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Yack: Appointee should be from Canton

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Canton Township Trustee Tom Yack said Tuesday he strongly believes a Canton resident should be chosen to fill a Wayne County Commission vacancy created by the departure of Shannon Price, tapped as Plymouth Township's new supervisor.

Yack's remarks came just two days before the commission is expected to choose Price's successor. Price was a longtime Canton resident before he moved to Plymouth Township earlier this year.

Plymouth attorney Joe Barone has been recommended for

Price's seat by the Wayne 11th Congressional District Republican Committee, though the county commission makes its own decision.

The 10th District includes Canton and Plymouth townships and the city of Plymouth, but Yack said Canton accounts for a majority of the district's population and geographic area. He said townships rely on the county for issues such as road maintenance and he vehemently opposes the selection of a non-Canton commissioner.

"I simply can't accept that," he said Tuesday evening during a township board meeting. "I think the people of Canton deserve better representation



Yack



Price



Barone

than that."

Barone, rumored as a front-runner for the position, lives in Plymouth Township, but has longtime ties to organizations such as the Canton Chamber of Commerce, which named him its Business Person of the Year in 2013. He ran as a 35th District judicial candidate in 2008, but narrowly lost to Judge

James Plakas.

Price was a longtime resident of Canton and lived there when he was elected to the commission.

"He served us well for a number of years," Yack said. "I think it's only fair that (his successor) be a Canton resident."

Under commission appointee rules, Price's successor has to be chosen from the same political party — Republican — that he represents. Before resigning to become Plymouth Township supervisor, Price had begun his second two-year term as a county commissioner.

Price's predecessor, Kevin McNamara, lived in Canton when he served on the commission, though he was elected as a Democrat.

Price said Wednesday he had made no formal recommendation to the commission about his successor.

"There are a lot of good candidates," he said. "I'm sure they would all serve the 10th District well."

Price said he is glad the commission has to replace him with another Republican. The commission is predominantly Democratic.

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TEAMWORK: LIGHTNING ROBOTICS HEADING TO WORLDS

By Matt Jachman
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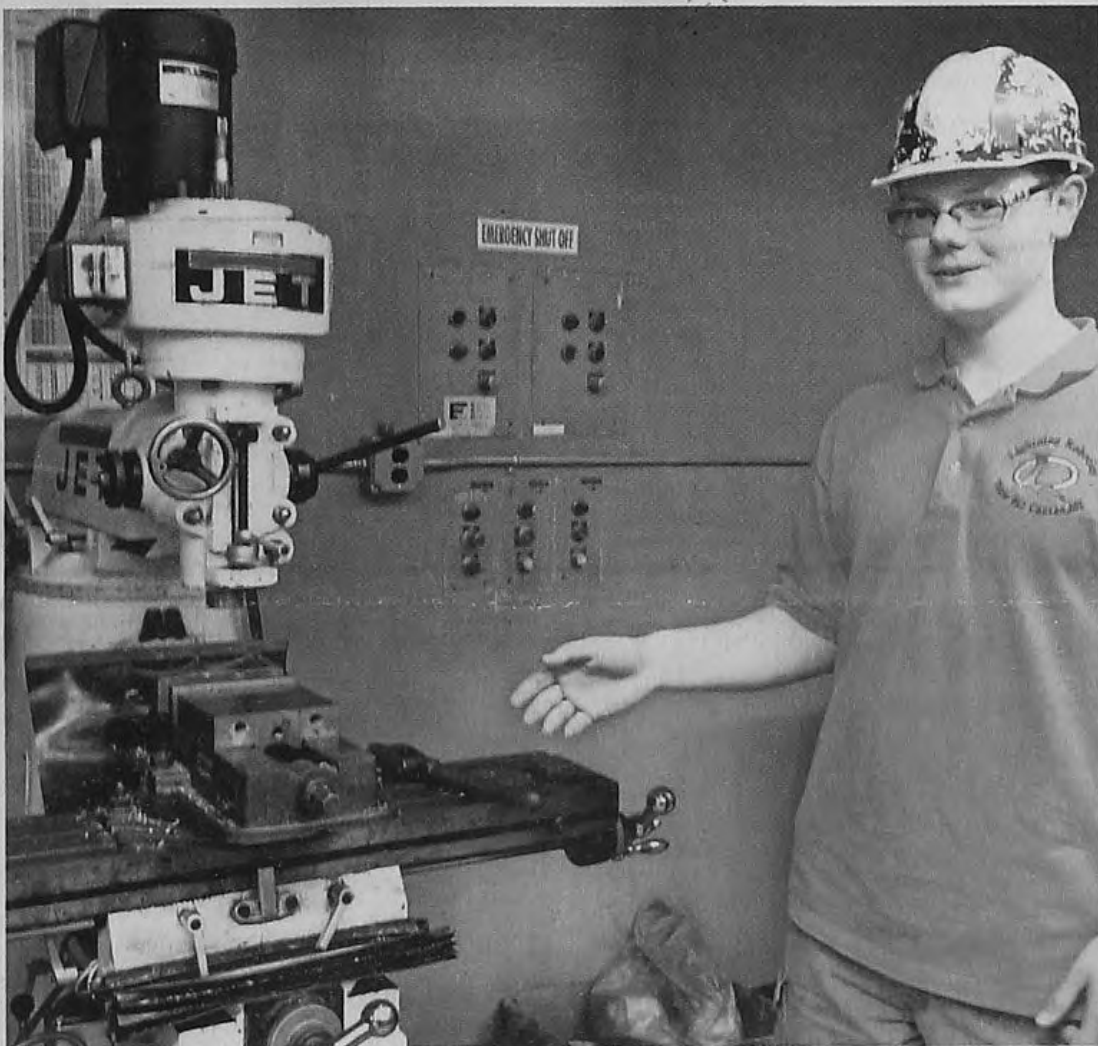
With just more than a week before the world championships, the Lightning Robotics team at the Plymouth-Canton high schools is fine-tuning its approach, trying to gain an edge that could help it grab prizes in St. Louis later this month.

Team members gathered Tuesday night at Canton High School were tinkering with a backup robot — the identical competition robot, Flash, was ready for shipping — to gauge whether adding a device to aid the robot in picking up plastic bins was worth the trade-off of a loss in traction. This year's challenge, Recycle Rush, requires robots to carry and stack rectangular storage totes and cylindrical recycling bins on a playing field.

Students in Lightning Robotics — also called FIRST Team 862 in competition lingo — have high hopes for the tournament in Missouri, which begins April 22 and will bring teams from around the world under the banner of For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology, a not-for-profit that aims to boost interest in science and technology among young people.

"I'm proud of us as a team,

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MATT JACHMAN

Sophomore Henry Hoover, a member of Lightning Robotics' fabrication group, with a precision machining mill. All the parts that go into making the robots are machined by team members.

Office Depot closing Canton store, Walgreens' fate unclear

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Office Depot will close its Canton store May 16, steering customers to formerly competing OfficeMax sites after the two companies merged to become one large retailer, officials said Tuesday.

Even more changes could potentially loom if the Federal Trade Commission approves a \$6.3 billion move by another office retail giant, Staples, to buy the newly merged Office Depot.

Julianne Embry, Office Depot senior public relations manager, said the decision to close the store near Michigan Avenue and Canton Center came amid plans started last year to shutter 400 locations nationwide.

Embry said the company, based in Boca Raton, Fla., hopes to steer customers to longtime OfficeMax stores at the Ford-Morton Taylor intersection in Canton and on Central City Parkway in Westland.

In other major corporate developments, the fate of the Walgreens store at Ford and Sheldon roads in Canton is unknown as the pharmacy

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Life in Go! Save the date for O&E spring expo

Workshops, exhibits, demonstration and free stuff are all part of the *Observer & Eccentric* 12th annual spring expo, Life in Go, set for 1-6 p.m. Monday, April 27, in the VisTaTech Center at Schoolcraft College in Livonia.

This annual tradition for active adults features a variety of demonstrations and workshops, local business exhibitors, prizes, free admission, free parking and free refreshments. Learn to live healthy, make wise financial decisions and enhance life to make it the best ever.

The first 100 attendees will receive a Buddy's pizza coupon for a free four-square pizza. In addition, there will also be drawings throughout the afternoon for drawings.

The hourly gift drawings are sponsored in part by St. Mary Mercy Hospital. Refresh-



FILE PHOTO

Hundreds of people crammed Livonia's VisTaTech Center for the O&E's 2014 "Life in Go" spring expo.

ments are sponsored in part by Twisted Rooster. The 2015 spring expo tote bags are

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Meet the new Observer editor Monday, April 20

Joanne Maliszewski is the new editor of the *Canton Observer*. She will lead the staff, which includes Darrell Clem and Bill Bresler, in delivering the best of Canton's local news and information in print, desktop, tablet and mobile platforms.

Maliszewski invites residents to join her for coffee and conversation about local issues 10:30-11:30 a.m. Monday, April 20, at Starbucks in the Centre Village of Canton Shopping Center, 1905 N. Canton Center Road, north of Ford Road.



Maliszewski

A veteran journalist, Maliszewski, a former Canton resident, was most recently editor of the *Farmington Observer*. At the *Observer*, she has worked as a reporter and editor in several communities, including Rochester and Canton.

"Joanne is a tireless, enthusiastic champion of communi-

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Canton board OKs 8.6-percent water rate hike

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Canton residents are approaching quarterly water bills of \$400 after the township board, as expected in a sweeping decision Tuesday, approved an 8.6-percent water-sewer rate hike.

A typical residential customer using 32,000 gallons of water every three-month billing cycle will see their quarterly bills jump from \$358 to \$389 starting in May.

Long term, however, local officials hope to ease rate hikes by moving toward a water storage plan that involves buying one of two storage tanks owned by the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department on Canton's north side, near Joy and Morton Taylor.

The deal, if reached, would allow Canton to better manage its own water flow to ease usage during peak morning and evening hours. That, in turn, would place less strain on DWSD's system and could ease Canton's rate hikes going forward.

Supervisor Phil LaJoy said Tuesday the township is continuing talks with DWSD. Officials are hopeful an agreement could be reached this summer.

"We're still working on it," LaJoy said, adding the two sides are "pretty close."

Efforts by Canton to



Supervisor Phil LaJoy is hopeful Canton can ease its water rate hikes by using a Detroit storage facility.

FILE PHOTO

Efforts by Canton to buy one of DWSD's storage tanks could prove significantly cheaper than an alternate plan for the township to build its own storage facility, such as a water tower, which could cost millions.

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which could cost millions.

"We think we're going to save a lot of money," LaJoy said.

Canton Municipal Services Director Tim

Faas has said it's possible Canton and DWSD could reach an agreement as early as July, though any reductions in water-sewer rates would not be immediate.

Canton and Detroit began talks last year after officials, including DWSD Director Sue McCormick, paid a visit to Canton to discuss the issue. She, too, seemed

encouraged by the plan, which she said could also save DWSD money by having Canton manage its own water usage.

The latest rate hike, meanwhile, will cost an average Canton household an additional \$31 every three months – or \$124 a year – bringing quarterly water bills to \$389.

Residents have long complained about the way Detroit calculates rates that it passes on to local communities. Even as Canton and other communities reduce their water consumption, officials say rates spike even higher. That's because DWSD says it still has to generate enough revenue to manage and repair a huge system.

"The less (water) you use," township Trustee Tom Yack said, "the more it costs you."

Canton's new 8.6-percent water-sewer rate hike is far less than the 21-percent increase that DWSD imposed this year on the township. Officials softened the blow for local consumers by using \$2.5 million from the local water-sewer fund, which still has a \$17.5 million balance.

LaJoy said Canton also reeled in its costs by "good basic financial management."

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CLOSING

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chain has announced plans to close 231 of its 8,232 locations across the nation, company spokesman Phil Caruso said Tuesday.

"The list hasn't been finalized, so we don't have any specific loca-

tions to announce," he said. "We're not focusing on any specific geographic area. We're basically closing down some under-performing stores."

Caruso said no time frame for closures has been completed by Walgreens, based in Deerfield, Ill.

Canton Chamber of Commerce President

Thomas Paden said he would be surprised if Walgreens closes its store in the bustling Ford Road strip.

"It's such a busy business corridor here in the community," he said. "I hope it's not the case that they would close it."

Meanwhile, a closing banner hangs outside the Office Depot on Michigan Avenue as that store enters its final month in the aftermath of the merger with OfficeMax.

Embry said one of Office Depot's "critical priorities" involves "rationalizing our store footprint in North America."

"The overlapping retail footprint created by the merger of Office Depot and OfficeMax provides us a unique opportunity to consolidate and optimize our store portfolio, while maintaining the retail presence needed to serve our customers," she said.

Office Depot shuttered 165 stores last year as it continues its move toward closing 400



DARRELL CLEM

Office Depot will close for business in May at this store near Michigan Avenue and Canton Center.

stores. One Canton worker said employees are expected to receive transfers to other stores.

Canton Economic Development Manager Kristen Thomas said she

is confident the store on Michigan Avenue will find a tenant, due to Canton's strong retail reputation.

"A lot of retailers are anxious to get into Can-

ton," she said, "so I don't expect that space will stay vacant for long."

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ty journalism," O&E publisher Susan Rosiek said. "Readers on all platforms will soon see more news about Canton/

Plymouth – what makes the community a special place to live and work – than ever before."

Maliszewski has also worked as a writer for a business magazine, as a public relations director for a small company, as well as owned her own

business. Maliszewski returned to the *Observer* more than two years ago.

"I look forward to working with the Canton community again," Maliszewski said. "It's an exciting and active community and we will continue to provide news

that residents can use and will find interesting."

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This year, 10 dynamic demonstrations and workshops feature Rick Bloom of Bloom Asset Management, Dr. Sol Cogan of HealthQuest and HealthQuest's Back & Neck Solution Centers of America and Colleen McDonald of Senior Helpers.

Bloom, *Observer & Eccentric* guest columnist and frequent metro Detroit radio and television guest, will discuss "How to Determine What You Will Need to Retire and Stay Retired." Cogan, CEO of HealthQuest and HealthQuest's Back & Neck Solution Centers of America and the official team chiropractor of the Detroit Lions, will

speak on "New Technology in Pain Relief." McDonald, director of community relations for Senior Helpers and certified dementia trainer, will present "The Senior Gems: Alzheimer's and Dementia Care."

Look for a special spring expo section inserted into the *Observer*, *Novi News*, *Northville Record*, *Milford Times* and *South Lyon Herald* newspapers Thursday, April 23, and in the *Eccentric* newspapers Sunday, April 26.

This special publication will feature articles, interests and resources for the today's active adults. The special publication will feature participating local business exhibitors and detail all demonstrations and workshops. A complete list of speakers are listed below.

Other speakers include:

- » Health, Wealth and a Confident Retirement by

Steven R. Swaggerty, Ameriprise Financial Klassa, Swaggerty & Associates.

» Understanding Memory Loss by Gerald E. Turlo, M.D., St. Mary Mercy.

» Emergency Preparedness by Arnold Wicker, Schoolcraft College Continuing Education and Professional Development.

» Improving Communication With Aging Parents by Jean Borin, Home Instead Senior Care

» Social and Emotional Benefits of Art by Grace Karczewski, Schoolcraft College Continuing Education and Professional Development.

» Healthy Smile for a Lifetime by Dr. Bruce Smoler, Smoler Institute of Implant Dentistry.

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Spotlight Players will present 'Young Frankenstein'

Mel Brooks and Gene Wilder's 1974 classic film *Young Frankenstein* captivated audiences when it opened on Broadway in 2007 as a musical. Now, Canton audiences will be able to witness the hijinks on stage at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill for six performances April 17-19 and 24-26.

Performances are 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday.

Young Frankenstein follows Victor Frankenstein's grandson, Dr. Frederick Frankenstein, as he discovers that he has inherited his family's estate in Transylvania. Dr. Frederick teams up with a hunchbacked side-kick, Igor, a flirty lab assistant, Inga, and the housekeeper, Frau Bleucher.

When Dr. Frederick joins the family business of mad scientists he brings a creature to life and hilarity ensues. On

stage, *Young Frankenstein* brings to life those favorite movie moments such as *Puttin' on the Ritz* and adds new show-stopping numbers, including *Please Don't Touch Me*, *Transylvania Mania* and *He Vas My Boyfriend*.

Spotlight's Josh Getto takes the lead as Dr. Frederick Frankenstein, truly enjoying the experience while doing so. Josh had quite a lot to say about his experience, thus far, as Frederick: "The role of Frederick has given me a once in a lifetime opportunity to live out some lifelong dreams, like patronizing med students and performing brain surgery without the proper apparatus or equipment. But if I had to pick one thing that I enjoy the most, it would be having a minion, for sure. Ever since I was a kid, I dreamed of having someone to do my bidding."

Jason Cooper joins Spotlight Players for his second production this season as Dr. Frederick Frankenstein's minion, Igor. Igor's relentless weirdness is Cooper's favorite quality of his character.

"Every line that comes out of his mouth is funny, so it's pretty easy to let Igor loose. He just keeps getting weirder and weirder as the show goes on! It's certainly the most challenging role I've ever played," Cooper said. "Nothing can top Igor dancing and singing like a fool, all done with a cockney accent. He is certainly one of the funniest characters I've ever played."

Even if you are a true 1974 *Young Frankenstein* movie fan, you will enjoy Mel Brooks' musical. "Mel Brooks really kept the soul of the movie when he created the musical. Many of the

lines, jokes and quotable moments were included word for word, and the singing just creates another level of Mel Brooks' madness to love. I think that diehard fans will love the musical, but wonder why we didn't do it in black and white," Getto said.

Young Frankenstein takes the main stage for six performances. Run time is two hours, 45 minutes, with a 15-minute intermission. Seating is assigned, so purchase tickets in advance! *Young Frankenstein* is rated PG-13, which advises parents that some material in this show may be unsuitable for children under the age of 13.

Tickets range from \$15 to \$18. They can be purchased by calling the box office at 734-394-5300 or at <http://www.spotlightplayers-mi.org/>. Tickets are also available for purchase at



YOUNG FRANKENSTEIN

Spotlight Players will present "Young Frankenstein."

the box office one hour prior to show time. The Village Theater is at 50400 Cherry Hill Road,

Canton. For additional information, go to www.cantonvillagetheater.org.

Canton Winter Market hosts final offerings Sunday, April 19, at Summit on the Park

The Canton Farmers Market will host its final Winter Market of the season from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, April 19, in the banquet lobby at the Summit on the Park community recreation center, 46000 Summit Parkway.

The market will feature a variety of local goods for sale, a kids craft and activity and a cooking demonstration by Chef Lee Ulrich.

This market is the last of a three-part off-season series, as the Canton Farmers Market will kick off its regular season starting Sunday, May 17, at Preservation Park, 500 N. Ridge Road, Canton.

"As the weather warms and we prepare for a new season, we are pleased to have the opportunity for one more

indoor market with our great local vendors," market manager Tina Lloyd said.

Featured vendors April 19 will include: Agricola, Bobilin Honey, Cakes by Penny, Cellar Door Soap Co., Classique Gifts & Bakes, Crunch Granola, Farmington Soap Works, Good Times Kettle Corn, Grace Savory & Sweet, Jar Head Salsa, Jen's Gourmet Dressings, JKM Soy Candles Joe Sansonetti's Kitchen, Kapnick Orchards, Lula Bre's Sweet Eats, Paw-la's Pantry, Prochaska Farm with Four Corners Creamery, Qais Truck, Steinhauser Farm, U.P. Pasties and Zingerman's Creamery.

Items for sale include honey, apples, cider, greens, sauerkraut, cof-

fee beans, jams, pasture-raised meats (beef, pork, chicken), salsa, tortilla chips, granola, pasties, pot pies, sauces, marinades, salad dressings, artisan cheese and bread, a variety of baked goods, dog treats, hand-crafted soaps, kettle corn, garlic, gluten-free baking mixes and more.

