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Canton residents face 8.6-percent increase in water-sewer rates

By Darrell Clem Staff Writer

Canton residents could be facing an 8.6-percent watersewer rate hike starting May 1, a spike officials say would cost a typical household an additional \$124 a year.

The latest rate increase still needs township board approval. A vote is expected in April.

A typical residential custom-er using 32,000 gallons of water every three months would see their quarterly bills jump to \$389 from \$358 - a \$31 increase

to program a mill.

that amounts to \$124 a year, Municipal Services Director Tim Faas said.

Faas is among the Canton officials who will explain the rates during a community forum set for 6 p.m. Tuesday, March 31, at the Canton Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center.

The proposed rate hike is far less than a 21-percent increase for water, alone, that the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department imposed this year on Canton based on new calculations obtained from DWSD,

Faas said.

Here's how local officials say they averted passing the larger increase to residents:

» Administration officials have proposed using \$2.5 million from Canton's \$20 million water-sewer fund, still leaving a healthy balance, said Wendy Trumbull, Canton finance and budget director.

"At this point in time, I am confident that we can absorb it," she said, adding later, "I would say we are in good

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FILE PHOTO **Canton Municipal Services Director** Tim Faas will be among those explaining water-sewer rates during a community forum set for 6 p.m. Tuesday, March 31, at the Canton Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center.

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Schoolcraft College instructor Gene Keyes (from left) shows students Alexis Carlson of Commerce Township and Mike Guider of Livonia how

Canton police hope to strengthen relations at forum

> **By Darrell Clem** Staff Writer

Canton Public Safety has assembled a broad range of law enforcement officials for a community forum aimed at strengthening relations between Canton police and residents.

The forum, organized by Public Safety Director Todd Mutchler amid "a growing anxiety nationwide between communities and law en-



forcement," hap-pens 7-9 p.m. Tues-day, March 31, at Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway. The public is invited.

'My hope is that our community members will have a richer understanding of the criminal justice system," he said.

His remarks came after police

TO THE FUTURE

Manufacturing students have little debt, land good jobs

By David Veselenak Staff Writer

avid Valencia spends his days traveling, doing repairs to machines such as CNC mills. But when he's at home, the Northville High School graduate uses his own mill to create parts, which he then sells.

"Most of the things I've made on my ma-chine are for profit," said Valencia, a Detroit resident

Valencia is just one of several students at Schoolcraft College who have gotten employ-

"I do stuff like this. I make custom parts," he said. "My main thing is I fix them."

It's a field of study at the college that has seen exponential growth the past few years, a trend that has come with a renewed push for skilled trade employees for Michigan companies

Another student who jumped right in after high school was Canton resident Brian Merry.

"I was working in my first shop six months after high school," said Merry, 22. "I just kept



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Matt Sweeney of Farmington Hills works with newly upgraded CAD software.

it going from there."

He said he is two credits shy of earning his associate's degree from the Livonia college and has worked in six shops since leaving high school

With the continued push for more advanced manufacturers in Michigan, Merry began

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Schoolcraft College will host a career pathways open house in several technology labs this spring, including the manufacturing lab, plastics lab, metallurgy lab, welding lab, CAD department and electronics lab. It will take place from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, May 30, in the Applied Science Building at the Livonia campus. The event is open to all students and parents, from middle school to high school. Any questions can be emailed to occupationalprograms@schoolcraft.edu.

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Schoolcraft retooling for today's manufacturing jobs, A10.

in cities across the nation have drawn criticism amid allegations of excessive force, including the recent beating of an African-American motorist by Inkster police officers.

Canton has typically received high marks from residents on community surveys, but Mutchler said the forum, with an open discussion format, could help to further strengthen relations

Panelists assembled for the event include Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy, 35th District Court Chief Judge James Plakas, 35th District Court prosecutor Greg Demopoulos, Michi-gan State Police Capt. Monica Yesh, Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards representative Darnell Blackburn and Canton Deputy Police Chiefs Debra Newsome and Scott Hilden.

"I'm very happy with the line-up," Mutchler said, adding that the panelists have pledged to attend unless, because of the nature of their jobs, they are pulled away.

Mutchler has acknowledged that Canton has avoided the is-sues some police agencies across the nation have had, but he said he hopes to build on "a long tradition of trust between the Canton

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LOCAL NEWS

Library closes book on second-phase makeover

By Darrell Clem Staff Writer

Aspiring author Steven Seiler has found a place inside the Canton Public Library to work on his book about Faygo pop's history and the family that started the Detroit-based company.

Seiler, a Romulus resident, worked intently as he sat inside a newly remodeled social area that has become more spacious since a premium coffee and other vending machines replaced the former Jungle Java

"This is the nicest library in the area," he said, adding that Canton's library draws patrons from neighboring communities.

His remarks came after the library has finished the second phase of a nearly \$900,000, two-year reno-vation, among the biggest since the facility opened in 1988.

Director Eva Davis said patrons have mostly embraced widespread changes inside what is Michigan's busiest library among communities that have only one branch. The renovations have streamlined services, improved efficiency and made the facility seem more spacious

"What's key for me is our patrons love the spaces," Davis said.

Canton's library circulated 1.5 million items last year and had about 500,000 visitors, including many loyal, repeat patrons. The library has 72,684 cardholders, 80 percent of whom are Canton residents, said Laurie Golden, community relations department head

With 95 employees and a \$5 million annual budget, Canton's library has been transformed by its two-part renovation. And a third makeover is expected as early as next year inside the children's section.



Steven Seiler works on his book about the history of Faygo pop as he sits in a newly renovated social area of the library.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Joseph Evans of Belleville uses a new laptop table. Each table has a power outlet nearby.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Craig Swanberg, library information technology systems administrator, was the first to sample coffee from the new vending machine.

BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER New carpet and new chairs for the study carrels are some of the library upgrades.

Davis and Golden gave a tour Thursday and pointed out the changes inside the library, located at 1200 S. Canton Center. » Front-lobby restrooms have been redesigned and made acces-

sible to motorized wheelchair users

» A circular customer service area is positioned just inside the front door, ready to welcome patrons and offer the help they need.

» New carpeting and laminate flooring now cover virtually all of the library. » New seating areas

offer laptop computer

tables to accommodate patron needs.

» An area housing music CDs has been streamlined to vastly improve customer access. Golden said the library has 14,150 adultmusic CDs.

» The social area with vending machines has become more spacious and also received fresh paint and wall covering,

with the color scheme even matching the vending machines.

» Twelve new study carrels, or stations, have been added to the library to give patrons more quiet place to study or work - the result of a community survey con-ducted last year.

"We did get the feedback that people wanted more individual study

spaces," Davis said. Davis said the renovation project had minor hiccups, but no major snags. And for now, until the third phase begins, the work is done.

"I feel like the project went as well as we could expect," Davis said.

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shape."

» Faas said Canton actually witnessed a slight reduction in sewer costs, helping to offset the water rate increase from Detroit.

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» Faas said Canton's latest construction boom brought in additional revenues from water system tap-in fees.

"That helped soften the rate increase a little bit," Faas said. Canton's cost to provide water-

sewer service amounts to \$36.6 million a year, including \$18.5 million on the water side and \$18.1 million for sewer service, he said.

Local elected officials such as Trustee John Anthony have long criticized hefty rate hikes from Detroit, but even he has said he believes DWSD is moving in the right direction under the leadership of Director Sue McCormick. The latest rate hike proposal

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can actually cause higher rate hikes. That's because DWSD officials say they still need to generate a certain amount of revenue - despite lower usage - to provide service and repair an aging system.

comes as Canton and other sub-

urban communities have reduced

their water consumption. However,

officials have long said lower usage

Trumbull said Canton has projected selling 2.6 billion gallons of water to local consumers for the year starting May 1. However, if Canton were to potentially sell more, she said, that would bring in additional revenue to the watersewer fund.

Outside consultants previously said Canton needs to keep a \$15 million balance to maintain a healthy water-sewer fund. By using \$2.5 million from the \$20 million fund to soften rate hikes, Canton still would expect to have a \$17.5 million balance.

dclem@hometownlife.com Twitter: @CantonObserver | 734-972-0919 police and the community."

Mutchler hopes residents will bring questions or concerns and expect straightforward answers on issues such as proper use of force and on-the-job practices used by Canton police.

The Canton Police Department, after assembling minority groups and creating a coalition to combat hate crimes, earned a civil rights award in 2010 from the International Association of Chiefs of Police. Mutchler led the charge to form the Canton Response to Hate Crimes Coalition.

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Board OKs limited schools of choice plan

By Matt Jachman Staff Writer

The Plymouth-Canton Community Schools district has adopted a limited schools of choice plan that will allow up to 250 students from other Wayne County districts to attend local elementary schools for the next school year.

The plan was approved by the P-CCS Board of Education with a 4-2 vote Tuesday.

District officials say the move could bring in as much as \$1.8 million a year – through the \$7,241-per-student foundation grant from the state, which would come with each out-of-district student - in new revenue, without the need to add teaching staff.

Give us a student that is motivated to learn, understands the importance prepar-ing for a challenging world and we will lead that student to thrive in every way," Michael Meissen, the district's superintendent, said in a press release.

A recent pilot schools of choice plan proved successful, district officials said.

The school of choice students from last year demonstrated a commitment to our school district and parents demonstrated a commitment to partnering with us for the success of their kids," said Erin MacGregor, assistant superintendent for teaching and learning. "Ultimately, the academic results have showed that they achieve on par or better than our existing students.'

Implementation of the plan is being combined with a

chance for families already in the district to enroll children at a school other than the assigned neighborhood school. That plan is also limited to students going into kindergarten through the third grade.

District transfers

Monica Merritt, the district's assistant superintendent for human resources and labor relations, said the intra-district transfer requests will be handled first, after an assessment of which schools can accommodate more students in kindergarten through the third grade, without adding staff, and how many students each of those schools can accommodate. Intra-district transfers will be handled through a lottery system in case there are more applicants than slots available at given schools.

That lottery will be held in June.

"We did hear from our community that they wanted the opportunity to apply for those open seats" before they're offered to out-of-district students, Merritt said.

Following those placements, she said, spots that remain in kindergarten through third grade will be open to families from outside the district. Schools of choice applicants will be applying to attend the district, she said, not a particular school, and will be slotted in where space is available.

If there are more schools of choice applicants than slots, Merritt said, a second lottery will be held. Officials said the program will not displace students from in-district families.

Voting in favor Tuesday were board President John

Barrett, Vice President Kimberley Crouch, Secretary Kate Borninski and Trustee Michael Siegrist. Voting no were Treasurer Shelia Paton and Trustee Mike Maloney. Trustee Mark Horvath was absent.

The P-CCS schools of choice plan is open to families in districts served by Wayne RESA, or regional educational services agency, which includes 33 districts in Wayne County. The plan is subject to an annual review by the board. Details and dates regarding

the application process for both the in-district lottery and the schools of choice program will be available in the near future at the district's website, www.pccs.k12.mi.us.

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Madonna signs forensic science articulation pact with WCC

Administrators from Madonna University and Washtenaw Community College signed an articulation agreement this week, providing WCC students an opportunity to complete their bachelor's degrees at Madonna in forensic science.

This agreement provides students who earn an associate degree in biology the opportunity to transfer up to 87 credits from WCC, enabling them to finish their bachelor's degree at Madonna University in 40 credits.

"We are grateful for this collaboration and look forward to providing WCC students with an outstanding degree through our forensic science program," said Michael O. Kenney, vice president for planning and enrollment. "We are a mere 20 minutes from WCC and, with free parking and block scheduling, this is a win/win. That's always our goal.'

Currently, Madonna is the only school in Michigan to

offer a bachelor's degree in forensic science accredited by the Forensic Science Education Programs Accreditation Commission. Madonna also has a similar articulation agreement with Macomb Community College and is in the process of completing a comparable agreement with Mott Community College in Flint.

This agreement offers a unique opportunity for students interested in a career in forensic science, said Jodi Lynn Barta, Ph.D., associate professor in biological and health sciences and director of Madonna University's forensic science program. "We have an active forensic science research facility here at Madonna, which also provides students access to experiential learning in research and de-velopment," Barta said.

Employers are now asking for forensic science technicians who have received a degree from a FEPAC-accredited program. We can provide our students with the tools



Lori Radwin of Ypsilanti, a senior in the forensic science program, and Stephanie Gladyck of Clinton Township, a master's degree student from Syracuse University who is also completing the master's certificate in applied forensic science research through a dual enrollment program, listen as Dr. Jodi Lynn Barta, director of the forensic science program, instructs them in their lab work.

they need to be successful in their field," Barta said. The requirements for WCC students who follow this articulation agreement include: » An associate of science in biology degree with a Michigan Transfer Agreement endorsement

» An overall grade-point average of 2.8

Students will enter the pre-forensic program as soon as they transfer and, once they successfully complete the introductory survey course in forensic science, they will be eligible for acceptance into forensic science.

"We are very happy to en-ter into another articulation agreement with Madonna University," said William Abernethy, WCC interim vice president for instruction. "As with our other articulation agreements, it will benefit students at both institutions and we look forward to continuing our valuable partnership."

For more information about the program at WCC, contact Brad Hoth at 734-973-3676 or Ruth Walsh at 734-973-3689. For more information about the Madonna University forensic science program, call Sue Sayers at 734-432-5523.

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A skate park for Plymouth? Petition drive urges action

By Julie Brown Staff Writer

An initiative is underway encouraging people to sign a petition to get a skate park built in the Plymouth commu-nity. Matt Young, 28, of Plymouth Township is its organizer.

Young noted in an email, for only its fifth week as an organization "we are nearing 600 signature (500 physical, 100 digital) as well as 400 'likes' on Facebook and 200 Instagram followers.

Its website at skatePlymouthMI.com lists several possible locations, including Plymouth Township Park, the Ply-mouth-Canton Educational Park and the Hines Drive/Wilcox Lake rest stop area. The Cultural Center/Central Middle School area is also listed as an option.

"I've been in contact with offices from Plymouth Township, the city of Plymouth, Wayne County and the state of Michigan. Our focus now is finding a mutual location that best serves the communities' needs," Young wrote in his email.

"Skatepark of Plymouth was an idea that I and my daughter (5) had at the end of February. Since then, we have been granted 501(c)3 status by the IRS and the state of Michigan and we are currently drafting a board of trustees. We roughly have 10 dedicated members at this time," Young wrote March 26.

The website also lists several concepts: » Skate plaza - these recent designs have

fused skate-able terrain with recreational areas,



This picture of the park is purely example and doesn't represent any design or layout organizers are using, Matt Young wrote. "I think it illustrates the 'organic' aesthetic we are looking for though! Skate parks are very flexible in their design, which means that we can think outside of what most people's preconceived notion of what a 'skate park' is. By using artistic sculpture and creative landscaping, we can create a fully functional skate park that looks and feels like a beautiful outdoor recreational facility, just like any other ordinary park."

mimicking "street" ob-stacles like benches and stair-sets. Made popular by Rob Dyrdek and the Street League Skate-boarding, these plazas are popping up all over the United States, according to the site.

» Skate-able artwork another possibility is the installment of skate-able artwork. These modern hybrids can please the eyes and the skaters' creativity by using painted concrete sculptures to defy the conventional stereotypes of what a "skate park" has to be. It can refresh any public space, the website notes.

The site lists "examples where it works" of Livonia, Farmington Hills, Ann Arbor, Bloom-field Hills, Birmingham and Garden City. Information on the local initiative can be found at: #SkatePlymouthMI@Ska-tePlymouthMI; facebook.com/Skate PlymouthMI; www.skatePlymouthMI. com

You are Invited

SkateparkOfPlymouth.org also has details. The organizing group had an early March meeting at the Coffee Bean. "For only being three weeks into the project, it was an energetic and productive meeting," Young wrote. Trevor Staples, president of the organization that built Ann Arbor's skate park, was the guest speaker.

Young was born and reared in Plymouth. He recently purchased a Plymouth Township home and is a single father employed as a machinist at Loc Performance.

"We will be gathering once a month to meet with public opinions and questions," Young wrote. On the skatePlymouth-MI.com website under Feedback, there is a survey to gather information for park layout/design.

Young skated as a kid and took it back up with his daughter. "Fell back



Matt Young skated as a kid and took it back up with his daughter Chloey, 5. She now skates with her dad.

in love! Now she skates with me," he wrote. The Plymouth skate

park organizers plan a fundraising event June 21 at an outdoor location to be determined in Plymouth. Love at First Push is the event theme, Young wrote, adding free lessons by certified instructors will be offered that day.

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Canton getting new steakhouse, second Panera Bread

By Darrell Clem Staff Writer

A new steakhouse. Black Rock, could open in Canton by mid-August after its owner finishes a massive renovation of the former Roman Forum, an Italian eatery that ended its 38-year run last New Year's Eve on Ford Road, near Haggerty

Canton also is getting a second Panera Bread location near the Walmart store on Michigan Avenue, west of Belleville Road. Company officials have projected a September opening.

Black Rock's 430-seat, 10,000-square-foot restaurant will become the third endeavor for J.J.K. Restaurant Group, which already has locations in Novi and Hartland.

Jack Schifko, presi-dent of J.J.K. Restaurants, called the site on Canton's bustling Ford Road corridor a prime spot for Black Rock,

which will feature a patio and a fire pit area on the front side enclosed by a stone wall, with the patio covered during colder weather. The company plans to gut the interior of the building, remodel it and add windows.

We feel that we have found one of the most premium sites in one of the most premium locations in metro Detroit," Schifko said, after the project received site plan approval Tuesday from the Canton Township Board of Trustees.

Clerk Terry Bennett said she has heard "absolutely phenomenal things" about Black Rock

Schifko said some demolition work in the building should begin within days, amid hopes the renovation can be completed and the restaurant opened by mid-August.

J.J.K. Restaurants has a four-year lease with

This is a preliminary rendering of what the new Black Rock steakhouse in Canton will look like.

the former Roman Forum owners, with an exclusive right to buy the property when it is officially for sale. Panera, meanwhile,

expects to start construction in May and open for business in September at its new location in Canton, with the store being built on a perimeter lot of Walmart, said Brian Barnard, Panera senior development project manager.

The new eatery will have 4,300 square feet of space and drive-through service. Panera already has a bustling location on Ford Road, near Lilley. Barnard said the

Michigan Avenue site was chosen because Canton has desirable demographics and the location is in a hightraffic area, ripe for

attracting customers. Panera received its site plan approval Tuesday from the township board.

