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# Forum reveals split on state proposal

Local voters can't reach consensus on ballot issue

> By Darrell Clem Staff Writer

Canton-area voters still appear sharply divided over a Michigan ballot proposal to increase the state sales tax to raise money for crumbling roads and bridges, schools and local governments.

In a show of hands during a public forum Wednesday night in Canton, a crowd of about 50 people revealed a three-way split among those who support, oppose or remain undecided on the May 5 ballot measure. Most, however, appear to agree it's a confusing plan.

The Canton Democratic Club hosted the two-hour forum at township hall and assembled a seven-member panel of county road officials,

elected leaders, a teacher representative and a constitutional attorney. They sought to shed light on Proposal 1, which would raise the state sales tax to 7 percent from 6 percent and remove the sales tax from fuel while increasing wholesale fuel taxes.

State Rep. Kristy Pagan, D-Canton, called it a bipartisan plan that, while imperfect, represents a "strong compromise" aimed at fixing Michi-

"As I go door to door, this is the number one issue - fixing our roads," she said.

The proposal is expected to raise \$1.2 billion a year for roads, \$290 million for K-12 schools, \$116 million for public transit and \$111 million for local governments, including \$869,000 a year in state-shared revenue for Canton.

Robert Conrad, director of Wayne County roads division, said studies have shown that 31.5 percent of county roads are in poor condition, compared to 57.3 percent in fair condition and only 11.2 percent in good condition. But he said roads have deteriorated even more since those 2013 statistics were compiled for roads eligible for federal aid.

J. Phil McGuire, assistant director for Wayne County's

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#### **Attorney Barone** appointed to replace Price on commission

Joe Barone, an attorney and Plymouth Township resident who's been active in township government, was appointed Thursday to the Wayne County Commission.

Barone, a Republican, re-places Shannon Price, who resigned earlier this month



after being appointed the Plymouth Township supervisor. Barone has been a lawyer for 19 years and has served on the township's

Downtown Development and Brownfield Redevelopment authorities and is a Wayne 11th Congressional District Committee board member.

He will represent Plymouth, Plymouth Township and Canton Township as the county's 10th District commissioner.

"I look forward to working with each of my new colleagues in the days ahead to serve each of our Wayne County communities to the very best of our abilities," Barone said in a press release.

Barone also thanked Price, who was in his second two-year commission term, for his service and commission chairman trict, and other commissioners for their support. Price had endorsed Barone's appoint-

Barone will serve the remainder of the term to which Price was elected; it expires at the end of 2016. He will have to seek election in 2016 if he intends to stay on the commission.

Barone earned his law degree in 1996 from the Thomas M. Cooley Law School and earned a master of laws in taxation degree from Wayne State University in 2004. His bachelor's degree, which he earned in 1993, is in materials and logistics management from Michigan State Univer-

He is active in local chambers of commerce and has served on the Canton Chamber of Commerce board. He was also the Canton chamber's business person of the year for

Price was appointed Plymouth Township supervisor April 2 by the township Board of Trustees. He will serve the remainder of the term vacated by Richard Reaume, which expires in November 2016.

- By Matt Jachman



Greg Carrierre (left) is a car enthusiast. Chris Kosmet manages Bigby Coffee. Together, they will create a weekly event, Cars & Caffeine, for car

# CARS & CAFFEINE



Greg Carriere's 1972 Oldsmobile 442 is likely to be part of Cars & Caffeine.

Biggby's to be a gathering spot for car buffs, friends, family

By Joanne Maliszewski Staff Writer

There's a new pairing in town that just might bump chocolate and peanut butter from its starring role on the list of favorites. It's called Cars & Caffeine and will debut Sunday, May 3, and continue each week in Plymouth at Biggby's Coffee at Sheldon and Five Mile roads.

"It's for people who are

into cars," said Greg Carriere of Superior Township. "Something like this starts small and grows. This is pretty much for classic and highperformance cars.

But if you don't own a classic or performance car, no problem. Bring yourself. Bring your family. "Everyone can come look," Carriere said. Long an enthusiast, Carri-

ere owns a number of cars and a van and has wanted to start a Sunday morning event Cars & Caffeine — where enthusiasts can get together, share stories, show their cars

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# Beck project begins; partial closure scheduled

By Matt Jachman Staff Writers

Detours will be posted to alert motorists - particularly those heading to the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park - of the closing of a portion of Beck Road in Plymouth Township, which is

scheduled to begin early Mon-

day.

Beck will be closed to all but southbound local traffic between Joy and Ann Arbor roads as workers begin preparing the area for a major

rebuilding of the road.
"It will disrupt traffic for Plymouth High School," said Nick Brandon, Plymouth-Canton Community Schools district spokesman.

Beck will be closed except for a single southbound lane for local traffic, Plymouth Township Supervisor Shannon Price said, and through traffic will be diverted. Southbound local and school bus traffic

will be allowed to flow through the area to the Plymouth High School entrance off of Beck without issue; signs have been posted that say local traffic will be allowed

During the closure, north-

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engineering division, said the \$1.2 billion from Proposal 1 would help to fix roads, though it still falls short of the \$2.3 billion a year he said is needed over the next decade. After that, he said, it would cost another \$70 million a year to maintain the repairs.

Bob Morris, former government affairs representative for the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, said he supports the ballot proposal and urged voters to set aside their anger toward state lawmakers and approve

"It's not bad," he said, though he conceded it is confusing and cobbles together numerous plans. "It's ugly. It's sausage.'

Nick Krieger, a constitutional attorney and Fix the Mitten blogger, counted himself among those who haven't decid-

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DARRELL CLEM

An audience listens in Canton as a panel discusses a state proposal to fix roads by increasing the sales tax.

ed for certain whether to support the ballot measure. But he did question whether much of the proposal, which tie-bars a series of bills to the main proposal, is constitutionally legal.

Moreover, he said he believes the plan, rather than protecting the School Aid Fund, actually makes it easier for lawmakers to siphon money from it for other purposes.

None of this money will probably make it to K-12 classrooms,'

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Krieger said. "You want to know the truth? It's a shell game and you're being lied to.

Under further questioning after the forum, he softened his stance a bit and said "some" of the money may be used for education.

Julie Rowe, Michigan legislative director for the American Federation of Teachers, said crumbling roads destroyed three of her vehicle's tires during a four-month period. She said she and other motorists have little recourse than to approve Proposal 1, if roads are to improve.

"This isn't perfect by any stretch of the imagination," Rowe said, "but it's our best option."

Canton Township Trustee Steven Sneideman said he hasn't decided with certainty his stance on the proposal, but he distrusts some aspects of the plan. He said he is leaning toward supporting it and noted it is expected to bring \$869,000 a year to Canton Township.

Even if the proposal is approved, officials said, it will not generate the full \$1.2 billion a year for roads until the third year it is in place. That's because \$800 million in the first year and \$400 million in the second year will go toward paying off roadrelated debt.

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# Acts of Culture begins at art studio

Canton's fifth annual Acts of Culture begins 2-4 p.m. Sunday, April 26, with the Ladies Dillenbeck Art Exhibition Reception at D&M Art Studio, 8691 N. Lilley Road.

Hosted by Sharon Lee Dillenbeck, owner/opera-

tor of D&M Art Studio, this exhibition will feature recent original works of art, including Dillenbeck's and those of her daughters Erin and Kristin and her sister Donna Knight.

Additional works will

also be on display from Marilyn Meredith, Vivian Hewitt, Elizabeth Gullik-son, Deana Salhaney, Kyla Suchy, Teresa Davis and Kay Masini.

For more information, go to www.dmart studio.com.

#### Former U-M president to speak at fundraiser

Former University of Michigan President Mary Sue Coleman will be the featured guest speaker at the U-M Club of Greater Northville's annual scholarship fundraiser dinner at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 29, at Laurel Manor, 39000 Schoolcraft Road, Livo-

The cost is \$40 for U-M Alumni Association members and \$50 for non-members.

A silent auction is included, and all proceeds go to scholarships for local area incoming freshman attending U-M this fall.

Register for the event on the club's website at umclubs.com/northville or by calling the U-M Alumni Association at 800-847-4764.

The U-M Club of Greater Northville serves alumni in Western Wayne and Oakland Counties including Canton, Commerce Township, Farmington, Far-mington Hills, Highland, Livonia, Milford, New Hudson, Northville, Novi, Plymouth, Salem, South Lyon, Walled Lake, Westland, White Lake and Wixom.

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and have a good cup of coffee.