Ulrich of Joe's Produce will be at the market cooking and presenting on a new spin for spring brunch. Twisted Mitten by Qais Truck will offer lunch and will be parked outside the market.

For more information about the Canton Farmers Market, go to Cantonfun.org under the Programs tab, or contact Lloyd at cantonfarmers-market@canton-mi.org.

Knezek bill set standards for human milk banks in Michigan

State Sen. David Knezek of Dearborn Heights has joined with and state Rep. Erika Geiss, D-Taylor to sponsor legislation, Senate Bill 143 and House Bill 4206, which would set standards for human milk banks in Michigan.

"I'm deeply concerned by the fact that some Michigan cities have infant mortality rates on par with Third World nations," said Knezek whose 5th Senate District includes Garden City and Redford. "Just as members of a community donate to a food pantry to help those in need, mothers have historically been able to donate milk so that at-risk babies can have a better chance at

a full, healthy life.

"We owe it to everyone involved to maintain high standards around this practice in order to ensure that our children receive the support they need," he added.

Michigan's infant mortality rate is among the highest in the nation at 7.1 deaths per 1,000 live births. Detroit and Saginaw have infant mortality rates as high as 15.3 per 1,000 live births.

One of the top causes of infant death is necrotizing enterocolitis, which occurs more frequently in premature infants. Using human milk, as opposed to formula, reduces the incidence of NEC and

results in lower hospital re-admissions and fewer long-term health issues.

In 2011, the U.S. Surgeon General's Office issued a Call to Action to Support Breastfeeding. Among 20 action items was "Identify and address obstacles to greater availability of safe banked donor milk for fragile infants." HB 4206 and SB 143 aim to codify standards for milk banking practices in Michigan and ensure best practices for screening mothers; collecting, processing and providing human milk; and directing the donated milk to premature and critically ill infants where it is needed most.

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Ringleader of home invasion gang sentenced to prison

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

A Monroe man who police say orchestrated a Canton home invasion with two female accomplices has been sentenced to prison for one to 15 years, a Wayne County Circuit Court clerk confirmed Tuesday.

Ramon Michael Payne, 28, was imprisoned by Judge David Groner after pleading

guilty to second-degree home invasion for an incident that unfolded about 11 p.m. Jan. 7 in the 6100 block of Stonetree Drive, near Ford and Haggerty roads.

Payne's accomplices – Livonia residents Milan Monet Hayes and Derricka Anne Allen, both 18 – have been



Payne

sentenced under the Holmes Youthful Trainee Act, or HYTA, after they pleaded guilty to attempted second-degree home invasion.

HYTA rules prohibit public disclosure of their sentencing, the clerk said. It also allows the women to keep the crime off their record as long as they stay out of trouble and obey all court-imposed orders.

Canton authorities have indicated the home invasion

victims were known by the intruders, who broke into the residence and stole cash. Detective Sgt. Dan Traylor has said the incident was "not believed to be random."

Guilty pleas by Payne, Hayes and Allen came in February, mere weeks after Canton police nabbed them following a swift investigation, Traylor said.

Court documents have indicated all three defendants

had been released from jail as they awaited their sentencing. Early on, Traylor commended investigators for quickly solving the home invasion.

Traylor said detectives were "relentless in getting the people we thought were responsible."

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PLYMOUTH CRIME WATCH



A closeup of the woman, who was seen on video taking a science kit.

Shoplifting

Police are asking for the public's help in the investigation of an April 1 shoplifting in downtown Plymouth.

A man and a woman are suspected of taking a science kit from the Genuine Toy Co., on Forest, the late afternoon of April 1.

Plymouth Lt. Jamie Grabowski said the pair entered the store shortly before 6 p.m. and the woman said that she was looking for a present for her sister. A few moments later, he said, a store owner saw the two leave through the Forest door and run southward.

They were then seen driving away in a maroon-colored sedan. The license plate was not seen.

A review of a security video showed the woman had con-



A still from a security camera at the Genuine Toy Co. shows a man and a woman suspected in a shoplifting there.

cealed and stolen a science kit. She appeared to have been wearing a blue Salem Rocks T-shirt under a dark jacket.

Anyone who might be able to identify either person can leave a message for Grabowski at 734-453-1234, ext. 272.

– By Matt Jachman

CANTON CRIME WATCH

Gun for crack

A 56-year-old Canton man told police he returned from a vacation this month in Florida to learn that his live-in niece, 29, had damaged his property and traded some of his belongings, including a pistol, for drugs.

The man lives in the 1700 block of Manton, near Ford and Lilley. He said he returned home April 2 and found that his back door and a side door attached to a garage had been kicked open. He said his niece claimed she did it because she had locked herself out.

The victim then noticed he was missing a television, which he said the niece claimed she had put in the trash after it fell and broke. He then learned his pistol was missing from a basement bedroom, claiming his niece confessed she traded it for crack cocaine to a drug dealer in Detroit.

The victim said he had been allowing his niece to live with him as she tried to clean up her life and stay off drugs. However, he told police it became evident she had a relapse.

He said the niece also had been acting irrationally on Easter Sunday. He said she conceded she traded the gun for crack cocaine, but said the man who bought it promised to return it if she took

\$150 to him.

The victim told police he wished to prosecute the case.

Stabbing threat?

An argument over how tax money would be spent escalated until an Ypsilanti man visiting his Canton girlfriend claimed she pulled a knife on him and threatened to stab him and slash the tires of his 2007 Mercury Mountaineer, a police report said.

The incident happened about 2:15 p.m. April 6 at the College Park mobile home community, off Mott Road, east of Ridge. Police took the 22-year-old Canton woman into custody for felonious assault.

The man told police the argument over tax money erupted at the Canton woman's home. He said he managed to wrestle the knife from her and throw it in a nearby wooded area.

He described the suspect as the mother of his three children. The woman conceded to police she had threatened to slash his tires, but denied she intended to injure him.

Obscene graffiti

Police went to a residential neighborhood northwest of Warren and Canton Center after receiving reports that vandals had spray-painted an image of a penis on the pavement, a police report said.

The incident happened about 9:15 p.m. April 8. A 34-year-old woman told police she looked out her window and saw two people spray-painting the pavement before they fled in what was described as a dark-colored sedan.

The woman had no further description of the vandals.

Marijuana find

Employees of Lincolnshire Village, an apartment complex near Joy and Sheldon, notified police to report finding marijuana inside a residence during a random inspection that had been previously announced to the tenant, a police report said.

The police report indicated officers were trying to contact the tenants.

Meijer thefts

Police are investigating reports that a man twice stole a vacuum cleaner from the Meijer store at Ford and Canton Center roads.

The latest incident happened about 1:20 p.m. Sunday, when employees told police they reviewed store video showing the man selected a vacuum cleaner and pushed it out the garden center security gates without paying for it.

It is believed the same man made a similar theft just six days earlier.

– By Darrell Clem



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Local blood drives help meet critical need in southeast Michigan

The American Red Cross is encouraging eligible blood donors to make a difference in the lives of patients this spring by giving blood.

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Eligible donors can give red cells through either a regular whole blood donation or a double red cell donation, where available. Double red cell donations yield twice the usual amount of red cells in a single appointment and are accepted at select donation locations. Double red cell donors must

meet additional eligibility criteria, which will be determined at the donation appointment.

Donors with all blood types are needed, especially those with types O-negative, A-negative and B-negative. Whole blood can be donated every 56 days and double red cells may be donated every 112 days, up to three times per year.

To find a donation

opportunity or make an appointment to give blood, download the Red Cross Blood Donor App, go to redcrossblood.org or call 800-RED CROSS (800-733-2767).

Upcoming blood donation opportunities include:

Northville – 8 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. April 19 at Our Lady of Victory Social Hall, 133 Orchard Dr.; 7:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.

April 26 at the First United Methodist Northville Church, 777 W. Eight Mile, and 3-8:45 p.m. April 30 at Winchester Elementary School, 16141 Winchester.

Novi – 8:30 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. April 29 at Fox Run Retirement Community-Belmont Clubhouse, 41100 Fox Run.

All blood types are needed to ensure a reliable supply for patients.

A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age, weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

Boating safety a timely spring message

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

As temperatures warm and boaters head to local waters, Sgt. Mike Wasil, who heads the Marine Patrol for the Wayne County Sheriff's Department, offers some safety tips.

The law has changed when it comes to alcohol use and operating a boat, Wasil said: "It's kind of changed to mirror the alcohol driving laws."

For boaters, 0.08 percent is now the level used in law enforcement arrests. "There's not really an impaired anymore," Wasil said. "At 0.08, you are legally intoxicated."

"It's always best if you have a designated driver. The law doesn't say they can't drink on a boat, he noted, so long as the 0.08 threshold isn't crossed."

The wave impact and beating sun affects boaters who are drinking. "It does add to the effects," he said. Wayne County sees its share of intoxicated boaters each season.

The other key area in boating safety is personal flotation devices, which older boaters may recall as life jackets. The law says for boats less than 16 feet, you must have a PFD for everybody on board, either



The Wayne County Sheriff Department's Marine Patrol covers Belleville Lake.

wearable or throwable (such as a seat cushion or life ring).

"On that one, we would recommend a wearable for everybody. Kids under 6 have to wear them when they're on the open part of the boat," Wasil said.

For boats 16 feet and up, you must have a wearable PFD for all on board, as well as one throwable for all. "The PFDs have to be sized for the people on the boat," Wasil said, noting adult sizes will slide off children in an emergency and be dangerous.

Some boaters add a whistle to their PFDs, so those who fall overboard

can alert the boat operator. "It's a good idea," Wasil said. "It's not required by law."

There are even small strobes that can be put on a PFD for safety.

"That's usually your big factors for accidents and drownings," Wasil said of alcohol use and lack of PFDs on boats.

Last year, Wayne County saw two drownings on Belleville Lake, as well as one on the Rouge River near the Henry Ford mansion. In the Grosse Pointes, a fisherman drowned in 2014 after apparently falling overboard. Another drowning death occurred from a jet-ski

accident later in the season by Gibraltar.

PFD use is mandated on jet skis, Wasil said: "They're made to go in pretty shallow water. It's just knowing where to go."

Some jet-ski users have trouble when they jump boat wakes, "which can lead to accidents," he said.

The PFDs should always be approved by the U.S. Coast Guard and Wasil cautions parents against using the children's arm "floaties," especially on boats.

He and his unit patrol the full Detroit River, part of Lake St. Clair and a couple of miles south into Lake Erie to the border with Canada. Belleville Lake is its only inland lake.

"We do go up and down the Huron River," which has fishermen and other recreational users, he said. The Rouge is less used by such people.

The unit has about five staffers, plus six reserves, for its work. The sheriff's department works with U.S. Border Patrol and U.S. Customs and Border Protection, as well as partnering with Brownstown Township police.

"It makes it easier to cover stuff by being able to partner with the other agencies," Wasil said.

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Holocaust center hosting annual day of remembrance

The Holocaust Memorial Center Zekelman Family Campus will host its annual Yom HaShoah Commemoration Day on April 19.

Events will begin at noon. Volunteers from the Holocaust Memorial Center will read aloud some of the names of those whose lives were taken in the Holocaust. The formal Yom HaShoah program starts at 1 p.m. with the Posting of the Colors by members of the Jewish War Veterans, Department of Michigan followed by a memorial commemoration led by Rabbi Aaron Bergman, Hazan Daniel Gross of Adat Shalom Synagogue and pianist Martin Mandelbaum.

Other features include:

» Erna Gorman will offer greetings on behalf of the Hidden Children and Child Survivors Association of Michigan. Charles Silow will deliver special greetings on behalf of Children of Holocaust-Survivors Association of Michigan and the Program for Holocaust Survivors and Families.

» David Karp, child of Holocaust survivors, will offer reflections on the 70th anniversary of



HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL CENTER
The Holocaust Memorial Center Zekelman Family Campus will host its annual Yom HaShoah Commemoration Day on April 19.

the end of the Holocaust.

» Shari Ferber Kaufman will share her thoughts and reflections.

» Anchor Bay High School R.O.T.C. will act as Honor Guard.

All who wish to kindle personal Yahrzeit candles are invited to do so in the museum at the Eternal Flame following the formal program.

Complimentary valet parking will be available and admission will be waived thanks to the generosity of Masco Corp. Foundation.

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Lightning Robotics' lead drivers Nate Griwicki, a senior, and Abby Morningstar, a sophomore, with Pancho, a backup robot, and stacked storage bins of the kind used in this year's challenge. Nate controls the movement of the robot on the field, while Abby controls the mechanisms the robot uses to grab, carry and stack the bins.

ROBOTICS

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where we've come," said senior Nate Griwicki, the student leader of the team's fabrication group and the lead robot driver.

Nate, a three-year member, said he's seen steady progress on the team, which has about 80 active members from Canton, Plymouth and Salem high schools, plus teachers and mentors for each of its seven subgroups: design, animation, fabrication, electronics, programming, marketing and awards.

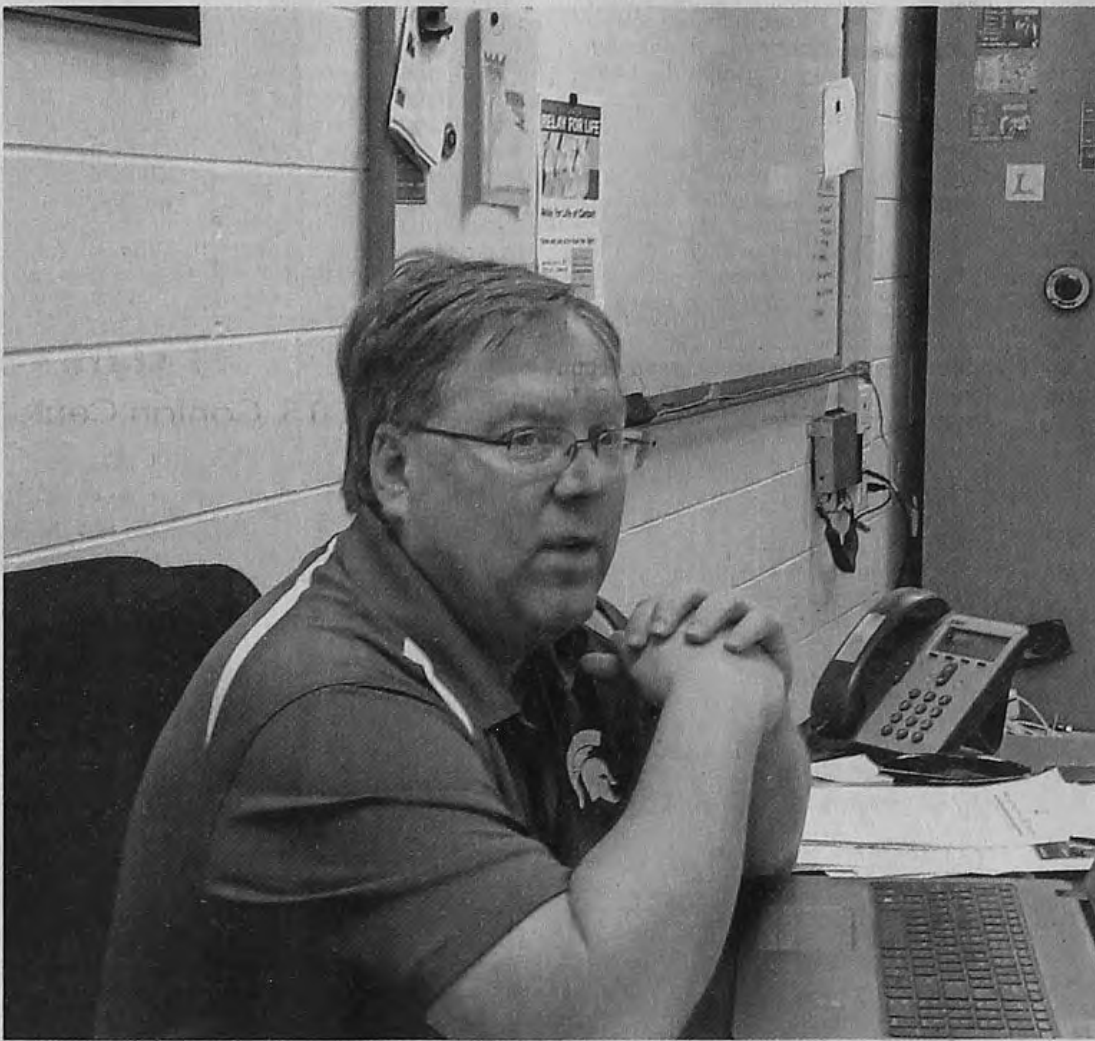
"I'm personally just excited to be going," Nate added. "It's my last year on the team." First Robotics placed third in the 2013 world championships and 16th last year.

Top award

Sophomore Rhys Gabriel said the St. Louis trip is "16 years in the making" — the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park team was founded in 1999 — and that winning a FIRST Chairman's Award was an added bonus. FIRST gives its Chairman's Awards to teams whose work throughout the year — not just in competition, but in promoting science and technology in the community — best exemplifies its mission.

First Robotics qualified for the trip last weekend by placing high in statewide competition in Grand Rapids. It had qualified for the state meet based on points accumulated, plus by winning the Chairman's Award during a district meet April 4.

The team's lead teacher, Jay Obsniuk, said this year's



MATT JACHMAN

Lightning Robotics lead teacher Jay Obsniuk, who began with the team when it was founded in 1999.

Recycle Rush challenge calls for robots that are more sophisticated than they needed to be in past years, meaning teams with high manufacturing capabilities have an edge.

First Robotics' subgroups, especially design, fabrication, electronics and programming,

collaborate to come up with a robot that can perform the tasks required by the challenge.

"Our kids machine the parts by themselves," Obsniuk said.

But, similar to teams in the corporate world, all groups

contribute to the overall goal.

Team branding

Sophomore Chloe Desselles followed an older sister into First Robotics, unsure what exactly she wanted to do and took to marketing, where she is now the student leader. Mar-



MATT JACHMAN

Sophomore Jake Near, a member of Lightning Robotics' marketing group, with a team button he had just made. Jake also handles the marketing group's newsletter, keeping students, parents and teachers up to date on the robotics team at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

keting group members make buttons to promote First Robotics and peer awards to give to rival teams, produce podcasts and material for the team's website and write and edit a team newsletter to keep students, teachers and parents up to date on team happenings.

"Marketing seemed more like what I wanted to do," Chloe said Tuesday. "I really wanted to get out in the community and help with that."

"The mentors are very proud of the team and are continually amazed how much the students learn, grow and contribute to the FIRST program and community every year," said Rose Todd, the marketing group mentor.

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LIGHTNING ROBOTICS

Lightning Robotics FIRST Team 862 members during a Recycle Rush match. They include coach Joe Jagadics (pointing), driver Nathan Griwicki (at controls) and human player Matthew Malinak (right), sliding a game piece onto the robots' playing field.



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The marketing group made these peer awards, with the Lightning Robotics logo and miniature game pieces that represent this year's FIRST challenge, to hand out to competing teams in different categories.



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Schoolcraft College student Taylor Struna (from left), Northville High senior Simran Reddy and Novi High senior Ashi Arora are key people in Coins to Change. Reddy and Arora and dual enrolled in Schoolcraft.

Schoolcraft, high schools, community support students' work in Uganda

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Neither Simran Reddy, a Northville High School senior, nor Novi High School senior Ashi Arora have been to the African country of Uganda. Both young women, 17, who are dual enrolled at Schoolcraft College, just might make the trip someday.

They were key in creating Coins to Change in fall 2011 to support the work of Twesigye Jackson Kaguri, author of *The Price of Stones: Building a School for My Village*.

The students were among speakers the morning of Tuesday, April 14, as Kaguri accepted a check for \$25,000 from Schoolcraft President Conway Jeffress for the Nyaka AIDS Orphan Project. The support came from Schoolcraft College, Novi High, Northville High and their communities.