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PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY CALENDAR

TO VACCINATE OR NOT Time/date: 7-8:45 p.m. Wednes-

day, April 8 Location: Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main, downtown Plymouth

Details: Hear speakers on both sides of the issue and get your questions answered. Mary Greiner, D.O., family practice from Ann Arbor, and Omkar Karthikeyan, M.D., of St. Joseph Mercy Hospital pediatrics, will discuss vaccinations and answer auestions

HOSPICE SUPPORT

Dates/Times: First and third Thursdays of each month, 10-11:30 a.m.

Location: Plymouth Coffee Bean, 884 Penniman

Details: Compassionate Coffee Club is an open and ongoing grief support group offering support and socialization for widows and widowers moving beyond the first year of loss. The program is sponsored by Compassionate Care Hospice and is free of charge, although a drink purchase is required for use of

the space.

Contact: For more information, contact Ann Christensen, Compassionate Care Hospice Bereavement coordinator, at 888-983-9050 or email achristensen@cchnet.net.

BRAIN NEUROBICS

Date/Time: Second and fourth Thursdays through May 2015, 11

Location: Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Details: Wayne State University Institute of Gerontology designed the 10 free courses. Keep your brain alert and active with such topics as Memory Tricks, Food for Thought and Magic of Music. Courses taught by Waltonwood Cherry Hill.

Contact: To sign up, call the Plymouth Community Council on Aging at 734-453-1234, ext. 236. PAGAN HOURS

Dates/Times: Fourth Monday of each month, 7 p.m.; fourth Saturday of each month, 10 a.m. Locations: Monday, Panera Bread, 41950 Ford Road, Canton; Saturday, Leo's Coney Island,

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9624 Belleville Road, Belleville Details: State Rep. Kristy Pagan, D-Canton, announces the schedule for her monthly coffee hours. Pagan invites residents to ioin her to discuss their thoughts and ideas about how she can best represent and address the needs of her constituents. Pagan encourages interested residents to sign up for her e-newsletter, which will provide updates of her work at the Capitol and in the community.

Contact: To sign up, interested individuals should go to paganhousedems.com. Residents can also contact Pagan in her Lansing office at 517-373-2575.

PFLAG MEETING

Date/Time: First Sunday of each month, 3-5 p.m.

Location: St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon, Plymouth

Details: Plymouth-Canton PFLAG meets for discussion, education and sharing. Founded in 1972 with the simple act of a mother publicly supporting her gay son, PFLAG is the nation's

largest family and ally organization. Made up of families, friends and straight allies united with people who are lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT), PFLAG is committed to advancing equality and societal acceptance of LGBT people through its threefold mission of support, education and advocacy

Contact: Email laurie.mayers@gmail.com

DROP-IN KNITTING Date/Time: Third Tuesday of

each month, 1-2 p.m. Location: Plymouth Township Friendship Station, 42375 Schoolcraft, Plymouth

Details: The Plymouth Community Council on Aging offers drop-in knitting and crocheting classes. If you need help finishing a project or starting a new project, then this is the place to come. Beginners are welcome Each class has a donation of \$2 Instructor is Dori Mefford. Contact: For more information,

call 734-453-1234, ext. 236. **CRAFTERS WANTED**

Date/Time: Saturday, Oct. 17 Location: West Middle School, 44401 Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth



Details: Delta Kappa Gamma, an international society of women in education, will host its 31st annual craft show to help provide scholarships for Plymouth-Canton students. There are still openings for crafters who are interested in joining the event. Join DKG along with the AAUW used book sale and reserve a booth

Contacts: For more information, contact Debbie Cortellini at debcortellini@comcast.net or call 734-451-1525.

COACHES NEEDED

Date/Time: Saturdays in spring and fall

Location: Bilkie Family Field, downtown Plymouth Details: The Miracle League of Plymouth, the league providing opportunities for special-needs players to enjoy the game of baseball, needs volunteer coaches for its spring and fall seasons. Contact: Anyone interested in donating their time or who has questions can contact Shari Bilkie via email at shari@miracleleagueplymouth.org

CLOTHING BANK

Date/Time: Fourth Saturday of each month, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Location: Canton Christian Fellowship clothing bank, 8775

Ronda Drive, Canton Details: Canton Christian Fellowship sponsors a clothing bank every fourth Saturday. No documentation is needed. Drop-off is available from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. each Wednesday. Canton Christian Fellowship is located on at Joy Road, west of Haggerty.

Contact: For more information, email info@cantoncf.org or call 734-404-2480

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Time/date: Throughout the week

Location: Plymouth Friendship Station, 42375 Schoolcraft, **Plymouth Township**

Details: Senior citizens play cards and mahjong throughout the week at the Friendship Station. Euchre is played Monday and Wednesday, pinochle Tuesday and Friday and mahjong Monday. Membership is available to all.

Contact: For more information, call the Plymouth Township Seniors president at 734-455-0676 or the vice president at 734-451-2660.



LOCAL NEWS

Wayne-Westland school board supports road tax request

By Sue Mason Staff Writer

The Wayne-Westland school board is asking residents to vote yes on Proposal 1 on the May 5 ballot.

The board voted unanimously to approve a resolution supporting the proposed Michigan Sales Tax Increase for Transportation Amendment, citing the restoration of funds for education and the maintenance of rods for everyone's safety.

District Superinten-dent Michele Harmala, in asking the board to approve the resolution, said that "given the need we have to invest in our students through the School Aid Fund, this would allow us to provide appropriate programs for our students.

"I think the one thing in the proposal is that it guarantees educational funding," Trustee Charles "Trav" Griffin said. "One thing we need to have is some stability in our school district finances. This district, as large as it is, needs to know what kind of money it will have for the upcoming year, so this board, this superintendent and this administration can make the kind of decisions that are needed

"If you think we need help in the schools, this kind of financial proposal that will give us help in the schools to the tune of \$300 million. I encourage you to vote yes," he added.

Ballot proposal

In December, the Michigan Legislature decided to put the proposal before voters in May. If approved, it would:

» Eliminate the sales



Roads throughout the state are deteriorating quickly. Voters have a chance to address the issue May 5.

and use tax on vehicle gasoline and diesel fuel. » Increase the state's

sales tax from 6 percent to 7 percent.

» Dedicate 60 percent of the first 5 percent of the sales tax and an amount equal to 12.3 percent of the first 5 percent of the use tax to the School Aid Fund. Currently, 60 percent of the first 4 percent of the sales tax is earmarked for the fund.

» Provide for the School Aid Fund to be used exclusively for aid to public K-12 and community colleges and eliminate universities as an allowable use for the fund.

» Dedicate 15 percent of the first 5 percent of the sales tax to be used for revenue sharing with townships, cities and villages. Currently, 15 percent of the first 4 percent is earmarked for revenue sharing with local governments.

» Increase the fuel tax to 41.7 cents per gallon from 19 cents per gallon

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of gasoline and 15 cents per gallon of diesel.

» Remove the depreciation discount for annual vehicle registration fees

The House Fiscal Agency has estimated that the sales tax increase would generate more than \$1.6 billion per year, with \$1.2 billion going toward roads, \$130 million to mass transit, \$300 million to the school aid fund and \$95 million to local governments.

'No Plan B'

"There is no Plan B," board President Thomas Buckalew said. "We have a majority party in the Legislature that has taken a pledge of no new taxes. This is a compromise; it's the best the majority party could get. If you vote no - I know you can find 10 reasons why you to vote yes. "We can't continue to

drive on our roads. If we don't do something about them, we'll reach a tipping point where they

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can't be fixed," he added. Board Secretary Carol

Middel echoed Griffin's and Buckalew's sentiments, saying that the proposal was the topic of conversation at a recent legislative conference. One comment that was made was that "the Legislature had a chance to fix it and they couldn't, so now it is up to the voters to fix it.'

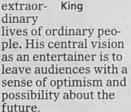
"We have an opportunity to spend a lot of money on front end alignments and tires, but a greater opportunity to generate more money to go into the School Aid Fund, which doesn't have a lot of opportunity to grow itself," she said. 'This might not be the best piece of legislation out there, but it is what's available to us. You might want to look at this seriously. I wholeheartedly support it.'

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Folk singer Charlie King to perform April 17 in Livonia

Musical storyteller and songwriter Charlie King will present a concert of folk music at 7 p.m. Friday, April 17, at Unity

of Livonia. King writes passionately about



"I try to cover a broad emotional landscape in my concerts," he said. "The stories I collect and the songs I write take the listener on a journey of humor, heartache and hope. What I most value in a song is the way it helps us see an old reality in a totally new light.'

King has sung in support of numerous groups working for peace, human rights, the environment and alternatives to violence. His songs have been recorded and sung by other performers such as Holly Near, Ronnie Gilbert, Arlo Guthrie, Peggy Seeger, Chad Mitchell and Pete Seeger.

Opening for King is local entertainer Jere Stormer. Stormer has won several Detroit Music Awards. He believes in sharing the fun he has with his music.

Citizens for Peace and Peace Action of Michigan are sponsoring the Livonia stop on King's spring concert trip. Unity of Livonia is at 28660 Five Mile, between Inkster and Middlebelt. Admission is \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. To reserve a seat, call 734-730-1578 or 734-838-8084.

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LOCAL NEWS

Senior readers share write stuff at Canton library

By Julie Brown Staff Writer

Kathy Fink of Canton, a retired teacher, has been to several sessions of the Canton Senior Book Discussion Group. She was among 10 women meeting Thursday, March 26, with adult reference librarian Joyce Simowski to discuss John Banville's The Sea.

John Banville's *The Sea*. "This book, I came in with the idea I would keep my mouth shut and hear what other people had to say," said Fink, who enjoys hearing the viewpoints of others on the books. The Thursday meetings at the Canton Public Library are fun, she agreed.

"This is a nice place to come," Fink said.

Also at the table was Ilona Zaibek of Canton, a retired legal assistant who worked in Plymouth. "Time has flown," she said of her year or so of participation. "I enjoy reading and I enjoy somebody else choosing the books. It's just a wonderful way to spend the afternoon."



Adult reference librarian Joyce Simowski (center) leads the Thursday, March 26, session.

Simowski alternates the sessions with colleague Elaine Skrzynski, also an adult reference librarian. "We provide the books," Simowski said, adding some are borrowed from other libraries for the group. The Senior Book Discussion Group is done with Canton Seniors of Canton Leisure Services and has met around six years.

Residency isn't checked, Simowski said, and the age of 55 and up is such that "even that, nobody's asking."

The group meets 2-3 p.m. the fourth Thursday of each month at the Canton library, on Canton Center Road south of Cherry Hill. The librarians search for audio books when available, as well as large print copies.

At the March 26 session, it was clear *The Sea* wasn't loved, nor were its characters. "Some of the passages were beautiful," Simowski said. "It has all the elements of what should be an interesting read."

The women took turns giving their take on the book. At one point, the discussion turned to the future of books in print and other printed material, with women noting grandchildren often use smart phones for reading. Fink joked with her book group friends about retirees who are asked by children what they're doing with their days. "Just tell them you're writing a book," she said, with others joining in their children would ask if they were in the story.

Next month's title is Sigh t Reading by Daphne Kalotay, with copies at the Canton library. That session will be 2-3 p.m. Thursday, April 23. The Canton Public Library

The Canton Public Library also has "Books by Mail," a delivery service for Canton seniors and those unable to come to the library due to a long-term disability or health condition. Simowski handles Books by Mail questions at 734-397-0999, ext. 1142, or simowskij@cantonpl.org.

A gift to the library from the Canton Lions Club has provided assistive devices for those with limited vision. Items are offered for use at the library or to be checked out for home use.

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Guest speaker: Raise daughters to be strong and find their own way

By Julie Brown Staff Writer

When Sharon Belobraidich was finishing high school in 1958, she faced a choice.

Career options for women were more limited then. She took the business curriculum in high school, which required the civil service exam.

"We were that generation that we didn't question," Belobraidich, a retired Plymouth-Canton elementary educator, told Westland Rotary members and guests March 26. She got a top civil service score and went to work locally for a great boss.

The same time, she got a scholarship to Michigan State University, having been encouraged by a counselor and teacher to apply. She had trouble getting her parents to sign the financial form for college.

Her dad had been with General Motors 47 years and her civil service clerical job paid



Sharon Belobraidich of Plymouth Township visits with Westland Rotarian Don Douglass of Canton. Both are retired educators, she from Plymouth-Canton and he from Wayne-Westland.

almost as well as his. The boss, however, intervened. "He looked at me and he said, 'You go to school. We'll find a secretary.' My father was livid. Every day we had an argument. To him, this was a gold mine for me," she said of the job.

Belobraidich, the mother of two grown daughters, shared her knowledge on raising strong daughters and granddaughters with the Rotarians at the Joy Manor lunch in Westland.

"When I think back to that, I think of my mother. My mother could do anything," she said of strong women. Her mother said of Sharon she'd be the home organizer – but also not a doormat.

"All my sisters were very old when I was born," she said. "My father was a firm believer in what I say goes." The daughters learned to cook, clean and do farm chores from their mother.

"You make sure the day you graduate you can find a job," said Belobraidich, who long wanted to be a teacher. When she and her husband raised their two daughters, things were different.

"It was just assumed our education did not stop at 12th grade," she said of the family. Her one daughter is now at home with four children and worries about use of her education; her mom assures her the children benefit from that schooling.

Belobraidich and her husband taught their daughters "there are consequences to every choice you make. We make them all the time."

One daughter was bullied in eighth grade by boys and got help from a professional. She's fine, but told her mom, "You protected my emotions. You never let anyone be mean to me," Belobraidich said, adding of the professional, "She opened her eyes to what kind of person she could be."

of person she could be." Belobraidich, even now, tells her family, "I'm your safe haven. Come home and talk to me." When the girls were growing up, she'd get them at a party if alcohol was being consumed.

"Believe what you believe and stand up for those beliefs," she said. One daughter, a bankruptcy attorney, needed to learn her profession has conflict.

Belobraidich concluded with discussion of human trafficking, the Equal Rights Amendment, pay equity and violence against women. Passing the ERA would help women by defining such violence as rape and domestic violence as violations of constitutional rights, she said.

"Human trafficking is now into the millions that have been taken" worldwide, she said. Often, downcast girls in shopping areas are approached by a couple, with the woman first "befriending" the girl and the girl then taken into trafficking.

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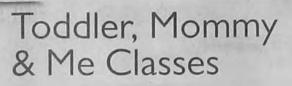
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Shoppers converge on the bargains at last year's Bookstock sale.

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Bookstock returns April 26

Bookstock, metro Detroit's biggest used book sale, will return April 26 through May 3 to Livonia's Laurel Park Place mall. All proceeds benefit literacy and education projects in metropolitan Detroit.

Bookstock's Pre-Sale will kick off at 8:15 a.m. Sunday, April 26. There is a \$20 admission charge for the Pre-Sale only, which runs through 11 a.m. and offers shoppers and collectors first crack at Bookstock's more than 100,000 donated used books, DVDs, CDs, books on tape, magazines and records for sale at bargain basement prices.

The sale will continue through Sunday, May 3. Hours are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. each Sunday and 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

This year, Bookstock will feature five days of special sales:

» Monday Madness – Monday, April 27. Shoppers will receive giveaways.

» Teacher Appreciation Day – Tuesday, April 28. Bookstock will give 50 percent off to all teachers with a valid ID 3-9 p.m. At 5 p.m. Bookstock B.E.S.T.* Awards, (Bookstock Extraordinary Student/ School/Teacher) will be presented to fourthgrade students from Detroit Public Schools who write the best essays titled "My Favorite Book Character ... and Why." Awards will be presented by a WDIV-TV personality and cash prizes will be given to five students, their teachers and their schools.

» Bookbuster Special Days - Wednesday, April 29 and Thursday April 30. Buy three books and get the fourth book free (the least expensive item) 3-9 p.m. Spend \$25 or more and be entered into a special drawing for a shoe signed by Pistons center Andre Drummond and a special gift package including a lesson from Hall of Fame bowler Aleta Sill, the first woman to reach \$1 mil-

lion in prize money. » Half Price Finale, Sunday, May 3 – All remaining books and media will be sold for half price.

Marking 13 years of supporting the need to read, Bookstock has generated more than \$1 million for literacy and education projects throughout Oakland County and Detroit. More than 800 volun-

teers work throughout the year to organize and staff the week-long Bookstock sale. Bookstock established the Bookstock Scholar Awards, in partnership with Wallside Windows and Gardner-White Furniture, given to outstanding students at Wayne State Univer-sity's School of Library Science and Information Technology. The Bookstock Fund, launched in 2012, provided 19 micro grants to Detroit Public School teachers for education and literacy projects. Detroit Free Press

columnist Rochelle Riley and *Detroit News* columnist Neal Rubin are honorary chairs of Bookstock. Gardner-White Furniture is the Bookstock presenting sponsor.

Bookstock is brought to the community by the Jewish Community Relations Council and a consortium of nonprofit organizations that support education and literacy projects throughout metro Detroit. For more information about Bookstook, call the Bookstock hotline at 248-645-7840, ext. 365, or go to bookstock.info. Laurel Park Place is

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Hiring a financial adviser

Things to consider when making choice

Q: Dear Rick: My wife and I need someone to help us with our portfolio. We've done it on our own, but it's just become too difficult to handle. We are relatively new to Michigan and we don't know a lot of people to get referrals from. What are some of the things that we should be looking for in a financial adviser? We met with one person, but he was too pushy and all he wanted to do was sell us insurance.

A: You hit on one of the main differences between financial advisers and that is how they are compensated. Basically, there are three types of financial advisers (from a compensation standpoint) – fee-only, commissiononly or commission and fees.

Advisers who work on commissions are basically salespeople and have a built-in conflict of interest. After all, who are they working for? Are they working for you or are they working for who pays them (the investment company)? As far as I'm concerned, just by the nature of commissions, there is a conflict of interest. I believe when you hire a professional, there should not be conflicts of interest. When it comes to hiring a financial adviser, if you don't want to be pressured into buying prod-ucts, you should look for an adviser that is feeonly.

A fee-only adviser doesn't base his/her compensation on what products you buy or sell, but rather on services provided. Some financial firms such as my own charge a percent of the money under management. Other fee-only



advisers charge a set amount to do a financial plan or other service.

The key to fee-only advisers is they receive no compensation from any product they recommend to you, thereby eliminating the conflicts of interest.

In addition, it also eliminates the aggressive sales tactics that many commission financial advisers – or, as I refer to them, "salespeople" – use.

In doing your search for a financial adviser, I recommend focusing on fee-only advisers.

I believe a good financial adviser is someone you feel comfortable communicating with, someone who will answer your questions and take the time to explain things.