The problem - finding a suitable location. Finally, he saw the Biggby's at Sheldon and Five Mile and noticed there's plenty of parking and other nearby stores in the strip mall don't open until 11 a.m. each Sunday.

The perfect place. "It's a perfect fit for us, too," said Chris Kos-met of ATOS, LLC, which owns the Biggby's at 44601 Five Mile. "We have quite a few parking spots.

Carriere knew that he had to find a spot for Cars & Caffeine where he didn't interfere with other businesses, had a source for coffee, permission to use parking spots and a way to let car

enthusiasts know about



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Biggby's Coffee is at 44601 Five Mile in Plymouth.

the weekly free event. After contacting the Biggby's manager and

deal Cars & Caffeine will be 10-11 a.m. each Sun-

then Kosmet, Cars &

Caffeine was a done

day through Septembe. It will be different that other classic car events, such as shows,

cruise-ins and cruises. "This is strictly a social event," Carriere said.

That means there won't be any competition, music or DJ. Cars & Caffeine will be a comfortable spot where car buffs and enthusiasts can just gather.

And that suits Kosmet just fine. "I love cars," he said. "And we do want to be involved in the community.

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JOANNE MALISZEWSKI

The early stages of construction have begun on Beck Road. It is targeted for a portion of the roadway to be closed Monday.

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bound traffic can bypass the closed portion of Beck via Warren Road, Canton Center/Sheldon Road and Ann Arbor Road. Southbound through traffic can circle

the closed area by heading east on Ann Arbor Road, south on Sheldon/ Canton Center and west on Warren.

Beck is scheduled to be expanded and repaved between Warren and just south of Ann Arbor Trail.

This construction project is in the beginning phases and will continue to affect driv-ing to and from PHS via Beck during the coming weeks; new information will be posted as it comes from the P-CCS website to keep you updated.

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By Joanne Maliszewski Staff Writer

A journalist. A teacher. And a new job that mixes both worlds into what Nick Brandon

calls "a perfect fit." "When I saw the posting, I thought that would be pretty cool," Brandon said. "It's been an adventure ever since.'

His new journey as associate director of marketing and external relations for the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools district began about eight weeks ago. "I knew from the job title I would have my work cut out for me," he said.

Armed with digital training, he has hit the ground running. Brandon has been out in the community meeting a host of people, including the Plymouth and Canton chambers of commerce, with whom he would like to work on STEM — science, technology, engineering and math — programs.

"The more we can partner and find relationships in the community, the better," he said, adding that he is working with a panel of business leaders to also help with marketing.

Acknowledging the Plymouth-Canton district's growing diversity, Brandon is also working with some 40 community members to ensure that the schools are responding to the needs of the multicultural population. "The members come from all kinds of backgrounds," he said. "We are getting outside perspectives.'

Working within the district and within the community comes to bear on Brandon's career experience and education. He works in marketing, public relations, community relations and relies on his website design experi-

In 2002, Brandon

graduated from Ohio State University with a degree in journalism and went to work for the Heritage Newspapers group. As the news industry continued to reinvent itself, Brandon couldn't ignore his interest in teaching. He headed to the University of Michigan for a graduate degree in education and a teaching certificate.

"It brought me right back to my roots in Plymouth-Canton," the Plymouth native said.

In fact, his career switch and the required stint of student teaching brought him right back to Tom Williams, whom

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313.535.3030 fisherfuneral.net Brandon had as a teacher. Williams, now retired, was one of those teachers who left a lasting impact on Brandon.

At the head of the classroom instead of behind a student desk, Brandon fell in love with his new profession, all things educational and talks with enthusiasm about his former students.

"I really miss the discussions with the students. We had a freeform discussion that allowed the kids to express themselves. I miss those moments a lot," he said, recalling his years teaching eighth-grade history and seventh-grade English at Discovery Middle School.

Fear not. Brandon's new job at the E.J. McClendon Educational Center on Harvey Street in Plymouth doesn't come with handcuffs to his desk. Still among his greatest joys is when he visits the district's buildings and interacts with students.

"It reminds me why I am here. It's to make students experience more," Brandon said. "I do miss the discussions

with the kids." Roche LaVictor, Discovery Middle School principal — since the day it opened — isn't surprised Brandon misses the kids: "He was so good in the classroom. He was very engaging. He was easy to approach."



Brandon

"When I saw the posting, I thought that would be pretty cool. It's been an adventure ever since."

**NICK BRANDON** associate director of marketing

LaVictor would stop in to watch Brandon's classes because he found the young teacher innovative, fun and interesting. "He was one of the most requested teachers. Parents would ask for him."

Brandon's joy as a teacher was being handed some 34 students per class to inspire, chal-lenge and lead. "Every year, I basically had 150 new personalities to work with," he said.

And that's not to mention coaching the Plymouth varsity girls basketball team. "With the girls, it is about bringing them together in unity," he said. "This has been a big part of my professional development."

Yet it is also the district's teaching staff, as well as administrators that enliven Brandon. 'The staff at the schools do an amazing job with what they are given," he said. "They are efficient, devoted and passionate.'

Watching the staff and their work with the students just plain inspires him. "It makes me realize why I am working so hard for this district," he said, adding that he has found the district administrators "intelligent and focused on what is important."

While Brandon misses his students, he and his wife Leigh have two daughters at home. Ileana will be 4 in October, while Blake will be 2 in June. "My family also lives in this community," said the son of David Brandon, former University of Michigan athletic director. Nick Brandon is one of four children - one daughter, three sons — and the middle son, who is a

"I have been a student here, a teacher and now an administrator," he said.

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## Westland man killed in M-14 motorcycle crash Wednesday

By Matt Jachman Staff Writer

A 68-year-old motorcyclist was killed Wednesday afternoon when he fell into the path of a semi tractor-trailer on M-14 at I-275 in Plymouth Township.

David Dershinski of Westland was pronounced dead at the scene of the accident, on westbound M-14 at I-275, according to Lt. Michael Shaw of the Michigan State Police. Dershinski had been wearing a helmet and had a motorcycle endorsement on his driver's license.

A press release from the state police said Dershinski was driving a 2005 Harley Davidson on the entrance ramp from northbound I-275 onto westbound M-14 just after 1 p.m. when, near the end of the ramp, he lost control of the motorcycle. The motorcycle went down, the press release said, and Dershinski fell into the path of the rear trailer wheels of the westbound semitruck and was run over.

The truck driver stopped at the scene, Shaw said,

There were no immediate signs that drugs or alcohol contributed to the accident, police said. The accident remained under investigation Friday.

A second freeway motorcycle accident claimed the life of a 36year-old Redford Township man later Wednesday. The state police said Chester Klein was attempting to pass traffic on westbound I-96, near Outer Drive, when he



drove his motorcycle on the shoulder and crashed into a trailer parked there because of a flat tire. Klein was also wearing a helmet, the state police said.

There were 107 fatal motorcycle accidents in Michigan in 2014, down from 128 in 2013, the state police said.

The state police offered these tips for motorcyclists:

» Wear protective gear: A Department of Transportation-approved helmet that allows for good peripheral vision, a face shield or goggles made of shatterproof material, clothing and cloves made of thick leather or Kevlar and brightly colored clothing to increase visibility.

» Learn key riding skills such as negotiating curves, turning and smooth, controlled brak-

» Ride sober.

» Conduct a pre-ride inspection before every ride, making sure all equipment is in working order. The following web-

sites offer more information on motorcycle safehttp://www.michigan. gov/motorcycling;

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# Newcomers will host Mom-2-Mom sale April 25

The ninth annual Mom-2-Mom Sale — one of the largest of its kind in the community is coming up from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 25, at the Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton.

Summit Parkway, Canton.

This is one of the largest sales of its kind in Canton, offering gently used baby and children's items for pennies on the dellar.

The sale is hosted by the largest women's social organization in Canton, the Canton Newcomers & Neighbors.

With more than 50 Mom-2-Mom tables already sold out, there will be a wide variety of gently used maternity clothes and items for children of any age from baby on up.

A large item area will offer furniture and larger play equipment, including a fullsize basketball net.

Admission is only \$1 for patrons over age 12. Strollers are welcome. Contact Betty Nolan at 734-968-9313 or bnolan101@aol.com for more information or go to CantonWomen.com.

Established in 1971, the Canton Newcomers & Neighbors is the largest women's social group in Canton Township.

As a nonprofit organization managed completely by volunteers, membership includes renters, homeowners and expatriates on temporary work assignment. Members do not need to be new to Canton or even live in Canton.

