price, best use of space, most innovative design and aesthetic appeal. Before being judged in these categories, participating homes were divided into categories by price, with a separate category for attached condominiums.

- The blue ribbon homes are:
- » Attached condominiums - MJC Companies for Fairfield
 - » Homes base priced under \$230,000 - Steuer and Associates for Marlee II
 - » Homes base priced from \$230,000 to \$275,000 - Clearview Homes for Dover - B
 - » Homes base priced from \$275,000 to \$325,000 - MJC Companies for The Laura
 - » Homes base priced from \$325,000 to \$345,000 - Lombardo Homes for The Summerfield
 - » Homes base priced from \$345,000 to \$400,000 - Silverado Custom Homes for The Majestic
 - » Homes base priced from \$400,000 to \$500,000 - Robertson Homes for Fairbanks
 - » Homes base priced over \$500,000 - Arteva Homes for Sinclair idea ShowHouse

A panel of local architects and industry experts judged the homes. Participating judges were Lonny S. Zimmerman, AIA, NCARB of Siegal/Tuomaala Associates; Benedetto Tiseo, FAIA, NCARB of Tiseo Architects, Inc.; Michael J. Gordon, RA of



The attached condominiums winner is MJC Companies for Fairfield.



In homes base priced under \$230,000, Steuer and Associates for Marlee II was the honoree.

Moiseev/Gordon Associates; and Paul Salloum of Bank of America Home Loans. Headquartered in West Bloomfield, HBA is a trade association representing more than 700 builders, remodelers, multi-family property owners, developers and

suppliers to the single-family and multi-family residential construction industry. HBA is affiliated with the Home Builders Association of Michigan in Lansing and the National Association of Home Builders in Washington, D.C.

Oregon appeals: Go west, young people

Q: We love the Columbia River Gorge area and the city of Hood River and Portland itself, but can't make up our minds where we can get the most for our money for a retirement home. Do you have any suggestions?



Robert Meisner

A: A tough question to answer as all of these areas are sensational, but different in character. Hood River, by way of example, is a resort town similar to a northern Michigan town like Charlevoix or Elk Rapids. The Gorge is like living on a mountaintop overlooking a beautiful river and Portland is very cosmopolitan with, nearby, two large mountains, revitalized neighborhoods springing up and new and converted condominiums all over the downtown area. Depending upon your preferences, Portland proper may be the best bet in terms of real estate costs, especially if you stay out of the downtown area, but you will still have access to downtown and its environs because of the great transit system, plus you will still be near the Gorge, Mount Hood and Mount Adams. Visit an experienced Realtor in each of these areas before you make a decision.

Q: Has the new Bay Bridge between San Francisco and Oakland changed the real estate market in downtown San Francisco on the waterfront?

A: Well, it was a contributing factor, I am sure, to the new condominiums, low and high rise, that are sprouting up around areas of the Old Wharf, east of the Embarcadero. The changes to the bridge allow for better access to downtown San Francisco, plus, of course, the city of Oakland and Walnut Creek, which is an affluent suburb of the city of Oakland. The price, however, for real estate in downtown San Francisco continues to be extremely high per square foot and even Oakland properties near the bridge are appreciating substantially. It is beneficial to get an attorney to assist you in getting a real estate broker who is knowledgeable and can help you assess the most advantageous areas for you to buy in, but you will experience sticker shock in these areas.

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HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Feb. 24-28, 2014, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