If you sit down with an adviser and they immediately say "this should be your portfolio," before they know your goals and objectives or risk tolerance level, you know that you're dealing with the wrong person.

Communication is a key ingredient to having a successful relationship with a financial adviser.

It is also important to retain a financial adviser who has the educational background and the commitment to continuing education. What was sound financial advice five years ago is not necessarily sound financial advice today.

This gives you a good starting point on what to look for when hiring a financial adviser. In addition, you may also want to sit down with people at Fidelity or Charles Schwab or Vanguard. All three of these companies offer financial advisory services that you may wish to explore. Hiring a good financial adviser is no different than hiring a good doctor or any professional. The key is they have to be transparent when it comes to fees and strategies. In addition, they have to be able to listen to your concerns and develop a game plan that fits your individual situation and individual goals and objectives. Good luck.

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LOCAL NEWS

Schoolcraft College always retooling for today's manufacturing job market

By David Veselenak Staff Writer

When it comes to manufacturing jobs, the image of a dirty factory and a repetitive task comes to mind for many people.

But that's not the case anymore and officials at Schoolcraft College are looking to help train those who will become the next generation of advanced manufacturers and skilled trade workers across the state.

"I think many people have a view of manufacturing that was repetitive and tedious and long term - I'm going to make the right-end fender for a Taurus for 45 years," said Conway Jeffress, president of Schoolcraft College. "You don't really have that anymore and I think that's a good thing for the industry, because it keeps a good sense of vitality in the job and therefore in the people."

The push for skilled trades is one many Michigan residents have heard in recent years, especially from Gov. Rick Snyder, who mentions the topic during many of his public ad-dresses, including this year's State of the State and his proposed budget plan in February. It's one Schoolcraft officials embrace and are willing to work on to make the college a leader in the field.

The governor an-nounced \$50 million in grant money to 18 community colleges last month to purchase equipment through the Community College Skilled Trades Equipment Program, although Schoolcraft was not one of the schools selected.

Schoolcraft's main campus in Livonia has offered several pro-

grams designed for skilled trades, including advanced manufacturing and, most recently, plastics technology, a program that launched just a few years ago.

With an increased demand in those skilled trades, manufacturing instructor Gene Keyes said those who enroll in his courses can expect to find work well before graduation - sometimes after just one semester.

'Usually after two or three classes, depending on who they are, I can get them a job," Keyes said. "It all depends on their ability to think on their feet.

Keyes became a parttime instructor at the college during the last decade. College officials began realizing skilled trade positions would increase in the future. Keyes was made a fulltime instructor, dedicated to teaching and creating relationships with local companies and schools.

"That's when he really began to develop the relationship between Schoolcraft and the ma-jor companies," Jeffress said. "He not only had the academic experience, but he had owned a manufacturing company and so he knew the business. He could talk to potential clientele; he knew what to look for."

Training the future

Keeping ahead of the game over other colleges competing for students, such as Wayne County Community College District, Oakland Community College and Macomb Community College, is a priority for Jeffress.

That includes keeping tabs on the industry, talking to employers and getting the right equipment

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Dr. Conway Jeffress, president of Schoolcraft College.

stay in touch with the employers, so that you're not providing instruction that doesn't fit with what they need and what they want," he said. "And also to have opportunities for students to have handson experiences before they leave here.'

It's become such an important field that the Livonia Industrial Council was formed four years ago through the Livonia Chamber of Commerce. Its mission is to focus on workforce development initiatives in and around Livonia. Members meet quarterly to discuss ideas on how to inspire young people to explore skilled careers and provide train-ing, apprenticeships and co-op programs for local manufacturers.

That's important, Livonia chamber president Dan West said, be-

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cause having those new workers is crucial to companies' survival moving forward.

"A number of experts have told me that tax credits will not attract as many manufacturers to an area as a healthy availability of skilled workers," West said. "To me, this is the leading economic development issue for Livonia and all of southeastern Michigan: To provide the skilled workforce that boosts manufacturing, boosts our region's economic health and keeps more young professionals in Michigan."

That training has done well for some em**BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER**

ployees hired by Farmington Hills-based Star Cutter Tools. With loca-tions across Michigan, including several in the northern Lower Peninsula, the company is seeking more talent at its facilities.

Lindsey Bielby, hu-man resources manager for the company, said Schoolcraft has provided several employees who are succeeding with the company.

"I think the community college has done a very good job of listening to our needs from a manufacturing standpoint," said Bielby, who lives in Tawas City. "I think they've done a

very good job of meeting our needs and identifying our needs.'

Adapting

Those rapidly evolving needs are driving changes in the school's curriculum. Jeffress said additive manufacturing, otherwise known as 3-D printing, has been a field students have flocked to.

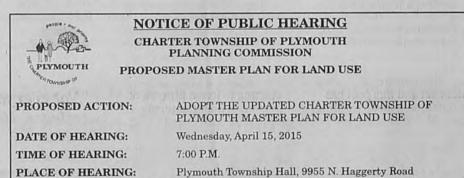
"We thought that would be fascinating to younger folks. A new way of going from de-sign to product," he said. "Once you design it, you actually have the product there. They were ideal for us in attracting new students."

Moving forward, another field Jeffress wants to expand and educate students on is metallurgy, a branch of science examining metals and their properties. Having that knowledge, Jeffress said, will help students understand the materials they are working with.

The return on investment, including in student success, is one Jeffress acknowledges is a point of pride for the college, which plans to adapt as needed.

"But the investment is good from a couple of standpoints, it's not just the dollars. It's the stu-dent enrollment and it's in the satisfaction. The employers are satisfied with us, the students are satisfied with us; they start making money," he said. "After all, that's why we're here.'

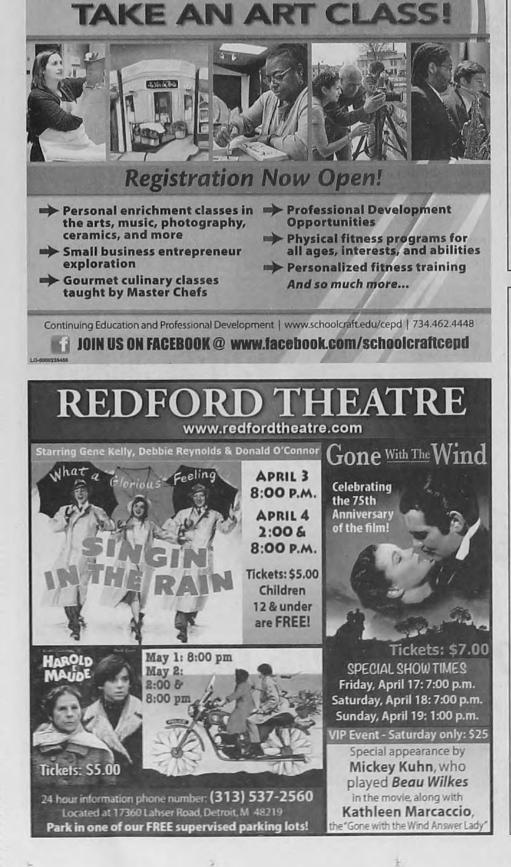
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All inquiries shall be directed to Mr. Shawn Keough, PE (734) 947-9700.

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determining his future quickly. Working in additive manufacturing, known more commonly as 3-D printing, he has worked full time plus overtime most weeks.

He was one of the few younger people in his first shop, a trend that has continued at his current job. That's why he sees a need for more of his peers to enter the field and join the workforce. "I started in the shop when I

was 19. The next youngest person was in their 40s. That's still how it is now," he said. "I've worked in six shops and it's all an aging workforce. As soon as they go away, it's going to be no one.

'It's a lot different'

Gene Keyes, instructor of manufacturing at Schoolcraft College, said he's starting to see a trend in student age in his classrooms, signaling a younger generation of skilled trades workers is on the horizon

Getting those students, who normally may be steered toward a more traditional, fouryear liberal arts degree, has been a challenge, but Keyes has worked with several area school districts to show the benefits of the skilled trades field, said Conway Jeffress, president of Schoolcraft College

"It's been a tough sell. Our approach has been to start earlier," Jeffress said. "Before they develop a picture that's so ingrained and so negative, we want to get to them and talk to them about what you can do in this profession.'

Ann Owen, principal of Emerson Middle School in Livonia, said she began working with Keyes on an increased basis over the past year after several machines owned by the district were decommissioned. She said many people still have the image of a factory as a grimy machine shop, a reality that isn't what it used to be.

She attended a grand opening recently after some work had been done at Livonia's AlphaUSA and said it was the exact opposite of a dirty fac-

tory. "We have to get some visual representations out there to these kids and to their parents and let them know how drastically this industry and whole talent set and this pool has changed, so it looks exciting," she said. "How many images of new, clean facilities are out in publication these days?

This is the image we pass along to our children, because we don't know any different.'

There are major benefits of attending a two-year college for a program like manufactur-



Instructor Mark Schaffroth clears metal chips and coolant from a block of aluminum that is machined by a vertical CNC mill.

loan debt.

'You can make just as much money as anyone in liberal arts with a lot less debt," he said. "Not everyone's made to go to four-year colleges. How many have a bachelor's degree and are bartenders?"

John Kozlowski, a plant manager at Star Cutter Co.'s Farmington Hills facility, can speak firsthand to the changes he's seen since entering the field.

Kozlowski joined Northern Tool in 1987 and worked his way up at the company before and after it was acquired by Star Cutter. He's seen a lot of changes that have made the industry a more advanced, technical field than before.

"Back when I graduated high school in 1986, we were starting to lose a little bit of ground in manufacturing. I thought it was a good field for me to go into," said Kozlowski, a Holly resident. "Everything is state of the art; it's all computer-operated. "It's a lot different."

Good pay

And with that additional



The finished milling demonstration.

"Not everyone's made to go to four-year colleges. How many have a bachelor's degree and are bartenders?"

GENE KEYES

instructor of manufacturing at Schoolcraft College

positions can pay between \$35,000 and \$40,000 at his company, with the opportunity to earn more.

lives in Tawas City. "You can make an additional \$10,000." Alexis Carlson was recently hired at Star Cutter. A Walled Lake Northern High School graduate, she said she got in-

terested in the field after taking some courses during high school at the Oakland Schools Technical Campus in Wixom.

She said some people's attitudes toward her are indifferent when they first meet, but they change once they see her skill set.

"I think they have lower expectations when they meet me," she said. "I'm never going to be done. I'm always going to be learning."

Dan West, president of the Livonia Chamber of Commerce, said he does not have an exact number of businesses that employ these types of workers, but several businesses, including Ford Motor Co. and NYX, Inc., are among the top 10 employers who added jobs between 2013 and 2014.

It's a trend West anticipates will continue, especially in Livonia.

'Based on most research I've read in recent years, there will be more jobs available for those who pursue skills training through a certificate or associate-degree program than those who pursue a bachelor's degree," West said.

ing, Keyes said, specifically with a lot less financial problems than many four-year students experience in student skill comes a wide range of salary options. Lindsey Bielby, human resources director for Star Cutter, said entry-level

"There's a lot of overtime available," said Bielby, who

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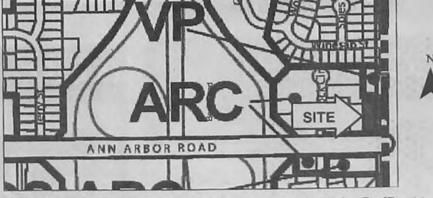
PROPOSED ACTION: DATE OF HEARING: TIME OF HEARING:

Application: 2161-0315

Request SPECIAL LAND USE Approval Wednesday, April 15, 2015 7:00PM PLACE OF HEARING: Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Road

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Plymouth has received an application from Los Tres Amigos requesting SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVAL for an outdoor eating area located in the Ann Arbor Corridor (ARC) on Tax ID No. R-78-063-99-0001-001, pursuant to Zoning Ordinance No. 99, Section 14.2. The property is located north of Ann Arbor Road, west of Eckles. east of 1-275

Applicant: Los Tres Amigos



LEGAL DESCRIPTION: for parcel descriptions, see tax records based on Tax ID no.(s): R-78-063-99-0001-001.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that persons interested are requested to be present. Pertinent information to the application may be examined at the Plymouth Township Division of Public Services, Community Development Department, during regular business hours from 8:00AM to 4:30 PM. Written comments will be received prior to the meeting and may be mailed to 9955 N Haggerty Road, Plymouth, MI 48170 or call 734-354-3270 extension 5. The meeting will be held in the meeting room at the Township Hall which is located at 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, MI48170.

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Phone: 734-354-3201. TTD users: 800-849-3777 (Michigan Relay Service)

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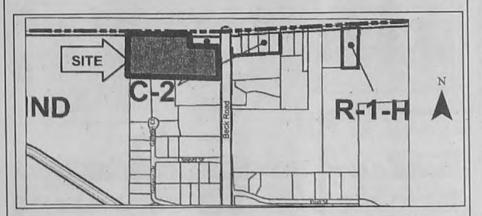
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Request Special Land Use Approval Wednesday, April 15, 2015 7:00 PM Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Road

Notice Is Hereby Given that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Plymouth has received an application from Home Depot requesting SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVAL for outdoor storage of materials in the Industrial District (IND), on Tax ID No. R-78-005-99-0002-706, pursuant to Zoning Ordinance No. 99, Section 19.2. The property is located south of Five Mile Road, east Ridge Road and west of Beck Road.

Application: 2159-0315

Applicant: Home Depot



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Pastel Invitational Exhibition



"FOG LIFTING" BY CAROLYN WEINS

The Northville Art House presents a Pastel Invitational Exhibition showcasing the work of seven accomplished pastel artists: Kathy Fish, Susan Perrish, Joan Rosenblum, Gayle Sanchirico, Shelley G. Schoenherr, Jill Stefani Wagner and Carolyn Weins. This exhibit, curated by Bob Wesley, will open with an artist reception 6-9 p.m. Friday, April 3, and will continue through April 25 during Art House Gallery hours (noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday; noon to 4 p.m. Saturday). For additional information, call 248-344-0497 or go to www.northvillearthouse.org. The Art House is located at 215 W. Cady Street and is a facility of the Northville Arts Commission. Admission to Art House exhibits is always free and open to the public.

Benefactors honored at St. Mary

St. Mary Mercy cele-brated the re-installation of its Benefactor Wall on March 19 and recognized donors who have made significant gifts to the 304-bed Livonia hospital during their lifetime. The gifts support the work that is being done at St. Mary Mercy every day

Included in this effort are the contributions to the current Generations Together fundraising campaign, which supports ongoing programs and services for areas like the Heart & Vascular Center and Our Lady of Hope Cancer Center, as well as the three-story, 154,000-square-foot south wing addition - its Emergency Center and two inpatient floors of 80 all-private patient rooms — which opened in 2012 and the recent completion of 125 renovated semi-private rooms to private rooms in the

hospital's north wing. During the past five years, the hospital's many loyal donors have increased their giving significantly. The number of those giving at the President Society Level of more than \$100,000 has more than doubled and 200 donors have either increased their contribution level or have been added to the wall through their gener-osity within the past five years.

The donors were rec-ognized on the wall of Benefactors, located in the hospital's central corridor. St. Mary Mercy



Honorary co-chair Sister Mary Modesta speaks with David Shepherd, Leslie Ford LePard and Dawn Williams.

Livonia President and CEO David Spivey thanked the hospital donors at the event.

"As I look out at everyone here today my heart is filled with gratitude and pride," he said "I see the faces of champions, partners and friends, whose generos-ity is making it possible to reach our goal to sustain the healing legacy of the Felician Sisters, to transform St. Mary Mer-cy Hospital to meet today's needs and to create a foundation for the future of health care in our community.

Among the recog-nized and honored were Sister Mary Modesta, the hospital's former presi-dent and CEO, for sharing her dedication as the honorary chair of the current Generations Together Campaign. Modesta helped establish the hospital more than 50 years ago.

Sister MaryAnne Olekszyk, representing the Felician Sisters of the North Americas, was also recognized for the sisters' commitment to carry on a legacy of healing and a heritage of meeting the needs of the

time. Other long-time donors of the hospital Hearts of Livonia, Phillips Service Industries and Phillips Family and Roberta Palmer — were also honored for their continued support and generosity.

"We feel fortunate that you share our vision and recognize the importance of investing in our hospital for patients today and generations to come," Spivey said. For more information

or to make a gift, contact St. Mary Mercy Livonia's Development Office at 734-655-2980.

Ethnic Festival aims for diversity

Inaugural event seeks participants

By Diane Gale Andreassi Staff Writer

A first-time festival in New Hudson this August is designed to celebrate ethnic pride, traditions, food, culture and entertainment.

So far eight groups -East Indian, Finnish, Hungarian, Irish, Italian, Mexican, Scottish, Polish and French - have expressed interest in participating and some have committed to host booths showcasing their cultures, organizer Roger

educate the community of our diversified cultures and for future generations," he said.

Come one and all

Ratkowski is looking for more groups to take part Aug. 14-16 at the festival, which will be held at Kojian Properties on Lyon Center Drive West (just west of Mil-ford Road) in New Hudson. He would especially like to see participation among Japanese and Mediterranean countries, as well as regions below

10-foot by 20-foot booth, which will include access to water, electricity and garbage removal. Each group will be invited to sell food and souvenirs that represent their cul-

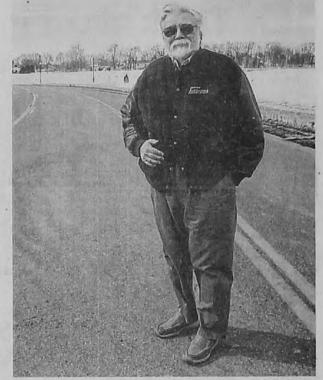
"This is for people to understand we are a diverse country," Rat-kowski said. "It helps to keep family communities together. We need to keep cultures growing. I want people to remember the mom and pop stuff."

Many cultural groups are losing their memberships as older participants die and along with that, many old world traditions are fading away in the United States, Ratkowski continued, adding that the melting pot is erasing some of the flavor from countries where ancestors of many Americans originated.

Family time

Picnic areas will be provided and would be ideal, he said, for families hosting reunions. The only cost to partici-pants will be \$5 for every carload of people. Ratkowski said he was also trying to garner interest from a community group, like the VFW or Kiwanis, to run a beer and wine tent that would feature libations from countries around the world.

The program is sponsored by Lyon Events Organization, a nonprofit partnering with Lyon Township. Plans started to hold the ethnic festival



Ratkowski said. "Our objective is to the equator. The cost is \$450 for a



DON'T LET THIS HAPPEN TO YOU

A patient sees her doctor because of painful knees. She brings recent standing knee films that show bone on bone joint films, that is, the cartilage is completely gone in both knees leaving the femur sitting on the top of the tibia.