Schoolcraft first-year student Taylor Struna was among the speakers.

Reddy recalled family friend Anna Maheshwari, who chairs Schoolcraft's English department, speaking of Kaguri and his work in rural Uganda. "She asked me to read Jackson Kaguri's book. I just started working with them and raising money. Here we are today," Reddy said, waiting her turn to take the stage and speak at Schoolcraft's VisTa-Tech Center.

The Coins to Change began simultaneously at Northville and Novi High schools in 2011. "I reached out to students and specifically to student council," Arora said. Many fundraisers were held.

"My teachers did wear jeans for \$5," normally not allowed at Novi High for teachers, Arora said. "There were a lot of events on campus."

Reddy noted many administrators at Northville High helped. "It's been fun for us as students," she said. "I hope to continue this when I'm in college."

Arora is to attend a Wayne State University program to guarantee medical school acceptance, with Reddy in a similar program and both young women planning to be physicians. Arora may also earn a Ph.D. and do research.

"This program helped me make friends and realize how much impact I could make," Reddy said. Arora noted she feels privileged to attend school in the U.S.

"They have these dreams," she said of the students in Uganda. "They need the resources. This program is going to provide the resources."

Struna, an online graduate of Livonia Churchill High, is also a key part of the program's success. He's in his first year at Schoolcraft and got involved initially for extra credit in sociology class.

"People don't have control of what



JULIE BROWN
Twesigye Jackson Kaguri signs copies of his book at Schoolcraft College.

they're born into," Struna said. "This made me kind of want to give back." He lost a parent and can't imagine losing both, as many AIDS orphans have.

Struna thanked Kaguri for his work, adding that he plans to visit many countries as a volunteer. Struna, 17, plans to study environmental science.

Jeffress said, "People have gotten together and they've talked and they've done something. This is a terrific project." He noted the burden on children "who must carry on without a parent."

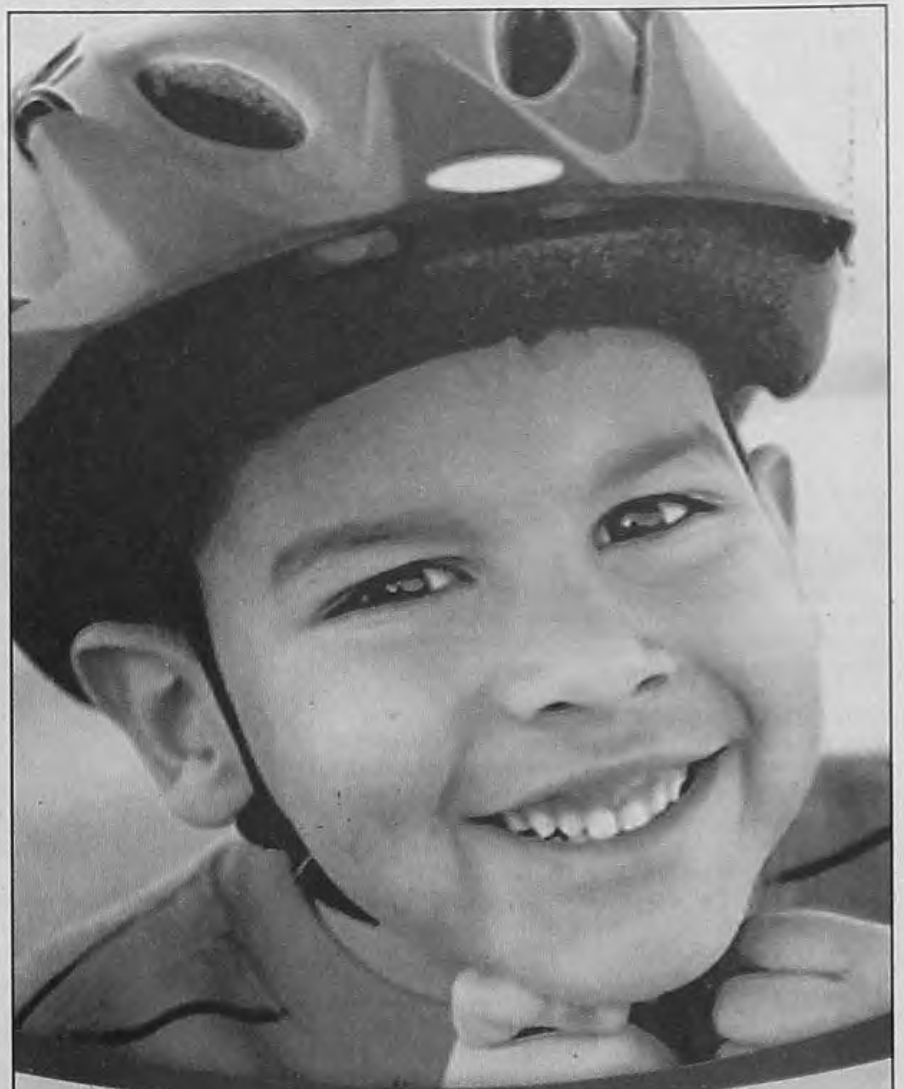
Kaguri, after graciously accepting the check, spoke of young women who've been orphaned in Uganda but are now headed to medical school, to careers in law and more. "It means life to get a dream realized," Kaguri told the Schoolcraft audience.

His secondary school combines academic and vocational learning, he said, as photos were displayed. "No matter how old you are, you always have an opportunity to come to school," much like Schoolcraft, Kaguri said.

"You'd be welcome to see the students whose lives you've changed," Kaguri said in encouraging supporters to visit.

Additional information is online at nyakaschool.org. Kaguri lost his brother to HIV/AIDS, leaving three children behind. Shortly after, Kaguri's sister also died, leaving a son. He vowed to build a school in his village, using the down payment he had saved for his home.

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Liquor store on Eight Mile sells \$5 million winning lottery ticket

Adding the \$1 Megaplier option to a Mega Millions play turned a \$1 million prize into a \$5 million prize for a Milford man, who purchased his ticket at a Farmington Hills store.

According to a press release from the Michigan Lottery, David Kalanik stopped at the City Liquor store, located at 30444 W. Eight Mile in Farmington Hills, to purchase a Mega Millions easy pick with the Megaplier option. His ticket matched the five white balls drawn April 3 - 10-36-47-63-74 - good for a \$1 million prize. Thanks to the Megaplier, his prize was multiplied by five for a \$5 million prize.

"I checked my ticket the morning after the drawing and just sat there in disbelief," Kala-

nik said. "I called my wife in to confirm I had won because I just couldn't believe my eyes."

At first, Kalanik's wife thought he was playing a late April Fool's Day joke until she took a closer look.

"We were both elated. The winning numbers were on the top line of the ticket and I didn't even bother to check the rest of the numbers," Kalanik said. "I don't always play Mega Millions, but when I do, I add the Megaplier. Having a shot at winning a multimillion-dollar prize is the reason I like to play."

Kalanik, 54, took a week to meet with a financial adviser before coming to Lottery headquarters last Friday to claim his prize. He plans

to invest his new-found wealth for his retirement.

"Winning Mega Millions has been a great experience, but we plan to continue living the way we always have. Winning won't change our lives, but will help us be more comfortable," Kalanik said.

Mega Millions drawings take place each Tuesday and Friday evening. Each Mega Millions play is \$1. For an additional \$1 per play, players have the opportunity to add a "Megaplier" that can multiply non-jackpot prizes by up to five times.

Mega Millions tickets can be purchased at the Lottery's 11,000 retailers around the state until 10:45 p.m. the day of the drawing.

Graye's Greenhouse: Roots in community are deep

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

There's no website for Graye's Greenhouse, a longtime business at Lilley and Joy roads in Plymouth Township.

"We're in the stone age," said co-owner Alyce Humphrey, a Plymouth Township resident. "We even have a dial phone. We kind of like it."

A recent Saturday found Alyce, husband Richard Humphrey and fellow owners Connie and Joe Graye of Plymouth Township hard at work preparing for spring customers. Alyce's sister is also a Graye's Greenhouse owner.

"She really knows how to do cut flowers," Alyce Humphrey said. Her sister has a flower farm at Dundee, which includes a lot of sunflowers.

"She knows how to make them bloom," she said. "They go to the Toledo markets."

The current greenhouse at Graye's was built in 1928 by Alyce's grandfather. He did truck farming in the area, later moving onto mums and gladiolas as those picked up in popularity.

"My parents bought it



Assorted succulents greet customers at Graye's Greenhouse in Plymouth Township.

in 1945," Alyce said of the business. Cyclamen were big sellers at that time.

"He would go out to all the flower shops in Detroit," selling from his truck, she recalled of her father.

In the 1960s and 1970s, houseplants took off and were big sellers at Graye's. Now it's "succulents, miniatures, the odd stuff," she said.

"People are into the fairy gardens. Some people put in the little houses," Connie Graye said.

"We just do not do the stuff you do at Home Depot," Alyce Humphrey said. Big sellers now at Graye's Greenhouse include heirloom toma-



Graye's Greenhouse co-owners are (from left) Richard and Alyce Humphrey and Connie and Joe Graye, all of Plymouth Township. Alyce's sister is also a co-owner.

atoes, herbs and succulents.

"All of this brings in people with specialized interests," she said. "The people are wonderful."

On the recent Saturday, regular customer Mary Martin of Plymouth Township visited with the two couples. "My first trip here was in '67," Martin said. "I taught at Fiegel."

These days, when

Martin's out-of-town grandchildren visit, they clamor to go to Graye's and the Ann Arbor Hands-on Museum.

"Oh, no, you can't leave," Martin said when Humphrey acknowledged the owners' aging and the hard work. "It's a big part of Plymouth."

Alyce Humphrey noted their children work in other fields, but perhaps the nursery could



Customer Mary Martin of Plymouth Township first visited Graye's in 1967 as a young Plymouth-Canton teacher.

be relocated to Dundee at some point. "Wrangling frozen hoses is just for young people," she said.

Richard Humphrey was planting seeds that Saturday. He taught science at Belleville High School, retiring in 1999 after about 16 years at that high school and over 30 as a Van Buren district educator.

"Since I retired, so that was going on 15 years," he said of his

work at Graye's Greenhouse. His mother-in-law did the seed planting when her vision was better.

"It takes a lot of patience," he said. "It's kind of a fun job. I'm amazed at what seeds do."

The business is at 8820 N. Lilley, with its entrance off of Joy Road, and can be reached at 734-453-1220.

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PLYMOUTH-CANTON BUSINESS BRIEFS

Fundraiser at bd's

bd's Mongolian Grill, 42089 Ford Road, Canton, will host a fundraiser for the American Cancer Society Relay for Life 5-10 p.m. Wednesday, April 22. Guests may donate 20 percent of their check to Relay for Life by mentioning the cause. Guests have the

opportunity to allocate their donation to a specific Relay for Life team or event by informing the bd's Mongolian Grill staff.

Plus, 50 cents from every slice of Dream Factory by the Cheesecake Factory cheesecake will go to Relay for Life. Guests can also show their support for Relay

for Life by purchasing a donation slip for \$1, which they can wear or display in the restaurant.

Relay For Life is a community event where teams and individuals camp out at a school, park or fairground and take turns walking or running around a track or path. Each team has at least one participant on

the track at all times and participates in fundraising that supports the American Cancer Society's mission to save lives and finish the fight against cancer. Four million people participated in more than 6,000 events worldwide in 2014.

Biz 2 Biz

Business owners are invited to attend the Business 2 Business Mixer 5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 23, at the Wellness Center of Plymouth, 1075 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth.

Bring business cards to exchange with other business leaders and owners in the Plymouth, Canton, Northville and Livonia areas. There is no cost to attend. For more information, contact Lori Morrison of Ribar Floral Co. at 734-455-8722 or Mike Paige of Bank of America Home Loans at 734-674-2590.

Appointed

Canton-based Process Development Corp. has appointed Joseph Pongracz as program manager for Ford Motor Co. programs. He will be responsible for day-to-day management of operations and will lead a global team of specialized production, manufacturing and quality engineers, supply-chain experts and adminis-

trative staff tasked with providing technical and operational support to Ford.

"I'm very glad to make this appointment and recognize the contributions Joe has made over the past several months as we've streamlined and refocused our company to grow and better serve our customers," said Jim Pongracz, CEO, Process Development Corp. "This more formal structure allows the PDC team to be more aligned with and responsive to our customer."

Pongracz has a bachelor of science in material science engineering from Michigan State University.

Evans to speak

Wayne County Executive Warren C. Evans will host a series of Community Updates, which will highlight the fiscal challenges faced by the county and provide an update on solutions to move the county forward.

Close to home, Evans will speak 6-7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 23, at Wayne County Community College District-Western Campus, 9555 Haggerty Road, Belleville. The meeting will be in the Ted C. Scott multipurpose room.

To RSVP, email rsvp@waynecounty.com.

Author's launch party

Canton resident Bryon Quertermous had a book launch party for his novel *Murder Boy*, published by Polis Books, at Agatha's Mystery Bookstore in Ann Arbor. Originally planned for a to be a digital-only release, the novel has been upgraded to a print release. Find him at <http://www.amazon.com>.

Heise coffee hours

State Rep. Curt Heise invites residents of the 20th House district to meet with him 7:30-9 a.m. Friday, April 17, in at Panera Bread, 20140 Haggerty Road, Northville. No appointments are necessary for these office hours. Residents who are not able to attend are encouraged to contact Heise's office by phone at 855-REPKURT or by email at KurtHeise@house.mi.gov.

Staff appreciation

The Canton Chamber of Commerce will host a Staff Appreciation Luncheon at 11:45 a.m. Wednesday, April 22, at Carrabba's Italian Grill, 1900 N. Haggerty, Canton. The cost is \$25 for members. Sponsors are Jack Demmer Ford, Schoolcraft College and Showroom of Elegance. April 17 is the reservation deadline; call 734-453-4040.

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Johnson Controls to mount exhibit at Shanghai auto show

Global automotive industry trends such as urban mobility, comfort, fuel economy and autonomous driving are propelling Johnson Controls of Plymouth innovations in seating, interiors and batteries that will be presented at the 16th Shanghai International Automobile Industry Exhibition at the Shanghai National Exhibition and Convention Center.

The company will showcase two vehicle interior concepts at Auto Shanghai 2015 that address global trends. The 2015 Automotive Seating Demonstrator "SD15" and the Automotive Interiors Demonstrator "ID15" display innovative new products that offer enhanced comfort, personalization options and other unique features,

which can also be used in autonomous vehicles.

Johnson Controls will also showcase its new 12-volt lithium-ion battery for advanced start-stop vehicles, which will help automakers meet increasing fuel efficiency and emission reduction regulations.

China is the major growth market for Johnson Controls, which had \$8.5 billion in revenue in 2014 in China. The company estimates annual revenue in China by 2019 of more than \$20 billion. The company's commitment to growing in China is evidenced by the current construction of a second global headquarters in Shanghai set to open in 2017.

"At Johnson Controls, we are always thinking ahead so our original

equipment manufacturer customers and the auto-buying public in China and elsewhere have the right solutions for their vehicles," said Beda Bolzenius, president of Johnson Controls Automotive Experience and vice chairman of Johnson Controls Asia Pacific.

The company's exhibits will include: automotive seating systems; a new RECARO Sport Seat Platform, a highly modular concept for global OEM sports car manufacturers; interior materials and flexible designs for door panels, instrument panels, floor consoles and overhead consoles; a full spectrum of battery systems for conventional, Start-Stop, Advanced Start-Stop, Micro Hybrid, hybrid and electric vehicles.

Be cautious when using live-streaming applications

Meerkat and Periscope are newcomers to a crowded social media block that for years has seen people and brands sharing the minutiae of life. The start-up video streaming companies allow consumers and brands to broadcast their activities in real time. And because both sites are linked to Twitter (one of the largest social networks) it offers the ability to extend reach instantly.

Live-streaming applications have been used before on websites for conferences, vehicle reveals and other events, but never has it been so easy to share live video.



Jon Gunnells
TECH SAVVY

The easy-to-use apps will allow the majority of cellphone users the ability to share live videos similar to how Instagram turned everyone into a photographer and Vine turned everyone into a videographer.

Social publishing of live video has many purposes and could be a great way for people to share local news. In recent years, if a local news event occurred in the Detroit area, a tech-savvy consumer would

snap a photo or video, then send it in to a news provider. There would be a natural, built-in delay as the content was taken, sent, received and published by the news organization for many to see.

But with a universal live-streaming app, sharing news is as easy as a news organization re-tweeting (sharing a link) to someone's stream.

There are also obvious downsides to allowing anyone to live stream. Broadcasts of fights, pornographic material and other inappropriate items have already been making the rounds since these sites were launched a short time

ago. Both Meerkat and Periscope allow users to report unsuitable content, which will then be removed, but social moderation has never been perfect, especially at a large scale.

Public streaming also lends itself to stalker activity, as users can watch the stream without you knowing.

Additionally, publishing from a well-known place is the easiest way to let people know where you are.

I don't think anyone would bother to pay attention to my live streams, but what about females or children?

I've already heard stories about children

live-streaming their activities and adults who have nothing better to do but watch and creepily participate by commenting on the streams. If ever there was a social network to keep private, it would be a live-streaming network.

That's not to say kids shouldn't be able to use these sites, but it is important that parents take proper precautions. For example, allow your children to stream their broadcasts only to their connections (friends and family).

Depending on their age, their Twitter accounts should likely be private, too. More importantly, make sure your

children are old enough to use the technology. Periscope is suggested for ages 13 and older, while Meerkat is suggested for those 12 and older (even though Twitter is for those age 13 and up).

Regardless of age, remember to take time to educate your children about the overall dangers of social media. It is not until everyone understands social sites and their proper uses that they will be considered safe.

Jon Gunnells is a social media manager for a Detroit-based advertising agency. He can be reached at Jonathan.Gunnells@gmail.com.

Beware of bogus titles, credentials in the financial world

The other day, I received an invitation to attend a free dinner seminar about retirement income. The invitation said I could get a guaranteed 6 percent for life without risk. The invitation said the seminar will be conducted by a senior retirement income specialist.

I receive these invitations all the time and, typically, I just throw them out because they're not worth the paper they're written on. These seminars are not meant to educate, but to sell.

My advice has always been to avoid these seminars. Why put yourself in the position of being



Rick Bloom
MONEY MATTERS

subject to high-pressure sales tactics? In addition, the products that are sold almost always have high fees, high costs and are not investor-friendly.

In the financial world — where just about anyone can claim he/she is a financial adviser — there are more than 200 so-called alphabet designations with regard to financial planning. Of those, more than 50 have the word retirement in it somewhere.

I have seen senior retirement income specialists, certified retirement specialists, certified retirement income adviser — the list goes on. The problem is that most of them are nothing more than marketing tools.

I am an attorney and a certified public accountant. For both those designations, I had to complete a set of requirements that took years and I had to pass certain exams.

To become a lawyer, I had to pass the bar exam, while to become a certified public accountant I had to pass the CPA exam.

Not only did I have to pass these exams, but I

have rules and regulations that I must comply with to keep my licenses.

Unfortunately, that is not the case when it comes to many of these so-called retirement specialists.

There are very few requirements to obtain the designation. For some, all you have to do is pay a fee, while others require a seminar to get your designation.

In addition, with many of these designations, there is no ongoing requirement as to how to conduct business. The bottom line with many of these designations is they're nothing more than an attempt to de-

ceive and fool people. When people use these bogus credentials, you don't want to do business with them.

There's a reason people put credentials after their name; they know it creates an air of respectability. The general public assumes that when someone has credentials after their name, they had to earn it. Unfortunately, this is not always the case.

Many people with these bogus credentials know that seniors are more likely to rely on the advice of a professional. When it comes to the financial world, don't be fooled.

Before hiring someone to help you with your finances, check out their designations. If you find the designation is nothing more than a marketing tool, walk away.