BEVERLY HILLS	4348 Karen Ln	\$740,000	26197 Meadow Dr	\$410,000	39763 Squire Rd	\$365,000
16940 Beverly Rd	5139 Mohr Valley Ln	\$305,000	LATHRUP VILLAGE	27334 Evergreen Rd	44837 Stockton Dr	\$93,000
18184 Kinross Ave	1692 S Hill Blvd	\$152,000	27334 Evergreen Rd	\$50,000	44843 Stockton Dr	\$93,000
16252 Reedmere Ave	7079 White Pine Dr	\$243,000	26207 Meadowbrook Way	\$149,000	30995 Tanglewood Dr	\$200,000
BIRMINGHAM	COMMERCE TOWNSHIP		MILFORD		28478 Witherspoon Dr	\$97,000
125 E 14 Mile Rd # 7	3216 Belle Terre	\$75,000	1569 Boulder Lake Dr	\$395,000	SOUTH LYON	
1133 Henrietta St	8423 Cascade St	\$33,000	2889 Central Blvd	\$73,000	52010 11 Mile Rd	\$140,000
615 Oak Ave	3808 Ellisia Rd	\$201,000	1997 Charles Ct	\$463,000	58697 Bridge House Ct	\$79,000
2313 Pembroke Rd	4750 Halberd St	\$137,000	1130 E Commerce St	\$130,000	60125 Deer Creek Dr	\$320,000
1116 Washington Blvd	1807 Luneta Ct	\$85,000	2240 Honeywell Lake Rd	\$115,000	983 Devonshire Dr	\$156,000
BLOOMFIELD HILLS	855 N Commerce Rd	\$136,000	1395 Old Plank Rd	\$161,000	166 Eagle Way	\$192,000
2831 Chestnut Run Dr	5431 Riverwalk Trl	\$305,000	1092 Riverstone Cir	\$291,000	1103 Paddock Dr	\$249,000
4255 Meadowlawn Dr	FARMINGTON HILLS		NORTHVILLE		356 Princeton Dr	\$173,000
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP	25581 Crystal Spring Ct	\$164,000	21346 E Glen Haven Cir	\$125,000	SOUTHFIELD	
100 Billingsgate Ct	30134 Fiddlers Grn	\$260,000	318 Ely Dr N	\$254,000	29280 Bermuda Ln	\$195,000
4025 Blackthorn Ct	26300 Kiltarton St	\$180,000	NOVI		25075 Lathrup St	\$50,000
2659 Bridle Rd	31750 Lakeside Dr Unit 421	\$118,000	30766 Ardmore Ct	\$148,000	19628 Nadol Dr	\$76,000
457 Cambridge Way	32435 Nestlewood St	\$200,000	24056 Argyle St	\$625,000	28425 Red Leaf Ln	\$45,000
	33632 Old Timber Rd	\$238,000	31125 Bancroft Dr	\$380,000	29131 Wellington Rd E # 27	\$71,000
	28331 Quail Hollow Rd	\$194,000	28288 Carlton Way Dr	\$193,000	20506 Westhampton Ave	\$22,000
	29360 Summerwood Rd	\$200,000	26052 Island Lake Dr	\$580,000	WHITE LAKE	
	23735 W Newell Cir	\$134,000	44580 Mansfield Dr	\$290,000	10179 Cedar Island Rd	\$171,000
	25422 Witherspoon St	\$360,000	23434 Meadowbrook Rd	\$154,000	1074 Round Lake Rd	\$50,000
	FRANKLIN		44974 Paine Dr	\$429,000	9534 Roundlake Blvd	\$133,000

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of March 18-21, 2014, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

CANTON	GARDEN CITY	37544 Newburgh Park Cir	\$203,000	9327 Fenton	\$71,000
43130 Applewood Rd	31528 Block St	34170 Orangelawn St	\$111,000	15225 Garfield	\$28,000
2075 Centennial Dr	28552 Bridge St	9744 Pere Ave	\$145,000	18504 Gaylord	\$50,000
411 Cherry Grove Rd	32214 Dover St	20099 Purlingbrook St	\$49,000	17190 Lennane	\$36,000
2234 Fairway Cir	6501 Henry Ruff Rd	19386 Rensellor St	\$73,000	27211 Lyndon	\$55,000
45913 Graystone Ln	30775 Maplewood St	28044 W Chicago St	\$110,000	18601 Negaunee	\$40,000
44539 Heather Ln	32611 Maplewood St	NORTHVILLE		25857 Westfield	\$93,000
8410 Holly Dr	LIVONIA	17060 Horseshoe Dr	\$556,000	24532 Westgate Dr	\$88,000
45019 Middlebury Ct	32305 Seven Mile Rd	46592 Pinehurst Cir	\$665,000	WAYNE	
42285 Oakland Dr	36007 Allen St	18126 Shadbrook St	\$660,000	34509 Chestnut St	\$76,000
1652 Orchard Dr	30049 Bentley St	41328 Windsor Ct	\$125,000	5248 Fletcher St	\$39,000
49830 Potomac Rd	33705 Bloomfield St	20374 Woodhill Dr	\$337,000	35059 Glenwood Rd	\$10,000
1930 Preserve Cir W	29470 Bobrick St	PLYMOUTH		36232 Kendall St	\$70,000
771 Princess Dr	28940 Broadmoor St	49455 Cooke Ave	\$407,000	2931 Tanglewood Dr	\$200,000
48114 Red Run Dr	9080 Butwell St	9116 Countrywood Dr	\$358,000	35007 Winslow St	\$82,000
413 Sandalwood Rd	29506 Clarita St	814 Deer Ct	\$188,000	WESTLAND	
3582 Shepherd Ct	9048 Deering St	14818 Farmbrook Dr	\$182,000	39268 Armstrong Ln	\$109,000
3453 Shepherd Ln	18125 Deering St	12468 Lochness Ct	\$450,000	6963 Bison St	\$125,000
43896 Shiloh Ct	14481 Fairway St	40499 Orangelawn Ave	\$187,000	340 Brookfield Dr	\$115,000
2410 Stanton St	11846 Farmington Rd	51123 Plymouth Lake Ct	\$533,000	35250 Donnelly St	\$88,000
42964 Versailles Rd	15316 Fitzgerald St	9168 Redbud Ave	\$190,000	7445 Hartel St	\$67,000
	33013 Hees St	42975 River Bend Dr	\$220,000	35238 John Hawk St	\$15,000
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RELIGION CALENDAR