When the doctor asks the patient to walk so he can see how the arthritis affects her gait, he finds she walks with a lurching motion because she cannot straighten her knees. She has flexure contractures of both her right and left hamstring muscles.

Knee replacement represents an outstanding achievement of modern medicine. The ability of orthopedists to replace a worn out knee with a metal and plastic replacement tailored to the individual patient's need, bone size and operative condition is as fine an example of the merger of technology with medical training as one can find in medicine today.

But this patient sets the orthopedic surgeon back to the 19th century. She is inoperable. Replacing both her knees is not the problem, any number of knee replacement modules would suffice and doing operations on both knees at the same setting is likely the approach orthopedists would take if they could operate. But they cannot because of her knee joint flexure contractures.

The only course of action is to put her legs in plaster casts and over a period of months, possibly more than year, slowly stretch the hamstring tendons until they can stand the strain of an extended knee. Today's plaster cast technique is hardly changed from the design developed in the 1880's.

Patients should not allow such contractures to develop. A knee flexure of even 1-2 degrees calls for an immediate doctor's appointment.



last year, but failed because the event wasn't affiliated with a nonprofit group.

Ratkowski comes to the job of event chairman and festival creator with experience. He also directed a similar ethnic festival at Livonia's Wilserved as president of



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Roger Ratkowski is heading up an ethnic festival planned for this summer that will be held at Kojian Properties in Lyon Crossings along Lyon Center Drive West in New Hudson, just west of Milford Road and north of Grand River Avenue.

the Save the Barn historical group. He also gleaned ideas from the organizers of the Detroit Ethnic Festival.

diversify from year to year and as we grow (the festival) will grow," Rat-

kowski said ..

"We would like to

Contact Ratkowski at 734-546-7279 for more information or to include your group in the event.

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JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO One of several key returning pitchers for Plymouth is Kevin Anthony, shown from a 2014 contest.

BASEBALL PREVIEW – PART 1

Wildcats want to finish job this time around

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Successful 2014 season could lead to bigger things in '15

By Tim Smith Staff Writer

There is no doubt the first season under the helm of Plymouth baseball coach Jason Crain was a big success. The Wildcats won the KLAA

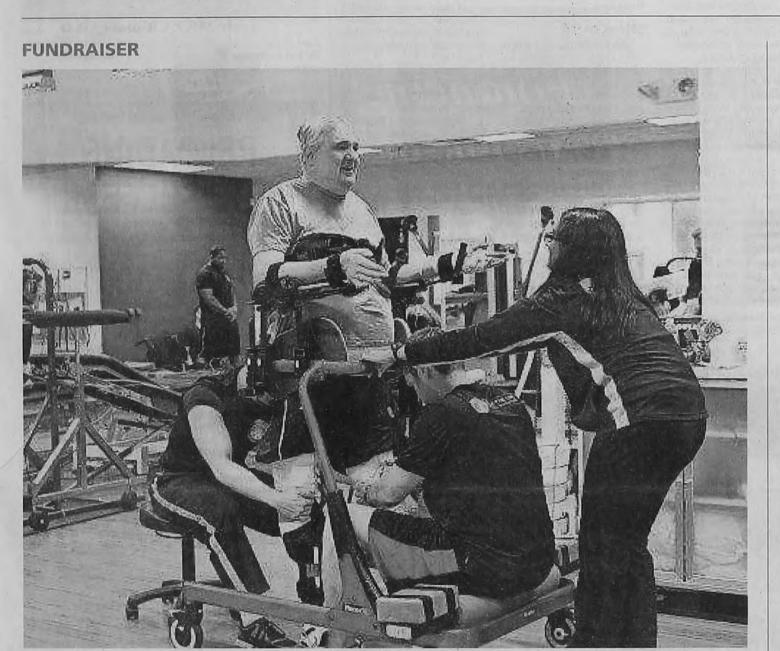
The Wildcats won the KLAA South Division, finishing with a 25-13 record. Yet Crain is confident his team can do even more damage, simply because players know what coaches expect of them. "Our team will be fundamentally sound," said Crain, who cut his baseball teeth as a player at Canton High School. "With last year being our first year as a coaching staff, we ran out of time to insert all the things we wanted to. "It is exciting to hit the

"It is exciting to hit the ground running with the comfort level we starting building last year."

Crain, whose team opens Wednesday at South Lyon East and then faces Salem Saturday, April 4, in a doubleheader at University of Michigan's Ray Fisher Stadium (11 a.m.), emphasized that he along with "second to none" assistant coaches Beau Adams and Scott Niemiec want players to become well-rounded players and individuals.

"I believe that we have the ability to help all of our players

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NEW BASEBALL COACH

Not 'blue' about move to Rocks

Longtime Canton athlete, coach Wright thrilled to take over Salem helm

> By Tim Smith Staff Writer

John Wright's favorite color is changing from Canton Chiefs red to Salem Rocks blue.

The 36-year-old Northville resident was a standout varsity baseball and football player at Canton High School in the mid-1990s. Over the past decade, he has coached both sports there.

That's all in the rear-view mirror now, as Wright begins his first season as Salem's varsity baseball coach.

sity baseball coach. With a smile, Wright admitted he still has a soft spot for the school across the parking lot — except when the Rocks square off against the Chiefs, of course.

Therapists at Walk the Line to Spinal Cord Injury Recovery in Southfield work with Canton's Rick Cigile on a weekly basis.

HE'LL NEVER GIVE UP

Cigile keeps fighting on long road to recovery, but needs help to get there

By Tim Smith

Staff Writer

One summer day in 2011, Rick Cigile was a strong, healthy man enjoying a family vacation in Florida.

Then his world literally got knocked topsy-turvy.

An Atlantic Ocean wave crashed into the Canton man, and after he landed on his head in the shallow water he fractured the C4-C5 vertebrae in his neck. It is referred to as an "incomplete" spinal cord injury, but it did a complete number on Cigile.

By that night, the former Wayne State University All-American swimmer, longtime coach in the Canton Amateur Hockey Association and Oakland County Sheriff's Department deputy realized nothing would ever be the same. He was paralyzed from the shoulders down.

"He was just standing looking towards the beach and this wave came up out of nowhere and knocked his feet out," said Gary Marker, who went to Riverview High School with Cigile during the mid-1970s.

Nearly four years later, the now-57-year-old Cigile is a courageous fighter who — much like the young hockey players he used to coach — grinds it out whenever he goes to grueling physical therapy sessions at Walk the Line to Spinal Cord Injury (SCI) Recovery in Southfield.

With persistent yet loving help from medical personnel there, Cigile can move his arms enough to do military bench presses over

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BENEFIT EVENT FOR CIGILE

What: Spaghetti dinner and silent auction fundraiser for Rick Cigile.

When: 5-11 p.m. Saturday, April 18.

Where: Sportsmen Den Hall, 15001 Sibley Road, Riverview.

Why: Cigile, 57, a longtime youth hockey coach in the Canton Amateur Hockey Association and Plymouth-Canton Hockey Association and Oakland County Sheriff's Department deputy, was paralyzed from the shoulders down in a summer 2011 swimming accident in Florida and continues to undergo grueling physical therapy.

The expenses for that therapy will run into hundreds of thousands of dollars and insurance does not cover much of it. HelpHOPELive, a nonprofit organization, has a page set up for people to donate to Cigile's cause. All donations are tax-deductible.

How to help: To sign up to attend the April 18 event (dinner is \$20), or to donate, go to https://m.helphopelive.org//campaign/6293.

Info: Call Gary Marker, a 1975 Riverview High School classmate of Cigile's, at (734) 216-4691. "I'll always have Canton blood in me because Canton's where I went to high school and I've coached there since 2001," Wright said. "But I can't wait to play Bloomy (Chiefs head coach Mark Blomshield). He's one of my really good friends. It's going to be fun."

Wright and Blomshield will have to wait until May 1 for that first meeting, however.

Salem opens the 2015 season Wednesday against Wayne Memorial and follows that

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John Wright has longtime links to the Canton Chiefs. But he is thrilled to wear Salem Rocks blue, taking over as head baseball coach.

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BASEBALL PREVIEW - PART 1

Rocks stacked up the middle

Brooks leads cast of vets as Salem looks to contend

By Tim Smith Staff Writer

The old baseball adage is strength up the middle yields victories.

That very well could be the case for the 2015 Salem Rocks, as they look to make noise in the KLAA Central Division in the first year at the helm for head coach John Wright.

His roster features 6-4 senior righthanded start-ing pitcher Tyler Brooks and junior righties Eric Scott and Jordan Heaslip on the mound.

Behind the plate is strong-armed senior Colin Savage and junior Logan Marshall, called two "interchangeable" catchers and "really good ath-letes" by Wright.

Salem's double-play tandem of senior shortstop Josh Penn and either junior Cameron Shaughnessy or sophomore Erich Payne also is efficient on both sides of the ball.

And then there is either fleet-footed junior outfielder Alex Nicholson or solid junior Shane Prevo patrolling center field

Add pieces around the diamond and Wright's 2015 squad could improve on last year's 13-6 record (the Rocks finished 11-4 in the Central, good for



Salem senior Tyler Brooks is a key for the 2015 Rocks, both as a starting pitcher and batter.

second place behind Northville).

'We were second in the division and return our best pitcher (Brooks), so we're excited about that," Wright said. "I think we have the ability to be really good. I don't think it (division title) is out of the possibility."

Working hard

Talent is one thing, working hard is another. With Wright, as was the case under former coach Dale Rumberger (who retired after 2014), that will be top priority.

'I don't think we're going to be reinventing the wheel," Wright said. "We're going to work hard, everybody we kept we think are going to work hard and our coaches are dedicated to work

hard. That's the plan." For the Rocks, another big part of the plan is having pitchers that consistently miss bats and they have that in all-conference righty Brooks.

'Tyler's a big kid, he's a low 80s guy with good control," Wright said. "We're excited about

Right behind Brooks are the 6-3 Scott, who also throws the ball in the low 80s and Heaslip, in his first season with the squad.

Sophomore southpaw Matt Brooks (Tyler's younger brother) probably will see some starts along the way while games will be closed out by Penn - whom Wright will move from shortstop to the mound when Salem has a lead entering the seventh.

When they are not the starting pitcher, both Tyler Brooks and Penn are among key position players and hitters, too.

"He (Brooks) played third last year," Wright said. "He'll pitch a lot of innings so I think it's a good move over (to first base) for him so we can save his arm.

'He's a big tall kid, he's your prototypical first base guy."

Shoes to fill

As for Penn, who shifts over from second base to shortstop to take over the spot handled last year by now-graduated Jack Driscoll, Wright described him as a bulldog" with a "ton of pop" in his bat.

Penn batted .390 last season and also is fleet on the basepaths.

'He's taking over from an all-conference short-stop (Driscoll)," Wright stressed. "So he's got some shoes to fill defensively."

Both Shaughnessy and Payne will "get good time" at second base. They bring different

things to the table.

"Erich's a bigger kid, he's got more pop in the bat," Wright said. "Shaughnessy's got really good hands and he's got good feet. It'll be an interesting battle, we'll see how it goes."

Payne also is in the mix to see playing time at the hot corner, sharing duties with Scott and Heaslip.

"I'm a big hitting guy, so if they're hitting the ball they're going to find their way into the lineup," Wright said.

Power bat

The way Penn anchors the infield, Gillen does the same in the outfield.

"He's a senior all-conference, hit near .400 last year," said Wright about Gillen, who will start in left. "He's got one of the best swings I've seen in a while. He's got great pop. He'll hit some home runs

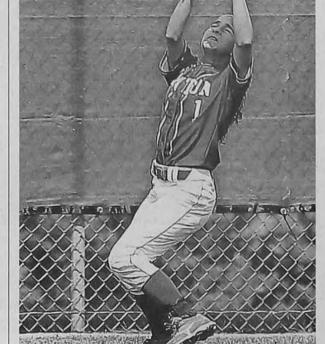
Wright said Gillen and Penn will be keys to how much Salem makes a run in the division and perhaps beyond.

"They're huge for us," he noted. "If they have great senior years they're going to lead us." Nicholeon end Preus

Nicholson and Prevo probably will start in center and right, respec-tively, backed up by sophomore Matt Brooks. "Nicholson can pound

the ball, he can really swing it," Wright said. "The other two aren't as polished ... but they haven't played at this level yet."

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er (first base, pitcher) and third baseman Val

Fleet-footed centerfielder and lead-off hit-

ter Elizabeth Yager also

is back and the junior is certain to spark rallies as well as flag down anything hit in her direc-

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Canton centerfielder Elizabeth Yager settles under this deep fly ball during the 2014 regionals. She is a key outfield component for the Chiefs.

SOFTBALL PREVIEW – PART 1

RELOADING FOR SUCCESS

Loss of key seniors won't deter Canton's quest to continue winning ways

By Tim Smith Staff Writer

There's no denying the Canton Chiefs had a huge season in 2014, going 30-7 overall, capturing the KLAA South Division and making a run all the way to the Division 1 quarterfinals.

But second-year head coach Al White lost several key performers from that varsity girls softball juggernaut, including starting pitch-er Hanna Warren, shortstop Paige Aresco, second baseman Kendyl Richter and catcher Kaitlin Keys. That doesn't mean

Canton will stutter in 2015, however. White said the young-

'I am certain the seniors will lead this team to another fine season," said White, the longtime head coach at Madonna University. "With the younger players coming in, we have a lot of talent to move around on the field.



WILDCATS

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daily basis," Crain said. "I am proud to lead this

year and look forward to

cesses these guys will have on and off the field."

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prepare us for the post-season," he added.

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Loaded lineup

Plymouth coaches do have another potential edge on opponents, with the return of nine starting position players and eight returning pitchers from 2014.

Pitching figures to be a strength again this time around. Senior Kevin Anthony (7-2, 2.12 ERA) and junior Cameron Stella (6-2, 1.23) lead the staff.

Augmenting them will be Josh Sulak (4-2, 3.45). plus Patrick Downing, Kyle Wolter and John Kochan.

Plymouth rivals will have to deal with the Wildcats' outstanding outfield of senior returnees Jared Merandi (.425,

all-KLAA, all-district), Stella (.367, all-KLAA, all-district) and Downing (.309).

hurlers for the Wildcats.

Joining them will be junior outfielder Pete Carravallah, who Crain said is expected to "make a big impact" this year.

Around the infield, the trio of returning senior all-KLAA players Seth Hubbard (.307), Andrew Hejka (.350) and Anthony will be key to the team on offense and defense.

Wolter, a junior, is another impact infielder.

Firing the ball last season is Plymouth pitcher Cameron Stella. He is one of eight returning

Providing solid infield depth will be senior Dakota Lynn, juniors Luke Hirshman and Sulak.

Standout senior catcher Andrew Jossey and junior Evan Claggett have the Wildcats in good shape behind the dish, Crain said.

Senior Cameron Anstess hit .367 a year ago and "should help us with his offensive ability,

(plus) he is versatile on the field.'

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"We plan to compete every game and build upon what last year's team started," Crain noted. "As this season approaches, the players have developed a sense of responsibility to each other and the program that makes everyone proud to be a Wildcat."

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PREP LACROSSE

er Chiefs learned "how to win" during the 2014 stretch drive and will carry the benefits of that experience into this spring.

Sophomore shortstop Olivia Grant, second baseman Sydney Dawson and third baseman/ pitcher Peyton Philbeck along with Allayna Griggs - moved up from junior varsity for the late-season push and got a taste of high-stakes competition.

Of course, White is hoping several seniors and juniors will pick up where the 2014 class left off

Senior co-captains are Hallee Warren (third, first base), Nicole Clark (outfield), Hannah Shul-

"As always we have to make the plays in order to win games."

The Chiefs will open the season Wednesday at South Lyon in a KLAA crossover contest before going on a two-week spring hiatus.

Canton's second scheduled contest is a KLAA South doubleheader April 15 against visiting Westland John Glenn.

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Experience to help guide Chiefs

Canton's varsity boys lacrosse team is looking to focus on fundamentals and team play under first-year head coach Fred Karam.

And, early returns are positive as the Chiefs opened the season Tuesday with a 16-8 non-league triumph over Farmington.

In the opener, junior attackman Carson Pakula scored six goals and assisted on three others to spark the offense. Also coming up big were seniors Gerald Belanger (three goals, one assist) and Brocton Baechler (two goals, assist).

Strong defense also was instrumental. Senior midfielder Nolan Gilo and junior middie Ben Phillips won 80 percent of faceoffs

Karam and assistant coaches Josh Simmons

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and Ruben Cabello will stress the basics as the Chiefs look to improve upon last season's 9-6 record (2-3 in the Kensington Conference).

Belanger, Baechler and Gilo are three of eight returning seniors. The others are midfielders Jay Krebs, David Hallinen and defenders Austin Poe, Brian Newton and Henry Fitzgerald.

Fifteen juniors - led by Pakula and Phillips and sophomore goaltender Nathan Janice round out the roster.

Canton's remaining junior contingent includes: attackmen Micah Rinke and Brett Moore; midfielders Marcus Cook, Aditya Rajeev Joshi, Spencer Rochowiak, Austin Bauer and Lukas Pashigian; defenders Connor Wingate, Kumar Johnson,

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Ryan Schlieger, Clay Walker and Austin Carr; and goalie Trevor Stahl.

The Chiefs get tested early and often, with games Saturday against Dearborn Divine Child, Monday at Grand Blanc and 8 p.m. Tuesday at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park against Ann

Arbor Pioneer . PLYMOUTH (BOYS) 9, SALINE 5: Despite injuries to key seniors Kyle Rob-ertson and Ben Riley, the Wildcats prevailed Tuesday thanks to three goals by Justin Brodzik and two each by Derek Szczepanik

SALEM (GIRLS) 8, BRIGHTON 7: SALEM (GIRLS) 8, BRIGHTON 7: Six players found the scoresheet Wednes-day as Rocks evened their record at 2-2 with this road win over the Bulldogs. Tallying two goals each were Andi Marthaier and Leah Tardff. They helped build a 5-3 halftime lead, and the Rocks padded that edge in the second half on markers by Joslyn Longe, Maddle Johnson and Amanda Merkel.

and Amanda Merkel. PLYMOUTH (GIRLS) 15, W.L. NORTHERN 3: On Wednesday night the Wildcats improved to 2-0 with this KLAA crossover rout. Natalie Nowick led Plymouth with seven goals while Marissa Cirino added five. Rounding out the scoring were Michelle Burke (two goals) and Madeline Caswell (one goal).