One last note. Next time you're invited to a financial seminar offering a free dinner or lunch, the best thing you can do is ignore it.

Good luck.

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

Civil Infrastructure Conference to be held at Schoolcraft College

The Society of American Military Engineers Detroit Post and Schoolcraft College Procurement Technical Assistance Center are hosting the Great Lakes Civil Infrastructure Conference from 7:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. April 30 at the VisTaTech Center at Schoolcraft College in Livonia.

The conference will focus on four distinct tracks: energy, environment, civil infrastructure and small business. Participants will have opportunities to engage with and learn from industry experts, procurement representatives and firms contrib-

uting to regional infrastructure, construction and environmental sustainability and improvement projects.

"Civil infrastructure impacts a lot more than work commutes and community expansion," said Alexander Masters, a procurement counselor with the Schoolcraft College PTAC and event committee representative. "It requires deliberate planning, innovative material and technological integration, resiliency and continuity planning and a host of other factors that we may not always consider when thinking about this industry."

Invited and confirmed speakers include individuals from the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Energy, Michigan Department of Transportation, Wayne County Airport Authority, Siemens Industry Inc., Walbridge, C.A. Hull and a host of small to mid-size firms.

"This is an opportunity for Michigan stakeholders to not only address and discuss the need for investment into our infrastructure systems, but also to engage and support those already active in the industry, this marketplace and the procurement of these projects and in-

vestments," said Robert Bowman of Siemens Industry Inc. "Siemens is excited to support this venue for small and large firms to network, learn and grow from one another during this con-

ference."

For full conference details, registration, etc., go to www.GLCIC.com. The National Contract Management Association Great Lakes State Chapter will be sponsoring

the VIP networking period held 5-6:30 p.m.

For more information, contact the Schoolcraft College PTAC at 734-462-4438 or at ptac@schoolcraft.edu.

Compassionate Care will celebrate moms at a breakfast

Mother's Day can prove challenging for anyone mourning the loss of his or her mom. To honor her memory, Compassionate Care Hospice will have a Mother's Day Breakfast 9-10:30 a.m. Saturday, May 2, at its Canton office.

Participants are asked to bring a picture of their loved one to the office at 4730 N. Lilley Road, Suite A. There is no charge to

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This is an open testing session and any interested person is encouraged to attend. Election Source from Grant Rapids, Michigan, will be conducting the testing to assure equipment has been programmed appropriately.

If there are any questions, please direct them to the City Clerk's office at 734-453-1234, ext. 234. The Plymouth Cultural Center is in compliance with the American disabilities Act and is handicapped accessible.

Linda Langmesser, City Clerk

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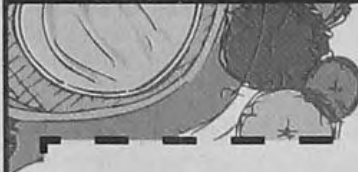


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OUR VIEW

New township supervisor's starting date should have been part of public discussion

Shannon Price was appointed Plymouth Township supervisor April 2, a Thursday, then went on a long-planned family vacation, out of town, for the following week.

Meanwhile, Richard Reaume put in his last hours as supervisor April 3 and retired to Florida.

The practical effect on day-to-day township operations of the lack of a supervisor for a week was probably zero. The township is staffed with experienced, competent professionals at both the elected and appointed levels and a supervisor's absence isn't something they haven't dealt with before.

But, as the cable television pundits like to say, the optics don't look good.

Price was named by a deeply divided board amid a fair bit of controversy and recognized the need to reach out and build bridges, steps we endorse and believe he is capable of taking.

The swirl of events surrounding the appointment have put him and the Board of Trustees under close scrutiny. Anything that gives ammunition to critics is going to interfere with that bridge-building.

Further, some of Price's strongest supporters on the board had spoken of the need to quickly appoint a successor to Reaume, saying the new supervisor would need to be brought up to speed and that there



Price

were statutory consequences to not having someone in that role.

But when their guy can't step into the job right away because of a vacation, those concerns seemingly become less important. (In fairness, if it were not for a delay in the appointment for a variety of reasons, some put forth by Price's opponents and others by eventual supporters, he could've put in a few days before his trip.)

We're not about to begrudge anyone, even a new supervisor appointee, a vacation, but we think the fact should have been part of the public discussion.

Meanwhile, Price was officially sworn in Sunday and, from all reports, hit the ground running.

OUR VIEW

Volunteers often have extraordinary impact on lives of others through service

Pick a day, a week or a month – any day, week or month – and you'll find it's been set aside to recognize everything from serious to not so serious. From apples, adoption and autism to ZIP codes and zippers, someone somewhere is celebrating.

This week is no exception. It's the Week of the Young Child, National Library Week and World Homeopathy Awareness Week but, most importantly, it's National Volunteer Week, a time when we pause to say thank you to those people "who dedicate themselves to taking action and solving problems in their communities."

National Volunteer Week, a program of Points of Light, was established in 1974 and "is about inspiring, recognizing and encouraging people to seek out imaginative ways to engage in their communities. It's about demonstrating to the nation that by working together, we have the fortitude to meet our challenges and accomplish our goals." It is about "taking action and encouraging individuals and their respective communities to be at the center of social change – discovering and actively demonstrating their collective power to make a difference."

We all have a talent we can share with others. It can be spending time helping a child read, being a mentor for a troubled youth through local Youth Assistance programs, or being involved in PTA and Friends groups.

Volunteerism can be as simple as picking up a paint brush and helping fix up the exterior of a home, adopting a stretch of highway to pick up trash or joining organizations like Habitat for Humanity in building homes and rebuilding communities.

Nationally, the Corp. for National and Community Service administers programs, like AmeriCorps and Senior Corps and initiatives such as School Turnaround AmeriCorps, justice AmeriCorps and STEM AmeriCorps, that focus on some of our country's most pressing needs.

President Barack Obama may have said it best in his proclamation for National Volunteer Week: "This spirit of service is deeply embedded in our culture and vital to our national character. It reflects the idea that we are each our brothers' and our sisters' keepers and it is a core part of being an American."

To the volunteers in our communities, we offer a heartfelt thank you for all you do. For those thinking about getting involved, we encourage you to do so. Now is as good of time as any to take the plunge. Be that ordinary person who "through service ... can make an extraordinary impact" and "give new life to the values that bind us together as Americans and to the promise that those who love their country can change it."

We all have a talent we can share with others. It can be spending time helping a child read, being a mentor for a troubled youth through local Youth Assistance programs, or being involved in PTA and Friends groups.

Congratulations!



MIKE SAUNDERS

The Lightning Robotics chairman's presentation team at the April 4 district competition, during which it won the chairman's award. The team is made up of (from left) awards mentor Carolyn Jagadics, team president Leah Beach, Jules Moore, awards lead Rhys Gabriel and awards mentor Ashley Saunders.

A round of applause, please, for the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools' Lightning Robotics team, which is heading to the state championship competition.

LETTERS

A misnomer

While reading about those religious laws that passed in Arkansas and Indiana and pending in Michigan, I noticed that the political backers are referred to as conservative Republicans. I find that term to be a bit of a misnomer. A conservative is mainly defined as a moderate. These people can no more be called a conservative than ISIS can be called a charitable organization.

So I suggest that in the future, the word conservative be replaced with any of the following: extremist, intolerant, loathing or just plain homophobic.

After all, just as some of the Michigan Republican National Committee members have expressed their hatred when preaching to a like-minded choir, they should wear the new title like a badge of honor.

James Huddleston
Canton

Too little of Prop 1 would fund roads

Via the various television and radio ads, we hear about how Proposal 1 is all about fixing our roads. As is the case with most things political, this isn't exactly true.

The projected \$1.95 billion this proposal would raise doesn't come from just the increase of our state sales tax from 6 percent to 7 percent (making it the second highest in the country), but it also comes from raising our fuel tax from 19 cents per gallon to 41.7 cents per gallon. While the proposal does remove the sales tax from the purchase of gasoline and diesel fuel, the consumer will see a net increase of roughly 10 to 13 cents per gallon at today's prices. Also, yearly vehicle registration fees will be increased.

But the real problem with Proposal 1 is how this projected increase in tax revenue will be spent. More than 30 percent of the additional tax money raised will not go to fixing our roads: \$116 million will go to fund mass transit, \$200 million will go to the School Aid Fund, which provides incentives and scholarships to attendees of commu-

nities colleges and technical schools; \$40 million will go to the public school's "At Risk" program; \$24.8 million will go to the Recreation Improvement Fund; \$111 million will be shifted to various local city governments; and \$173 million will go into the state's general fund. Also, the Earned Income Tax Credit will be increased to 20 percent from its current 6 percent, which will result in an estimated loss of \$261 million to the state's treasury.

So in order to get our roads fixed, something like \$700 million has to be spent on things other than our roads? This is the best idea our elected officials in Lansing could come up with?

James A. Kidd
Livonia

Another tax

I am a student at Schoolcraft College in Livonia and am writing regarding the upcoming special election May 5 to raise the sales tax one cent for the state of Michigan.

As a student and a person who is living on a fixed income through Social Security, I feel that it is another tax that would add to my expenses each year. If it is only going to the deplorable roads that we have in Michigan, I am sure that some people would vote for it, but I am not sure that it is just for the roads.

I am writing as an interested voter and trust that your newspaper would publish both sides of the question so that voters can make the choice that is best for them and our state.

Betty Dills
Livonia

Prop 1 would burden middle class

I am grateful to the League of Women Voters for sponsoring the overview of the May 5 ballot proposal. I left the event with more knowledge of the proposal, feeling a little less confused and with a decision on my vote. I will not be voting for Proposal 1.

This was very difficult, since Proposal 1 clearly has some positive features. My decision is grounded in the fact that it will cost us, the taxpayers, more money at a time when the state

median wage is low. At one time, Michigan's median wage was ranked fourth in the country. Today we are 24th. Michigan has lost many jobs to other states and other countries.

Proposal 1 would increase our sales tax, auto registration fees and gasoline fees right off the top. This places a financial burden on the middle-class resident who is already stretching their budget. This is not only our burden. My wish is for the Michigan Legislature to study the interventions of the corporate culture when it was faced with budget issues. The term "lean" was introduced by law-makers.

A lean government might look at ways to cut costs without losing services to the citizenry. This is the challenge.

Rosemary Doyle
Livonia

Not a gullible senior

Mr. Dubanik, I am a senior. I am not gullible. There's no question as to which side of the fence you're on. Am I supposed to somehow recognize GOP hardcore Obama haters?

You said, "We've all seen video of the ever-articulate GOP Tea Party intellectual Sarah Palin shouting from the mountain top to just how wonderful a daily diet of Twinkies, potato chips and Slurpees is for our children." I missed that. Please tell me when and where you saw that.

My previous letter was only regarding school lunches, but you muddled your letter with praises for Mrs. Obama and Obamacare. You said, "Prescription drug costs keep dropping." Really? Not the prescriptions I take. I received a call from my prescription company before the end of 2014 telling me my co-pay for my one eye drop would increase in cost by \$100 the next time it was ordered.

Two friends and I discussed prescription costs some time ago. My out-of-pocket cost for prescriptions in 2014 was \$4,486. It turned out that my year's total was the lowest of the three.

I thank God that I'm able to pay for the prescriptions.

Loretta Stevens Stringer
Livonia

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PREP BASEBALL

Chiefs storm back, sweep 'Jackets

Canton parlays big innings into pair of victories over DCD

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

A bases-empty walk to Canton's Greg Goodbred looked harmless when it was issued by Detroit Country Day pitcher Mike Maclean in the bottom of the sixth inning Saturday afternoon.

Up to that point, the Yellowjackets were in control of the non-conference varsity baseball tilt at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, leading 6-3. But the walk to Goodbred turned out to be the start of a seven-run inning as the Chiefs rallied for a 10-6 victory.

Game 2 of the twinbill was even wilder. The Chiefs built a



Canton's Grant Slomkowski dives into third base after hitting an RBI triple in the fifth inning of Saturday's opener against Detroit Country Day.

9-0 lead, only to see it vanish when Country Day scored 12 runs in the top of the fifth. Canton, however, put up 11 more runs over the fifth and sixth innings to earn a 20-12 win.

In the opener, the two-out walk to Goodbred was followed by singles from Scott Bazner, Ed Zajdel and Andrew Loehnis to cut the Yellowjackets' lead to 6-5. Noah Spencer then drilled a double to plate Zajdel

and Loehnis, putting the Chiefs up 7-6.

"When you keep a team around, sometimes it doesn't work out for you," Canton head coach Mark Blomshield said. "We were just that team that

kept around; they couldn't put us away.

"We kept within range and we had that big inning with two outs. Eddie Zajdel had a nice two-out hit (that) kind of kept the rally going. Spencer had a nice hit. Down by three going into the bottom of the sixth, it wasn't looking too good."

The rally wasn't done with that hit, however. With a new pitcher on the mound, Nick Romanowski drove in a run with a single, then bases-loaded walks to Nick Durocher and Goodbred — who walked to bookend the surge — padded the Canton advantage.

Goodbred, who took over on the mound for Canton in the top of the sixth, picked up the victory for the Chiefs (3-2).

"We had two outs, no one on and they scored seven runs," Country Day head coach Steve

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YOUTH HOCKEY

JUICED!

Arctic Edge Arena's 'Juice Box Hockey' opens to rave reviews from kids, parents



The Juice Box mascot high-fives youngsters as they participate in Saturday's free learn to play session at Canton's Arctic Edge Arena.



Wearing her Juice Box Hockey jersey, 7-year-old Riley Abraham of Canton gets ready to slide the puck across the ice.

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

They came to Canton's Arctic Edge Arena. They skated. They got a juice box, too.

And youngsters such as Westland's Keegan Lanstra-Roe and Livonia siblings Naomi and Norman Martin can't wait to return for the final four weeks of the inaugural "Juice Box Hockey" program, which opened to a packed house Saturday.

During the first installment of the free, five-week program — formerly known as Learn to Play, but now featuring a kid-



Participants at Saturday's Juice Box Hockey session listen to instructors talk about the day's upcoming activities.

oriented, smiling juice box as a mascot — kids were fitted with helmets and skates, given sticks and received basic instruction from Canton Victory Honda hockey coaches such as Justin Maedel.

"That was a big draw for us," Keegan's mom Angela said about the new, friendly mascot. "Just because it's Juice Box means it's kid-oriented and they proved it.

"Today when we came in, they were so good with him. And not just him, all the kids, they had enough people out there to help all the little kids. And they had patience, they were having fun with it."

Everybody (until supplies ran out, that is) also received a colorful hockey jersey with the Juice Box mascot logo emblazoned across the front.

Keegan and his parents got



Livonia's Elliott Dowmont, 5, gets help taking off his helmet following Saturday's Juice Box Hockey session. The free program runs for another four weeks at Arctic Edge.

to the arena a little late and the enthusiastic boy settled for a Tim Horton's Timbits jersey.

At the end of the day, cool, tasty juice boxes were consumed, as they will be each of the remaining weeks of the program.

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GIRLS SOCCER ROUNDUP

Salem offense leads way

Rocks parlay speed, creative attack into 6-1 victory over South Lyon

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Whether bending long shots under the crossbar or zig-zagging into the box before finishing the job, the Salem Rocks had it going Tuesday night against South Lyon.

Leading the offensively fueled 6-1 triumph at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park's varsity soccer stadium was senior forward Bridget Nicol, who scored twice within two minutes early in the second half to effectively turn a close game (on the scoreboard only) into a blowout.

With about 28:30 left, Nicol sailed a high shot over the outstretched arms of Lions goalkeeper Lydia Richards.

Minutes later, she took a feed from freshman Ari Finn and cut inside, tucking the ball past Richards to build a 4-1 lead.

"I was very proud of Bridget's efforts today," Salem head varsity girls soccer coach George Tomasso said. "She had a fantastic outing. ... We're very happy that she showed some of the magic she can provide in a game."

"Overall, I thought we created a lot of opportunities and I think that's what the team was missing in the first few games. We rewarded ourselves by scoring six goals."

Shrugging off her personal accomplishments was Nicol, who also set up a breakaway goal by junior forward/midfielder Marisa Martin with 2:33 left in the first half to put the Rocks ahead 2-1 going into the intermission.

"It was really a team effort," Nicol said. "I think once one goal was scored, it really motivated our team to score more and I'm really proud of my team for keeping it going."

Tomasso, whose team improved to 2-2 overall and 1-1 in the KLAAC Central Division,

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Going for a 50/50 ball Tuesday are Salem's Hailey Katulski (left) and South Lyon's Emily Huggins.

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Cool bonus

The Martin kids (Naomi is 5, Norman is 8) were luckier in the attire department — donning Juice Box Hockey jerseys. Along with family friend Elliott Dowmont, 5, of Livonia, the Martins enjoyed the whole deal to the max.

"They're doing very well with the kids," said Naomi's and Norman's mom, Dawn Martin. "Yes, they love it. We have a couple other families that are with us and they're loving it, too."

"It gets the kids involved and the juice box (the mascot and cool drink) is a bonus too, right?"

The bonus might have been neat, but the whole reason for Juice Box Hockey was for prospective hockey players ages 4-9 to learn the basics in a low-pressure, fun atmosphere.

All over the arena were scenes where coaches were closely working with little boys and girls trying to come to grips with skating, let alone gripping hockey sticks.

Case in point, Keegan quickly told his instructor Maedel that he wanted to stay up on his skates without any help.

For the most part, Keegan succeeded.

"After he got up for about five minutes, (Maedel) helped him up ... and he said 'No, go away, I got this,'" Angela said, smiling. "I think he fell down 20 or 30 times, but I think it wore him out. It was his first time."

The basics

According to Maedel, what he tried to accomplish with Keegan and other youngsters he worked with was to help them get used to the idea of moving their feet on the ice and maintaining some semblance of balance.



An instructor goes over some hockey tips with youngsters during Saturday's first installment of Juice Box Hockey. The free program will run four more weeks.

Once they're OK with the most important part of hockey, they'll move on to things such as passing and shooting.

"What I was doing with Keegan was kind of spreading out and just have him skate to me," Maedel said. "And then kind of get his feet moving, because the feet don't really move too well on the ice with skates on."

"So it's a whole new ballgame with a lot of these newcomers, but we're happy for them to come out and have a little fun. Just seeing the smiles on their faces is awesome."

Both ice sheets at Arctic Edge were brimming with Juice Box activity, with more-experienced youngsters on one side of the building and those such as Keegan, Naomi, Norman and Elliott on the other.

Keegan's dad Jeff said there couldn't have been a better way for kids to get their first taste of hockey than to have the



TIM SMITH

Keegan Lanstra-Roe, 4, of Westland, works with hockey instructor Justin Maedel during the Juice Box Hockey program opener Saturday at Arctic Edge Arena.

Juice Box mascot around.

Fun introduction

The mascot, Justin Kaput of Canton, walked around Arctic Edge corridors slapping hands with kids and their parents.

His "uniform" was a blue, red and white foam

juice box with a smiling face on the front, a similar look to the 1970s television hockey mascot Peter Puck.

"It helps because it gives the kids a little more security knowing they have something else with them, you know?" Jeff said. "Keegan loved it. He's been looking at the mascot since we got here."

Maedel said the idea to change the former program into Juice Box Hockey was for "little kids to come out for Juice Box and overall just have a fun time. But it's also to help our association (Canton Victory Hockey Association) numbers build up."


Judging by the successful first week of the Arctic Edge program, it's a good bet that hockey enrollment numbers definitely are getting juiced — in more ways than one.

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MICHAEL VASILNEK


Opening day of Juice Box Hockey was a great experience for 8-year-old Norman Martin (right) of Livonia and his sister Naomi, 5. Both can't wait to get back onto the Arctic Edge ice when the program resumes this weekend.