JULY CAR WASH
Time/Date: 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, July 12
Location: Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28680 Cherry Hill Road, Garden City
Contact: 734-427-3660

CONCERT
Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 16
Location: Lola Park Lutheran Church, 14750 Kinloch, Redford
Details: Branches Band will perform sacred and secular music
Contact: 734-968-3523 or 313-532-8655

CROONING IN THE COURTYARD
Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. July 31
Location: Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28680 Cherry Hill, Garden City
Details: Sing-along and karaoke event; bring your own chair, instruments
Contact: 734-427-3660

FILM
Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, July 16
Location: St. Aidan, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia
Details: Free screening of Gravity. Refreshments provided and a brief discussion will follow
Contact: RSVP to 734-425-5950

MUSIC FESTIVAL
Time/Date: 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, July 26
Location: Hosanna Tabor Lutheran Church, 9600 Laverne, Redford
Details: Free festival with Christian music performances by This Fire Within, The Repeat Offenders, Bekah Greenman, Aaron Lucas and Co., Connor Roy, Heavenly Embers and more. Crafters and vendors will be on site 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Contact: 313-937-2424; www.HosannaTabor.org

OUTDOOR WORKSHOP
Time/Date: 11 a.m. Sunday, July 13-Aug. 24
Location: Cherry Hill Village Schoolhouse, corner of Ridge and Cherry Hill Roads, Canton
Details: Bring your own lawn chair for this service with members of St. Michael Lutheran Church. In case of inclement weather, service will be held at the church, 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton
Contact: 734-459-3333

RUMMAGE SALE
Time/Date: 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 15, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday, July 16
Location: Timothy Lutheran Church, 8820 Wayne Road, Livonia
Details: Bag sale, 1-5 p.m. Wednesday; scrap metal collection runs July 14-18
Contact: 734-427-2290

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR
Time/Date: 7 p.m. July 15-17
Location: Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28680 Cherry Hill Road, Garden City
Details: An ice cream social will be held in conjunction with the sale on July 16. Cost for ice cream is a goodwill offering
Contact: 734-427-3660

SOCCER MINI-CAMP
Time/Date: 6:30-8 p.m. July 21-24
Location: Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia
Details: For children, 5-12, of any skill level; \$20 per student includes T-shirt, instruction, snack and take-home soccer ball
Contact: 734-522-6830; info@christoursavior.org

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
Time/Date: 5:15-8:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, July 28 through Aug. 1
Location: St. Michael Lutheran Church, 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton
Details: For 4-year-olds through grade 5
Contact: www.connectingwithgod.org

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
Time/Date: 6-9 p.m. July 21-25
Location: Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28680 Cherry Hill, Garden City
Contact: 734-427-3660; groupvbspro.com/vbs/ez/good-hope

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
Time/Date: 6-8 p.m. July 28-31
Location: St. Michael Lutheran Church, 3003 Hannan, Wayne
Contact: 734-728-1950

YARD SALE
Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, July 26
Location: Faith Community Wesleyan Church, 14560 Merriman, Livonia
Details: Runs rain or shine and includes gently used items, craft supplies, baked goods, and baskets — wrapped and ready for gift-giving — with cat, comfort, car, soothing and child-pleasing themes. Proceeds fund mission team trip to South Dakota
Contact: Mary at 248-471-1322 or Melissa at 734-466-8694