ALL-OBSERVER WRESTLING

Area's top wrestlers pin down all-Observer honors

FIRST TEAM

Mike Mars, 103, John Glenn: The freshman's high school debut couldn't have gone much smoother as he racked up a



51-3 record and Division 1 individual state championship. Mars' first-year resume is packed with first-

place performances, including the Wayne County, Observerland and KLAA tournaments. He became the first freshman in the history of John Glenn wrestling to win a state championship.

"Obviously, Mike had an outstanding freshman year," coach Bill Polk said. "This young man has no fear and a huge amount of heart and determination. He had a storybook ending, defeating his only two losses during the season to win a state title.

"Mike deserved everything he accomplished, because he worked hard for it, not only this season but the past several years in the youth wrestling circuit. He was very motivated to improve and worked hard all season to accomplish his goals and he did. Mike is also a 4.0 student."

Josh Mussen, 112, Churchill: Already the owner of 63 high school victories, Mussen won at Observerland and the Livonia



City tournament. He also placed second at the district tournament while on the way to locking down 35 victories.

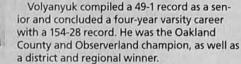
"Josh was our silent warrior," said Churchill coach Marty Altounian. "He would just go out and beat his opponent and quietly return to the bench. No one really knew he was around

until they had to face him on the mat, and unfortunately for them he quietly returned to the bench with a win. He will be anything but quiet next year."

Mike Volyanyuk, 119, Harrison: Volyanyuk was all-state three years in a row, ending his prep career with a third-place



finish in the Division 2 tournament. He was the D1 runner-up at 103 two years ago, and he finished sixth at 112 last year.



Also an outstanding student, Volyanyuk likely will attend either Michigan or Nebraska and compete in wrestling.

"He had an outstanding career and is a very accomplished wrestler, being all-area three consecutive years," coach Jon Herstein said. "It's not often you get to coach a great athlete, a great student and a great person.

He was a great leader for the team, a tremendous mentor to the younger wrestlers and a great asset to have in the program. This is a nice capstone, to end his great career at Harrison as an all-area wrestler again."

Chase Spanos, 125, John Glenn: The senior closed out a spectacular career with a 43-7 record (he was 107-42 overall)



sion 1 individual state meet. Spanos placed first in the Observerland, district and regional tournaments. "Chase was an outstanding captain and

and fourth-place (all-state) effort at the Divi-

leader for our team this season," Polk said. "Chase was our game-changer all season; when we needed a big win, we knew we

could count on Chase.

"He was our most aggressive wrestler, going after every opponent with pressure for the entire match. It was fun to see him grow physically, mentally, and technically as a wrestler.

We knew exactly what we were getting when we sent Chase in the circle. He would give us everything he had and then a little more. He will be missed by all of our coaches after he graduates."

Nick Robertson, 130, Franklin: The senior finished his high

Dylan Dwyer, 135, Plymouth: There's never been a Plymouth junior with the kind of season Dwyer had in the 135-



pound weight class. Dwyer had the best junior season in school history with a 56-7 record, placing fifth in the

state. He was a Wayne County champion and finished second at the KLAA championships. Time and time again, Dwyer literally went to the mat against the best rivals had to offer

and came away with plenty of pins (a school record) and hard-fought victories.

"Dylan has set himself up to have possibly the best career in school history," coach Quinn Guernsey said. "He is currently second in school history for pins, and fifth on the list for wins. Being at the top of both (categories) is possible depending on his senior year.

"As a coaching staff we expected that Dylan would have a better year then as a sophomore but I think we all were surprised by how successful his year was. He beat a lot of really good kids many of whom were seniors. He will definitely be in the discussion to win a state title next season."

Dan Allor, 135, Harrison: Allor was a two-time state qualifier and finished his senior season with 42-7 record. He is the Observerland champion at 135.



He also won a district title, was a regional finalist and placed fourth in the Oakland County tournament. Allor compiled a career record of 105-53.

"Dan just got better with every practice," Herstein said. "He was constantly trying to improve his wrestling ability. Dan really looks for a challenge and loves it. He believes he can compete with anybody.

"He's a tremendously hard worker and another great kid to have in the room. It's great to see kids who have a great high school experience receive an honor like this. Dan deserves that. It's a great ending to a fantastic career."

Nathan Atienza, 140, Franklin: The sophomore followed up his stellar freshman season with a dazzling encore, churning



out a 49-4 season that included a runner-up finish at the Division 1 individual state meet. Atienza, who is now 104-14 over his first two seasons, won the Livonia City championship, Observerland, a KLAA and district title. "Nathan came in this year with high expec-

tations and didn't disappoint," said Chiola. "He took the reins of the team at a young age

and was able to garner the respect of his teammates.

"Nathan made the wrestlers around him better and solidified the middle of our lineup. He became the first sophomore in Franklin history to be all-state after being the first freshman all-stater last year.

"He has a very humble, calm demeanor, which is one of the things I like about him. He is always striving to be better, so I can't wait to see what the future holds."

Ty Jasman, 140, Canton: The fourth-year varsity wrestler was a bright spot for young Canton in 2014-15, amassing a 44-9

record in the 140-pound weight class and surpassing 100 career victories.



Jasman capped off his outstanding season by winning the Division 1 regional title at Saline, earning a spot on Canton's "Wall of Fame" inside the wrestling room. The team captain then finished fifth on the

podium at the Palace of Auburn Hills. Other highlights included being runner-up at the KLAA and district meets.

"Ty Jasman had an outstanding career as a Canton Chief wrestler," noted coach Cory Mancuso. "He has grown leaps and bounds as a wrestler and a person since his freshman year. He is a hard worker and great leader."

Jasman will wrestle for Adrian College while majoring in criminal justice.

"Ty has a bright future ahead of him," Mancuso said.

Connor Vaughan, 171, Stevenson: The senior compiled a robust 34-9 record that ran his career wins total to 130. Vaughan was a two-time state-qualifier and two-

year captain.

"Connor has been a tremendous asset to Livonia Stevenson Spartans," coach Dan Vaughan said. "He has been a fixture in the starting lineup each of his four wrestling seasons while earning a 3.5 GPA.

"In addition to wrestling, Connor stays

active at Stevenson, playing football and competing in field events on the track team. This year he has served as captain on all three teams. Connor plans to continue his football career in the fall."

Mitchell Gross, 189, Salem: Salem's senior co-captain capped off an outstanding four-year career with a 44-11 record,

finishing seventh at the D1 state individual finals.



A two-time state placer, he is one of only nine Salem wrestlers to reach the Palace podium and he surpassed the 115-victory mark during his standout senior season. Gross, who reached the finals of virtually every tournament since his sophomore year, led the Rocks

to their first district team title since 2002.

"Mitchell always kept you on your toes," Salem co-coach Jeremy Henderson said. "He was capable of beating anyone at any time. Mitchell has over 115 wins and will go down as one of Salem's best, especially in the last 10 years."

Henderson stressed that Gross' wrestling career isn't over simply because he is graduating.

"Whether he wrestles in college or coaches, wrestling will be a part of his life and I believe he has a lot he can give back,' Henderson said. "Mitchell has changed the attitude of the team to a winning one and he well be truly missed by his teammates and coaches."

Cameron Fyffe, 189, Clarenceville: Fyffe earned a Division 3 all-state accolade with a seventh-place finish in the state

tournament. He posted a season record of 45-10 and ended his prep career with 110 victories



Fyffe, who also made the all-Observer first team in soccer, won the Imlay City tournament and was the Western Wayne Athletic Conference runner-up. His losses were all to state qualifiers in other divisions.

"Cameron is the perfect example of what a student athlete is all about." coach Nick Elam said. "He maintained over a 4.0 grade-point average over his four years of high school and was a three-sport varsity athlete all four years.

"Cameron has been a tremendous role model and leader for the underclassmen on how to act and preform on and off the mats."

Hussein Youssef, 189, Plymouth: Despite not reaching his goal of placing at the Palace, Youssef still had an excellent

senior season to cap off one of the best careers by a Plymouth wrestler.

In the deep and talented 189-pound bracket, Youssef finished 44-13, placing second at the Wayne County championships and third at the KLAAs.

The two-time state qualifier finished third in team history for victories, bringing power and dexterity to bouts.

Youssef also came up clutch, pinning his opponent against Oxford in a key come-from-behind victory for the Wildcats. In the regional semifinal at Saline, he pinned Park rival Mitchell Gross of Salem.

"Watching Hussein become the leader he has over the last four years has been a pleasure," Guernsey said. "We will miss him on the team next season."

school career with a sterling 46-15 record that included champi-



onship showings in the Livonia City tournament and the Observerland tournament. The owner of a 150-67 career mark, Robertson was a three-time city champion and two-time state-qualifier.

"Nick has been someone that we've counted on for a win for most of his career," coach Dave Chiola said. "He works extremely hard in

practice, is great at teaching and mentoring the younger guys on the team and is a very smart wrestler.

"Nick has always had a team-first attitude, and his work ethic rubs off on everyone around him. I often used Nick as an example to younger wrestlers to show intensity and thinking on the mat. He will definitely be missed."

Jesse Jones, 130, Farmington: The senior and two-time team captain enjoyed another outstanding season for the



Falcons, finishing with a 46-9 record. Jones was 103-37 during his high school career. He placed fifth at the Oakland County tournament and was a finalist in the Observ-

erland and OAA Red Division tournaments. Jones was a Division 2 state qualifier, placing

third in the district and regional events. At The Palace of Auburn Hills, he was one match (win) short of being in the top eight and all-state.

"Jesse will be sorely missed in our lineup and in the practice room," coach Al Beyar said. "The coaches at Farmington could not be more proud of Jesse's practice work ethic during the season and during the off season.

"He was a great asset to the team and a great role model for the younger wrestlers. Jesse will move on to college where he will set goals and be successful in all of his future endeavors."

2015 ALL-OBSERVER WRESTLING TEAM

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 Chase Walkowiak, senior, Farmington; 3. Akash Rai, sophomore, Salem; Chris Zimmerman,
 freshman, Lutheran Westland.
 119: 1. Mike Volyanyuk, senior, Harrison; 2. John Siemasz, sophomore, John Glenn; Brandon Harris, senior, Franklin; Charse Stanffield, sophomore, North Farmington; Jake
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160: 1. Demick Lester, sophomore, John Glenn; 2. Ethan Shulaw, sophomore, Plymouth;

Zack Leck, 145, Churchill: Leck is an emerging star for the Chargers after breaking out with a 31-9 record this past season.



His triumphs included first-place finishes at both the Livonia City tournament and the Division 1 district.

"Zack has a tremendous amount of talent that he has just started to tap into," said Altounian. "His work ethic is one that just gets better and better every day he is on the mat. He will eclipse the 100-win mark next year on

his road to surpassing this year's accomplishments."

Chase Gardner, 152, Churchill: Only a junior, Gardner emerged as a victory machine for the Chargers this season as he

> compiled a 41-14 record that led to a berth in the Division 1 individual state meet. He placed first in the Livonia City tournament and at an event hosted by Lakeland, before taking second in his weight at Observerland.

"Chase came on strong from the middle of the year on," said Altounian. "He has con-

his record to 89-33. The sky is the limit for him next year at

a solid 21-19 record while earning a second-place medal at the





"Derrick was definitely one of our most improved wrestlers," noted Polk. "He battled hard with his teammates to get the starting spot as a sophomore and kept it all season. Derrick has bought into our training program, and it really paid off for him this season.

"As a freshman, he "took one for the team"

several times, wrestling the best kids in the state. With all the experience he gained, he decided to wrestle all summer, so he could be a contributing part of our lineup this season."

Cody McAnalley, senior, Churchill.
 171: 1. Connor Vaughan, senior, Stevenson; 2. Mitchel Retting, senior, Franklin; 3. Logan Beaudoin, Junior, John Glenn.
 189: 1. Mitchell Gross, senior, Salern, Cameron Fyffe, senior, Clarenceville; Hussein Youssel, senior, Plymouth; 2. Roy Foster, junior, Salern; 3. Alex James, senior, Wayne

temonal. 215: 1. Tom Kruger, senior, Lutheran Westland; Baker Hadwan, senior, Churchill; 2. rad Scott, senior, Stevenson; 3. Nate Irvine, senior, John Glenn. 285: 1. Jake Mercica, senior, Churchill; Michael Jordan, junior, Plymouth; 2. Tyler Jemski, junior, Stevenson; 3. Tyler Moore, junior, Salem.

HONORABLE MENTIONS

Franklin: Antonio Herrera, Dan Huber, Joe Fortin, Josh Retting: Stevenson: Will Eckerle: John Glenn: Avery Casey, Jawaun Peete, Genaro Aerrano, Steve Spencer, Isaac Lefler, Lutheran Westland: Connor Even, Wes Watten, Manny Rankine, Andre Path, Nic Glinn, Josh Tuttle; Clarenceville: Dyland Brigham, Domarick Slagle, James Ascott: Harrison: Austin Crutchfield, Ryan Boynton, Devine Filema; North Far-mington: Nate Penny, Dilan Yaldo, Chris Nadez, Tang Knox; Salem: Bruce Haslitt, Seth Dunn, Nate Gaubatz, Kent Woody, Russell Gaubatz, DJ McGhee; Plymouth: Collin Reed, Jake Noll; Canton: Grant Trotman, Harrison Samoy.

Thomas Krueger, 215, Luth. Westland: A take-down

machine throughout his senior season, Krueger proved to be a



true warrior as he compiled an extraordinary 48-8 record. He tacked on a well-deserved exclamation point by placing seventh at the Division 4 individual state meet.

"Thomas works hard for everything he gets," said Lutheran Westland coach Joe Schmidt. "He got probably 80 percent of his points on take-downs, and he's hard to take

down, so that combination proved successful."

Baker Hadwan, 215, Churchill: Hadwan put the wraps on an outstanding high school wrestling career by placing sixth at



the Division 1 individual state meet and pinning down a 46-10 record. Hadwan also recorded gold-medal efforts at the Lakeland and district tournaments, and second-place honors at Observerland and in the regional round.

"Baker has come so far in his short career with us at Churchill," said Altounian. "He has

shown tremendous growth both on the mat and in his personal life. He's a tireless worker who wanted nothing else but to be on the mat wrestling."

Jake Merceica, 285, Churchill: The senior didn't just rack up a 42-9 record this season, he dominated many of his oppo-

nents. His list of championship efforts includes



winning tournaments at Observerland, Wyandotte, Chippewa Valley and the Livonia City event.

"Jake has become a solid heavyweight over the past four years," said Altounian. "He grew into the weight class and finished with a 99-42 record. He was our captain and showed tre-

mendous leadership throughout the year."

Michael Jordan, 285, Plymouth: Jordan wrestles at 285, but through hard work and physical ability is far from the



prototypical heavyweight. He finished with a 47-11 record, enjoying a string of successes that ended just short of a visit to the Palace.

"Michael has really tried to expand his wrestling style and become less of a typical heavyweight and a more complete wrestler," Guernsey said. "Although his season ended abruptly at the regional tournament Mike

proved he can wrestle and compete with some of the best kids in the state.

Guernsey pointed to three close battles against Dearborn Heights Crestwood state runner-up Ali Wahab as as measure of how much progress Jordan has made.

It will be nice for Mike to get one more chance to be a state placer," Guernsey added. "He has the ability to beat that caliber wrestler and hopefully next season he puts it all together."

tinued to get better each year while growing

whatever weight class he chooses."

Derrick Lester, 160, John Glenn: The sophomore racked up

Observerland tournament.

LOCAL SPORTS

BOYS TRACK & FIELD PREVIEW - PART 1

READY TO HIT GROUND RUNNING

Strong depth figures to spark Salem, Canton boys track squads

By Tim Smith Staff Writer

Another spring, another influx of young talent. Such is the annual process with Salem's varsity boys track and field team, a squad that head coach Steve Aspinall will get to see in action Tuesday against South Lyon East.

"There are a number of freshmen and sophomores who will be looking to earn varsity positions throughout the lineup," said Aspinall, whose team went 3-2 in 2014 in the ultracompetitive KLAA Central Division. "This year, we have over 60 ninth-graders and 40 10th-graders on the team, all hoping to earn themselves a varsity letter.

"The coaching staff is extremely excited about the talent of the younger guys and we are excited to get the meet portion of our season started."

Of course, it doesn't hurt to have junior distance stalwart Chaz Jeffress around. Jeffress set a record of 15 minutes, 30 seconds for the Salem cross country team in the fall.

In the group of ninth- and 10th-graders is returning sophomore Nathan Schubring, one of several standouts in middistance events.

As enthusiastic as Aspinall is about the younger athletes, he knows the team's ultimate success is linked to how the seniors and juniors fare.

"We expect our juniors and seniors to carry us through the early portion of the season while the younger guys work their way into varsity positions," Aspinall noted. "The KLAA Central is very competitive and Novi (defending division and conference champs), Stevenson and Northville will again be deep and talented.



Back this season to help their respective teams are (from left) Canton's Jemal Vaunado II, Salem's Miles Mason, Canton's Bryan Eastman and Salem's Dhruv Patel.

"We hope to be competitive at both the division and conference level."

Salem's sprint events will look markedly different from a season ago due to the graduation of standouts Steven Homrich, Michael Hoover and Brenden Sherrod.

"But there are a number of guys ready to fill their shoes," Aspinall said. "Junior Jacob Miller, senior Ty Traylor, junior Christian Pearson, junior Freddie McGee and senior Justin Cook are the top returners."

Virtually everybody is back in the mid-distance events, with Schubring surrounded by seniors Spencer Torok, Patrick Casey, Peter Sonnega and juniors Dominic Hodge and Jared Zella.

Along with Jeffress, distance events will feature seniors Nabil Ahmed, Noah Engerer, juniors Jacob Kubinski and Griffin Skaff. Returning seniors Miles Mason, Dhruv Patel, Paul Vander and junior Brendan Wright will handle hurdles.

Salem also has plenty of depth in non-running events, which should help the Rocks keep the scoreboard total rising.

Patel, senior Allante Wheeler and sophomore Cameron Grace all cleared the 6-0 mark in the high jump last season. Long jumpers will include Miller, Mason, Patel and senior Liko Laput.

Spearheading shot put and discus duties will be junior Jannik Schmitt, who recently threw a 47-3 indoors "and is looking to continue the success he saw last year," Aspinall noted.

Schmitt will be joined by junior Christian Pearson, senior Tony Przytulski, junior DeAngelo Meredith and sophomore Roger Ayers.