The club is open to all women and their families regardless of how long they have lived in the Canton area, including women who live in any of the surrounding cities and townships.

# Canton Book Project aims to encourage reading

By Darrell Clem Staff Writer

Plymouth High School teacher Amanda Davies walked from the Canton Public Library carrying two tote bags stuffed with 29 brand new copies of the same book, Brown Girl Dreaming.

She didn't even stop to check the books out. She was a patron on a mission.

a patron on a mission.

Davies, an English teacher, was among eight recipients chosen by the library to receive free copies of a favorite book to distribute in the community during the inaugural Canton Book Project, intended to promote reading.

Davies and her students plan to deliver author Jacqueline Woodson's Brown Girl Dreaming to Torian Billings' fifth-grade class at Field Elementary School. The book, through poetry, details the memoirs of a young girl of color during the civil rights movement.

"It's such a beautiful, lovely, important book that I think everyone should read it,"
Davies said.

She and other Canton Book Project recipients, ages 15-70, picked up their books Thursday evening inside the library, which initiated the effort using a \$2,000 grant from the Pitney Bowes Corp. It coincided with National Library Week.

Ryen O'Meara, 15, chose H.I.V.E: The Higher Institute of Villainous Education by Mark Walden, an action and adventure tale involving a secret school and subculture. He plans to turn his selection over to a class at Discovery Middle School.

"I hope it can inspire them to read," he said.



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Plymouth High School teacher Amanda Davies picks up her copies of "Brown Girl Dreaming."

Davies, O'Meara and other book recipients collected their books during an upbeat ceremony attended by their relatives and library officials. One of Davies' students, 10thgrader Noor Mihyar, was there.

"I like books," she said, "and I like the idea of giving books to other students."

Beth Shaum, who teaches eighth-graders at St. Francis Cabrini in Allen Park, received copies of *The Crossover* by Kwame Alexander — a book she plans to distribute in Canton. She said it uses basketball as a gateway to a story involving subjects, such as family relationships, re-

vealed through a style of poetic verse she described as hip-hop.

"It's a book with swag," she said.

Joan Noricks, former Canton Community Foundation president, chose Natchez Burning by Greg Iles, as her book to distribute. It's a book that weaves racial tensions from the 1960s-era Deep South into its storyline.

"It's a powerful story," she

Laura Fawcett, program librarian, said the library was "thrilled" by the variety of ages and backgrounds of the Canton Book Project recipients. Each book also has a tracking device allowing readers to follow where it has

Others books and recipients include:

» Easter Ann Peters: Operation Cool by Jody Lamb,
 selected by Sarah Perry.
 » The Orphan Train by
 Christine Kline, selected by

Connie Slazinski.

» Slathbog's Gold by M. L.
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#### Andy the Ambulance helps teach kids about emergencies.

# Andy the Ambulance comes to Plymouth to teach about safety

Andy the Ambulance, a free program for kids ages 4-7 to learn about emergencies, will debut Wednesday, May 6, at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

City Fire Services works in partnership with Huron Valley Ambulance to provide emergency medical services in the city of Plymouth and for kids' programs to promote community safety.

Participants will learn about emergencies and emergency community helpers. The evening will begin with a special presentation from Andy the Ambulance and inter-active stations such as:

» Calling 9-1-1. Dispatchers from Huron Valley Ambulance and law enforcement will be doing mock 9-1-1 calls with the partici-

» Ambulance, fire

and police equipment tours. Emergency vehicles will be on hand for children to explore, with trained personnel available to guide them

and answer questions. » What's my address? A special craft station will be set up for participants to learn their address. They will receive a magnetic template to place on the refrigerator at home, as well as an emergency card that can be carried in their backpack.

Participants will also receive a T-shirt and certificate stating that they learned to call

Children must live in in the HVA service area, including Plymouth and Plymouth Township.

To register, parents should go to http:// hva.org/images/Forms/ Andy9112015form.html.

# Canton police officers to receive diversity training

Staff Writer

Canton police are ratcheting up efforts to strengthen relations with minority groups by bringing in a diversity training team and by forming closer ties with an increasingly diverse population.

Public Safety Director Todd Mutchler said the San Francisco-based Pacific Educational Group, already hired by Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, will bring a team to Canton by early summer to provide diversity training to police administrators and supervisors who, in turn, can teach police officers.

And this Sunday, Canton police continue their outreach efforts by visiting the Canton mosque.

Officials say the \$22,400 diversity training is intended to reduce bias and help police officers become more aware of and sensitive to - a wide range of community

The latest effort comes after Mutchler in late March brought in local, county and state law-enforcement officials for a public forum to discuss police-community relations, though Canton has typically received high marks on local surveys conducted by outside consultants.

During that forum, Mutchler cited as a top priority his goal of hiring top-notch minority officers to make the police department more reflective of the community it serves. He said 77 out of Canton's 81 officers are white, while two are African American, one is Asian American and one is Native American.

Mutchler's decision to beef up such efforts

comes after some communities across the nation have been scarred by incidents including police shootings or beatings, often involving unarmed African-American men.

Canton police also have embarked on a new round of efforts to interact with local minority groups. This Sunday, police plan to go to the Canton mosque to speak with local Muslims.

Hasina Abdu, who chairs the outreach committee for the mosque, or Muslim Community of Western Suburbs, said local Muslims welcome the visit, which comes after the mosque recently invited the community in for a visit and tour.

"We are very grateful



Mutchler

that the police are very open to us and are reaching out to us," Abdu said.
She said the police are

likely to talk with children about issues such as bullying and with parents about how to seek help for potential hate crimes. She said the police visit also can help Muslims realize they can speak

crimes, whether from outside or within their own community.

'I think it's good that the police are taking the initiative to come in and show us that they care and are approachable,"

Abdu said. Mutchler, even before he became public safety director, had made it a priority to reach out to minority groups. He led the charge to create the Canton Response to Hate Crimes Coalition, which pooled a wide range of minority representatives to develop a plan for dealing with any potential hate crimes.

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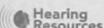
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# Canton foundation awards \$105,000 in local grants

The Canton Community Foundation, whose mission is connecting local resources to those in need, has made \$105,000 in grants to the following charitable organizations in support of programs meeting community needs.

» \$36,000 to Michigan Paralyzed Veterans of America, which used the grant to update a new computer system and other projects to make its facility easily accessible to paralyzed veterans.

» \$20,363 to Plymouth-Canton Community Schools for The Giving Hope Women's Giving Circle (a charitable fund of the Canton Community Foundation), which provided a grant to the district in the amount of \$10,373. The money is to be used to develop a scholarship program for those families who don't qualify for Head Start, but who need financial assistance.

Also, a grant for \$9,990 went toward the district's Challenge Day, which encourages teenage students, teachers,

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**BETH MEADE,** CCF marketing and events manager

school counselors, parents and members of the community are to step out of their comfort zones, open their hearts and build connections with others.

» \$17,000 to First Step, an amount made up of three separate grants, including one for \$13,000 to purchase new beds for emergency housing shelter.

Other grants ranging from \$250 to \$5,000 were given to the Beaumont Foundation, Michigan Philharmonic, Canton Goodfellows, Miller Elementary School, Canton Leisure Services' Camp A.B.L.E. program, Miracle League of Plymouth, Canton Township's Acts

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of Culture Week, New Hope Center for Grief Support, Educational Excellence Foundation, Kelly's Kidz Foundation, Oakwood Healthcare Foundation, Little Stars Foundation, Open Door Ministries, Plymouth-Canton Music Boosters and Vietnam Veterans of America's Agent Orange Town Hall.

"The Canton Community Foundation is so proud to be able to provide grants to other nonprofits in our local community to make an impact that will create change," said Beth Meade, CCF marketing and events manager. "It is our goal that we will continue to provide even more help to the residents of the Plymouth-Canton community."

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Olivia Schuck with Chris Kelenske, captain and commander of the Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division.

# Dodson fourth-grader nabs top award in severe weather poster contest

Student one of four honored statewide

A Canton fourthgrader is the top winner in the 2015 Michigan Severe Weather Awareness Poster Contest.

Top honors went to Olivia Schuck, a student at Dodson Elementary, out some 200 entries from fourth- and fifthgraders throughout the state. She was among four students who were awarded cash prizes at the State Capitol in Lansing recently.

The contest kicks off Michigan Severe Weather Awareness Week and is sponsored by the Michigan Committee for Severe Weather Awareness.