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JUICE BOX HOCKEY PROGRAM

Silence is golden for 'Juice Box'

Mascot happy to stay quiet as long as hockey message comes through loud and clear

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

When Brandon Kaput dons his padded mascot gear and becomes Juice Box, he is required to remain silent while greeting little hockey players.

"It's part of the mascot deal," said Kaput, a Canton resident, who took on the persona of a smiling juice box for Saturday's first installment of the Juice Box Hockey program at Arctic Edge Arena.

But Kaput doesn't mind because he helps make a pretty important statement to youngsters such as 3-year-old Anderson Eichner, who came out for the first week of a five-week program designed to help kids test the hockey waters with a little help from a friend.

Juice Box Hockey, a free program formerly known as Learn to Play, is offered by Arctic Edge and Canton Victory Honda Hockey for youngsters ages 4-9 (although Anderson was able to participate despite his younger age).

"He's very cute; I think it's good," Peg Eichner of Canton said about Juice Box. "(Anderson) loved him."

"Sometimes I think it helps to help with their fears," Eichner added. "There's a few kids that were crying, to get on the ice, so I think to see something cute like that helped them. He was walking around, giving them high-fives and waving at them."

Kaput, a graduate of Dearborn Divine Child and current student at Wayne State University (where he played hockey), is a manager at the Canton arena and credits Arctic Edge general manager Craig O'Neill with the idea to transform the Learn to Play program into something with a fun face on it.

"He just thought it would be fun for the kids to hang out with something that's more than just coaches," Kaput said, privately discussing the Juice Box program inside a locker room, away from any young eyes and ears. "It's fun to have something colorful around and they have fun with it."

"Everybody can offer hockey, but only a couple places can offer a mascot and something that's more fun than just skating, as fun as hockey is on its own."

Kaput added that the opening session went well.

"It seems like a lot of the kids had fun and it's a great learning experience,



MEG EICHNER

Anderson Eichner, 3, of Canton, shares a fun moment with the Juice Box mascot Saturday at Arctic Edge Arena.

especially when it's free," he said. "It gets some of the lower income kids in here and gives them a chance to experience a sport like hockey."

According to O'Neill, the hope is that parents will sign their young boy or girl up to play hockey — anywhere — after going through the Juice Box Hockey program.

It cost Arctic Edge "several thousand" dollars to put on the program, O'Neill said. But that investment will be well worth it if hockey enrollment numbers spike.

"If they decide to play here (Arctic Edge), then that's gravy," O'Neill said.

The program continues from noon to 12:50 p.m. Saturday, with subsequent sessions slated for April 25, May 9 and 16.

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Lepkowski said. "I think it's a good reminder to our kids that the game's never over and you got to close games as strong as possible."

Country Day (1-3) seemed to take control in the fifth, when Will Krushena and Nick Weinerth delivered run-scoring hits. Weinerth's double down the right-field line against Canton pitcher Tyler Byers made it a 5-2 contest.

Canton began chipping away in the fifth. Spencer singled to right and stole second before scampering home on a line-drive triple to right-center by Grant Slomkowski, trimming the deficit to 5-3.

Country Day got it back in the next half inning on a fielder's choice, only to see it all vanish when the Chiefs refused to make the third out in the sixth.

Spencer said it "felt good when I got the hit" to finally put Canton in front. "We just got to be patient and chip away. You're never out until the last pitch."

See-saw nightcap

The Chiefs got off to a 3-0 lead in the first inning of the nightcap, with one of the runs scoring on an RBI single up the middle by Nick Sprosek.

Canton doubled that lead to 6-0 in the third, thanks to three walks and a hit batsman. It swelled

to 9-0 one inning later, largely thanks to a two-run double to center by Sprosek.

Spencer started the second game and blanked Country Day through four innings, but the Yellowjackets pounced all over Canton's bullpen in the top of the fifth.

Seventeen batters came to the plate and 14 reached base safely (10 on hits). A two-run single by Nick Neibauer tied the game at 9-9 and Maclean followed with a triple to deep left to give Country Day a short-lived 11-9 lead. Another run crossed the plate on a single by Aaron Bensen to turn a nine-run deficit into a three-run lead (12-9).

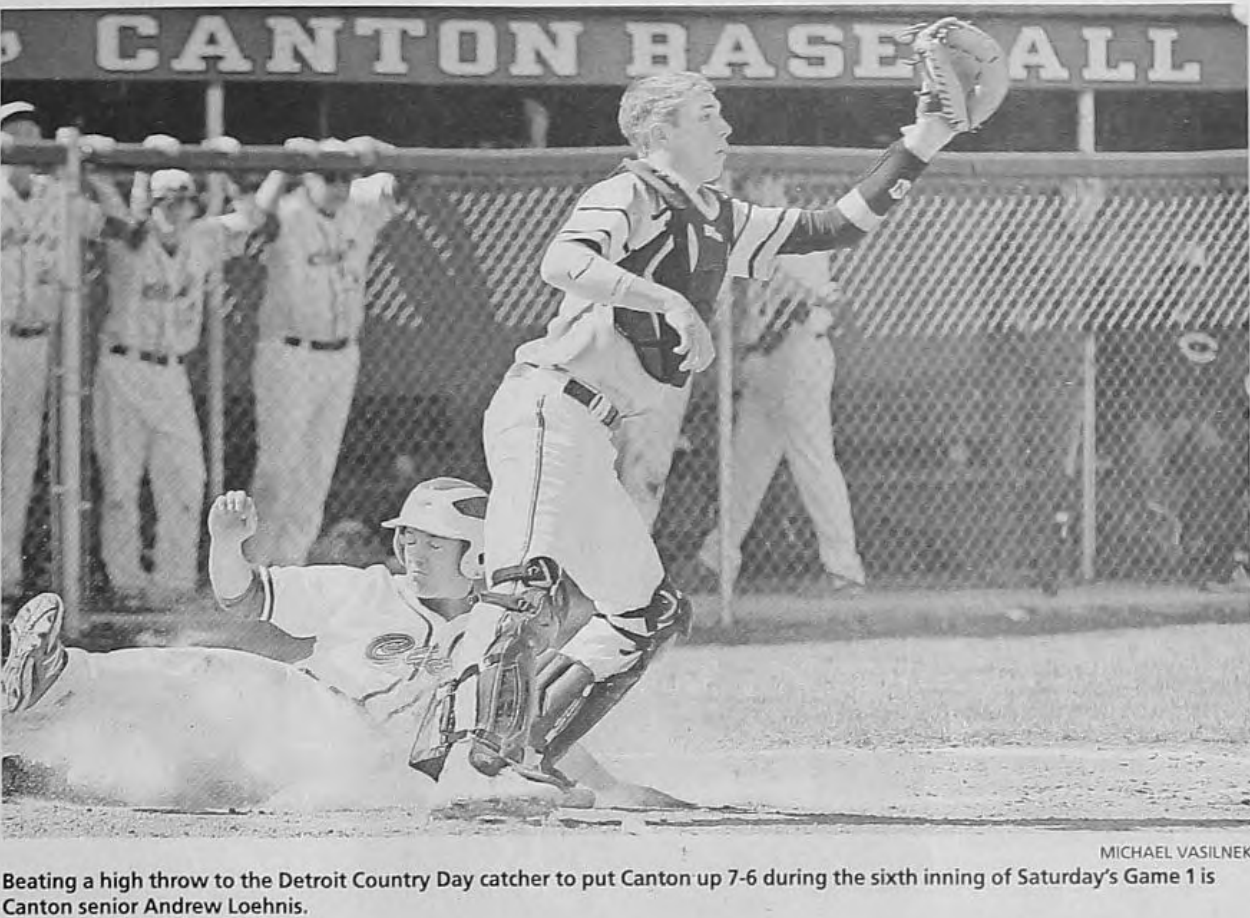
Showing resolve, however, Canton quickly answered.

The first three batters reached safely and Romanowski doubled to score two runs. A squeeze bunt by Spencer tied the game at 12-12 and Sprosek's sacrifice fly enabled the Chiefs to regain the lead.

Canton put the game away in the sixth, scoring seven more runs on six hits — helped out by two Country Day fielding miscues.

Coming up with the biggest hit in that inning was Michael Flaishans, with a two-run single. Following with RBI hits were Slomkowski, Sprosek and Cody Zidzik.

Blomshield said it was a plus to see the hits falling, noting that the offensive surge should give his

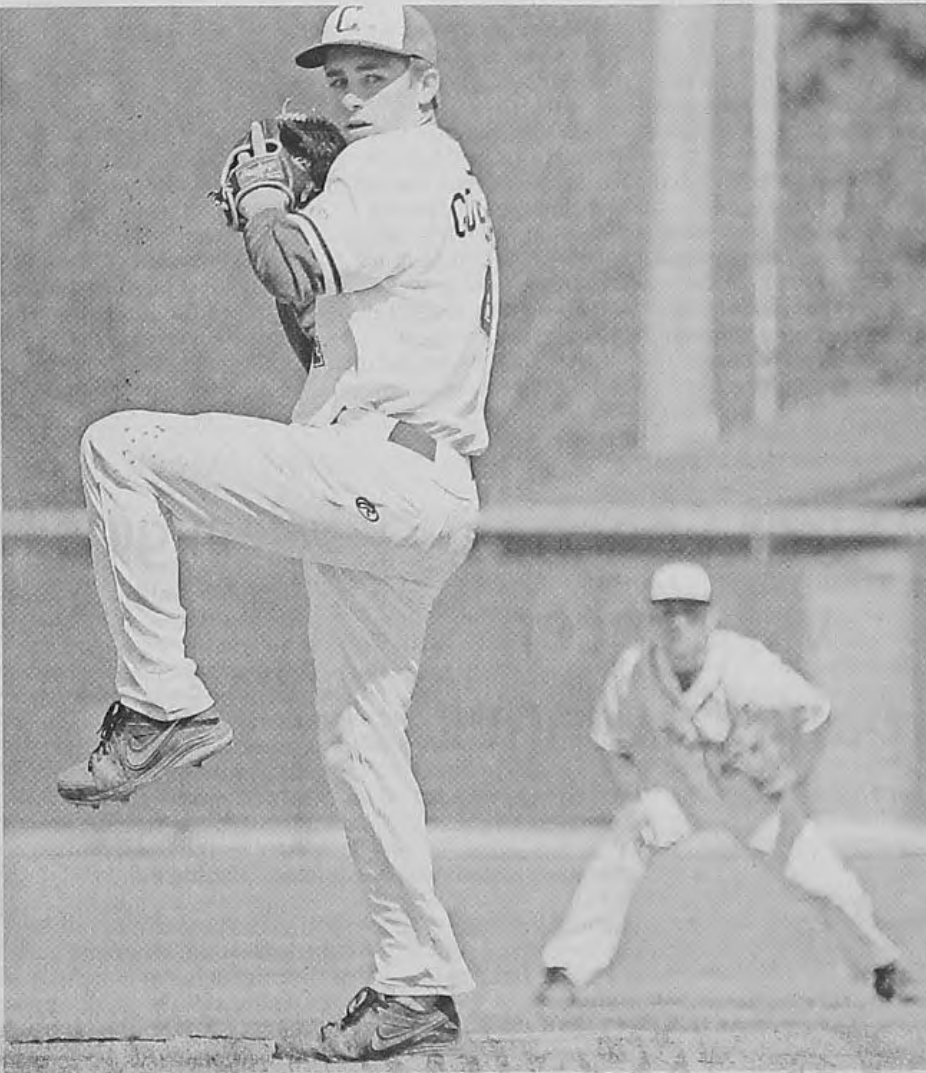


Beating a high throw to the Detroit Country Day catcher to put Canton up 7-6 during the sixth inning of Saturday's Game 1 is Canton senior Andrew Loehnis.

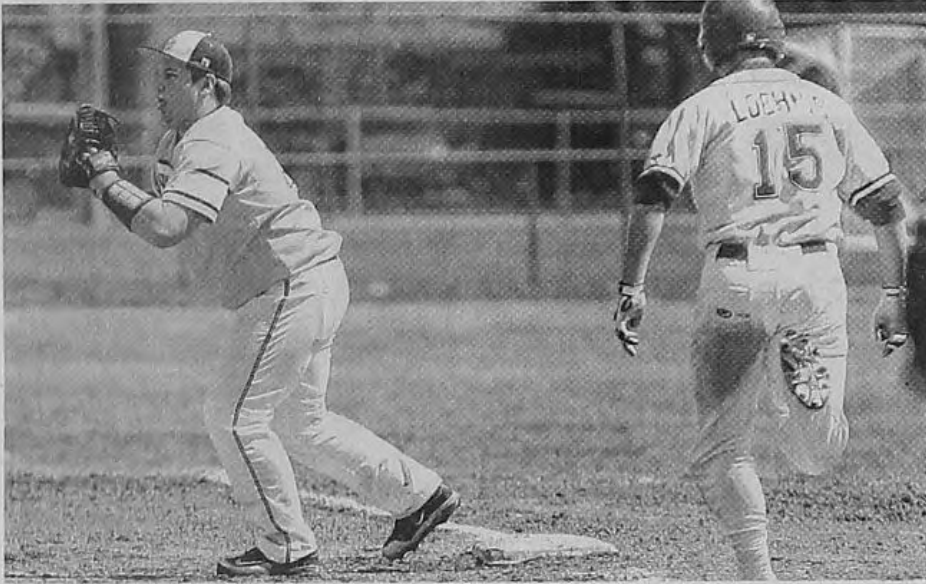
team "a confidence boost" going into KLAA South Division and Kensington Conference competition this week.

"This is a good ball club, we just have to keep improving," he added. "They have a lot of ability, but our conference is tough, our schedule is tough."

SALEM 11, WEST BLOOMFIELD 2: Matt Brooks pitched 5½ innings of strong baseball Monday, giving up just one earned run. He helped his cause with a 2-for-2 day at the plate, including a triple.



Closing out Canton's 10-6 win in Saturday's opener is pitcher Greg Goodbred.



Canton's Andrew Loehnis is unable to beat the throw to Detroit Country Day first baseman Nick Weinerth during Saturday's opening game.

COLLEGE BASEBALL

MU sweeps Aquinas in baseball set

Prashad, Piechota each record 13-strikeout highs

It was a clean sweep of a four-game weekend set for the Madonna University baseball team against Wolverine Hoosier Athletic Conference foe Aquinas College.

The third-place Crusaders improved to 27-11 overall and 17-4 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference winning both ends of a Sunday doubleheader at Ilitch Ballpark, 5-0 and 1-0 (in 10 innings).

Winning pitcher Adam Prashad (5-1) went all nine innings, allowing just three hits, walking one and recording a career-high 13 strikeouts.

Shane Dokey led MU's nine-hit attack, going 3-for-4 with an RBI, while Ryan Lambrecht went 2-for-4 with an RBI.

The Crusaders won the second game as three pitchers combined on a five-hit shutout, with reliever Dylan Cooper throwing a scoreless seventh to pick up his first win.

Starter Todd Jones went the first six innings, allowing just three without a run.



Prashad

Bobby St. Pierre pitched three scoreless innings, allowing two hits.

Dokey went 3-for-4 and scored the game-winning run in the bottom of the 10th on John Lauro's single.

The two losses dropped Aquinas to 12-21 overall and 7-14 in the WHAC.

MU swept the Saints at home, 8-2 and 4-2, as Evan Piechota went all nine innings in the Saturday opener, recording a career-high 13 strikeouts. He gave up just three hits and walked two while improving to 5-1.

Offensively, MU was led by Lauro (3-for-5, two RBIs), Dokey (2-for-5, RBI), Lambrecht (2-for-5, three runs) and Matt Deneau (2-for-4).

In the nightcap, sophomore Alex DeYonker tossed six strong innings, allowing one run on two hits and a walk.

He struck out six before giving way in the seventh to St. Pierre, who picked up his first save despite giving up three hits and a run.

Taylor Grzelakowski's two-run homer in the fourth inning was the big blow. Mike Tibbitts also knocked in a run.

PREP SOFTBALL PREVIEW

Marlins plan to continue winning tradition

By Dan O'Meara
Staff Writer

Mercy High School softball fans can expect their favorite team to continue a long-standing tradition of excellence again this year.

Though five of the nine starters are new, the Marlins return core elements of their team that was 26-4, won a second straight Catholic League championship and was a regional finalist.

Mercy, which began the new season Tuesday at Warren Regina, is ranked No. 8 in the Michigan High School Softball Coaches Association's Division 1 poll.

"We're very excited to get this season started, get on the field and actually see what this team is capable of," new head coach Alec Lesko said.

The Marlins will be led by senior third baseman Alex Sobczak, a four-year starter and three-time all-Observer selection. She will play next year at the University of Michigan.

Sobczak, who will bat in the lead-off position again, hit .613 and had 35 RBIs. She also had 11 doubles, three triples and nine home runs.

In addition to that, Sobczak stole 24 bases and scored a team-best 62 runs. More than half of her 36 walks were intentional passes, contributing to her .733 on-base percentage.

"Alex is one of the top hitters in the country," Lesko said, adding he believes Sobczak will contend for a starting role with the Wolverines in 2016. "She's the Barry Bonds of high school softball right now."



DAVID REED

Junior Abby Krzywiecki will do the pitching again this year for the Marlins.

Pitcher returns, too

The Marlins also return junior pitcher Abby Krzywiecki, a two-time all-area player. It was with her bat she earned a Division 1 scholarship to South Alabama.

Krzywiecki, who plays first base when she's not pitching, batted .530 with a team-high 54 RBIs. Her 53 hits included nine doubles, one triple and seven home runs.

As the primary pitcher, she was 18-1 with one save and a 1.62 ERA. She recorded 120 strikeouts and 49 walks in 121½ innings.

"Abby is a big-time Division 1 college-style player," Lesko said. "Her position in college won't be pitcher, but she continues to work hard on pitching and for her high school team. She's a big-time hitter and we're tickled to have her back."

The Marlins graduated a veteran backstop in Sam Bauer. Juniors Anna Kiafoulis and Cari Padula are returning varsity players who were battling for the starting nod. They'll likely share

In the outfield

Senior Molly Murphy is a four-year varsity player and the other senior captain. She started in right field and will move to center this year. Murphy batted .274 with a home run and 17 RBIs.

Sophomore Sophia VanAcker is a returning varsity player and will be in left field. Freshman Anna Dixon was talented enough to make the varsity and will start in right field.

VanAcker, who will bat in the No. 2 spot again, is a left-handed hitter with good speed. She's a good player to have hitting in front of Krzywiecki.

Dixon also bats from the left side, but she's more of power hitter, according to Lesko. Some of the middle infielders are versatile and could play in the outfield, too.

The roster also includes junior pitcher Andrea Elmore, junior outfielder Taylor Lombard and sophomore infielder Morgan Ewald, who also can go behind the plate.

Following the Tuesday doubleheader with Regina, the Marlins play two more games Thursday at Birmingham Marian and will host the Mercy Invitational on Saturday at Founders Sports Park.

Mercy's first objective is to win a third consecutive Catholic League championship, according to Lesko.

"After that, our goal is to take that momentum and go as far as we can in the state tournament, with the ultimate prize being a state championship," Lesko said.

PREP GIRLS TENNIS

Rocks rolling with team chemistry, talent

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Other than a tough loss against division rival Novi, the first year of Salem girls tennis coach Ty Moss' regime is off to a rousing start.

The Rocks continue to gain momentum, winning again Tuesday (against South Lyon) to improve to 2-1 overall and in the KLA Central Division.