YOGA CLASSES
Time/Date: 10:30-11:30 a.m. July 15 and 22
Location: St. John Neumann, 44800 Warren Road, Canton
Details: Lauren Burtell teaches a Tuesday yoga class. Walk in each class for \$10
Contact: Burtell at 313-671-7909

ONGOING CLASSES/STUDY
Men's Bible study
Time/Date: Breakfast at 7 a.m. and study at 8 a.m.
Location: Kirby's Coney Island, 21200 Haggerty, Northville Township
Contact: John Shulenberg at 734-464-9491

Our Lady of Loretto
Time/Date: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday
Location: Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford Township
Details: Scripture study
Contact: 313-534-9000

St. Michael the Archangel
Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. the second and fourth Thursday.
Location: School library, 11441 Hubbard, 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.livoniastmichael.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 MEAL
Time/Date: 5-6 p.m. every Thursday
Location: Salvation Army, 27500 Shiawassee, 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 kindergartners
Contact: Ethanie Defoe at 248-227-6617 and Jody Fleszar at 734-658-2463

Dunning Park Bible Chapel
Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. first and third Tuesdays
Location: 24800 W. Chicago Road, Redford
Details: MOPS is a place where moms can build friendships, receive mothering support, practical help and spiritual 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: 29887 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills
Details: Participate 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. to 2 p.m. Saturday
Location: 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton
Details: Praying silently or aloud together; prayer requests welcomed.
Contact: 734-459-3333 for additional information

SINGLES
Detroit World Outreach
Time/Date: 4-6 p.m. Sunday
Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford, Room 304
Details: Divorce Overcomers group is designed for individuals going through divorce, those who are divorced or separated.
Contact: The facilitator at 313-283-8200; lef@dwwo.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., Northville
Details: Single Place Ministry; cost is \$5
Contact: 248-349-0911 or visit www.singleplace.org

Steve's Family Restaurant
Time/Date: 9 a.m. second and fourth Thursday
Location: 15800 Middlebelt, 1/4 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 Presbyteri-

an Church
Time/Date: 11 a.m. Sunday
Location: 40000 Six Mile, Northville Township
Details: Single Point Ministries, for 30 and up, offers fellowship, coffee, doughnuts, conversation.
Contact: 248-374-5920

SONG CIRCLE
Congregation Beth Ahm
Time/Date: 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 transliteration as well as the original Hebrew.
Contact: 248-737-1931 or email nancyellen879@att.net.

SUPPORT
Apostolic Christian Church
Time/Date: 5 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily
Location: 29667 Wentworth, Livonia
Details: Adult day care program at the church's Woodhaven Retirement Community. Funding available from TSA, AAA 1-C Older Americans Act.
Contact: 734-261-9000; www.woodhaven-retirement.com

» Detroit World Outreach
Time/Date: 7:8:30 p.m. Tuesday
Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford; Room 202
Details: Addiction No More offers support for addictive behavior problems, drugs, alcohol, overeating, gambling.
Contact: 313-255-2222, Ext. 244

» Farmington Hills Baptist Church
Time/Date: 7-9 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 Parkinson 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
Contact: www.metrofibrogroup.com; or call Ruthann 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 734-464-0990; www.riverside-parkchurch.org; or email to rpadm@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: 44800 Warren Road, Canton
Details: Overeaters Anonymous meets
Contact: Mary at 734-634-7154

or Jennifer at 734-812-6077 for additional information
» St. Thomas a' Becket 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 hangups (addictive and compulsive behaviors); child care is free.
Contact: Child care, 248-374-7400; www.celebraterecovery.com and www.wardchurch.org/celebrate

THRIFT STORE

St. James Presbyterian
Location: 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford
Contact: 313-534-7730 for additional information
Way of Life Christian Church
Time/Date: 2-3:30 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 Weber, 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 counsel. 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