Second place went to Joey Sosnowski, a fourth-grade student at Our Lady of Sorrows
School in Farmington;
third place was presented to Alyssa Remy, a
fifth-grader at Traverse
Heights Elementary
School in Traverse City;
and an honorable mention award was given to
Danielle O'Neill, a fifthgrade student at Our
Lady of Sorrows School

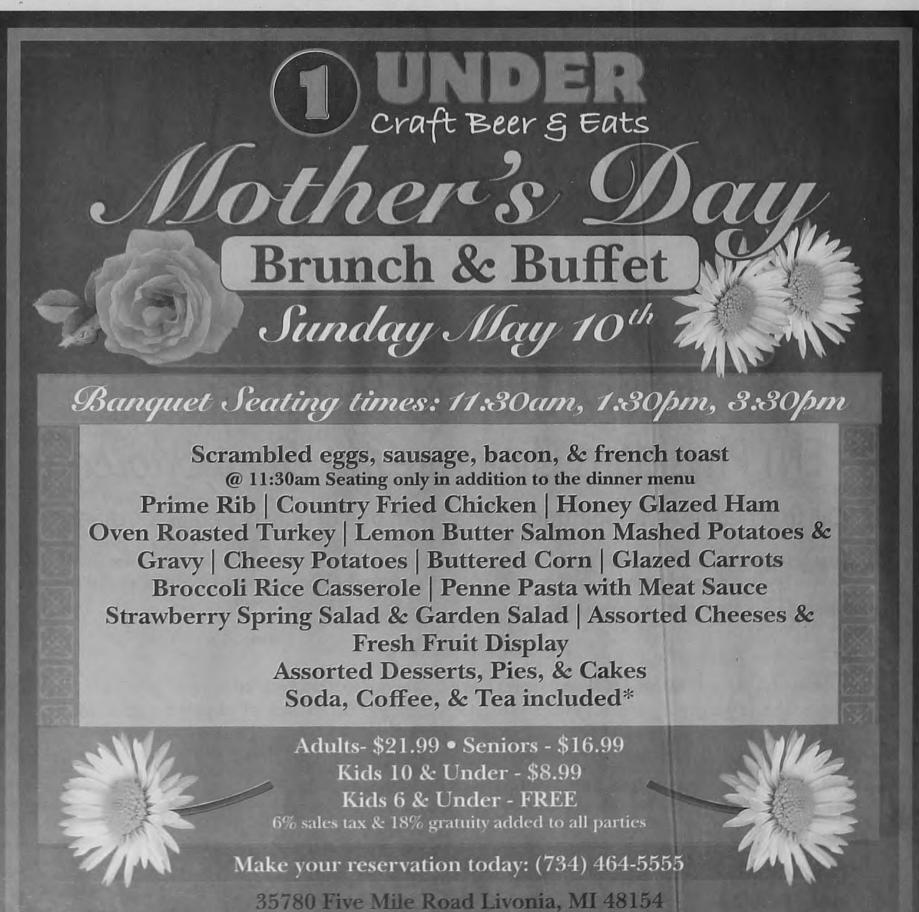
Posters were judged on their illustration of the importance of preparedness in the event of severe weather. There were more than 200 entries.

in Farmington.

"The quality of all of the posters we received was outstanding," said Rich Pollman, Michigan Committee for Severe Weather Awareness chair. "These four students were able to vividly illustrate how important it is to be prepared for severe weath-

The Michigan Committee for Severe Weather Awareness is composed of the following organizations and individuals: National Weather Service, Insurance Institute of Michigan, American Red Cross, Michigan State Police Emergency Man-agement & Homeland Security, WDIV-TV (Channel A), Michigan Sheriffs' Association, Michigan Emergency Management Association, Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Environment, Michigan Earth Science Teachers Association and State Farm Insurance.

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## Birchler family jams to end hunger

The Birchler Family will host "Jammin' to End Famine 2015," the eighth annual concert to benefit Kids Against Hunger Coalition, on Saturday, April 25, at the Plymouth Elks Lodge, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth.

Kids Against Hunger is a nonprofit organiza-tion with the mission to significantly reduce the number of hungry children in the U.S. and to feed starving children throughout the world.

The show begins at 6 p.m. and will showcase five acts, each featuring members of the Birchler family. "The need for nourishing meals here in Michigan, as well as places like Haiti, is just staggering," Dave Birchler said.

Concert organizer Tom Birchler was very impressed with Kids Against Hunger after participating in a mega packaging event in Okemos, where 800 volunteers assembled 100,000

"I was astounded to see hundreds of grade school and high school kids laughing and having fun while helping to package food for the less fortunate," he said. "All the

profit from this concert will go directly toward buying the food at a packaging event we will schedule later this year. Your support of the con-cert will help us take advantage of the tremendous participation Kids **Against Hunger Coalition** 

inspires in our youth."
The concert gives
people of all ages the opportunity to let loose and enjoy music and dancing in a casual atmosphere, Birchler

John Birchler will open the show as member of the a cappella vocal jazz group, The Gru-nyons. Rock band The Paisley Fogg (featuring Tom, Keith and Dave Birchler) will feature a healthy dose of Beatles, along with other dance-able favorites from the

The Fun Guys danceable classic rock and funk mix will pull the people off their chairs. Next, Tom's son Mark Warren and his band 2 Dayz Gone will ignite the dance floor with '80s and '90s rock 'n'

Finally, the dance party "goes to 11" with contemporary rock band Playing Mantis, featuring Tom's son Michael Bir-chler on drums.

Attendees will enjoy free pizza and salad, along with a cash bar. Tickets (which are tax-deductible), just \$10 for students and \$25 for adults, are available at the door or in advance by contacting Tom Birchler via email at tombirchler1@gmail.com or by calling 248-722-1820. .

"Don Birchler, our beloved papa and our spiritual inspiration for this work, taught us by his example to care for the poor," said Jim Birchler, who will emcee the event. "This year marks his 10th anniversary. I can think of no better way to honor his memory than continuing to afford folks the opportunity to have a good time while helping us enhance food security for the thousands of people who benefit from the work of Kids Against Hunger Coalition.'

For more information about Kids Against Hunger, go to www.kidsagainsthungercoalition-.com.

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## Chamber's Showcase set for Monday

Showcase and Taste of Plymouth, the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce's annual marketing and networking event, is 5-7:30 p.m. Monday at The Inn at St.

The 26th annual Showcase will offer nearly 100 exhibitors, including close to 20 restaurants and other food-related businesses that will be offering samples of their fare. There will be raffles, a live Chef's Cooking Challenge and the chamber's annual volunteers-of-the-year event, which recognizes the top volunteers from area service clubs,

nonprofits, churches and schools.

The event is billed as a "shop local" night and a way for new and exist-ing businesses to meet with the public

Just added last week to the lineup is a Mother's Day collection of items for women staying at the First Step, which provides resources and services to victims of domestic violence. New bedding, linens and personal comfort items such as soaps, lotions, shampoo, hair accessories and slippers – and baby items like diapers and new clothes will be collected, then delivered

before Mother's Day to First Step by the Livonia franchise of Two Men and a Truck.

Showcase tickets are \$10 each and organiza-tions that belong to the chamber can buy additional tickets for \$5 each.

Tickets will be avail-able at the door, but member organizations are encouraged to email the chamber's events director, Teri Fry, at teri@plymouthmich.org, to let her know how many members will be attending.

The event is sponsored by Community Financial Credit Union and Hines Park Lincoln.



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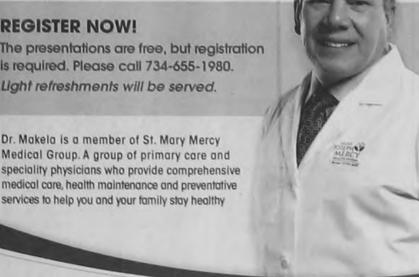
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Katerina Dimopoulos, 5, uses an atlas to study geography.

## Livonia Montessori enrolling for summer

camp, fall 2015

Families with children entering preschool or kindergarten are invited to attend an open house 1-3 p.m. Sunday, April 26, at Livonia Montessori School. Located at 31840 W. Seven Mile in Livonia, the school is now accepting applications for its 10-week summer camp program and the 2015-16 school year.