Taking care of the pole vault

for Salem will be returning seniors Hunter Burin, Allen Martin and Luke Wellman.

Canton outlook

Seven returnees who helped Canton's boys track and field team finish second at last year's D1 state regionals will be pumped up to help the Chiefs get to that point and beyond in 2015.

Second year head coach Jess Shough is enthusiastic that those co-captains — Collin Caflisch, John Everitt, Alec MacDonald, Jake Mallad, Isaac Pennock, Mike Roberts and Tim Sweet — will keep the positive momentum going. Everitt, Mallad, Pennock

Everitt, Mallad, Pennock and Sweet are sprinters, while Roberts is a distance performer. MacDonald (high jump), Caflisch (shot put, discus) provide consistency to those events.

Another bright spot for the Chiefs is Teddy Lang in the pole vault. He finished fifth last Saturday at the Huron Relays and Lang also will help in the long jump along with Ryan Winnicki.

Senior Jacob Thornton is a newcomer to the squad and "looks to be a fine addition" in sprinting events, Shough noted.

Canton's distance lineup also features senior Ammar Chishti.

The Chiefs have major contributors in the junior class, too, led by state qualifier Darren Davis in the 200 dash. Alan Jones Jr. and Xavier Reinders augment Davis in sprint events.

Juniors Peter Bruchnak, Kevin Bindus, Javier Diaz and Alex Yokley join Roberts and Chishti to provide a steady lineup in distance events. Returnee Luis Orozco is another junior who is slated for the long jump.

Shough stressed that his team is young, with 24 freshmen and 25 sophomores. But he sees plenty of promise already.

"One freshman who looks to make a significant contribution is quarter-miler Dirk Thornhill," Shough said. "The sophomore class which was outstanding last year has improved this year and should be a major factor in the team's success this year."

Outstanding sophomores include hurdlers Jemal Vaunado II and Joseph Glunt; sprinter hurdler Brennon Pelland; sprinters Jared Golles, Collin O'Keefe and Andrew Kim; high jumper Logan Leinbach; distance runners Zach Clark, Zach Cannon and Nick Socha; and pole vaulter Andrew Koenigsknecht, who finished sixth at the Huron Relays.

According to Shough, another plus is his excellent coaching staff of Matti Kilpelainen (pole vault and jumps), Paul Rakovitis (distance), Nia Henderson (throws) and Canton track alum and record holder Devin Thomas (sprints).

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on April 14 for a visit with doctors there.

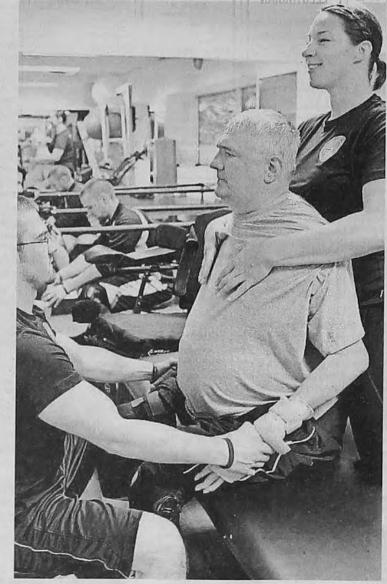
"I'm a candidate for that based on my good health and where my injury is," Cigile said. "What I need now is a script from a doctor so I can get an MRI and get that down to them."

Marker said his old Riverview friend is "one of the



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his head. He can move his knees just a little. And his will to fight and live moves people such as Marker to want to do whatever they can to help him take tiny, incremental steps to





improved health.

Food for thought

Because insurance only pays for about \$1,900 of his many medical needs enough to cover four visits to Walk the Line — Marker is helping organize a spaghetti dinner fundraiser for Cigile, to fill coffers enough for him to continue battling, fighting, hoping.

"He's getting better all the day," Marker said. "From a person that couldn't move from neck down, he can now move his arms and a little bit of his knees, there's improvement all the time.

"But he was telling us that his insurance pays for \$1,900 a year. And when he goes it costs him \$450 (each visit). That doesn't give him much therapy on the insurance, so that's one of the main reasons we're doing the fundraiser."

The event is slated for 5-11 p.m. Saturday, April 18 at Sportsmen Den Hall (15001 Sibley Road) in Riverview. Dinner is \$20 per person, and there also will be a silent auction.

"Tm not begging for money," Cigile said. "Tm not a hardship case. But for all I've done for the community, all I've done along the way for helping others, especially in my profession as a deputy sheriff, I'm just hoping a little love gets thrown my way to help ease the (financial) pain from my workouts."

Marker said the April 18 event should resemble a Riverview High School "class reunion." Cigile was a member of Riverview's 1975 state championship boys swim team, the last time the program won it all.

"And then we got a strong presence from Oakland County Police," he added. "They're a very strong support group."

How to help

Through the spaghetti dinner and on-line donations COURTESY WALK THE LINE Rick Cigile continues to make progress from serious injuries with the help of physical therapists at Walk the Line to SCI Recovery.

pouring in through pages set up for Cigile on the Go-FundMe and Help HOPELive websites, it is hoped that about \$20,000 will be raised.

To register for the dinner, go to https://m.helphopelive .org/campaign/6293 and click on the button in the middle of the page. There also is a "Donate Now" button set up to help the Cigiles.

"I think we've raised \$7,000 or \$8,000 already (through the fundraising websites) and we're still going to have a big fundraiser that night so that should raise quite a bit of money, too," Marker said. "Things are coming in all the time."

Cigile, whose sons played varsity hockey at Plymouth High School, admitted that things are not always great from a financial standpoint. But he doesn't wallow in selfpity.

pity. "I have three kids that are college age, (and) my loving wife (Patty) still works full time," Cigile said. "We have to budget our money and I could be having a pretty nice retirement.

"But instead, I was dealt this hand. You know what, it's a challenge and I'm up for the challenge. I try to have a positive mental attitude each and every day. That's how I was raised."

Amazingly, for everything Cigile has endured since 2011, he continues to possess the COURTESY WALK THE LINE A fundraising dinner April 18 is hoped to bring in enough dollars so that Rick Cigile can continue with his physical therapy.

same heart of a champion that made him a Riverview standout and Wayne State "warrior" back when sports teams were called the Tartars.

"I'm starting to do bench presses and overhead military presses, all stuff they (doctors) said I'd never get back," he stressed.

Yet Cigile gives major props to the physical therapists at Walk the Line for keeping him going. "I can't say anything nega-

"I can't say anything negative about where I work out, and I choose to work out there because it's very aggressive," Cigile said. "... They've been real helpful in working with the sheriff's department and working with me in my workouts. Very aggressive."

Answering prayers

Perhaps Walk the Line is an answer to Cigile's prayers.

Another is a rare chance that is just now presenting itself to Cigile. He qualified to be a candidate for stem cell therapy through the University of Miami. "Once I got injured I start-

"Once I got injured I started looking for who can help me and what do I need to do," Cigile continued. "I was just praying that someday modern science and modern medicine will come together for the civilian client with spinal cord injuries and we'll be able to defeat this."

He is flying down to Florida

three or four people they are picking out in the United States right now, where this (stem cell therapy) could really help him. They inject it into the area that you're injured and it just makes your damaged areas regrow."

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Gordie's example

All Cigile has to do is look at another member of the hockey community for further inspiration.

Detroit Red Wings hockey great Gordie Howe is on the road to a miraculous recovery thanks to stem cell therapy, Marker added. Last fall, Howe had a major stroke and reportedly was near death at one point.

Howe, who turns 87 on Tuesday, has recovered to the point where he was able to travel in early February to Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada for a dementia fundraiser.

And he also believes karma could help.

For years, he helped rescue people in dire situations as an Oakland County deputy.

Following his catastrophic accident, Cigile then worked "to assist the return of all our Wounded Warriors with the same type of injuries that I have" through a joint project between the University of Michigan and U.S. Department of Defense.

"And so I carry a positive mental attitude and my work attitude. I'm trying to give back so that I might get a little bone back my way, karma, you know?"

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GIRLS TRACK & FIELD PREVIEW - PART 1 PRIMED TO POUNCE

Wildcats look stronger than ever with blend of stellar talent and versatility

By Tim Smith Staff Writer

Last season was pretty special for Plymouth's varsity girls track and field team.

The Wildcats won the KLAA South Division with a 5-0 record and went on to capture the Division 1 regional.

And there's no reason why 2015 can't be a sweet repeat, according to head coach Ricky

Styes. "We have high goals for this season," Styes said. "And this group of girls has the ability to attain these goals if they stay hungry during practice and push each other to be the team that we coaches think that we can be.'

Plymouth features as balanced a team as it ever has, spearheaded by senior cocaptains Hailey Foster, Cassidy Koviak, Anna Lukens and Aleah Rogalski and juniors **Bailey Brown and Emma** Radke.

Out of that group, Lukens qualified for states in the 400-and 800-meter relays.

"Anna helped anchor two state qualifying and school record-breaking relays last year," Styes said. "She is a versatile runner that will do just about anything we ask of her with nothing but her best effort."

Plymouth also returns state

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DOUGLAS BARGERSTOCK Plymouth's Ryen Draper is one of the team's top returnees.

qualifiers in sophomore Ryan Draper (400-, 800-meter relays, 100 dash), junior Jewel Davis (800-, 1,600-meter relays), senior hurdler Kirsty McInnes (100 hurdles), junior high jum-per Katherine Harris and senior sprinter Gabby Alfera (1,600 relay)

The Wildcats also boast a stellar pole vaulting unit, led by senior all-stater Kayla Janevski (sixth in the state).

Kayla is one of the toughest and most talented athletes that we have had the pleasure of having grace our team at Plymouth," Styes said. "She is very motivated to repeat on the successes of last year and leave her mark on the record board."

Future bright, too

And the next wave of excellent pole vaulters is on board, with freshman Emily Caragay.

"She is taking to the pole

vault like a fish to water," Styes said. "Our pole vault coach has been very surprised on how quickly and naturally she is learning and incorporating advanced techniques into her jumping after only a week of training.

"She is a great athlete that may make the future our pole vault program bright for the next few years."

The Wildcats also have a bright future in running events, with sophomores Draper and Annie Bonds (distance events) and freshman sprinter Faith Washington.

Draper qualified for three events as a freshman and "the scary thing is, she is stronger and faster now."

Also strong is Bonds, who Styes said has the ability "to compete with the best distance runners in the area and do well."

And when a ninth-grader with Washington's ability comes along, that is enough to make any coach smile.

"She is a natural runner that is establishing herself as a strong and versatile runner within our team," Styes said. 'The great thing is that she has barely scratched the surface of her talent."

Styes said versatility and depth will make Plymouth a tough team.

"This is exciting from my perspective," he said, "because we will have the ability to lean on different athletes and events when needed and know that we can be successful throughout our entire lineup."

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WRIGHT

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game up with a doubleheader against Plymouth on April 5 at the University of Michigan. He can't wait to put his

stamp on the baseball program, either, succeeding longtime Salem coach Dale Rumberger.

"I thought he (Rumberger) did a great job with the pro-gram," Wright noted. "I'm excited to see what we can do."

Wright, who after graduat-ing from Canton in 1996 played first base at Grand Valley State University, is bringing aboard a fellow Lakers' teammate in former All-American pitcher Jason Vantol.

Also on his staff is Justin Lantin, a player Wright coached at Canton and later had on his junior varsity staff with the Chiefs.

Vantol and Lantin will be Salem's pitching and infield coaches, respectively. Remaining as JV coach is Jeff Richards.

New culture

According to Wright, who is dean of students at Salem, he intends to bring an aggressive approach.

We're going to do a lot of old-school things," said Wright, asked to compare his coaching style to Rumberger's. "But I'm an aggressive coach as far as hitting. I'm not a big bunter, but there's a time and a place for everything.'

Another item at the top of Wright's agenda is for Salem High School's best athletes in other sports (football, basketball, hockey) to give baseball a shot.

"We are trying, as not just a baseball staff, but also a foot-

THE WRIGHT STUFF

Who: John Wright, 36, is starting his first season as Salem's varsity baseball coach.

Preps: Wright played varsity baseball and football at Canton High School, where he graduated in 1996. College: He attended Grand Valley State University, where he continued his baseball career. Other: Since the early 2000s, Wright has coached baseball and football at Canton. He will join the Salem football staff for the 2015 season. Misc: He is dean of students at Salem High School Family: He and wife Jennifer live in Northville with young daughters Ashley and Mariah, ages 13 and 5, respectively.

ball and a basketball staff, to have our kids working together in the weight room," Wright said. "Which is hoping to build a culture.

Spurring more multi-sport athletes is "the plan. I think we're trying to get our really good athletes playing everything. We're trying to promote multi-sport kids. Everybody wants to specialize, but we're excited to have football players playing baseball."

Wright said the Salem baseball program currently has nine basketball players, "seven or eight" football players and three hockey players.

Infielder Cameron Shaughnessy is a varsity wrestler.

We have a good group of kids that are playing more than one sport right now," Wright added.

And if any of them wants to gain insight into excelling at multiple sports, all they have to do is ask their new coach.

John Wright's been there and done that just fine.

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Local woman hopes her film raises awareness of EMDR therapy

By Sharon Dargay Staff Writer

Chronicle, a 2003 short film, tells the story of Laura Gumina and her lifelong struggles with mental illness.

Filmed by her brother, Gumina of Farmington Hills recalls suicide attempts, a prescription drug addiction, childhood neglect, and traumatic memories for the camera. Her psychiatrist diagnoses her as bipolar with a borderline personality. And her brother, adding a postscript to the documentary in 2005, says Gumina attempted another suicide after the film was completed.

A decade later, Gumina hopes to "finish" the film with a happier ending. She underwent Eye Movement Desensitization and Repro-cessing (EMDR) therapy in 2007 and now feels "good, happy and upbeat." She hopes to include information about EMDR therapy in the film, distribute it and give hope to others who are struggling as she did.

Gumina, who spent years teaching and acting in theater, started an Indiegogo.com online fundraising campaign to collect financial resources for additional filming and editing. With 26 days left, she has raised \$70 toward a \$4,000 campaign. Anyone who donates \$20 or more can receive a piece of her handmade jewelry. Gumina is retired from teaching, but coaches individuals through improv and acting techniques to help relieve their social anxiety. She also occasionally acts in short plays. But her current focus is to get the word out on EMDR.

New outlook

"The film sat in a box," Gumi-na said. "The only reason I unearthed it was because I wanted to add to it. My therapist said (in 2007) I'd like to try something. I said, I'm game." She took EMDR sessions for a little over two years

"I haven't seen her in three years. If I need advice, I might see her. But she thinks I'm doing well. This is a viable therapy."



Laura Gumina hopes to collect enough money through an online fundraising campaign to insert information about EMDR therapy into her autobiographical film.

Bennett Wolper, L.M.S.W., and his wife, Zona Scheiner, Ph.D., founding members of Family Therapy Associates of Ann Arbor, established the EMDR Resource Center of Michigan, in Ann Arbor. They offer information about the technique and train therapists.

"People who experienced un-resolved traumatic experiences early on are more likely to have a traumatic response to current situations. It's as if the past is in the present," Wolper said. "It's as if you're wearing glasses tinted by the previous experience, so new experiences are not based on what is happening in the present, but based on what happened in the past. What trauma does is it freezes experiences.'

Past affecting present

Someone who was assaulted on a summer night, for example, years later might feel uneasy, unsafe, tense on as the sun sets in June and July, but not recognize why. The person might drink to soothe tension. Or act out.

"What happens with trauma is that it fractures the experience.

The night is dangerous all of a sudden because it becomes linked to a traumatic event, even though the evening (in reality) isn't dan-gerous," Wolper said.

In the summer night example, the EMDR therapist might ask if any traumatic experiences occurred, then encourage the pa-tient to describe the traumatic experience. The patient reassembles the experience in the present and the "brain writes a new nar-rative." After therapy, patient can recall the traumatic event, but it doesn't overwhelm the present with unrealistic feelings or beliefs

Gumina said her changes as a result of EMDR therapy didn't happen over night.

There was one (past) incident that prevented me from going into large buildings. We worked on that for weeks to get it out,' she said. "My history is not uncommon. It's just that I was given EMDR and optimism to survive.'

EMDR therapists use tones, taps and eye movement - the patient visually follows the therapist's moving fingers — to help the patient focus while consider-ing traumatic memories and his or her current triggers.

'One of the things that data shows is that one increasingly feels better as time goes on, even well after treatment."

Wolper estimates that some 900 therapists are trained in EMDR in Michigan.

'The first training I took didn't grab me the way it did Zona, but when I went through a second one, all of a sudden it made total sense to me on a profound level. Since that time, it really has changed my perception in terms of how I see problems, solutions, clients. I think therapists have to recreate themselves to stay fresh and vibrant.

Visit the EMDR Resource Center of Michigan website at emdrmichigan.com. Watch Gumina's film and contribute to her fundraising campaign at indiegogo.com/projects/raising-awareness-about-the-success-of-emdr.

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

Arthritic hips

Homer Linard III, an orthopedic surgeon, will give a free educational seminar on hip pain, total hip replacement and new treatment options, 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 15, at the Botsford Hospital Zieger Administration & Education Building Colen Auditorium, 28050 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills. To register, call 877-477-3621, option #1.

Big colon

In recognition of National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month, St. Mary Mercy Livonia and the American Cancer Society have teamed up to hold an educational event on colon cancer, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday, March 31, in the south lobby at the hospital, Five Mile and Levan, Livonia. The event is free and open to the public. The event includes a 20-foot-long inflatable "super colon" display which visitors may walk through and see the progression of colon disease. Hospital cancer services staff will be on hand to answer questions. stmarymercy.org

Celiac support

Kelly Dorfman, an expert on using nutrition therapeutically to improve brain function, energy and mood, will speak at the next meeting of the Tri County Celiac Support Group, 7 p.m. Monday, March 30, at the First Presbyterian Church, 26165 Farming-ton Road, Farmington Hills. Her topic will be 'Beyond Celiac: When Removing Gluten Is Not Enough." tccsg.net

Dementia

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with individuals who have dementia, 7-8 p.m. Tuesday, April 14, in the Clinical Services Building at Botsford Commons Senior Community, 21440 Archwood Circle, Farmington Hills. An Alzheimer's support group meeting follows in the Botsford Commons chapel. To register, call Diane Zide at 248-426-6902

» Oakwood Healthcare will sponsor a free program about managing symptoms, treatment and physical therapy of dementia from 6-8 p.m. April 15 at Oakwood Hospital - Wayne, 33155 Annapolis St., Wayne. Two Oakwood physicians will lead the free program. Valet parking will be available at no charge at the West Entrance and a complimentary light dinner will be served. The session is expected to fill fast. Early registration is recommended. Call 800-543-9355 or visit Oakwood.org.