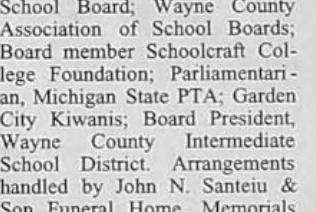
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BARSAMIAN, ARMEN
 Age 89, July 3, 2014. Beloved husband of Norma. Dear father of Mark (Linda), Nona (Byron) Brigham, and Roger (Roxanne). Loving grandfather of John (Julie) Graham, Allison, Carmen Brigham, Sara (Anthony) Gilbert, Chelsea and Lisa. Preceded in death by parents, Simon and Araxy Barsamian and brother, Myron. A selfless community servant, dedicated to the educational community of Garden City. A few of his outstanding accomplishments: First Citizen of Garden City; Treasurer and founding member Parkside Credit Union; President, Garden City School Board; Wayne County Association of School Boards; Board member Schoolcraft College Foundation; Parliamentarian, Michigan State PTA; Garden City Kiwanis; Board President, Wayne County Intermediate School District. Arrangements handled by John N. Santeiu & Son Funeral Home. Memorials suggested to the Garden City Educational Foundation or the Schoolcraft College Foundation.
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HAMERNIK, DIANE C.
 Age 70 passed away peacefully on July 4, 2014. Diane was the owner of White Lace and Promises Bridal Shop in Canton for 12 years. Loving wife of Ronald Hamernik for almost 48 years. Dear mother of Cheryl (Scott) Taylor of Seattle, WA. Proud grandmother of Matthew Taylor, and Jacob Taylor. Caring sister of John Kohnke. Visitation and funeral services were held on Tuesday July 8, at Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, Plymouth. Memorial contributions may be made to Forgotten Harvest. To share a memory please visit vermeulenfuneralhome.com



JOHNSON, MARIE A.
 96, June 30, 2014. Beloved wife of the late Loren. Dear mother of Kay (Jim Case) Jones-Case and David (Karen). Also leaves 3 grandchildren, 7 great grandchildren, 2 great great grandchildren and sister Marilyn Larrabee. Preceded in death by 2 grandchildren and 5 siblings. Services were held Thursday. Share your memories at www.schrader-howell.com

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Canton actor takes on three roles at Shakespeare festival in Jackson

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Every summer for the past six years Rick Eva temporarily moves from Canton to Jackson, where he rehearses and performs in three plays that make up the Michigan Shakespeare Festival season.

"They put us up in housing at Jackson College. We have about three weeks of rehearsals...eight hours every day, Tuesday through Sunday. We're going into technical rehearsals this week," said Eva, who is cast as Osric in Shakespeare's *Hamlet* and a lord in *Cymbeline*, and Merri-man in Oscar Wilde's *The Importance of Being Earnest*. The plays will run in repertory, July 17 through Aug. 17, starting with previews for *Hamlet* Thursday-Friday, July 17-18, at Jackson College.

"People come from everywhere ... Ohio, Indiana, Chicago," said Eva, describing the 15-member cast. "My first year, one of the actors came from New York. We put on good work. That's why the festival is special and there is a demand for it. I just wish more people would come to Jackson to see it. I would love it if we had extra weeks of performances. It's kind of a haul to get out to Jackson, but it's worth it."

Eva hopes the festival, now in its 20th season, will attract a large audience from metro Detroit next summer when it moves three weeks of its month-long season to the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton. The festival will rehearse, preview and open performances in Jackson before staging shows July 29 through Aug. 16, 2015, in Canton.

Considering Canton

"I hope it opens up access to people. Ever since Jan (Blixt) took over I've been whispering in her ear, 'You should look at the theater in Canton. It's really nice.'" Eva isn't certain if his suggestion to Blixt, the festival's artistic director, prompted next season's expansion into Canton, but he's happy about the change. If he is cast again next summer, he'll play to a hometown audience.

"Nothing is guaranteed. I audition every year," said Eva, 34. "Except for this year. I was



Rick Eva of Canton is in his sixth summer with the Michigan Shakespeare Festival. Previews begin Thursday, July 17, in the Baughman Theatre on the campus of Jackson College in Jackson.

on my way to the auditions and I flipped my car on 96. It was one of those days when it snowed all night and they hadn't cleaned the roads and it was really slushy. I was going 30-35."

Drivers who stopped to assist told him the car had flipped twice before coming to rest on an embankment. Eva was able to drive the car to the repair shop before heading to the hospital to check on his sore neck, but missed the auditions. The directors cast him anyway.

"They knew me," he explained. "It was my sixth year doing it."

School, apprenticeship

Eva began developing his acting skills at Salem High School, where he was president of the thespian troupe. After graduating in 1998, he headed to Eastern Michigan University to study theater, but became overwhelmed by a demanding schedule that also included cheerleading. He transferred to Western Michigan University after two years and decided to get serious about acting. Breaking his foot while cheering at a football game helped to confirm his decision.