Livonia Montessori School offers an educational and fun themebased summer camp, which begins June 15 and runs through Aug. 21. Specially designed for children ages 3-6, the camp offers a dif-ferent theme each week with related art projects, in-house presenters and much more. The camp is led by Mon-tessori-certified teach-

Throughout the school year, students experience an individualized learning environment for preschool and kindergarten based on the Montessori method. Respect for children, a strong commitment to non-violence and a deep belief in the value of education are all principles upon which the school func-

Livonia Montessori School offers both halfday and full-day programs, along with be-fore- and after-school care as needed.

"The open house provides families a hands-on tour of our classrooms and the opportunity to explore the multi-sensory Mon-tessori materials specially designed for children in this age group,' said Patty Porta, the school's administrator. "Our teachers and staff will also be readily available to answer parents' questions.'

Children are wel-come and refreshments will be provided.

For more information about the open house or to schedule an individualized tour, call 248-474-4764, email livoniamontessori @att.net or go to www.livonia montessori.org.

# 'How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying'

Plymouth actor takes role in revival of '60s musical by Farmington Players

Bob Cox of Plymouth takes a significant role in the Farmington Players season finale, How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying, April 24 through May 16 at the Players Barn, 32332 12 Mile Road, Farmington Hills

Cox plays Bud Frump, an adversary of J. Pier-pont Finch, who is obsessed with climbing the corporate ladder. Thanks to a series of unorthodox and questionable business practices and the help of a "How To" man-ual, Finch rises from a meager window washer to the top of the World Wide Wicket Company.

The musical is by Frank Loesser with the book by Abe Burrows, Jack Weinstock and Willie Gilbert. It's based on Shepherd Mead's 1952 book of the same name. The show hit Broadway in 1961 and six years later became a Holly-

wood movie. "Although the show is set in the '60s, its clever satire of back-stabbing, big business still rings true today," said assis-tant director and costum-er Cynthia Tupper of Farmington Hills. "It's definitely an upbeat show" that will leave audiences humming some big hits when they leave the theater, she added.

Jason Wilhoite of Commerce Township shines as Finch, transformed from rags to riches, as he soars corporate heights that reach much higher than the windows he washes. It's a role made famous by



Bob Cox of Plymouth as Bud Frump, Dorne LeFere of Metamora as J.B. Biggley and Sara Lovy of Berkley as Hedy take the stage in "How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying," at the Farmington Players Barn.

Robert Morse (on Broadway and in the film) and later played by Matthew Broderick and Daniel Radcliffe. The part typically demands some "A-game" vocals and Wilhoite, as a trained singer, certainly works his magic.

Wilhoite also milks every ounce of conniving, guile and charm from his character who enjoys enormous amounts of good luck on his way to the top. Sucking up to executives certainly helps, as does flattering the boss's secretary.

Finch's tactics may cause audiences to cringe. But he's so likable and charming and his nemesis Frump — Cox of Plymouth — is so distasteful, that crowds will find themselves rooting for Finch to succeed. Cox brings the snarly Frump to life as he acts like he owns the place because he's the boss's nephew. Frump tries to sabotage Finch every chance he gets.

Cox hones his comedic skills and wild body language, concocting a hilarious look as the insecure Frump.

Emilie Tole of Far-mington plays Finch's love interest, Rosemary Pilkington, who pursues him, remaining loyal as Finch jumps from one promotion to the next.
Tole lends an air of sweetness to the character that's quite magnetic on the stage. She also works her amazing voice for hit numbers like Happy to Keep his Din-ner Warm, Paris Original and Rosemary.

Finch's boss, J.B. Big-gley, played by Dorne LeFere of Metamora, is hilarious as the company's president. He's tough in business and playful in love with his "airhead" mistress Hedy (Sarah Lovy of Berkley), who draws lots of laughs with a mere walk and a sexy glance. Additionally, LeFere and Wilhoite team up for a side-split-ting rendition of Grand Old Ivy that's certainly

worth the price of admis-

Another powerful presence is Amy Poirier of Farmington Hills as Biggley's secretary, Miss Jones, who becomes Finch's ally for his mission of advancement. Poirier delivers some astounding vocals in

Brotherhood of Man.

Steve Woznicki of Royal Oak directs the orchestra through those amazing numbers and more, including hits like, How To Succeed in Business Without Really Trying, Coffee Break, Company Way and I Believe in You. The songs are choreographed by Mary Murphy of Milford, who worked with the ensemble to create some jaw dropping dances, based on the Broadway revival choreography, especially in the big number *Brotherhood of Man*.

How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying is supported by the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs. In January, the Farmington Players received an MCACA capital improvement grant to help enhance stage lighting at The Barn. Barn President Maureen Mansfield says the grant money "is more impor-tant than people realize. Arts make communities vibrant, welcoming and desirable and thereby increase the local econo-

my."
Tickets for How to
Succeed in Business Without Really Trying are on sale at the box office 248-553-2955 and also online at farmingtonplay-ers.org. The show is directed by Brian Tupper of Farmington Hills and sponsored by TruVista Wealth Advisors. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$18 students and \$18 for senior adults.



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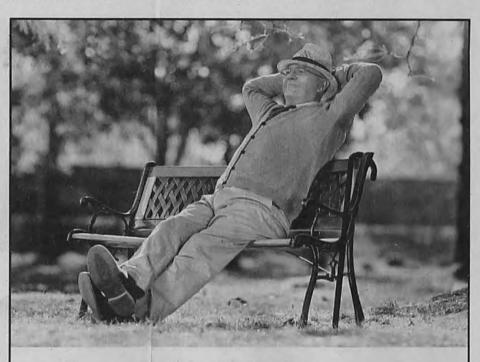
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# 'President Lincoln' crashes own funeral meal in Livonia

By Karen Smith Staff Writer

An Abraham Lincoln impersonator unexpectedly showed up Wednesday at a luncheon in Livonia commemorating the 150th anniversary of the 16th president's death, surprising organizers and delighting attendees.

"Lincoln crashed our luncheon," said Maureen Casey, recreation supervisor at Greenmead Historical Park. "It was a complete, total surprise.

Casey said she was setting the mood for a funeral, explaining to the attendees why the dining facilities at the Alexander Blue House weren't decorated as usual and why they were provided with a black armband or ribbon to wear. "The president was dead and the country was in mourning," she remem-bers telling them, "and here our dead guest of honor walks in the door."

Impersonator Ron Carley, a Livonia resident, came from another event Wednesday commemorating Lincoln and decided to drop by the one at Greenmead after seeing it on Greenmead's schedule of events, Casey said.

Linda Wiacek, program supervisor, invited Carley to say a few words to the 55 attendees before the scheduled speaker began his Power-Point presentation on Lincoln's funeral.

"People loved the fact that he was there," Wia-cek said. "He really looked the part. He was incredibly tall; his cloth-ing was just right."

The scheduled speak-

er, Dr. Gerald Turlo, president of the 17th Michigan Volunteer Infantry Company E Inc. re-enactors group, wore a Civil War-era surgeon's uniform and told the

crowd about the train



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Abraham Lincoln (portrayed by Ron Carley) chats with Livonia Historical Preservation Commissioner Kathy Bilger during his visit April 15 to Greenmead's Blue House for a luncheon.



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Dressed in Union soldier garb, Dr. Gerald Turlo addresses an April 15 gathering at Livonia's Greenmead Historical Park on the devastating injury Abraham Lincoln received the night he was assassinated.

ride from Washington, D.C., where Lincoln's body was displayed in the Capitol building, to Springfield, Ill., where he was buried nearly three weeks later.

In every major city, the train stopped and thousands of mourners lined up to view his open casket and pay their respects.

Wiacek said in an age when news traveled mostly by word of mouth, people probably wanted to see for themselves that the president really

had died.

She said the viewing of his body in towns from Washington to Springfield served another purpose, as Lincoln died just after the Civil War ended.

"His body was a standin for a son, a husband, a brother, who died and was never able to come home," she said. "It was like he was the symbol of the entire war."

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# Wayne High invites audience to be part of 'Spelling Bee'

By Sue Mason Staff Writer

Every year, Wayne-Westland asks its students how well they spell and that's what Katie Sullivan will be asking members of the audience when Wayne Memorial High School Theatrical Guild presents The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee this week-

Four members of the audience will become contestants in the spelling bee and, as a result, no two shows will be alike.

"I knew when I read it it was the perfect show," said Sullivan, who is filling the director's chair. "Every show will be different with how they spell. It will affect the order of the songs. (Instrumental music teacher) Matt Diroff will be back and he'll have to be ready at a moment's

notice. If they spell a word wrong, they have a song they sing."