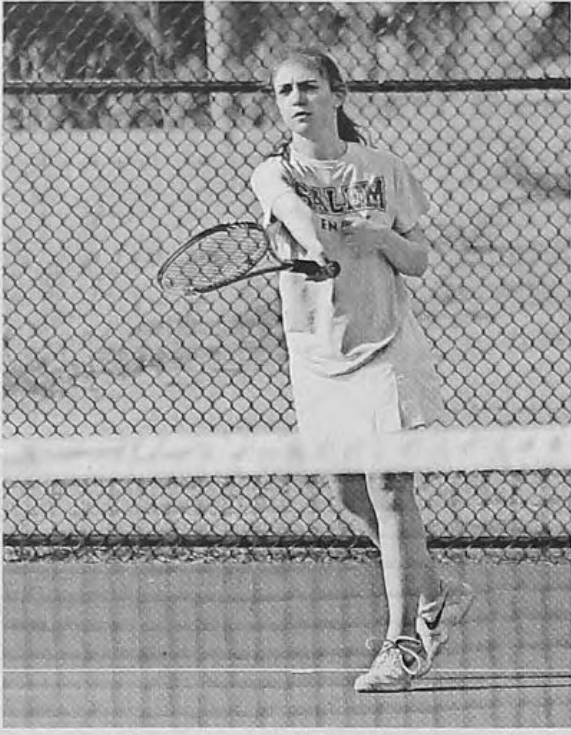
Yet things started clicking weeks and even months before the first matches began.

Salem won the preseason Midnight Madness tourney and followed up with big wins in scrimmages against Walled Lake Central and Livonia Franklin.

"The girls on this year's varsity team are enthusiastic about tennis and have the same goals as I do — to win, but have fun while doing it," Moss said. "I'm also excited about working with (assistant coach) Deanna Henderson.

"She and I have great chemistry, the same hands-on coaching style and a huge love for tennis."

Moss pointed out an important development during the off-season that perhaps foretold



Kylie Enright delivers a shot for Salem. She is a solid performer at 4 singles for the Rocks.

how well Salem's new program would mesh.

Players took part in an optional conditioning session, working together with Salem football players "which was challenging, but a great experience for the girls," Moss said. "Also during the off-season, some

girls took lessons and played competitively in leagues and tournaments."

Through the extra workouts and additional tourneys, players demonstrated the kind of commitment to excellence that Ross and Henderson are confident will pay



Getting ready to launch a return for Salem is No. 3 singles player Madison Kulik.

off.

And as well as Moss and Henderson work together as coaches, the players themselves also form a strong unit.

"The team's chemistry is undeniable," Moss said.

It doesn't hurt to have a strong singles lineup,

beginning with junior standout Chelsea Yu, in her second season at No. 1 singles.

"Her experience at that No. 1 spot has proven to be very helpful," Moss said. "She brings not only a strong game on the court, but a positive, confident atti-

tude."

Filling the Nos. 2-3 singles spots are sophomore Bianca Ghita — a "strong player who continues to improve" who also is in her second season — and junior Madison Kulik.

At No. 4 singles is senior and co-captain Kylie Enright. "She is solid and consistent on the court," Moss said.

Salem also features strong doubles combos, with junior Ashley Henderson and senior Grace Martin making "a dynamic first doubles team with aggressive net play."

Moss then cited the "great chemistry" at No. 2 between seniors Alayna Schwartz and Alyssa Bucciarelli.

Freshmen Emilee The and Raegan Henderson "have solid skills and great potential" as another tandem.

Perhaps as strong is the duo of junior net-front force Rachel Godfrey and hard-hitting freshman Corina Ghita.

Looking to make an impact in the doubles lineup are sophomores Trina Pal and Sarah Martin. Rounding out the roster are newcomers Amy Lawler and Kayal Muthuraman.

HOCKEY FUNDRAISER

First Coaches vs. Cancer game a winner

Charity event raises close to \$10,000 for St. Jude's

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

As far as meeting expectations, Saturday's inaugural Coaches vs. Cancer charity hockey game at Eddie Edgar Arena was twice as nice.

Close to 600 spectators turned out to cheer on the two featured teams, who consisted of current and former Livonia Hockey Association coaches.

The pink team pulled out a thrilling 12-11 victory in overtime, but the final score took a backseat to the final amount of money raised for the St. Jude's Children's Hospital's pediatric unit.

"We were expecting to raise around \$5,000, but we nearly doubled that, so we exceeded our original goal, for sure," said Eddie Edgar arena manager Justin Feldman, who helped orchestrate the event along with members of the arena's staff. "All of the feedback I've receive from players and spectators has been overwhelmingly positive, so I'm pretty sure we're going to do it again next year."

The feel-good event was spearheaded by Eddie Edgar employee

Jason Bruce, who is battling colon cancer.

"Jason's son plays football in Walled Lake and his team held a similar fundraiser last fall," said Feldman.

Each of the 40-plus skaters were representing a family member or close friend who has battled cancer.

An outpouring of donations and volunteerism made the event a success, Feldman emphasized.

The LHA paid for the players' jerseys and socks in addition to making an additional financial donation. Senate Coney Island and Mexican Fiesta were other Observerland-area businesses who made significant contributions.

"The refs worked the game for free; everybody pitched in," Feldman added.

There was no admission fee to the game. Money was raised by monetary donations and from a 50/50 raffle.

Along with witnessing an exciting game, fans got to watch former Detroit Red Wing John Ogronick take turns skating for each of the teams.

Jerry Brown netted the game-winner in OT for the pink squad.

"The crowd was really into the entire game, but especially in overtime," Feldman said. "They were cheering every shot and save."

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Former Detroit Red Wing John Ogronick jokingly hooks a pink team player during Saturday's Coaches vs. Cancer game at Eddie Edgar Arena.

PREP ROUNDUP

Salem girls lax squad returns from break with win

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Two campus rivals prepared for Wednesday night's varsity girls lacrosse showdown with Monday matches.

Only Salem enters that contest with positive momentum, as the Rocks defeated Canton 8-5.

Meanwhile, Plymouth opened the post-break schedule on the short end of the stick against Northville, falling 15-12.

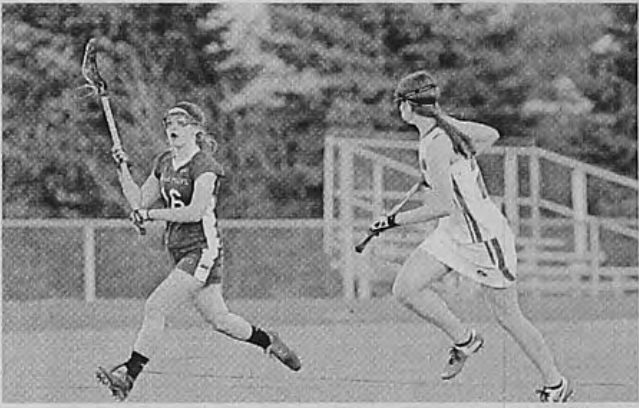
Salem (3-4 overall and 1-1 in the Kensington Conference) came out tentatively in the first half against the winless Chiefs, trailing 1-0 and 2-1 before surging ahead on goals by senior Andi Marthaler and sophomore Leah Tardiff.

The Rocks enjoyed a 4-3 lead at halftime and padded it to 6-3 thanks to a pair of early goals in the second half.

Salem ultimately went up 8-4 and held off a late Canton rally bid.

Leading the Salem attack with three goals was junior Colleen Shortall.

Also strong on offense with two goals each were Tardiff and sophomore Kayla Goleniak. The other goal was scored by senior



Salem's Leah Tardiff (left) shakes off a Canton defender en route to a goal Monday night. The Rocks prevailed 8-5 over the Chiefs.

Joslyn Longe.

Canton senior Casey Bower scored twice in a losing effort for the Chiefs (0-5, 0-2).

In the Plymouth-Northville contest, a late surge by the Wildcats (3-1, 0-1) came up just short.

Marissa Cirino netted four goals for Plymouth, with Michelle Burke chipping in with two.

Adding single goals were Sophie Miller, Gretchen Schoen, Jessica Cristiu, Cathryn Vandenberg, Natalie Nowicki and Cierra Steiner.

Boys lacrosse

NOVI 9, CANTON 8 (OT): After Canton built an 8-4 lead entering the fourth quarter Monday, Novi responded with four unanswered goals to force overtime.

With 11 seconds left in the extra session, the Wildcats finished off the Chiefs (2-3, 0-2 in the Kensington Conference).

For most of the night, Canton was in command. Opening up the scoring was senior attackman Brocton Baechler, with junior attackman Carson Pakula netting the first of his three goals to make it 2-0 in the first.

Before the frame ended, senior midfielder Jay Krebs scored to give Canton a 3-1 lead.

Pakula scored two more goals in the second, one on a nifty pass from senior defender Brian Newton, to help the Chiefs take a 6-3 halftime lead. Canton's fifth goal of the game was tallied by senior midfielder Nolan Gilo.

Strong work by sophomore goalkeeper Nathan Janis (12 saves in the first half) helped Canton hold off Novi for a while.

In the third, Canton scored two more times — with senior midfielder Gerald Belanger and senior attackman Austin Bauer hitting the target.

NORTHVILLE 15, PLYMOUTH 5: Kyle

Robertson and Nolan Ouellette each scored two goals for the Wildcats while Jack Balch added another.

Trevor McManus made 17 stops for Plymouth in a gallant goaltending effort against the high-powered Mustangs.

Girls track and field

PLYMOUTH 107, JOHN GLENN 30: On Tuesday in a KLA South Division showdown, Plymouth routed Westland John Glenn.

The Wildcats (1-1) captured honors in 15 of 17 events as they geared up for Friday's City Meet at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park. The meet took place at P-CEP's junior varsity field.

There were plenty of sparkling performances by Plymouth athletes, led by sprinter Ryan Draper's first-place finish in the 100-meter dash (12.69 seconds).

Also first in the 400 dash was Jewel Davis (1:01.74) while Annie Bonds (1:60.5, 5:49.28) and Gabby Uluhogian (3:20.0, 14:05.59) were distance standouts for Plymouth.

Victorious in the 100- and 300-meter hurdles for Plymouth was Kirsty McInnes (17.69, 53.57).

Another double-winner was thrower Elise Wehmer, who won the shot put (29 feet, 6 inches) and discus (85-6).

Prevailing in other field events were Katherine Harris (high jump, 5-0), Kayla Janewski (pole vault, 10-0) and Hailey Foster (long jump, 14-02).

Plymouth also won three of the four relay events.

Victorious were the 800-meter relay team of Anna Lukens, Faith Washington, Davis and Draper (1:46.41); the 1,600 relay of Lindsey Wiewiora, Lauren Clemens, Monique Gifford and Makenzie Cashero (4:34.82); and the 3,200 relay of Bonds, Emma Radke, Gabby Chouinard and Genieve Mitrano (11:19.33).

Boys track and field

JOHN GLENN 81, PLYMOUTH 56: On the boys side Tuesday at P-CEP's JV field, the Rockets came away with the victory.

Plymouth (0-3) did have a double-winner in Matthew Pahl, who took first in the 1,600 (4:52.75) and 3,200 (10:42.53) runs.

Also victorious for the Wildcats were Victor Abraham (200 dash, no time available), Jonny Dalton (800 run, 2:07.27), Michael Jordan (shot put, 47-09), Nathan Harris (high jump, 5-08) and the 3,200 relay team (8:36.27).

SALEM

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said players undoubtedly enjoyed a confidence boost thanks to the way the offense clicked against the Lions.

"We've had a little bit of a roller-coaster season," he said. "It was nice to finish the opportunities we created this evening."

Salem didn't need long to get on the scoreboard in the first game following spring break.

Senior forward/midfielder Hayley Rogers quickly put the Rocks up 1-0 when she buried a crossing pass from senior defender Kaitlyn Pelech.

The Rocks owned territorial play, hitting the post several times and missing a wide-open net on other occasions.

Not being able to cash in on those chances enabled South Lyon to hang around and even things up 1-1 with about 17 minutes remaining.

Rachael Sweigard, stationed in front of Salem sophomore goalkeeper Skylar Brant, headed in a pass from Meghan Pfile.



Canton's Hannah Lapko (left) shakes off a Wayne defender during Tuesday's game.

Salem regained the lead on the Martin breakaway. She dribbled the ball into the box, waited long enough for Richards to over-commit and get out of position, then calmly chipped it in.

After Nicol's two goals made it 4-1, the Rocks added another with about 17 minutes remaining.

Stepping into a direct kick from about 25 yards was sophomore mid-

fielder/forward Nikki Pilon, driving the ball under the bar.

Closing out the scoring with 4:03 left was Pelech, on a top-shelf blast from just inside the box.

Pelech collected the rebound of a point-blank shot taken by Finn, turned and let it fly.

"We created 10-15 quality chances and we really didn't reward ourselves until the second half," Tomasso said. "But we finally did."

Finishing the victory in goal was junior Jillian Yuhas.

Salem next will visit South Lyon East on Thursday.

Canton mercies Zebras

Also Tuesday, in a game played on the P-CEP freshman soccer field, Canton's varsity girls soccer team rolled to a 9-0 mercy-rule victory over Wayne Memorial.

Sparkling the Chiefs (3-3) with two goals and two assists was Hannah Lapko.

Also finding the mark twice were Chloe Donlin and Sarah Willet, who also set up a goal.

Madison Archibald and Nicole Doucet helped the Canton cause with a goal and an assist each.

THE WEEK AHEAD

GIRLS SOCCER
Thursday, April 16
John Glenn at Canton, 7 p.m.
Salem at S.L. East, 7 p.m.
Plymouth at Wayne, 7 p.m.
Friday, April 17
Garden City at F.H. Mercy, 5:30 p.m.
W.L. Northern at Canton, 7 p.m.
Saturday, April 18
Salem at Ladywood, 1 p.m.
BOYS BASEBALL
Friday, April 17
Plymouth at Salem, 4 p.m.
Canton at Novi, 4 p.m.

Saturday, April 18
Plymouth at Milan (DH), 11 a.m.
GIRLS SOFTBALL
Thursday, April 16
F.H. Mercy at Birm. Marian, 4 p.m.
Friday, April 17
Canton at Novi, 4 p.m.
Plymouth at Salem, 4 p.m.
Saturday, April 18
Mercy Invite at Founders Park, 8 a.m.
Ann Arbor Pioneer Tournament, TBA.

COED TRACK & FIELD
Friday, April 17
P-CEP City Meet, 3:30 p.m.
BOYS LACROSSE
Thursday, April 16
Belleville at Canton, 7:30 p.m.
Friday, April 17
Pioneer at Plymouth (JV Field), 7 p.m.
GIRLS LACROSSE
Friday, April 17
Plymouth at Farmington, 7 p.m.
Canton at Saline, 7 p.m.
Saturday, April 18
South Lyon at F.H. Mercy, 3 p.m.

GIRLS TENNIS
Thursday, April 16
Churchill at Canton, 4 p.m.
Stevenson at Salem, 4 p.m.
Plymouth at John Glenn, 4 p.m.
F.H. Mercy at Birm. Marian, 4 p.m.
Saturday, April 18
Howell Highlander Invite, TBA.
BOYS GOLF
Thursday, April 16
Farmington Invite at FHGC, 8:30 a.m.
NOTE: Schedules subject to change due to postponements and makeups.

Pizza time: Domino's, NFPA deliver fire safety message

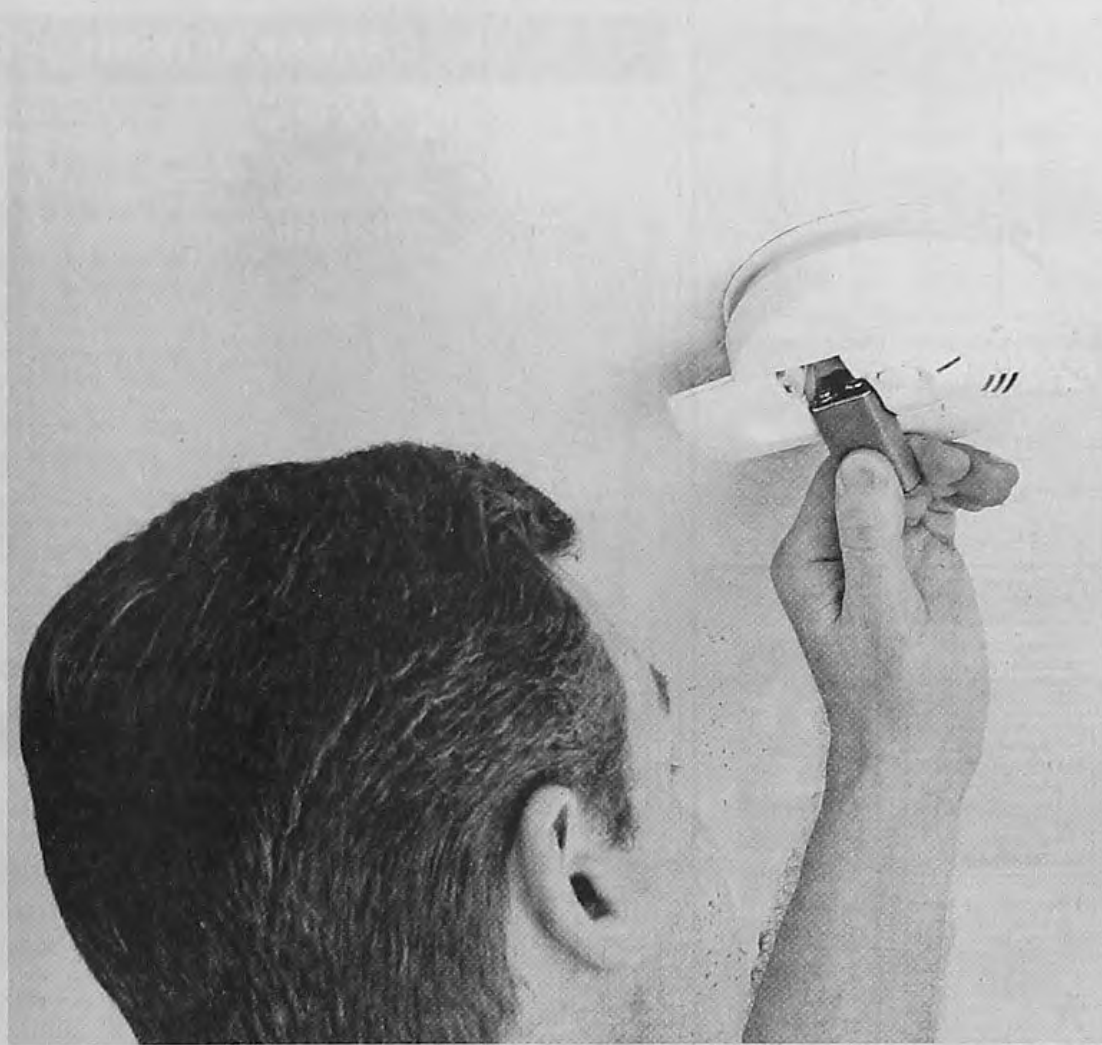
The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) and Domino's Pizza used daylight saving time and pizza boxes to encourage people to protect themselves from home fires. The NFPA and Domino's are reminding customers to change their smoke alarm batteries when they change their clocks. Domino's used its pizza boxes to deliver NFPA fire safety tips throughout the month of March in participating markets across the country.

"Daylight saving time brings a convenient, timely reminder to change the batteries in your smoke alarm, which is an easy, important step to make your home safer," said Jenny Fouracre, Domino's Pizza spokeswoman. "Domino's has a great opportunity to reach many people in their homes and we want to use it to share fire safety tips with them. We are excited to work with the NFPA to help make homes across the country a little bit safer."

As part of the spring campaign, customers who order from participating Domino's stores may be surprised when their delivery arrives aboard a fire engine. If all the smoke alarms in the home are working, the pizza is free. If a smoke alarm is not working, the firefighters will replace the batteries or leave a fully functioning smoke alarm in the home.

According to the NFPA, roughly two-thirds of home fire deaths happen in homes with no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms. When smoke alarms fail to operate, it is usually because batteries are missing, disconnected or dead.

"On average, seven people die in U.S. home fires per day," said Lorraine Carli, NFPA's vice president of Outreach and Advocacy. "Working smoke alarms can make a life-saving difference because they give people the time to escape safely. We are thrilled to work with Domino's to remind homeowners to test their smoke alarms and ensure they're working properly."