After graduating in 2003 from WMU, Eva spent a year in New York before accepting an apprenticeship at the Purple Rose Theatre in Chelsea. Afterward he stage managed a children's theater in Milwaukee, Wis., for a year and then returned home to audition for plays, while also earning his



Rick Eva and Melanie Keller in Michigan Shakespeare Festival's 2013 production of *Twelfth Night*. JEREMY HOPGOOD



Rick Eva (right) battles with Alan Ball during in Michigan Shakespeare Festival's 2012 production of *Richard III*. JEREMY HOPGOOD

master's degree in theater studies from EMU. He was rehearsing for a play at the Performance Network in Ann Arbor when another actor suggested he audition for the Michigan Shakespeare Festival.

He was cast after his first audition and has returned to the festival every year since. Five years ago, he also became a member of the festival's touring company, which per-

forms *Romeo and Juliet* and *Macbeth* in high schools throughout Michigan and adjacent states.

After six years with the Michigan Shakespeare Festival, the performances and rehearsals seem more like play than work, Eva said.

"Auditioning is the job. The work is getting the job. When you're cast, it's no longer work. Then it's time to play and have fun."

MICHIGAN SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL

What: The 20th anniversary season includes Shakespeare's *Hamlet* and *Cymbeline*, along with *The Importance of Being Earnest* by Oscar Wilde

When: July 17 through Aug. 17; Previews are 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Friday, July 17-18, for *Hamlet*; 2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, July 19-20, for *The Importance of Being Earnest*; and 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Friday, July 24-25, for *Cymbeline*. See a complete list of show times and dates online at michiganshakespearefestival.com

Where: Baughman Theatre, located in the Potter Center on the campus of Jackson College, 2111 Emmons, Jackson

Details: The cast includes Rick Eva of Canton, who will perform in all three plays. Tickets are \$40 for an adult orchestra ticket, \$34 for an adult mezzanine ticket, \$108 for a season flex pass orchestra seat, \$90 for a season flex pass mezzanine seat. The senior discount is \$3 per ticket and group discounts for 10 or more are \$5 per ticket. Get tickets online at michiganshakespearefestival.com or call 517-796-8600

Contact: 517-998-3673

Adopt a theater seat, see Woody Allen comedy in Plymouth

Patrons will laugh their way through Barefoot Production's first play of the summer season from comfy, new seats.

The Plymouth theater will present Woody Allen's *Play It Again, Sam*, as a staged reading at 8 p.m. July 18 and 19 and 2 p.m. July 20, at its playhouse, 240 N. Main. Tickets are \$15. The box office opens an hour before performances. Call 734-560-1493 for more information.

"Over the past nine years, we have never had a complaint about our shows, only our seats, so we have done something about it. We have purchased wonderful seats to make our theater-going experience for our patrons more enjoyable," said Craig A. Hane, artistic director and founder of the theater company, in a news release.

He said the cost of the chairs "took a big bite" out of Barefoot's limited budget. He hopes the public will help replenish those funds by adopting a seat. Patrons who donate \$100 will see their names engraved on brass plates and affixed to a front row seat. Middle row seats are \$75 and back row seats are \$50 and also include the brass name plates.

One row of 11 seats will be designated as Restaurant Row. Plymouth eateries will receive perks, such as a brass name plate and link from the theater website, for adopting one of the chairs.

Barefoot Productions member Rex Tubbs of The Engraving Connection of Plymouth is providing all of the brass plates.

To adopt a seat, visit just-



Mat DeLisle (left) of Ypsilanti plays Allan Felix and Eric Corliss of Livonia is the ghost of Humphrey Bogart in Barefoot Productions' staged reading of *Play It Again, Sam*.

gobarefoot.com or call Hane at 734-276-9075.

Woody Allen comedy

Play It Again, Sam, is a romantic comedy that became a Broadway hit in 1969. The show centers around Allan Felix, who has been dumped by his wife and encouraged by friends to re-enter the dating scene. Throughout the play, he asks the ghost of Humphrey Bogart for advice.

Hane said the play is perfect for a staged reading because it relies on Allen's writing rather than blocking or physical humor to tell the story. Actors will be at music stands, referring to scripts, with minimal props and blocking. They will have entrances and exits, wear costumes and

portray fully developed characters.