The musical will be presented at 7 p.m. Thursday and Friday, April 23-24, and at noon and 7 p.m. Saturday, April 25, in Wayne High's Stockmeyer Auditorium. Written by Rachel Sheinkin, with music and lyrics by William Finn, The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee is the story of six tweens who vie for the spelling championship of a lifetime. It reveals "hilarious and touching stories from their home life" as they spell their way through a series of words, hoping to never hear the ding of the bell that signals a spelling mistake.

The musical comedy continues Sullivan's plan to have interactive productions this school year. In fact, she chose this as the spring musical be-



KATIE SULLIV

"The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee" continues director Katie Sullivan's commitment to interactive theater at Wayne Memorial High School this year.

fore settling on the fall production of *Murder's in* the Heir that had nine different endings, depending on the audience.

#### Audience participation

Jessica Colvin, who plays Rona Lisa Perretti, the moderator of the spelling bee, and Megan Keiper, who plays Shayna Simonetti, will prescreen the audience prior to the show to find audience members to appear in the show. Sullivan is hoping to get a variety, including "some celebrities from Wayne."

"The unknown is what you get with the audience member, but it's also the exciting part, because you know every show will be different," Sullivan said.

Keiper, a senior, is in her sixth and final show at Wayne Memorial. This is her fourth stint as an assistant director. This time she is handling attendance.

"Throughout the process, we've been attempting different scenarios; however, each person reacts differently to the dances or the spelling, so we can only prepare so much," she said. "Yet it'll be so much fun to interact with 'normal' people as our characters face-toface."

Sullivan's other assistant directors are senior Jordan Khalaf and junior Alicia Highland, who have served in that capacity before. Junior Kaitlyn Frawley is new to the job. She's in charge of costumes and props.

"Each character is different and each is so unique that I put together a list describing what they need and any props that are needed," she said. "Mrs. Sullivan has final say, but I think I've done a good job as far as

I can see."

Frawley plays Logainne Schwartzandgrunenhiere, the youngest and most politically aware speller of the group. Adopted by a gay couple, her extra long last name is a combination of their last names with "and" tossed in. The challenge hasn't been playing such a young character, it's the fact that she talks with a lisp.

"I've always loved the theater and I want to pursue it," she said. "It's amazing to me to be able to become another person on stage."

#### Social media

Khalaf is doing a third tour as an assistant director. He again is handling publicity, getting word out in the community about the show and trying new ideas to see how they work.

"We're continuing

with changing our names on Twitter and, on Thursdays, we go around the entire day in our character to promote the show," he said.

Khalaf also plays Chip Tolentino, a Boy Scout who won the 24th annual spelling bee and is experiencing puberty as the show progresses.

"I'm pretty content with the role I got," he said. "I've learned to love the roles I get in shows and I love all the characters in this one. They all have very distinct personalities."

Highland handles contacts and progress reports, making sure the cast and crew are keeping up their grades and behavior.

"There are people who have great grades and those who are struggling are improving," she said. "I feel grades are important and, with my contacts, I feel it's important to know what's going on. I love the opportunity to have a leadership role. I know what it takes to do a good production."

#### IT'S SHOW TIME What: The 25th Annual

Putnam County Spelling Bee, written by Rachel Sheinkin, with music and lyrics by William Finn. When: 7 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, April 23-25; also noon April 25 Where: Stockmeyer Auditorium at Wayne Memorial High School, 3001 Fourth St., Wayne Tickets: \$10 for reserved seating in advance and at the door. Advance tickets can be ordered by emailing Katie Sullivan at SullivanK@wwcsd.net.

She also plays Olive Ostrovsky, a newcomer to competitive spelling. Her mother is in an ashram in India and her father is working late and trying to come sometime during the bee. She spends the whole show looking for him in the audience.

"So much of the show is about character development," Highland said. "All of the characters have certain traits; all are different traits that develop as the show goes on."

The students began preparing for the production in mid-February and have been rehearsing three hours four days a week. That has been bumped up to four hours as opening night approaches. And even with week-long mid-winter and spring breaks, the small cast is right where Sullivan expects them to be in being ready for the first show.

"This is a small cast. It's a different experience working with 12 actors rather than 50," she said. "It's a tight-knit group and they're very focused. We've got the best of the best on stage."

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# **Volunteer for United Way** Rake-N-Go set for April 25

Plymouth Community United Way needs volunteers Saturday, April 25, to clean yards in Plymouth and Plymouth and Canton townships during its Rake-N-Go. The event helps senior citizens and developmentally disabled adults.

Come alone, with your family, a team of coworkers or friends. Enjoy a complimentary breakfast beforehand.

Volunteers are asked

to bring rakes, garden tools, hedge trimmers, leaf blowers and gloves. PCUW will supply the yard waste bags.

To volunteer, call 734-453-6879, ext. 7, or email randi.williams@pcuw.org.

Deadline to apply is Monday, April 20. Plymouth Community

United Way organizes two raking events a year: Make a Difference Day in fall and Rake-N-Go in

spring. Last November, more than 300 volunteers cleaned 67 yards of senior citizens and people with disabilities.

Serving the Plymouth, Canton and western Wayne County area since 1944, Plymouth Community United Way addresses human service needs of individuals and fam-

For more information, go to www.plymouthunitedway.org.

# Pathway connection to access Maybury State Park finally on tap

By Lonnie Huhman Staff Writer

A pathway connection into Maybury State Park at the intersection of Beck and Eight Mile roads is finally on the horizon, thanks in part to

help from Wayne County. It was announced at the Northville Parks and Recreation Commission meeting that Wayne County Commissioner Terry Marecki, 9th District, helped secure \$194,000 for two 2015 recreation-related projects, with \$100,000 going toward a pathway along Eight Mile Road into the park.

Local officials are delighted with the prospect of completing a project that has been a goal of its non-motorized pathway plan for some

The money will help Northville Parks and Recreation partner with the Michigan Department of Natural Re-

Northville Parks and Recreation Director Jason Spiller said the DNR has put out a request for proposal to improve its internal



An access path into Maybury State Park is to be built near the southwest corner of Eight Mile and Beck roads.

trails and, as an alternate, will include a 200foot connection from the corner of Eight Mile and Beck into the park.

'Since the DNR went out for the RFPs, we are simply using their sources and paying the DNR for the connection so they can pay their contractor who will be already on site," Spiller

Work has been done along Eight Mile in the past by Northville to get a better connection for walkers and bicyclists into the park.

Northville city and township officials last year worked with Road Commission for Oakland County, which also had the city of Novi involved, to improve Eight Mile and add a pathway along

the south side to get to Beck Road. Prior to last year's construction, there was a large ravine where the sidewalk ended on the south side of Eight Mile (roughly 150 feet to the corner of Eight Mile and Beck).

That's changed and now a connection will be made going in.

Another 200 feet of pathway will be added that will run on the south side of Eight Mile along the Maybury fence line, where there will be an entrance for pedestrians and bikers to enter, Spiller said.

This project is scheduled to begin within the next few weeks and be completed by July.

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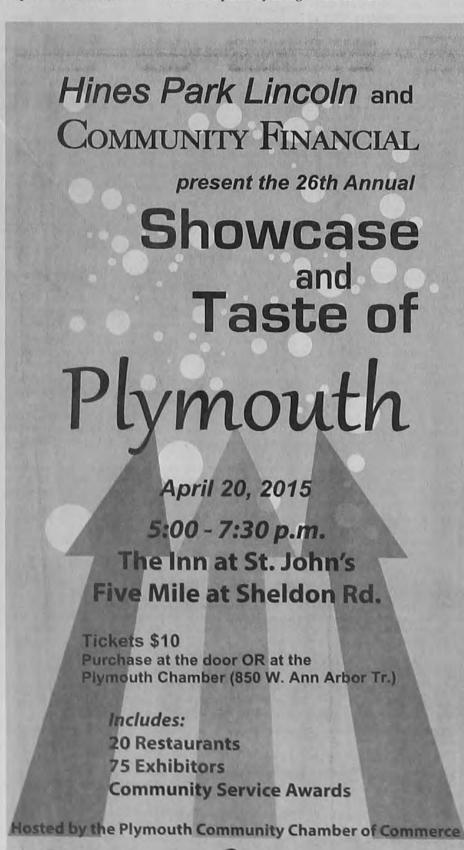
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#### **O&E SPRING EXPO**

Time/Date: 1-6 p.m., Monday,

April 27 Location: VisTaTech Center, Schoolcraft College, Livonia

Details: The Observer & Eccentric will host its 12th annual spring expo, a tradition for active adults; offers variety of demonstrations, workshops, speakers, local business exhibi-

Cost: Free

#### **YOUNG** FRANKENSTEIN'

Time/Date: Friday and Saturday performances at 8 p.m.; Sunday

at 2 p.m.; April 19, April 24-26 Location: The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton

Details: Spotlight Players present the musical Young Frankenstein.