Domino's Pizza used daylight saving time and pizza boxes to encourage people to protect themselves from home fires.

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Stay safe with these tips from the NFPA

» Install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each separate sleeping area and on every level of the home, including the basement.

» For the best protection, interconnect all smoke alarms throughout the home. When one sounds, they all sound.

» Test alarms at least once a month by pushing the test button.

» Smoke rises; install smoke alarms high on a wall or on a ceiling.

» Replace batteries in all smoke alarms at least once a year. If an alarm "chirps" – warning the battery is low – replace the battery right

away.

» Replace all smoke alarms, including alarms that use 10-year batteries and hard-wired alarms, when they are 10 years old – or sooner if they do not respond properly.

» Be sure the smoke alarm has the label of a recognized testing laboratory.

» To prevent nuisance alarms, install smoke alarms away from the kitchen and at least 10 feet from cooking appliances. If cooking fumes continue to set off alarms, replace the alarm with one that has a "hush" button.

» Develop a home escape plan with all members of your household and practice it regularly, at least twice a year.

About the National Fire Protection Association

NFPA is a worldwide leader in fire, electrical, building, and life safety. The mission of the international nonprofit organization founded in 1896 is to reduce the worldwide burden of fire and other hazards on the quality of life by providing and advocating consensus codes and standards, research, training, and education. NFPA develops more than 300 codes and standards to minimize the possibility and effects of fire and other hazards. All NFPA codes and standards can be viewed at no cost at www.nfpa.org/freeaccess.

Enforce standards uniformly, fairly

Q: We live next to an eyesore. Can our homeowner's association validly prohibit the construction of storage sheds?

A: Yes, provided the association has valid covenants and conditions in place prohibiting the storage sheds. For example, in a recent case out of Missouri on similar facts, a homeowner obtained approval of the architectural committee and built an outdoor kitchen. He then erected a storage shed but did not obtain prior approval. The association notified the homeowner that the storage shed violated building requirements because these requirements prohibited storage buildings. The homeowner unsuccessfully sought a waiver, and then sued, but lost in court.

Q: I am on the Board and we have an enforcement problem regarding a member who refuses to remove unsightly wooden pallets from his yard and we want to collect our attorney fees we expended; what do you think?

A: Yes, as long as the declaration of covenants and restrictions so provides. In a recent case, the lot owner had wooden pallets in the front yard, was asked to move them, and then moved them to the back yard, where they remained visible from the road and from a neighbor's driveway. Because the governing declaration required the lot owner to maintain the lot from becoming "unsightly," including the requirement that debris and rubbish be removed, the court found for the homeowner's association, and the appeals court agreed. Enforce your documents uniformly and aggressively.



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REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

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

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The Real Estate Investors Association of Wayne will answer questions and offer a market update. Meetings are at 6-9 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at the Red Lobster on Eureka in Southgate.

Members are free, guests \$20, which will be applied to their membership.

Any questions or concerns, call Bill Beddoes at 734-934-9091 or Wayne Koehler at 313-819-0919.

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HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Nov. 17-21, 2014, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

BEVERLY HILLS

19537 Waltham Rd \$450,000
19610 Warwick St \$450,000

BIRMINGHAM

1573 Bowers St \$203,000
1930 Bowers St \$215,000
1655 Dorchester Rd \$280,000
1711 E 14 Mile Rd Unit A \$79,000
1982 E Lincoln St \$185,000
660 Emmons Ave \$620,000
852 Henley St \$480,000
964 N Adams Rd Unit 3 \$112,000
544 Oakland Ave \$410,000
1866 Pierce St \$690,000
390 S Adams Rd \$220,000
1436 Washington Blvd \$495,000
255 Westchester Way \$790,000
400 Woodland Villa Ct \$2,040,000
1823 Yorkshire Rd \$622,000

BLOOMFIELD HILLS

3415 Barlyn Ln \$244,000
1705 Huntingwood Ln \$150,000
Apt B
679 Kingsley Trl \$612,000
3955 Lahser Rd \$845,000
1648 South Hill Cir \$150,000
6848 Spruce Dr \$250,000
1042 Stratford Ln \$185,000

610 Wooddale Rd \$820,000

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP

2962 Aspen Ln \$295,000
2795 Ayershire Dr \$965,000
3670 Berkshire Dr \$340,000
1031 Covington Rd \$750,000
1960 Cragin Dr \$548,000
5568 Fieldston Ct \$479,000
1738 Heron Ridge Dr \$1,400,000
1880 Long Lake Shore Dr \$1,200,000
547 Newburne Pointe \$350,000
42347 Woodward Ave \$100,000
325 Clifton Rd \$515,000

COMMERCE TOWNSHIP

2488 Rocky Top Ct \$390,000
3210 Royal Blvd \$135,000
362 Starling St \$445,000
8297 Tamarron Dr \$290,000
6100 Warwick Dr \$250,000
5020 Whitlow Ct \$314,000
2854 Windwood Ct \$450,000

FARMINGTON

23006 Frederick Ave \$170,000
31691 Grand River Ave \$325,000
33632 State St \$264,000
33714 State St \$197,000

FARMINGTON HILLS

31563 Bristol Ln \$220,000
22081 Colgate St \$117,000
31127 Country Bldg \$150,000
29043 Creek Bend Dr \$290,000
26528 Farmington Rd \$180,000
35154 Gary St \$186,000
34155 Hunters Row \$310,000
21513 Jefferson St \$90,000

35785 Lone Pine Ln \$210,000

32485 Nottingham Knls \$190,000

35297 Old Homestead Dr \$337,000

21730 Sheffield Dr \$305,000

33770 Vista Dr \$144,000

33781 Vista Dr \$208,000

37880 Wendy Lee St \$119,000

HIGHLAND

3859 Hillcrest \$20,000

300 Maplegrove \$172,000

2755 Willow Ln \$160,000

LATHRUP VILLAGE

17310 Coral Gables Ave \$144,000

18790 Dolores Ave \$231,000

MILFORD

725 E Commerce St \$245,000

739 E Liberty St \$168,000

690 Milford Glen Dr \$309,000

1926 Scenic Dr \$590,000

908 Three Acre Ct \$565,000

604 Union St \$220,000

NORTHVILLE

21054 Boulder Cir \$180,000

845 Horton St \$200,000

901 Jeffrey Dr \$230,000

906 McDonald Dr \$575,000

20818 Taft Rd \$115,000

NOVI

43000 12 Oaks Crescent \$178,000

Dr # 3011

25726 Beck Rd \$120,000

44509 Ellery Ln \$228,000

41040 Hollydale \$167,000

27911 Hopkins Dr \$165,000

24823 Jamestowne Rd \$315,000

31171 Livingston Dr \$168,000

25354 Sullivan Ln \$379,000

44850 W 11 Mile Rd \$289,000

21234 Wheaton Ln \$525,000

SOUTH LYON

136 Aspen Way \$170,000

22981 Cheyenne Ct \$522,000

61017 Evergreen Ct \$175,000

927 Oak Creek Dr \$227,000

24618 Ridge Pole Ct \$330,000

24658 Rosemont Dr \$245,000

SOUTHFIELD

29690 Aberdeen Ln \$140,000

17350 Dorset Ave \$119,000

27035 Everett St \$100,000

29686 Farmbrook Villa Ct \$74,000

17440 Gateway Cir \$73,000

22502 Ivanhoe Ln \$70,000

28705 Marshall St \$45,000

28755 Monterey Dr \$166,000

17710 New Hampshire Dr \$56,000

20190 Norwood Dr S \$65,000

15801 Providence Dr # \$80,000

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27680 Spring Arbor Dr \$80,000

24282 Tamarack Trl \$166,000

18291 Westland Ave \$109,000

29580 Wildbrook Dr \$143,000

WHITE LAKE

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10780 Oxbow Lakeshore Dr \$227,000

9941 Sedlock St \$48,000

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40423 Bay Harbor Ln \$153,000
41533 Bedford Dr \$91,000
47675 Cherry Hill Rd \$135,000
49887 Courtyard Ln \$210,000
46755 Creeks Bnd \$215,000
47352 Fairlawn Ct \$260,000
472 Filmore St \$465,000
50104 Grant St \$286,000
50273 Jefferson St \$292,000
45280 Middlebury Ln \$265,000
41032 Northwind Dr \$85,000
6344 Raintree Dr \$205,000
3159 River Meadow Cir \$235,000
42245 Saratoga Cir \$174,000
42271 Saratoga Cir \$155,000
46629 Woodside Dr \$339,000

GARDEN CITY

31488 Kathryn St \$105,000

33452 Kathryn St \$96,000

LIVONIA

36609 Ann Arbor Trl \$133,000

28677 Bayberry Park Dr \$185,000

32234 Bretton St \$141,000

9307 California St \$75,000

15387 Deering St \$108,000

16536 Fairway St \$250,000

15628 Fitzgerald St \$191,000

29591 Greenland St \$174,000

38053 Jamison St \$190,000

37253 Ladywood St \$235,000

30672 Munger Dr \$271,000

20132 Osmus St \$190,000

17718 Parklane St \$175,000

15132 Santa Anita St \$23,000

18222 University Park Dr \$74,000

27917 Western Golf Dr \$250,000

30411 Westfield St \$155,000

NORTHVILLE

341 1st St \$145,000

16064 Morningside \$150,000

16074 Morningside \$165,000

39682 Muirfield Ln \$330,000

19645 Neptune Ct \$119,000

19645 Neptune Ct \$76,000

243 Saint Lawrence Blvd \$325,000

50052 Venice Ct \$324,000

39547 Village Run Dr \$312,000

42356 W Waterwheel Ct \$251,000

PLYMOUTH

770 Deer St \$120,000

11950 Glenview Dr \$340,000

12560 Lighthouse Ct \$407,000

11585 N Ridge Rd \$750,000

8945 Tavistock Dr \$175,000

REDFORD

12949 Brady \$73,000

9201 Dale \$63,000

17260 Delaware Ave \$140,000

17293 Delaware Ave \$75,000

14273 Dixie \$83,000

15490 Dixie \$30,000

24625 Elmira \$75,000

17462 Garfield \$30,000

9197 Garfield Ct \$86,000

15545 Gaylord \$77,000

9186 Rockland \$68,000

11792 Tecumseh \$81,000

25218 Westfield \$105,000

WAYNE

34508 Sims St \$70,000

WESTLAND

7311 Affeldt St \$101,000

300 Brookfield Dr \$123,000

34006 Caseville Ct \$23,000

32810 Chapman Cir \$117,000

8156 Creekside Dr \$247,000

35515 Farragut Ave \$12,000

7170 Fox Chase Ln \$198,000

8581 Haller St \$119,000

6336 Hampshire Ct \$143,000

35755 Hunter Ave \$78,000

6049 N Dowling St \$92,000

36550 Rolf St \$130,000

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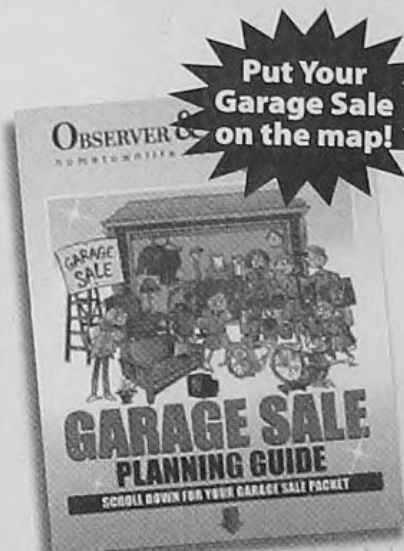
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RELIGION CALENDAR

APRIL
BREAKFAST

Time/Date: 8:30-11:30 a.m.
Sunday, April 19

Location: St. Theodore Social Hall, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland

Details: Pancakes, French toast, ham, applesauce, scrambled eggs, sausage, coffee, tea, milk, juice; \$3 adults and \$1.50 children, 2-10

Contact: 734-425-4421

COMMONGROUND

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Friday, April 17

Location: Connection Church, 3855 Sheldon, Canton

Details: Join women from more than 30 Detroit-area churches for an evening of worship, inspirational teaching, outreach and free party. The event will include a kitchen shower for The Well of Waterford. To participate, visit the gift registry at Kohl's, Bed, Bath, and Beyond or Target under the name, Dana Bosnack, Well of Waterford director, and purchase an item.

Contact: Tami@connection-church.info

CONCERT

Time/Date: 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 22

Location: Biggby Coffee, 36640 Ford Road, Westland

Details: InsideOut Church of Garden City presents a free concert, "The Evolution of Music," featuring Bobby Guskovict. He'll play music from the 1950s to the present and will take requests

Contact: 734-983-8376

CONCERT

Time/Date: 4 p.m. Sunday, April 26

Location: First Congregational Church of Wayne, 2 Towne Square St., Wayne

Details: The Boychoir of Ann Arbor performs a program of sacred, secular, classical and popular music. A free will offering will be accepted

Contact: 734-729-7550

GENEROSITY SEMINAR

Time/Date: 9:10-30 a.m. Saturday, April 25

Location: St. Michael Lutheran Church, 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton

Details: Ron Chewing of Stewardship Advisors presents

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Contact: 734-459-3333

LEADERSHIP
WORKSHOP

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, April 18

Location: Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia

Details: Tracee Swank presents "Leading From the Center of God's Will." The workshop aims to help participants understand how to lead effectively, build a culture of leadership in their church based on biblical world views, how to deal with conflict, facilitate meetings, and more. Fee is \$25 and includes refreshments, lunch, workbook, and resource listing. Fee is \$75 for three or more. Register at 734-464-0211 or email registrar@holylivonia.org

Contact: holylivonia.org

REVIVAL

Time/Date: 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Sunday, April 26 and 7 p.m. Monday-Thursday, April 27-30

Location: Community Free Will Baptist Church, 33031 Cherry Hill Road, west of Venoy, Westland

Details: Preachers will include Brian Williams, a home missionary to Buffalo, N.Y., and Danny Elliott, a home missionary to Quebec, Canada

Contact: 734-721-9040

RUMMAGE SALE

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, April 17

Location: Salvation Army, 9451 S. Main, Plymouth

Details: Rent a table or space and sell your own stuff; tables are \$20. Proceeds to Older, Wiser and Loving Senior Group

Contact: 734-453-5464, Ext. 22

RUMMAGE SALE

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, April 24 and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 25

Location: Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 30650 Six Mile, Livonia

Details: Furniture, home and kitchen items, clothing, books, toys, antiques, dishes, collectibles, along with a bake sale. Proceeds of sale and donations benefit Vista Maria

Contact: 734-427-1414

RUMMAGE SALE

Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday, April 30, 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, May 1, 9:30 a.m. to noon,

Saturday, May 2

Location: Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia

Details: Admission for Thursday's preview sale is \$2. Bag sale (\$3) and half-price sale are on Saturday. Bags will be provided

Contact: 734-464-0211

RUMMAGE SALE

Time/Date: 5-7 p.m. Thursday, April 30, 9 a.m. to noon, Friday, May 1, 9 a.m. to noon, Saturday, May 2

Location: Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, between Newburgh and Wayne Road, Livonia

Details: \$2 admission per adult Thursday only; Free admission Friday-Saturday. Saturday half-price sale.

Contact: 734-422-0149

SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Time/Date: 4-6 p.m. Thursday, April 16

Location: St. Genevieve Catholic School, 28933 Jamison, Livonia

Details: Preschool 3- and 4-year-olds; kindergarten through grade eight. Tours available any day on request in addition to the open house

Contact: 734-425-4420

MAY

RUMMAGE SALE

Time/Date: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday, May 1 and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 2

Location: Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 28000 New Market Road, one block east of Farmington Road, north of 12 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: Includes baked goods, clothing, household goods, furniture, small appliances, linens, bedding, jewelry, toys, books and a boutique. \$3 and \$6 bag sale Saturday

Contact: 248-553-3380

WORLD LABYRINTH DAY

Time/Date: Noon to 3 p.m. Saturday, May 2

Location: Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 30650 Six Mile, Livonia

Details: Walk the church's 11-circuit medieval-style labyrinth. Staff will be on hand to facilitate group walks and answer questions. Weather permitting, a canvas, three-circuit labyrinth will be available for younger children

Contact: Lunice Clay at 734-748-3493

ONGOING

CLASSES/STUDY

Men's Bible study

Time/Date: Breakfast at 7 a.m. and study at 8 a.m.

Location: Kirby's Coney Island, 21200 Haggerty, Northville Township

Contact: John Shulenberg at 734-464-9491

Our Lady of Loretto

Time/Date: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday

Location: Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford Township

Details: Scripture study

Contact: 313-534-9000

FAITH COMMUNITY
WESLEYAN

Time/Date: 4-5 p.m. every Saturday

Location: 14560 Merriman, Livonia

Details: This informal class includes fellowship, discussion and question and answers. All ages welcome. Bibles available if you don't have one

Contact: pastor Tom Hazelwood at 734-765-5476

CLOTHING BANK

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. last Saturday of the month

Location: Canton Christian Fellowship, 8775 Ronda Drive, Canton

Details: No documentation needed

Contact: info@cantoncf.org for more information

FAMILY MEAL

Time/Date: 5-6 p.m. every Thursday

Location: Salvation Army, 27500 Shiawassee, Farmington Hills

Details: Free meal

Contact: 248-477-1153, Ext. 12

HEALING SERVICE

Time/Date: Arabic service, 3-4 p.m. first Tuesday of the month; English service, 3-4 p.m. third Tuesday of the month

Location: The Antiochian

Orthodox Basilica of Saint Mary, 18100 Merriman, Livonia

Details: The service includes prayers of petition and intercession, hymns, Scripture readings and the anointing of the sick. Offertory candles are available for a free will offering in the vestibule of the church.

Contact: Rev. George Shalhoub at 734-422-0010 or email Stacey Badeen at sbadeen@tbosm.com

MOMS

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. second Tuesday, September-May

Location: 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) is aimed at mothers of infants through kindergartners

Contact: Ethan Defoe at 248-227-6617 and Jody Fleszar at 734-658-2463

Dunning Park Bible Chapel

Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. first and third Tuesdays

Location: 24800 W. Chicago Road, Redford

Details: MOPS is a place where moms can build friendships, receive mothering support, practical help and spiritual hope.

Contact: Amy at 313-937-3084 or Kristen at 734-542-0767

PET-FRIENDLY SERVICE

Time/Date: 1 p.m. Sunday

Location: Dunk N Dogs, 27911 Five Mile, Livonia

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

Contact: 313-563-0162

PRAYER

St. Edith Church

Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday

Location: Parish office, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia

Details: Group meets for singing, praying and short teaching. Fellowship with snacks follows

Contact: Parish office at 734-464-1223

St. Michael Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 6-7 a.m. Monday-Friday

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday

Location: 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton

Details: Praying silently or aloud together; prayer requests welcomed.

Contact: 734-459-3333 for additional information

SINGLES

Detroit World Outreach

Time/Date: 4-6 p.m. Sunday

Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford, Room 304

Details: Divorce Overcomers group is designed for individuals going through divorce, those who are divorced or separated.

Contact: The facilitator at 313-283-8200; lef@dwo.org

First Presbyterian Church

Time/Date: 7-7:15 p.m., social time; 7:30 p.m., announcements;

7:30-8:30 p.m., program; 8:30-9 p.m. ice cream social, Thursdays.

Location: 200 E. Main St., Northville

Details: Single Place Ministry; cost is \$5

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

Steve's Family Restaurant

Time/Date: 9 a.m. second and fourth Thursday

Location: 15800 Middlebelt, 1/4 mile north of Five Mile, Livonia

Details: Widowed men of all ages may attend the Widowed Friends Men's breakfast. This is an informal "peer" group where men have an opportunity to meet with others.

Contact: 313-534-0399

SONG CIRCLE

Congregation Beth Ahm

Time/Date: Noon to 12:30 p.m. every Shabbat

Location: 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield

Details: Sing zemirot (Shabbat songs) and celebrate Kiddush following morning services. Lyrics are provided in translation as well as the original Hebrew.