The play will serve as an homage to one of Hane's favorite movies, *Casablanca*. Patrons will hear sound clips from the film during the performance and monitors in the theater lobby will play *Casablanca* and *The Maltese Falcon*, two Bogart films, before the show.

Mat DeLisle of Ypsilanti plays Allan Felix and Eric Corliss of Livonia is his film hero, Bogie. Other cast members are Tim Majzlik of Ann Arbor as Dick, Jennifer Beitzel of Northville as Linda, Lauren Berryman of Farmington as Sharon, Samantha Lowry of Livonia as the Girls, and Dana Naughton of Plymouth as Nancy.

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.

Wild Summer Nights: Concerts run 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesday, through Aug. 27, in the Main Picnic Grove and are free with zoo admission, which is reduced to \$6 after 6 p.m. on concert nights. Performers are Mr. Seley and the Troublemakers, children's, July 16; The Verve Pipe, children's, July 23

Contact: 248-541-5717

ARTS AND CRAFTS ART IN THE PARK

Time/Date: 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, July 11, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, July 12, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, July 13

Location: Downtown Plymouth

Details: More than 400 artists sell their works. Activities include creation of a living mural, chalk on sidewalk art, children's theater, One Love Reggae Band and more

Contact: 734-454-1314; artinthepark.com

CITY GALLERY

Time/Date: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday-Tuesday and Thursday-Friday, and 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday, through July 18

Location: The Costick Center, 28600 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: Clay and bronze sculptures by Bernadette Marcos

Contact: 248-473-1859

JANICE CHARACH GALLERY

Time/Date: Noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Wednesday and 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday, July 17 through Sept. 11

Location: Jewish Community Center

of Metropolitan Detroit, 6600 W. Maple, West Bloomfield

Details: "Daily Gratitude: Art, Sport and Cupcakes," features the work of Jessica Kovan. Also opening July 17 are exhibits by glass artists and Theresa Petersen, who creates art from thrift store and hardware shop finds

Contact: 248-432-5448

COMEDY JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Thursday, July 10 and 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 11-12

Location: 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia

Details: Steve Gillespie performs; tickets are \$12 show only, \$22 with dinner on Thursday; \$16 show only, \$29 with dinner, Friday

Contact: joeyscomeclub.net; 734-261-0555

MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Thursday, July 10; 9:30 p.m. Friday, July 11; 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Saturday, July 12

Location: Fourth and Troy Streets in downtown Royal Oak

Details: Nate Weatherup performs; tickets are \$15

Contact: 248-542-9900; info@ComedyCastle.com

FILM PENN THEATRE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday, July 10, 7 p.m. and 9:25 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 11-12, and 4:20 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, July 13

Location: 760 Penniman, Plymouth

Details: Million Dollar Arm, admission \$3

Coming up: *The Amazing Spider-Man 2*, 7 p.m. Friday, July 18, and 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, July 19-20; *Belle*, 7 p.m. and 9:05 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 25-26, 4:45 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, July 27

Contact: 734-453-0870; www.penntheatre.com



Red Fruit Trio
Oatmeal

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A summer treat with fresh toppings

If you think of oatmeal as old-fashioned, it's time to think again. Whole grain oats are one of the most versatile breakfast staples and provide a perfect blank slate for this summer's seasonal ingredients. Most produce is at its best during the summer months; fruits like cherries, raspberries and nectarines or vegetables like corn, tomatoes and zucchini are great additions to turn oatmeal from a typical winter dish into a fresh summer treat.

"It's amazing how toppings found at the grocery store or farmers market can transform a traditional bowl of oatmeal into a culi-

nary delight," says Sam Stephens, owner of OatMeals, the world's first oatmeal bar, which opened its doors in 2012 in New York City. "Ingredients like fresh figs and blueberries or even tomatoes and basil can help boost the dish's flavor to the next level and change the way we typically enjoy oatmeal."

As Creative Oatmeal Officer, Stephens has partnered with Quaker to help nourish families in New York City and across the country with creative tips and innovative recipes filled with delicious flavors. She discovered her love for all things oatmeal in college and

since then has devoted her life to sharing her passion, creativity and appreciation of oatmeal with everyone.

Oatmeal shouldn't be limited to just the breakfast table. It can be a healthy, budget-friendly option for families also looking for delicious snack, lunch or dinner options. There are numerous ways to use simple ingredients to create both savory and sweet dishes for the whole family. Visit www.oatmealchef-sam.com for more inspiration.