Cost: Tickets range from \$15 to \$18. They can be purchased by calling the box office at 734-394-5300 or at http://www.spotlightplayersmi.org/. Tickets are also available for purchase at the box office one hour prior to show time

#### JOINT REPLACEMENT **SEMINARS**

Time/Date: 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, April 22; Wednesday, May 27; Thursday, June 25

Location: Classroom 10 at St. Mary Mercy-Livonia, 36154 Five Mile

Details: The Center for Joint Replacement at St. Mary Mercy Livonia offers free monthly educational seminars. Expert staff will answer questions, discuss joint pain, joint replacement procedures and available implant options.

Contact: To register, 734-655-2345.

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#### MONTESSORI OPEN HOUSE

Time/Date: 1-3 p.m. Sunday, April 19

Location: Plymouth-Canton Montessori School, 45245 Joy Road, Canton

Details: Teachers and staff will provide classroom tours and enrollment information about the school's 10-week summer camp program and 2015-16 school year. Children welcome. Light refreshments

Contact: www.pcmontessori.org, email pcmontessori@sbcglobal.net or call 734-459-1550

#### **WELLNESS SEMINAR**

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 25

Location: St. Mary Mercy-Livonia Center for Integrative Medicine, in Wellness Center, off hospital's south lobby on Five

Details: Speaker Julie Burt, AADP, CHC of the Arthritis Foundation will provide an introduction to tai chi and its many health benefits

Contact: Registration required, 734-655-1320

#### MONTESSORI OPEN HOUSE

Time/Date: 1-3 p.m., Sunday, April 26

Location: Livonia Montessori School, 31840 Seven Mile, Livo-

Details: Families with children entering preschool or kindergarten are invited to attend an Open House at Livonia Montessori School, which is now accepting applications for its 10-week summer camp program and 2015-2016 school year.

Contact: For more information

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until 10:00 A.M., local time on Tuesday, April 28, 2015 at which time they will be opened,

Bidding documents may be picked up at the office of the Construction Manager, McCarthy &

There will be a Pre-Bid Meeting on Tuesday, April 21, 2015 @ 4:00 p.m. in the Gallimore Elementary School media center located at 8375 N. Sheldon Road, Canton, MI 48187. Tours of

The bidder shall disclose any familial relationship as required by the State of

Michigan on the proposal pricing form. This form must also be signed and notarized

The bidder shall also fill out, sign & notarize the Affidavit of Bidder for the Iran

Enclosed as part of the bidding documents are the Description of Work, Moving Schedule,

Questions regarding the scope of the project may be addressed to Mr. Doug Underwood of McCarthy & Smith, Inc. at 248.427.8400

Plymouth Canton Community Schools reserves the right to reject any or all bids received and

Bids received after this time and date will be returned to the bidder unopened.

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#### COMMUNITY CALENDAR



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The Observer & Eccentric's 12th annual spring expo is open to the public 1-6 p.m. Monday, April 27, at Schoolcraft College in

or to schedule an individual tour, call 248-474-4764, email livoniamontessori@att.net or visit www.livoniamontessori.org

#### TRANSPORTATION **FORUM**

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m., April 27 Location: Northville Township Hall Auditorium, 44405 Six Mile Details: Sen. Patrick Colbeck; John Wyke, president Joba Construction Co.; Dan DeGraaf, executive director of the Michigan Concrete Association; and Anil Sanne, director of Everlast Concrete Technologies, will speak on the current state of Michigan's roads, options for

funding road repairs including

the May 5 ballot Proposal 1 and ways to improve the longevity of roads.

#### CENTER OPEN HOUSE Time/Date: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.,

Thursday, April 30 Location: Hug Center for

Hearing, 705 S. Main Street, Suite 205, Plymouth Details: To kick off Better Hearing and Speech Month and to celebrate the new office

space, Hug Center for Hearing will host an open house. Contact: 734-451-0800

#### SPRING WILDFLOWER **TOURS**

Time/Date: Every half hour 2-4 p.m., Sunday, April 26, and Saturday, May 2

Location: Miller Woods, entrance is on Powell Road, between Ridge and Beck roads

Details: Join the Friends of Miller Woods in their annual spring wildflower walks. The last tour leaves at 3:30 p.m. No dogs

or strollers allowed Contact: www.millerwoods.com or Cheryl Bord at 734 459

#### WIDOWED FRIENDS

Time/Date: Various dates in April and May

Location: Various

Details: Widowed Friends, a peer support group offs the following activities to widowed men and women in all areas:

9 a.m. April 23 and May 4: Widowed Men Only. Meet for breakfast on the second and fourth Thursday each month at Steve's Family Restaurant, 15800 Middlebelt Road, Livonia. Learn about other widowed activities. Call Dick at 313-534-0399.

» 9 a.m. Monday, April 20: Ladies only. Breakfast held on the first and third Monday of each month at Connors Restaurant, Haggerty and Five Mile, Northville. To save your seat, call Carol O. at 313-562-3080.

» 2:30 p.m. May 17: Mass/Fellowship/Luncheon at St. Kenneth Church, 14951 N. Haggerty, Plymouth. Light luncheon. Helpers needed to assist with the liturgy or the lunch. Contact Pat at 734-895-6246 or Liz at 734-452-9149

» 5:30-9 p.m. May 20: Dinner/ Support/Games at G. Subu's, 20300 Farmington Road (one block south of Eight Mile). Family-style meal is \$20, includes tax and tip. Must RSVP by May 14 to Carol at 313-562-3080 or Mary Ann at 313-565-5749.

#### MOM'S DAY **BREAKFAST**

Time/Date: 9-10:30 a.m., Saturday, May 2

Location: Compassionate Care Hospice, Canton office, 4730 N. Lilley

**Details:** Compassionate Care Hospice will have a Mother's Day breakfast for anyone who has lost their mom. Participants are asked to bring a picture of their loved one.

Contact: To register, Ann Kozma. bereavement coordinator. at 888-983-9050 or email achristensen@cchnet.net

#### AGENT ORANGE TALK Time/Date: 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Saturday, May 9

Location: Northville High School, 45700 Six Mile

Details: Plymouth-Canton Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 528 will sponsor an Agent Orange Town Hall to discuss the effects of dioxins used during the Vietnam War and since.

Cost: Free

Contact: RSVP at www.VVA528.org or call 734-421-1805, press 2. Donations to help host the town hall are being accepted at http:// www.gofundme.com/i6ob88.

#### **GOLF OUTING**

Time/Date: 10:30 a.m., 5aturday, May 16

**Location:** St. John's Golf Course, 44045 Five Mile Road, Plymouth Details: Join 100 golfers competing for terrific prizes. Golfers will challenge each other for the prizes that are awarded for Longest Drive, Longest Putt and

other games of skill and chance. The event supports the Ruth Ellis Center and Equality Michigan. Cost: \$99 for standard registration; \$85 for students; \$50 dinner only

Contact: www.equalitymi.org

#### MCVICKER CONCERT

Time/Date: 9:30 a.m., May 16 Location: St. Michael Lutheran Church, 7000 Sheldon, Canton Details: St. Michael will host a Mitch McVicker concert to support Kids Against Hunger. Cost: Free, but offerings accept-

Contact: connectingwith-God.org or 734-459-3333

#### PUBLIC NOTICE

The Plymouth Housing Commission is pleased to be opening its Housing Choice Voucher (Section 8) Waiting List on April 30, 2015 through May 5, 2015. After May 5th, the waiting list will be closed and the application will no longer be available. All applications must be completed and submitted on-line.

The application can be obtained via a link on our website http://www.phchousing.net or go directly to https://plymouth.hdswaitinglist.com. DO NOT come to the Plymouth Housing Commission offices, we will NOT be handing out any applications. If you need access to a computer and the internet, you can go to your local library. For any updated information refer to our website. For any updated information you may call (734)455-3670, extension 224.

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to waive any informalities and irregularities in the bidding documents.