Contact: 248-737-1931 or email nancyellen879@att.net.

SUPPORT

Apostolic Christian Church

Time/Date: 5 a.m. to 11 p.m.

daily

Location: 29667 Wentworth, Livonia

Details: Adult day care program at the church's Woodhaven Retirement Community. Funding available from TSA, AAA 1-C Older Americans Act.

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

Connection Church

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Friday

Location: 3855 Sheldon, Canton

Details: Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered recovery for all hurts, habits and hang-ups. Child care is available for free

Contact: Jonathan@Connectionchurch.info or 248-787-5009

Detroit World Outreach

Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday

Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford; Room 202

Details: Addition No More offers support for addictive behavior problems

Contact: 313-255-2222, Ext. 244

Farmington Hills Baptist Church

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

Location: 28301 Middlebelt, between 12 Mile and 13 Mile in Farmington Hills

Details: Western Oakland Parkinson Support Group

Contact: 248-433-1011

Merriman Road Baptist Church

Time/Date: 1-3 p.m. second and fourth Thursday

Location: 2055 Merriman, Garden City

Details: Metro Fibromyalgia support group meets; donations

Contact: www.metrofibrogroup.com; or call Ruthann with questions at 734-981-2519

Fireside Church of God

Time/Date: 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday-Friday

Location: 11771 Newburgh, Livonia

Details: Fireside Adult Day Ministry activity-based program for dependent adults, specializing in dementia care. Not a drop-in center

Contact: 734-855-4056 or 734-464-0990; www.firesidecho.org; or email to adm@firesidecho.org

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to noon Saturday

Location: 16360 Hubbard, Livonia

Details: A weekly drop-in Food Cupboard (nonperishable items) is available

Contact: 734-421-8451

St. Thomas a' Becket Church

Time/Date: Weigh-in is 6:15-6:55 p.m.; support group 7 p.m. Thursday

Location: 555 S. Lilley, Canton

Details: Take Off Pounds Sensibly

Contact: Margaret at 734-838-0322

Unity of Livonia

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday

Location: 28660 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster, Livonia

Details: Overeaters Anonymous

Contact: 248-559-7722; www.aa.org for additional information

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church

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

Location: 40000 Six Mile, Northville Township

Details: Celebrate Recovery helps men and women find freedom from hurts, habits and hangups (addictive and compulsive behaviors); child care is free.

Contact: Child care, 248-374-7400; www.celebraterecovery.com and www.wardchurch.org/celebrate

THRIFT STORE

St. James Presbyterian

Location: 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford

Contact: 313-534-7730 for additional information

Way of Life Christian Church

Time/Date: 2-3:30 p.m. third Saturday from October through May

Location: 9401 General Drive,

Lilley Executive Plaza, Suite 100, Plymouth

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

Contact: 734-637-7618

TOUR

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

Location: The Solanus Casey Center, a Capuchin ministry, at 1780 Mount Elliott, Detroit

History: 'Gone with the Wind' actor to greet fans at Redford Theatre

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Mickey Kuhn has seen the Oscar-winning film, *Gone with the Wind*, only once in its entirety, but cherishes memories of making the Civil War epic.

"I was 7 years old when I saw it. I probably thought it was long and I wanted to go home," said Kuhn, the film's last living cast member in the United States.

The former child actor is grateful for the impact the movie had on this life, and the doors it has opened especially during the past 15 years.

Kuhn, 82, who played Beau Wilkes, son of Ashley Wilkes (Leslie Howard) and Melanie Wilkes, (Olivia de Havilland), has appeared at screenings of the film throughout the country. He'll share the stage with Kathleen Marcaccio, a local expert on the film, 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 17-18, and 1 p.m. Sunday, April 19, at the Redford Theatre, 17360 Lahser, Detroit. Admission is \$7.

"When the 50th anniversary came up, my wife said 'You've got to go to it.' I reconnected with a lot of people I knew. It has been fun ever since," he said.

Kuhn's appearance this weekend at the Redford will be his second time promoting *Gone with the Wind* in Detroit. When Marcaccio invited him to an event a few years ago they toured the area together.

"I have to admit it was my first time in Detroit. It has such a great history — the autos, Joe Louis, the record industry there. I was awestruck by everything I saw. I'm excited about coming back. It will be fun."

He and Marcaccio will introduce the film, greet fans, answer questions and share stories about the movie and its cast. The film debuted in late December 1939 and was released in January 1940. It won Oscars for best picture, director, screenplay, actress, supporting actress, editing, cinematography and art direction.

On the set

"They paid \$75 a day. In 1939, that was pretty good money. I worked for four or five days. I had to go to school four hours a day and I could only work four hours," Kuhn recalled.

Kuhn, who made his movie debut as an infant in the 1934 film *Change of Heart*, was cast in *Gone with the Wind* without a formal audition. He was finishing his last day of shooting on the film, *S.O.S. Tidal Wave*, when his mother told him to be ready for another casting call after work that day.

"I walked into this casting office and it was a sea of kids



SUBMITTED PHOTOS
Mickey Kuhn as Beau Wilkes in "Gone with the Wind."

and parents. I told my mother, I don't want to stay. I'm tired. I was getting cranky. She said give your name and if you're not called in 10 minutes, we'll go home.

"These kids had been there two and three hours. I gave my name at the window and the girl said, 'Oh, Mickey, just a minute.'"

He was directed to producer David Selznick's office to meet director Victor Fleming, while the other actors were dismissed.

"It was my first adult interview. Usually these directors would hem and haw and look at you and make you stand up, look at me, read this. Mr. Selznick said thank you for coming. We want to talk with you a little bit. We heard about you and wanted to meet you."

Kuhn remembers that Fleming nodded slightly, Selznick smiled back and promised, "You'll be hearing from us."

Flubbing a line

Kuhn said he had a good reputation for remembering his lines and taking direction. Directors seldom had to re-film his scenes.

"The one time I screwed up, really, was *Gone with the Wind*. I was in a scene with Bonnie Blue (Cammie King) in the play room. I thought she was the cutest thing. I always told her years later that the reason I blew those lines was because I was more enthralled with her."

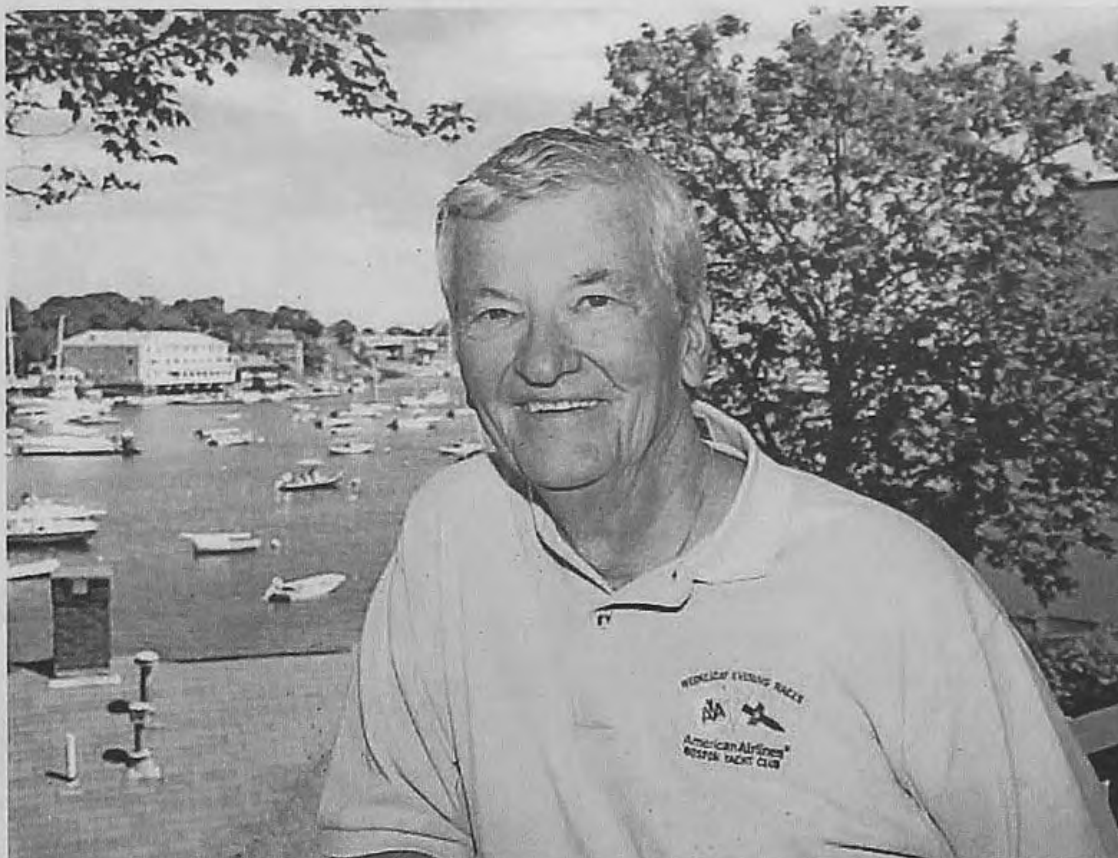
As Clark Gable entered the scene, Kuhn was supposed to say, 'Hello, Uncle Rhett,' but used Gable's name instead.

"Three times it was 'Hello, Uncle Clark.' I thought my mother would go apoplectic."

After a few reassuring words from Gable, Kuhn said the line correctly the fourth time.

Work ethic

After *Gone with the Wind*, Kuhn was cast in more than 20 films, including several westerns, and retired from acting in the late 1950s. After a stint



Mickey Kuhn is the last living cast member of "Gone with the Wind" in the United States.



As a child actor, Mickey Kuhn appeared in numerous films, including "Red River," with John Wayne.

in the Navy, he spent approximately 30 years in the airline industry.

"I think the lessons learned were primarily work ethic," Kuhn said, reflecting on his career in film. "My mother

always told me if you go to work and do your job to the best of your ability and do it right, you'll be successful. I always adhere to that philosophy. It proved true for me for my entire life."

For more information about the *Gone with the Wind* screenings at the Redford Theatre, call 313-537-2560 or visit redfordtheatre.com.

Pianists, trumpeter play separate jazz shows at Schoolcraft

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Jazz lovers have two chances to hear their favorite music this month at Schoolcraft College.

Pianists Terry Lower and Tad Weed will perform at 3 p.m. Sunday, April 19, in the VisTaTech Center, on campus, 18600 Haggerty, in Livonia.

Guest artist Roger Ingram will perform on trumpet at The Schoolcraft Jazz Program's annual Up Jumped Spring concert, 7:30 p.m. Monday, April 20, in the VisTaTech Center.

The piano concerts will raise funds for the Michigan Jazz Festival, held in July on the Schoolcraft campus. The Ingram concert will include a tribute to Midge Ellis, a Livonia resident, jazz promoter and founder of the Festival, who died earlier this year.

"Because the festival is free, the only way to raise money is through donations and fundraising," said Pat Minnick, music activities coordinator. The concert and a Father's Day brunch, with John Trudell and his band, are the festival's major fundraisers.

Lower plays as a soloist and with his own trio and quintet at concerts, jazz clubs, and festi-



SUBMITTED PHOTOS
Roger Ingram will perform at the Up Jumped Spring jazz concert Monday, April 20, at Schoolcraft College, Livonia.

vals throughout Michigan. Weed has given educational clinics throughout the country and played concerts, clubs, television and radio around the world.

"The (Festival) board wanted something different, not a big group. It should be entertaining."

Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door. For more information, call Minnick at 734-462-4403.

Guest artist



Terry Lower

In addition to the evening concert, Ingram will lead a music clinic, 2:30-4 p.m. Monday in the DiPonio Room at the VisTaTech Center on campus. The clinic is free and open to the public.

Riccardo Selva, Ph.D., head of the Schoolcraft Jazz Program, received grants from the Schoolcraft College Foundation in 2011-12 to establish a guest artist series. Selva said the series has developed a "life of its own" with donations from supporters.

"I'm hoping we're going to do a great job filling seats in this concert and informing people about what we do," Selva said.

Ingram, who will be fea-



Tad Weed will perform at a benefit for the Michigan Jazz Festival, Sunday, April 19, in Livonia.

tured on five selections at the concert, has performed and recorded with top jazz and pop artists for several decades. He began touring with the Louie Bellson Big Band at age 16, played with the Quincy Jones Big Band and then performed lead trumpet for Tom Jones. He also was lead trumpeter for the Woody Herman Orchestra and toured with Harry Connick Jr.'s big band, Frank Sinatra, Paul Anka and Ray Charles. Ingram has recorded with Wynton Marsalis, Maynard Ferguson and Arturo Sandoval.

He also played on movie scores, radio and television commercials and subbed on more than 20 Broadway productions. He teaches at the

Chicago College of Performing Arts at Roosevelt University, wrote a trumpet textbook and has designed a trumpet and four different mouthpieces.

"People keep asking me how we get these (artists) in. God works in strange and mysterious ways," Selva said. "From my perspective, if you trust in the Lord's guidance and he opens a door, you've got to take action. These people are nice and they love to share. Roger is very much that way."

The concert will include original songs, jazz standards, Latin and blues tunes and even a rock ballad. Along with the music, Selva will share stories to commemorate Midge Ellis.

"Midge was a storyteller and I was thinking about what really grips people. Stories grip people. Stories draw them in. Midge's life was a phenomenal journey. Over our friendship she would share with me stories about her interaction with big-name jazz artists. I think people want to hear that."

Tickets for the Up Jumped Spring concert are \$15 general admission, \$10 for seniors and students and \$5 for children under 12. Tickets are available at the door and at the Schoolcraft College bookstore. Call 734-462-4409.

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SUBMITTED
Sunny Side Up Eggs
Over Asparagus

Instead of cheating on your diet, fall in love with foods that taste great and are full of nutritional benefits. "Eating healthy makes you look and feel fantastic. That's why I try to incorporate at least one I call 'foods with benefits,' such as eggs, to meals," says Candice Kumai, chef and cookbook author.

Kumai's foods with benefits:

- » Eggs: They're a lean source of protein and are packed with vital nutrients like vitamin D, vitamin E, lutein and omega 3, a great value for coronary health and vision.
- » Potatoes: Rich in key nutrients like fiber, iron and vitamins C and B6, which regulate blood pressure and boost brain health.
- » Asparagus: Are a valuable source of fiber, iron, folate and vitamins A and K, benefit the digestive system and prevent inflammation.
- » Peaches: Contain beta-carotene, vitamin C, potassium, fiber and antioxidants, and promote a healthy immune system.

For more recipes full of nutritional benefits, visit Eggland's Best at egglandsbest.com.

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SUNNY SIDE UP EGGS OVER ASPARAGUS

Prep time: 5 minutes
Cook time: 10 minutes
Yield: 2 servings

1 bunch asparagus, woody ends trimmed
2 large eggs
Cooking spray
1 tablespoon olive oil (optional)
1 teaspoon Parmesan cheese (optional)
1 teaspoon breadcrumbs (optional)
¼ cup chopped red peppers (optional)

Place asparagus on plate, making an even layer. Remove eggs from the pan using a slotted spatula and place on top of asparagus. Top with a drizzle of olive oil and garnish with Parmesan cheese, bread crumbs or red peppers, if desired. Can also be served on two pieces of whole wheat toast.

Nutrition per serving: 135 calories, 11g fat, 5g saturated fat, 176mg cholesterol, 86mg sodium, 2g carbohydrates, 1g dietary fiber, 7g protein



POTATO AND EGG SPANISH TORTA

Prep time: 20 minutes
Cook time: 40 minutes
Yield: 4 servings

1 ½ pounds russet potatoes, peeled and cut into 1-inch pieces
2 tablespoons olive oil, divided
1 medium onion, thinly sliced
4 garlic cloves, minced
1 medium red bell pepper, thinly sliced
8 large eggs
1 teaspoon salt
¼ teaspoon ground black pepper

Combine the potatoes in a medium saucepan with enough cold water to cover by 2 inches. Bring to a boil over medium-high heat and cook until the potatoes are tender but hold their shape, about 10-12 minutes; drain.

Heat 1 tablespoon of the oil in a 10-inch nonstick skillet over medium heat. Add the onion, garlic and bell pepper; cook, stirring occasionally, until softened, 8-9 minutes.

Whisk together the eggs, salt and pepper in a bowl. Stir in the warm potatoes and onion mixture; let stand 5 minutes.

Heat the remaining 1 tablespoon oil in the skillet over medium-high heat. Add the potato-egg mixture and pat with a spatula to form a disk. Reduce the heat to medium-low and cook until golden on the bottom, 10-11 minutes.

Invert a large plate over the skillet and flip the skillet over to drop the torta onto the plate. Return the skillet to the heat and slide the torta back into the pan, uncooked side down.

Cook until a toothpick inserted into the center comes out clean, 6-7 minutes.

Remove from the heat and slide onto a cutting board or serving platter. Let cool 10 minutes before cutting into wedges.

Serve warm or at room temperature

Nutrition per serving: 337 calories, 15g fat, 9g saturated fat, 350mg cholesterol, 723mg sodium, 36g carbohydrates, 3g dietary fiber, 16g protein



SWEET PEACH CUSTARD PIE

Prep time: 20 minutes
Cook time: 1 hour
Yield: 12 servings

Crust:
½ cup unsalted butter
3 tablespoons cold water
1 ¼ cup flour
1 teaspoon sea salt
Custard:
1 cup sugar
¼ cup almond milk (unsweetened)
¼ cup nonfat Greek Yogurt
2 large eggs
2 tablespoons gluten-free flour
2 teaspoons cornstarch
1 teaspoon vanilla
2 cups sliced peaches, fresh or frozen

Preheat oven to 350°F.

Add butter, flour, salt and sugar into food processor and pulse until mixture has a sandy texture. Add water in slowly, and pulse until dough comes together. Remove and form into a disc. Wrap in plastic and refrigerate for 1-2 hours.

Roll out dough and place in pie plate. Line crust with parchment paper and fill with dried beans. Bake in oven for 10 minutes. Remove from oven to cool. Discard parchment and beans.

Whisk together milk, yogurt, sugar, cornstarch, vanilla, and flour in a saucepan over medium heat for 5-7 minutes or until hot. Do not boil.

In separate bowl, whisk eggs until smooth and frothy. Slowly add warm liquid mixture into eggs, a little at a time, whisking constantly. Let mixture stand 3 to 5 minutes until thickened enough to coat the back of a spoon.

Add custard mixture to cooled crust and top with peaches. Bake 55 to 60 minutes or until custard is set in the center. Chill before serving.

Nutrition per 1 slice serving: 237 calories, 9g fat, 52mg cholesterol, 183mg sodium, 34g carbohydrates, 1g dietary fiber, 3g protein



VEGGIE FRITTATA BITES

Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 25 minutes
Yield: 10 servings

6 large eggs
½ cup skim milk or 1 percent milk
½ teaspoon freshly ground pepper
1 cup (4 ounces) low-fat or fat-free shredded cheddar cheese
½ cup chopped zucchini
½ cup chopped mushrooms
½ cup chopped tomatoes
½ cup chopped green bell pepper
2 tablespoons chopped red onion
pinch of salt (optional)

Preheat oven to 350°F.

Beat eggs, milk, pepper and salt (if using) in medium bowl until blended. Add cheese, zucchini, tomato, mushrooms, bell pepper and onion; mix well.

Using a ¼ cup measuring cup, scoop and pour evenly into 10 lightly sprayed muffin cups. Bake until just set, 25 minutes. Cool on rack 5 minutes. Remove from cups by loosening sides with a knife, serve and warm.

Nutrition per serving: 63 calories, 2g fat, 2g saturated fat, 107mg cholesterol, 151mg sodium, 2g carbohydrates, trace dietary fiber, 8g protein