Diabetes

management

Link Up with Diabetes, a Garden City Hospital support group with a focus on living a healthy lifestyle, will focus on Internet health literacy, 2 p.m. April 1, at Westland Shopping Center, 35000 W. Warren Road, Westland. For more informa-tion, call the hospital at 734-458-4330.

Health discussion

Talk with Lila Lazarus, health reporter, Rob Casalou, St. Joseph Mer-cy Health System president and CEO, hospital officials and local leaders about issues that are important to you at an "open-ended" lunch discussion, noon April 7 at St. Mary Mercy Hospital,

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COMMUNITY LIFE HOMETOWN SUNDAY, MARCH 29, 2015 **LIVONIA ARTIST TELLS STORIES THROUGH HER PASTEL PORTRAITS**

By Sharon Dargay Staff Writer

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The eyes tell the story. Susan Perrish knew it the first time she sketched a portrait

"I think what I like the most is the ability to tell a story through the eyes of the subject. I'm fascinated by people, by their stories. I think everyone has a story. I want to know what makes them tick, what makes them joyful. When you sit and pose, I want you to tell me who you really are, tell me your story," said the Livonia portrait artist.

"Once I block a piece in, the thing I'm most interested in is the eyes. If I don't have the eyes right, I don't have any-thing and I'll start over. It's kind of like there are these tumblers rolling around and they click into place and all of a sudden, I see them now, through their eyes."

Her work has clicked with local fine arts organizations since Perrish, a former court reporter, decided to try her hand at portraiture. She began drawing for the first time in June 2013, initially with pencil and then charcoal. A few months later, one of her pieces was accepted into a Livonia Arts Commission exhibit. She switched to pastel painting in 2014 and one of her works won the Judge's Choice Award at the Milford Village Fine Arts Association Poetry Art Night. She earned both a Best in Show award and Commissioner's Choice Award last fall at the Livonia Art Commission exhibit. In April, her works will be on display at the Northville Art House. She's one of seven featured pastel artists invited to exhibit at the Pastel Invitational.

"The artists I'm exhibiting with are phenomenal, storied artists. I'm humbled to be in their company," Perrish said. "I feel like I'm the new kid on the block."



Susan Perrish works on a portrait in her home studio.

Artistic family

Although she began working as an artist just two years ago, Perrish said she always longed for an artistic, creative outlet. Her mother is a watercolor painter; her father a woodworker and her husband, Robert Perrish, is an artist who currently works in oil paint. But for several years, "the business of life," pushed her dream into a "someday" pur-suit. Perrish was busy raising their two children, working as a court reporter and then as a caption creator for television broadcasts. She still works part time, supplying the onscreen captions for early morning live news broadcasts in Houston, Texas and Orlando, Fla., as well as an early eve-ning broadcast in North Carolina, but spends the rest of her time on her art.

"I always wanted to do something creative. I'd go into Michael's and put things in the cart and then pull it all out of the cart. It was so overwhelming. One day I decided to get a book and learn to do mixed media. I was lost. I didn't have whatever it took to create something from nothing," Perrish recalled.

She took supplies and the book to her mother's house, where they worked on mixed media pieces. Her mother easily took to the project. But Perrish ended up tossing her own work into the trash. She returned home, searched "How to draw an eye" on the Internet, and followed directions.

"I drew an eye. And I looked up 'How to draw a nose.' And I drew a nose. That is how it started," she said. "It felt like an unopened gift had been sitting there all these years. I think we're all born with gifts and once I opened up mine, I felt I could see things, and express them.'

Expressive hands

Perrish suspects years of piano training helped her to grasp pastel painting and charcoal drawing.

"It's the same concept in that I'd look at music on the sheet and express it through my hands. It's the same thing, really. If I can see it, I can draw it."

Perrish consulted with her husband on technique and composition, and they attend figure drawing sessions at the Scarab Club in Detroit, but she has not taken an art class.

"I wanted to see what bubbled up on my own ... me unencumbered. I wanted to find my own style," she said.

She plans to take a course this summer, while continuing to pastel paint portraits. Contact Perrish at 248-345-5305.

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Susan Perrish painted this pastel portrait, "Ron."



Artist Susan Perrish says the eyes are key to telling a subject's story through their portrait. This piece is called "MacKenzie."

PASTEL INVITATIONAL EXHIBIT

When: Noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Friday and noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 3-25. Opening reception is 6-9 p.m. Friday, April 3

Where: Northville Art House, 215 W. Cady, Northville What: The works of seven pastel artists will be on display. The artists are Sue Perrish of Livonia, Kathy Fish of White Lake, Gayle Sanchirico of Brighton, Jill Stefani Wagner of Saline, Carolyn Weins of Ypsilanti, Joan Rosenblum of Ann Arbor, and Shelley Schoenherr of Grosse Pointe Farms Contact: 248-344-0497

Redford chef leads team to win Girl Scouts Cookie Gala awards

enry Ford College Culirogram One O One Restaurant won the Girls' Choice Award Wednesday at the year's Girls Scouts of Southeastern Michigan Cookie Gala at DTE Energy in Detroit. Chefs created the Bee-Zinga Bombes using the Samoa Girl Scouts cookie. Fifty-One O One also was Julie the 2013 Peo-Yolles ple's Choice Award Winner SOCIAL at the event on SCENE March 25. Even if you missed the Gala, you can get a taste of the winning Bee-Zinga Bombes, as long as you've got pastry-making skills and you're willing to spend a little time in the kitchen. Chef Kristin Jablonski of Redford, pastry instructor, shared the multi-step recipe that layers mousse, coulis, dacquoise, ice cream, glaze and crumbled cookies, with the Observer. Not in the mood to bake? Buy a cake or bread from the Henry Ford College Culinary students' Spring Bake Sale, 10 am. to 3 p.m. and 5-7:45 p.m. April 1-2, in front of the Fifty-One O One restaurant, 5101 Evergreen, Dearborn Baked delicacies include a decorated carrot cake log (\$10), lemon curd roulade (\$10) Seven Brothers Cake (\$12) various cheesecakes (\$12-\$15), lemon poppyseed pound cake, zucchini bread, braided and raisin challah and a dozen soft dinner rolls (ranging from \$3-\$4). For more information, go to henryfordculinary.com.



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Henry Ford College culinary team members made Bee-Zinga Bombes, winning the Girls' Choice Award at this year's Girl Scouts of Southeastern Michigan Cookie Gala. They are Savannah Beilfuss (left), Bake Club secretary; Wassim Awada, sous chef; Kristin Jablonski, Redford Township resident, pastry chef instructor and Bake Club adviser; Alexis Grimes; Colleen Porter, Henry Ford College graduate; Ashley Polk; and Melody Townsend, Bake Club president.

BEE-ZINGA BOMBES WITH SAMOA COOKIES

Red Zinger Coconut Milk Mouse Kaffir Lime Curd Spheres **Coconut Dacquoise** Spice Glaze Samoa Cookie crumbled Samoa Cookie as base

Create the layers with the recipes that follow. You will build this dessert in an upside down fashion. First you will put down some coconut mousse in the mold, place a sphere of lime curd on top of the mousse. You will then put in a disc of coconut lime dacquoise on top of the curd. Cover with more mousse and then some of the crumbled samoa cookies and then finally a layer of mousse and a final dacquoise disc. Place in freezer and let set, unmold the mousse and glaze with the spice glaze. Garnish with a Samoa cookie as a base to holding the mousse. Serve with Black Pepper Ice Cream and Honey Pineapple Coulis and enjoy.



Bee-Zinga Bombe served with Black Pepper Ice Cream and Honey Pineapple Coulis won two awards at the Girl Scouts of Southeastern Michigan Cookie Gala.

GARDEN & NATURE

Send material for the Garden & Nature Calendar to Sharon Dargay, sdargay@hometownlife.com.

Bug hunters

Friends of the Rouge needs volunteers to help look for stoneflies, mayflies and other aquatic insects at the annual Spring Bug Hunt on April 18. Volunteers must pre-register by April 3. Children are welcome when accompanied by a participating adult. The event starts at 9 a.m. at the University of Michigan-Dearborn's Environmental Interpretive Center. Volunteers are assigned to teams that each travel to two sites where they look for living things in samples collected from the river under the direction of a trained team leader. Sign up at therouge.org

Livonia Garden Club

Sue Grubba will talk about which plants are worth buying and which plants to avoid, at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 7, at the Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, Livonia. Grubba is an Advanced Master Gardner, president of the Association of Professional Gar-deners, Michigan School of Gardening instructor, landscape designer and owner of Creative Scapes in Rochester Hills. Visitors are welcome. For more information, visit livoniagardenclub.org or email rmo78jsa@aol.com.

Miller Woods tours

Take a free guided tour, 2-4 p.m. Sunday, April 26, and Saturday, May 2, through the nature preserve, located on Powell Road, just east of Ridge, in



Get tips on creating a container garden, April 11 at English Gardens.

Plymouth. Tours are approximately an hour long and the last tour leaves at 3:30 p.m. Strollers and dogs are not allowed in Miller Woods; millerwoods.com.

Spring open house

Plymouth Nursery's spring open house runs 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., April 25-26 and will include gift card giveaways, sales, vendor representatives, a Weber Grill demonstration and refreshments. The nurserv is located at 9900 Ann Arbor Road, west of Plymouth; 734-453-5500.

Tree, shrub sale

ReLeaf Michigan is taking orders through Friday, April 17, for trees, shrubs and evergreens. Cost is \$15 for evergreens, \$18 for shrubs, \$50 for specialty trees, and \$36 for trees including honeycrisp apple, sugar maple and American linden. Proceeds from the sale support ReLeaf Michigan's statewide tree education and planting program. For descriptions, photos and online ordering, visit Re-LeafMichigan.org. Pickup

is from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, May 2, at seven locations, including Handy Park, 26590 Capitol, Redford Township, Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds, 5055 Ann Arbor-Saline Road, Ann Arbor, and Goldner Walsh Nursery, Inc., 559 Orchard Lake Road, Pontiac.

English Gardens

» Get tips on pruning, 1 p.m. Saturday, April 4, in a free presentation » Learn to plan, plant

and maintain flowers and plants in outdoor containers, 1 p.m. Saturday, April 11. Free.

» Plant a fairy garden to take home, 2:30 p.m. Sat-urday, April 11. Cost is \$29.99. Sign up at the store or at EnglishGardens.com.

Classes are held at all stores unless noted. Area stores are at 155 N. Maple, Ann Arbor, 734-332-7900; 22650 Ford Road in Dearborn Heights, 313-278-4433; 4901 Coolidge Highway, Royal Oak, 248-280-9500; and 6370 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield; 248-851-7506.

Educational conference

Tickets are available for the Master Gardener of Oakland County third annual Educational Garden Conference, "Gardening and All That Jazz -Innovation and Sustain-ability For Your Garden." Tickets \$80. The event runs 8 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. April 25 at the Oakland Schools Conference Cen-ter, 2111 Pontiac Lake Road, Waterford. Visit mgsoc.org. No registration at the door.

SCOUTS

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COCONUT DACQUOISE

3 ounces powdered almonds 8 ounces granulated sugar 1.5 ounces cake flour .5 ounces grated coconut 5 ounces egg white

1. Prepare parchment with 1-inch circle guides and flip over onto baking sheet so circles are visible through the paper.

2. Sift together almond powder, 4 ounces of sugar, and cake flour. Stir in coconut

3. Whip eggs to soft peak, add another 4 ounces

of sugar and whip to firm peak

4. Fold in the sifted dry ingredients.

5. Transfer to piping bag.

6. Using medium plain tip pipe disks inside the circle using a spiral piping technique 7. Bake at 350°F for 10 minutes or until just golden.

RED ZINGER COCONUT MILK MOUSSE

4 ounces water

4 ounces coconut milk, unsweetened

7 ounces granulated sugar 1 bag Red Zinger Tea

- 2 teaspoons gelatin
- 1.6 ounces milk
- 1 ounce granulated sugar
- 1 ounce coconut, grated

4.5 ounces coconut milk, unsweetened, chilled 1.5 teaspoons coconut extract, pure

8 ounces heavy cream

1. Heat the water, coconut milk, and sugar to make syrup. Add the teabag and steep for 5 minutes (less time for less potency). Remove tea bag.

2. Soften the gelatin in 10 teaspoons cold water (3 tablespoons plus 1 teaspoon) 3. Heat the milk, sugar and coconut in saucepan to about 175°F. Let mixture stand few minutes to allow the coconut to infuse. 4. Remove from heat and add the gelatin, stirring to dissolve quickly. 5. Add second quantity of coconut milk

(chilled). When temperature has cooled to about 75°F stir in the pure coconut extract. 6. Whip the cream to soft peaks and fold in 7. Pour into molds and chill.



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Regular Services of Holy Communion

KAFIR LIME CURD SPHERES

- 7 ounces granulated sugar 6.75 ounces kaffir lime
- juice, fresh squeezed 2.75 ounces lemon juice,
- fresh squeezed
- 9.5 ounces eggs 1 pound 12.75 ounces butter, cubed, soft
- % ounce vanilla paste

1. Combine sugar, lime juice, lemon juice, and eggs in nonreactive saucepan over medium heat.

2. Whisk to 175°F or until all the bubbles disappear. 3. Remove pan from heat and slowly whisk in the but-

ter in increments 4. Strain through a fine mesh sieve into a bain-marie over an ice-water bath 5. Let mixture cool completely at room temperature,

then chill 6. To assemble spheres,

pipe the curd into sphere molds of desired size and freeze until completely solid. Unmold and reserve in freezer, covered until ready to use.

HONEY PINEAPPLE COULIS **BLACK PEPPER ICE** CREAM

For the coulis: 7 ounces pineapple 1.5 ounces granulated sugar

1 ounce honey

- 8 teaspoons water
- **3 teaspoons lemon juice**
- 4 teaspoons pineapple liqueur

Grill pineapple and cool. Puree until slightly chunky. Warm pureed fruit in saucepan. Boil sugar, honey and water to 220°F and mix into fruit puree. Return to boil, remove from heat, add juice and liqueur and cool. For the ice cream ½ cup whole milk ½ cup sugar 1 tablespoon black

peppercorns, coarsely cracked Pinch of salt

1 cup heavy cream 3 large egg yolks

1. Warm the milk, sugar, peppercorns, salt, and 1/2 cup of the cream in a medium saucepan. Cover, remove from the heat, and let steep at room temperature for one hour.

2. Rewarm the peppercorn-infused mixture. Pour the remaining ½ cup cream into a large bowl and set a mesh strainer on top. In a separate medium bowl, whisk together the egg yolks. Slowly pour the warm mixture into the egg yolks, whisking constantly, then scrape the warmed egg yolks back into the saucepan. 3. Stir the mixture constantly over medium heat with a heatproof spatula, scraping the bottom as you stir, until the mixture thickens and coats the spatula. Pourthe custard through the strainer, pressing the peppercorns gently to extract as much flavor as possible. Discard the peppercorns and stir the custard into the cream. Stir until cool over an ice bath. 4. Chill the mixture thoroughly in the refrigerator, and then freeze it in your ice cream maker according to the manufacturer's instructions. Makes about 4 servings.

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SPICED MIRROR GLAZE

1 pound, 4 ounces water 12 ounces granulated sugar 1 vanilla bean **3 allspice berries** 2 cinnamon sticks 1 clove 1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg ¼ teaspoon ground ginger 1 tablespoon orange zest, grated 4 ounces lemon juice ¼ ounce gelatin, granulated 1 ounce rum (optional)

1. Combine 15 ounces of the water with the sugar in a saucepan and bring to a boil over medium heat, stirring to dissolve the sugar. 2. Split the vanilla bean, scrape the seeds into the sugar syrup, and the pod. Add the allspice berries, cinnamon sticks, clove, nutmeg, ginger, orange zest, and lemon juice. Remove from the heat and steep for 15 minutes, then strain. 3. Bloom the gelatin in the rum and the remaining 5 ounces water, and then melt. Blend the melted gelatine with the spiced mixture. 4. Cool the glaze to 70°F/21°C. Use immediately.

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DOBOS-FRYE

Amanda J. Dobos and Bryce Frye announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Carol and Otto Dobos of Livonia, graduated from Arizona State University and works as an actor in Los Angeles, Calif

Her fiancé, son of Cheri and Neil Frye of Phoenix, Ariz., also graduated from Arizona State University and works as a software engineer in Santa Monica, Calif.

An October 2015 wedding is planned in Plymouth.



MEDICAL

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Five Mile and Levan, in Livonia. Other "Join Me" Lunch & Learn sessions will be held April 20 at St. Joseph Mercy Livingston, 620 Byron, Howell; April 24 at St. Joseph Mercy Ann Arbor, 5301 McAuley, Ypsilanti; and April 27 at St. Joseph Mercy Oakland, 4465 Woodward, Pontiac.

Health fair

Oakwood Healthcare and the Michigan Association of Physicians of Indian Origin (MAPI), along with the Hindu Temple of Canton, will host a free diagnostic blood screening, 9 a.m. to noon, April 12 at the Hindu Temple of Canton, 44955 Cherry Hill Road in Canton. Although all tests are free, a \$10 cash deposit is required and will be returned when participants pick up their results on April 26. The first 250 people who register will get the test. Registration is required; walk-ins will not be accepted. To register before the March 31 deadline, go to the Hindu Temple of Canton or visit www.mapiusa.org.

Hearing loss

The Hearing Loss Association of America will focus on the topic, "What is aural rehabilitation and how will it help with my hearing loss?" 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesday, April 8, at Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster Road, Garden City. For more information, contact Tony at 734-664-3297, aferack@comcast.net.

Tuesday and Thursday at the Farmington branch and 1-1:45 p.m. Monday and Wednesday at the Livonia branch. Visit www.ymcadetroit.org.

Bipolar support

Depression Bipolar Support Alliance meets 6-7:30 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesday at Lincoln Behavioral Services Center, 14500 Shel-don, Suite 160B, Plymouth. It is accessed through the Plymouth Executive Park driveway north of M-14. Meetings open to families. Call Nancy at 734-536-3457 for directions.

Blood pressure

Garden City Hospital offers free blood pressure testing, lipid panel (\$15) testing, 10 a.m. to noon June 3, Sept. 2 and Dec. 2, in the main lobby of the hospital, 6245 Inkster Road, Garden City. No registration is required. For more information, call 734-458-4330.