— Courtesy of Family Features



STEEL CUT OATMEAL WITH SWEET CORN, TOMATO & PANCETTA

Servings: 4

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
 - ½ cup diced pancetta (or bacon, prosciutto or ham)
 - 2 cups corn (approximately 3 ears, fresh or frozen and thawed)
 - 1 cup halved cherry tomatoes
 - 1 tablespoon butter
 - 2 diced whole small shallots (optional)
 - 2 diced whole garlic cloves (optional)
 - 1 cup Quaker Steel Cut Oats
 - 4 cup low sodium chicken stock
 - Freshly ground black pepper to taste
- Grated Pecorino or Asiago cheese

In large saute pan, heat olive oil at medium heat. Add pancetta, corn and cherry tomatoes and cook for five minutes. Remove mixture from pan and place in bowl; set aside.

In same pan, add butter, shallots and garlic, and cook for two minutes at medium heat. Add steel cut oats and stir continuously for two to three minutes, until lightly toasted, golden and fragrant. Add chicken stock and stir to combine.

Cover pan and reduce heat to low. Simmer for 20-25 minutes, stirring occasionally, until oats are al dente. Add pancetta, corn and tomato mixture to the cooked oats and stir to combine. Season with black pepper to taste and top with grated Pecorino cheese.



PB&J AND APPLE OATMEAL

- ½ cup Quaker Oats (quick or old-fashioned). Or try ¼ cup Quaker Steel Cut Oats
- ½ cup fresh apple, diced
- 1 tablespoon peanut butter (or almond butter)
- 1 tablespoons strawberry jelly

Prepare oatmeal as usual, add toppings and enjoy! For additional topping ideas, try adding fresh strawberries, honey, or dry roasted peanuts

RED FRUIT TRIO OATMEAL

Servings: 1

- ½ cup Quaker Oats (quick or old-fashioned)
- 2 tablespoons diced strawberries
- 4-5 fresh raspberries
- 3 pitted and halved fresh cherries (or 1 tablespoon dried cherries)
- Drizzle of honey

Prepare oatmeal as directed. Top with fruit, drizzle with honey and enjoy. Also try adding 2 teaspoons of dried currants or dried cranberries to create a more flavorful red fruit experience.



CUBAN-STYLE BLACK BEANS & PLANTAINS OVER OATMEAL

- 1 cup Quaker Steel Cut Oats
 - 2 tablespoons olive oil
 - 2 pieces firm, ripe plantains, peeled and sliced in two
 - 1 whole large onion, diced
 - 1 whole green pepper, diced
 - ½ cups chicken broth/stock
 - 1 15-ounce can of black beans, rinsed and drained
 - 1 teaspoon cumin
 - 1 pinch salt and pepper to taste
- Optional ingredients:
- 1 cup fresh cilantro leaves
 - 1 cup fresh sliced avocado
 - 1 cup Cotija or Queso Fresco cheese

Prepare oats as usual and set aside. Heat 1 tablespoon olive oil in a medium skillet over medium heat. Cook plantains for 4-5 minutes until golden and slightly browned, turning once after 2 minutes. Remove from heat. Heat remaining 1 tablespoon olive oil over medium heat and sauté the onion and green pepper 5-7 minutes until onion is translucent and beginning to brown. Add the beans, chicken stock, cumin, salt and pepper, and cook for 5-8 minutes more, until beans are heated. Top oatmeal with black beans and plantains. If desired, garnish with fresh cilantro, sliced avocado and cheese.

BANANA SPLIT OATMEAL PARFAIT

- ½ cup Quaker Oats (quick or old-fashioned) or try ¼ cup Quaker Steel Cut Oats
- ½ banana, peeled and sliced horizontally in half
- ½ cup non-fat Greek yogurt
- ¼ cup blueberries
- ¼ cup strawberries, diced

- ¼ cup almonds
- 2 teaspoons chia or flax seeds
- 1 tablespoon honey, agave, or maple syrup

Prepare oatmeal as usual and place in a sundae or parfait bowl.

Place both banana segments on either side of the bowl. Spoon Greek yogurt in the center. Top with strawberries, blueberries, and almonds. Add chia or flax seeds as "sprinkles" and drizzle with your choice of honey, agave, or maple syrup.