Breast cancer support

Meets from 6:30-8 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month in the Atrium of Our Lady of Hope Cancer Center, St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile (use south entrance off Levan), Livonia. Call 734-655-1100 or visit www.stmarymercy.org.

Choir therapy

The Therapy Choirs of Michigan extend an invitation to individuals with any kind of special needs or disabilities and their able-bodied family and friends, to participate in singing. Call Len McCulloch at 248-474-2763, Ext. 22, or visit www.therapychoirs.org for additional information.

CPAP/BIPAP

The Sleep Disorders Center of Michigan offers a free CPAP/BIPAP mask fitting clinic, 5-6 p.m. each Wednesday at 35600 Central City Parkway, Suite 103, Westland. Most insurances cover

new supplies. No appointment needed. For more information, call 734-458-7251

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The Garden City Hospital Health Enhancement Center offers classes designed to strengthen your heart after a cardiac event. It also offers an array of fitness classes, such as yoga, tai chi, Zumba, hula and Polynesian aerobics to keep you moving or to help you relax. For more information, call 734-458-3242.

GCH Community Education offers classes in CPR (adult and infant), first aid, and diabetes self-management education. The hospital hosts various support groups including Nar-Anon, Alzheimer's, Alcoholics Anonymous, Focus on Living and Diabetes, which are held monthly. For more information, call 734-458-4330.

Low vision support

Meets 1-3 p.m. the first Thursday of each month at the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main. For more information, call Ellen Stross at 734-453-0750, Ext. 232.

BIRTH

Emma Faith Sarns was born March 9, 2015, at the University of Michigan Mott Children's Hospital, Ann

Emma joins her parents, David and Bianca Sarns, and her brother, Colin David Sarns, 5, at home in

Grandparents are Maryann Baase of Willis and the

Mariam Mackinder of Northville is Emma's great-

late Ronald Baase, and Judy Sarns of Livonia and the

Lyme support

Meets at 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of each month, except January, July and September, at Northwest Unitarian-Universalist Church, 23925 Northwestern Highway, Southfield; 248-354-4488. For more information, visit the Michigan Lyme Disease Association website, www.mlda.org, or call 888-784-LYME.

Metro Fibromyalgia & CFS support

Meets 1-3 p.m. the second and fourth Thursday of each month at Merriman Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman, Garden City. For more information, call Ruthann at 734-981-2519 or visit www.MetroFibro Group.com.

Neuropathy support

The group meets at 7 p.m. the third Tuesday of the month at the Livonia



Emma Faith Sarns

Senior Center, located at Five Mile and Farmington Road. The Southeast Michigan Neuropathy Support Group is designed for individuals with any kind of neuropathy.

Scleroderma Foundation

The Scleroderma Foundation Michigan Chapter offers support for scleroderma and overlapping autoimmune patients. The Livonia group meets 7-8 p.m. the first Thursday of the month, February-June and September-November, at the Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, Livonia. Group leader is Sue Harris, sharris27@mi.rr.com; 248-982-5740. A virtual support group meets 1-3 p.m. the third Thursday of the month, February November. Contact Judy Nichols at kenjudynichols@gmail.com; 231-775-8446.

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DROUILLARD, MICHAEL

March 26, 2015 husband Beloved Maureen. Loving father of Terri (Ryan) Mills, Kerri Turanik and Ellen (Matthew) Shelton. Grandfather of Cade Mills, Tarra Fox, Brett Drouillard and Marissa Turanik. Dear brother of Richard (Nancy)





Michigan Birmingham, Michigan 3/12/1914-3/3/2015 Nelden B. Quinn, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, March 3, 2015 at Henry Ford Village in Dearborn, Michigan where she has resided since the death of her husband, Edward L. Quinn, MD in 2003. She was born in Lockwood, Mis-

souri on March 12, 1914, the eld-

est daughter of William Alfred

Bickel and Mary (Kurtz) Bickel. Nelden received her Bachelor's

degree in Nursing from Univer-

Edward L. Quinn, MD in 1942 in Newport, Kentucky. They both worked at Henry Ford Hospital

before a daughter was born and Edward entered the Navy, serv-

ing as a physician in the Aleutian

Islands while Nelden returned to

her family in Lockwood, Mis-

souri. They eventually returned

to Michigan and Henry Ford

Hospital living first in Dearborn,

then moving to Birmingham, then moving to Birmingham, Michigan. She was active in the Henry Ford Wives Club, Bir-mingham First Methodist Church, as a scout leader and neighborhood nurse. Among our forsitie memories was her shill

favorite memories was her abili-ty to tell engaging stories, cook

delicious meals and spend family

time with us at the cottage on Crystal Lake. She is survived by

three children, Patricia (Dennis) Ritchie of Ann Arbor, MI, Mi-



Insurance enrollment

Oakwood Healthcare sponsors this free health insurance enrollment open house, noon to 5 p.m. April 11 in the Wayne Public Library, 3737 S. Wayne Road, Wayne. Eligible consumers who paid the fee for not having health coverage last year have until April 30 to enroll in coverage for this year. Visit oakwood.org/healthinsurance-enrollment for more information.

Walk with a Doc

Annette Carron, D.O. will lead a walk and will talk about Delirium: Conquering Confusion, noon to 1 p.m. Thursday, April 16, at the nature center in Heritage Park, located on Farmington Road between 10 Mile and 11 Mile, in Farmington Hills. Register at 877-477-3621, option 1.

Ongoing

Ab-Anon

Twelve-step program and weekly group to help those suffering with eating disorders such as anorexia, bulimia, and exercise compulsion is held 7-8 p.m. Tuesday, at the Friendship Circle, 6892 W. Maple, West Bloomfield. An Ab-Anon meeting group is available for families and loved ones, 7-8 p.m. Wednesday, also at the Friendship Circle. For more information, contact Mindy at 248-672-9776.

Aquatic classes

The YMCA of Metropolitan Detroit and the Arthritis Foundation have partnered to offer aquatic classes designed to ease arthritis. Classes are held 11 a.m. to noon

Drouillard. Loving son of Orville (the late Jean and the late Helen). Funeral Services have been held. Visitation Saturday 10am until time of Service 12pm at McCabe Funeral Home Canton Chapel, 851 N. Canton Center Rd., Canton. Memorial contributions may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project or American Cancer Society.

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FERRISS. MICHAEL JAMES

Age 24, of Farmington and East Lansing, died suddenly Sunday, March 22, 2015. Michael is survived by his devoted parents, Michael and Andrea; his loving sister, Elizabeth; and his grand-mother, Mary Jordan. Sadly, Michael was preceded in death by grandparents, Raymond Jordan, Harold Ferriss and Jane Jordan, Harold Ferriss and Jane Ferriss. Visitation Sunday, March 29, 2-7 p.m. at the Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home, 23270 Farmington Rd., (btw. 9-10 Mile Rds., just N of Grand River), downtown Farm-ington (248-474-5200). Funeral mass Monday, March 30, 10:00 a.m. (in state at 9:30 a.m.) at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church, 23615 Power Rd., Farm-ington. Memorial gifts suggested ington. Memorial gifts suggested to Young Life, younglife.org, or Family Services, Starfish starfishonline.org. heeney-sundquist.com



HUNT, VIRGINIA

Of Ann Arbor, Michigan Age 95, passed away Monday, March 16, 2015. She was born March 27, 1919 in Dayton, Ohio, to Anthony R. and Margaret G. (Mardis) Adams. In June of 1943, she married George Sylvester. He preceded her in death March 29, 1971. She received a Bachelor's Degree from Miami University, Ohio and a Master's Degree in music and education from the University of Michigan. A passionate music lover, Virginia taught piano for 75 years, first in Dayton and then in Ann Arbor. took up the Hammered Dulcimer in her mid-70s, and continued playing piano until just before her death. Virginia was a teacher at Meadowview School in Pittsfield Township, then at Isbister Elementary School in Plymouth, MI for fifteen years. She also taught nursery school at the First United Methodist Church and the First Presbyterian Church, both of Ann Arbor. She sang in the choir at the First Methodist Church for many years as well as accompanying them on the piano. She was socially active, and was a member of many clubs, including the Ann Arbor City Club and the University of Michigan Faculty Wives' Club. Survivors include: three children, George (Diana) Hunt of Chelsea, Lynn Nancy) Hunt of Ypsilanti and Merrily (Len) Smeenk of Monroe, WA; three granddaughters, Carolyn Hunt of AZ, Elizabeth Melton of Seattle, WA and Katherine Hunt of CA; two sisters-in-law, Pat Adams of OH and Imogene Adams of Hale, MI; and many nieces and nephews. In addition to her loving husband, she was preceded in death by her parents, one sister Lena Schmidt and three brothers, Ralph Adams, Ray Adams and Roy Adams. Per Virginia's wishes, her body has been donated to the University of Michigan Department of Anatomy. A celebration of her life will take place 2 pm Saturday, April 25, 2015 at the First United Methodist Church of Ann Arbor, 120 S. State Street. A tea will be held afterward. Those wishing to offer a memorial may donate to the Joseph Brinkman Piano Scholarship at the University of Michigan School of Music, the Faculty Women's Club Endow-ment Fund #57-1074 at the U of M or the First United Methodist Church of Ann Arbor. Please sign her guest book at www.starkfuneral.com.

KEITH, BETTY JEAN (AYCOCK)

Passed away on February 26, 2015. Beloved mother of Cherie (Keith) Haller, Rex (Vinka) Keith, grandsons Ben Haller and (Vinka) Steven Keith, sister Virginia Brumley, many cousins, nieces, nephews and family.

KUEHN, JANICE ELLEN

Age 85, March 25, 2015. Born September 8, 1929. Beloved wife of 62 years to Rev. Dr. Vernon Kuehn. They were married May 24, 1952 at Colgate Rochester Divinity School. Janice is a graduate of Denison University, member of Alpha Omiron Pi Sorority, member of Cherry Hill Baptist Church. Mrs. Kuehn was raised on Long Island, New York. She is the dearest mother of Deborah Dondzila, Stephen Kuehn, Teri Twist, and Jeffrey (Kathy) Kuehn. Loving grandmother of eight and great-grandmother of four. Dear sister of Paul Carter Jr. Memorial service scheduled Saturday, April 4, 10:30 a.m. at The Cherry Hill Baptist Church, 1045 N. Gulley Rd., Dearborn Heights. Memorial contributions suggested to the church or Arbor Hospice. Arrangements entrusted to The Fisher Funeral Home of Redford Township.

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SCHOENFELD. ROBERT J., M.D.

March 21, 2015 in St. Paul, Minnesota. Age 86. Beloved husband of Franziska, D.D.S. for fol years. Dear father of Eric Schoenfeld, Lisa Tousley, and Peter Schoenfeld (MaryLiz). Loving grandfather of Claire Tousley, Nathanael Tousley (Beth), Aaron Tousley, and Jonathan Tousley. Also survived by Melinda and Paul Johnson, Peter Johnson, Kristen Johnson, Susan Schoenfeld, and Maya Kempff. Memorial service Friday, April 24, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. at Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, 1800 W. Maple Rd., Birmingham. Memorial tributes to Wayne State School of Medicine, Development and Medicine, Development and Alumni Affairs, 540 Canfield, Room 1369, Attention: Leigh Trerice, Detroit, Michigan 48201. A.J. Desmond & Sons, (248) 549-0500. View obituary and share memories at www.Des mondFuneralHome.com .

STIMAC, LAWRENCE To the family of Fran (Stimac) Nordstrom: Her brother Larry Stimac passed away in Hibbing Minnesota on August 11, 2014. Survived by his son Dan, 918-408-1272 (Oklahoma)



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Easter Sunday, April 5 8:00am Festive Holy Eucharist 10:00am Festive Holy Eucharist & Baptism

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3. Real estate agent

What you organize: Details. Not only do you have to organize your day, such as showing times and locations, you must also keep track of all of your customers' contact information, listing details and contract deadlines.

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4. Archivist

What you organize: Documents and records. You create and maintain databases, organize and classify archives and help users find any reference materials.

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5. Merchandiser

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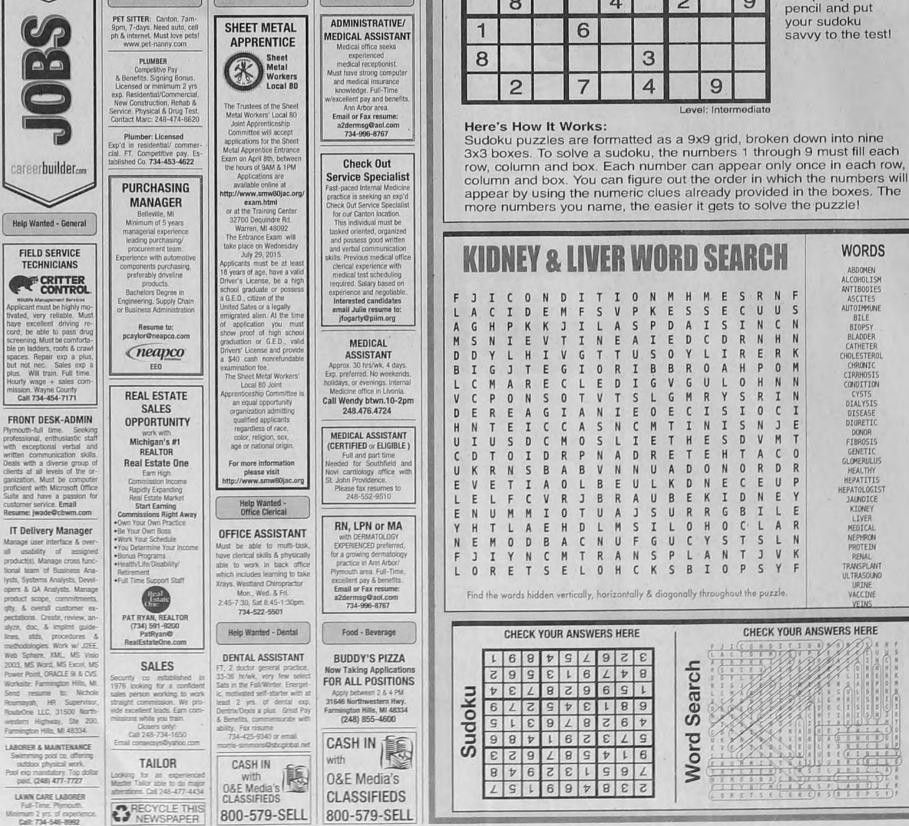
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Toyota Infuses U.S. Lineup with Excitement through 'Bold' New Marketing Initiatives



Toyota doesn't have a robust lineup of newproduct launches in the queue for 2015, mostly some refreshes. So one thing the brand is doing these days is making the most of its marketing efforts, backing up Chairman Akio Toyoda's promise to make Toyota a

Dale Buss more exciting company for now, at least, in its advertising.

For example, Toyota became a presence among the hipster, tech-oriented Millennial crowd that was

at SXSW, auto brands are still trying to figure out how to strike the right chord without seeming too old school.

Toyota jumpstarted its interactive experience with a combination of paintball and Twitter. The automaker teamed up with Sean "Diddy" Combs' Revolt music and pop culture digital network for a contemporary art installation called "Make Your Mark." It featured a glassencased 2015 Toyota Corolla and a canvas backdrop. Instead of using paintbrushes, however, the artwork was created using Twitter-generated paintballs during a Revolt-sponsored event.



Toyota ads now are casting Camry as an exciting car.

swarming recently at the SXSW confab in Austin, Texas, which has become a mix of music, personal-technology announcements and traditional brands like Toyota trying to figure out how to insinuate themselves with the target demographic.

Toyota also continues with its cheeky and interesting "Bold New Camry" advertising campaign. And looking further out, Toyota just signed up as the major automotive sponsor for the global Olympics, which will climax with the 2020 Summer Games in Tokyo.

Given all the competition for attendees' eyeballs

Whenever someone tweeted #MakeYourMark, one of the six robotically controlled paintball markers inside the glass display case shot the white canvas behind the car, painting an evolving backdrop to frame the vehicle. Attendees also made their mark with finger lights at a light writing photo booth. Each light image sent a #MakeYourMark tweet to trigger the paintball guns.

Four original works of art were created

during the two-day live installation, each requiring about 4,500 paintballs, Toyota estimated.

It's understandable that Toyota might want to recast Corolla's image for the SXSW crowd. Although the car is the best-selling nameplate in the world, it has been in the market for more than 40 years. Indeed, Toyota said the SXSW effort is meant to fit with the current "Elevate" ad campaign for Corolla which features "original, vibrantly colored 3D pavement art by Rahmaan Statik-the visual artist who designed the art installation for the #MakeYourMark activity.

Meanwhile, it's a new idea for Toyota, trying to persuade people who buy a Camry that it's "a bold choice." But that's Toyota's story with the new 2015 Camry, and the brand is sticking to it.

Signature to this effort have been a series of magazine ads that depict a Camry and its driver as the protagonists in some "bold" adventure. The print ads have continued to run even after Toyota took its argument to the highest level in marketing: the Super Bowl. In fact, Toyota ran two commercials during the Big Game that leveraged its #OneBoldChoice campaign.

And while even the new Camry would seem to present the safest of choices to American car buyers - it has been the nation's No. 1-selling car for 13 straight years - Toyota is attempting to reposition its bread-and-butter nameplate, much as the staid brand itself, in a more exciting light.

"The styling became bolder and the demographic has gotten younger and much more bold," Jack Hollis, Toyota Group Vice President of Marketing,



told me. "And continuing on that same theme, in the Super Bowl we decided to tie into people who continue to make bold choices.

Recently, Toyota also became the first automotive brand to sign on as an Olympics sponsor at its highest level-and Toyota intends to make the most of it. It joined other global brands in that club including McDonald's, Dow, Acer, Coca-Coa, Atos, GE, Omega, Panasonic, P&G, Samsung and Visa,

In return for paying a rumored \$835 million sponsorship fee to become the exclusive mobility or automotive sponsor in the International Olympic Committee's top-tier of partners, Toyota executives outlined a range of marketing goals for the 10-year pact, which runs through 2024.

Toyota, which has also been a Team USA Olympic sponsor, will see its involvement kick in fully after the 2016 Summer Olympics in Rio de Janeiro and so lay the groundwork for the host nation brand to play a key role in the 2020 Summer Games in Tokyo.

National and global Olympic activities will use exclusively Toyota vehicles. Nor will other carmakers be admitted as TOP sponsors during the 10-year run of the agreement.

What's more, the Olympics authorities indicated that they will be relying heavily on Toyota to showcase and provide advanced urban-mobility and other logistics services surrounding the Tokyo event and other games.



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