NOTICE OF STATEWIDE SPECIAL ELECTION **TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2015** 

Notice is hereby given to Plymouth Township residents that a Statewide Special Election will be held in the Charter Township of Plymouth, Wayne County, Michigan, on Tuesday, May 5, 2015. The Special Election is being held for the purpose of voting on one ballot proposal as follows:

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH

PROPOSAL 15-1

A proposal to amend the State Constitution to increase the sales/use tax from 6% to 7% to replace and supplement reduced revenue to the School Aid Fund and local units of government caused by the elimination of the sales/use tax on gasoline and diesel fuel for vehicles operating on public roads, and to give effect to laws that provide additional money for roads and other transportation purposes by increasing the gas tax and vehicle registration fees.

The proposed constitutional amendment would:

Eliminate sales / use taxes on gasoline / diesel fuel for vehicles on public roads.

Increase portion of use tax dedicated to School Aid Fund (SAF) Expand use of SAF to community colleges and career / technical education, and

prohibit use for 4-year colleges / universities. · Give effect to laws, including those that:

 Increase sales / use tax to 7%, as authorized by constitutional amendment. · Increase gasoline / diesel fuel tax and adjust annually for inflation, increase vehicle registration fees, and dedicate revenue for roads and other

transportation purposes Expand competitive bidding and warranties for road projects. Increase earned income tax credit.

Should this proposal be adopted?

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#### POLLING LOCATIONS ARE: St. Kenneth's Catholic Church

Precinct 1 Precinct 2 Friendship Station Township Hall Precinct 3 Fiegel Elementary School Precinct 4 Isbister Elementary School Precinct 5 West Middle School Precinct 6 Precinct 7 Church of the Nazarene Praise Baptist Church Precinct 8 Living Word Church NorthRidge Church Precinct 9 Precinct 10 Precinct 11 Risen Christ Lutheran Church Precinct 12 Pioneer Middle School

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Applications for absentee ballots may be obtained from the Clerk's Office, 9955 N. Haggerty Rd., Plymouth, MI during regular business hours, which are 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., M-F. On Saturday, May 2, 2015 the Clerk's Office will be open 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., to issue absentee ballots to qualified voters in person.

On Monday, May 4, 2015 qualified voters may be issued an absentee ballot in person, and shall vote them in the Clerk's Offices until 4:00 p.m.

Nancy Conzelman Township Clerk

#### Advertisement for Bids

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Charter Township of Plymouth, Michigan, Downtown Development Authority (DDA) will accept sealed bids for the following Project;

LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE SERVICES FOR DDA STREETSCAPE Details are described in the bidding documents.

Bids for the above Project shall be accepted no later than 3:00 PM Local Time, on Thursday, May 7, 2015, at the Office of the Clerk, Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N Haggerty Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170, at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read.

General Description of Work: Landscape maintenance services including but not limited to lawn mowing; fertilization and weed control; shrub pruning and trimming; and management of irrigation system including system winterization and spring start-up. General Description of Project Area: The Project Area consists of the West Phase of the DDA landscape maintenance area. The West Phase extends along Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth Township from General Drive to a short distance past the intersection of Ann Arbor Road and

Sheldon Road Copies of the bidding documents are available for pick-up only (no mail delivery), starting on Monday, April 20, at the Office of the Clerk, Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N Haggerty Road, Plymouth Michigan 48170. In addition, electronic copies of the bidding documents are available online through the Michigan Inter-governmental Trade Network (MITN)

Each bid shall be accompanied by a Certified Check in the amount of 5% of the bid, payable to the Charter Township of Plymouth Downtown Development Authority, as security for acceptance of the contract. A bid bond in the Michigan Standard Form issued by an approved surety company may be furnished in lieu of a Certified Check.

No bidder may withdraw his/her bid within sixty (60) days after the date set for the opening thereof.

The Township reserves the right to accept any proposal, to reject any and all proposals in whole or in part and to waive any defect or irregularity in any proposal if it is deemed in the Township's sole discretion to be in the best interest of the Township. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

#### REQUIREMENTS

- 1. The Contractor shall be duly licensed by the appropriate authorities to perform Work. 2. Insurance shall be in accordance with the Charter Township of Plymouth insurance
- 3. The Contractor must provide references for similar jobs. 4. The signed contract is not assignable or transferable to any other company without approval
- of the DDA 5. The term of the contract is three years.
- 6. The Contractor will conform to all applicable Federal, State, and local laws. 7. The contract award by the DDA must be approved by the Plymouth Township Board of Trustees.

ANY INQUIRIES REGARDING THIS BID ARE TO BE DIRECTED TO:

Ms. Jana Radtke Charter Township of Plymouth 9955 N Haggerty Rd Plymouth, MI 48170 Ph. (734) 414-1453 ALL BIDS MUST BE SUBMITTED TO:

Ms. Nancy Conzelman Township Clerk 9955 N Haggerty Rd

Charter Township of Plymouth Plymouth, MI 48170

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Toney, Annelise and Jesse Saylor from Livonia test their kites in front of a fan at the Livonia Civic Center Library.

Library event shows off fun indoors

> By Karen Smith Staff Writer

The next time some kids from Livonia are told to "go fly a kite," they'll know exactly how to do it - even if it's raining outside.

Nearly 30 kids ages 7-12 and their parents learned how to make small fun-shaped kites to fly indoors or outdoors at Celebration of Kites, a program held April 11 at the Livonia Civic Center

"I wanted to have the kids know on a bad weather day they can entertain themselves," said Children's Librarian Beth Kobe, who ran the program.

She said the kids made three kites, then flew them indoors by holding them in front of a fan or running with them down a hallway. The kites included one shaped like a sugar glider, an Australian marsupial similar to a flying squirrel and another shaped like a smiling

Kobe said she found the patterns for the kites on the Internet, a resource parents and teachers sometimes turn to on a rainy day to keep the kids from annoving them and each other.

Though it wasn't raining Saturday, most of the kids chose to fly their kites inside at the library. "They were hav-ing too much fun in-doors," Kobe said. The kids and adults

also learned something about the history of kites, various kite festivals all over the world and new ways people are building and using kites, including to pull them on land and in the water.

'They all learned something," Kobe said.



The Nowell family shows off the kites they made at the kite celebration at the Livonia Civic Center Library.



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#### **GOOD CARE**

A physician sees a 55 year old woman with a painful right knee. As part of his evaluation, the doctor orders x-rays of the knee. The findings provide a baseline of how much joint space the knee has lost to date and verify that osteoarthritis is the cause of her pain.

How often should the doctor repeat knee x-rays? If the patient develops a new pain in the knee or the old pain unexpectedly becomes intense, there is little question that the physician needs a new set of x-rays.

But what if the patient returns in 4 or 5 months because the original pain has returned? The patient expects that treating the knee as before, will give another prolonged period of relief. What is the better care, to repeat knee x-rays to see how much, if at all, the knee has further deteriorated? Or should the doctor repeat the injection and see if the patient obtains as much relief this time as with the last injection? If she hasn't, then repeat knee x-rays are in order.

At present, there is no answer as to which course is best. In practice, I usually tell the patient what the alternatives are, and act on the patient's preference. Some patients believe the knee as wearing away and want to know if such is the case. Other times, patients are concerned with the co-pay, and prefer to wait on an x-ray rather than bear the extra charge.

The doctor has a dilemma. He has no way to be sure he is giving good care to the patient by taking x-rays now or waiting. The medical literature gives no answer, personal experience is too limited to provide guidance, and patient preference represents a choice coming from a limited medical background.





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**BOYS LACROSSE** 

# Plymouth frustrates Salem in 9-5 victory

By Tim Smith Staff Writer

The Salem-Plymouth rivalry in varsity boys lacrosse heated up just a bit Wednesday night as the Wildcats prevailed 9-5 in

a chippy Kensington Conference match-up.
Plymouth (3-4) frustrated
the Rocks at every turn on the
Plymouth-Canton Educational Park junior varsity grass field to get a jump on the quest for a Park championship.

It largely was a night to forget for Salem (4-4), whistled for 11 penalties. Those extraman chances were not squandered by the Wildcats, who scored three first-half goals with a man advantage to build a 4-2 halftime lead. And with about 4:30 to go in the third quarter, with Plymouth ahead 6-3, a fight on the field led to a long delay and several player ejections — two issued to the Wildcats and one to the Rocks.

'Park games, intense ri-

valries, they always get a little physical," Plymouth head coach Brian Walsh said. "I was glad we were able to rise above and prevail. We got off to a quick lead and we were able to grind the clock out here in the second half."

#### Not consistent

According to Salem firstyear head coach Corey Matting-

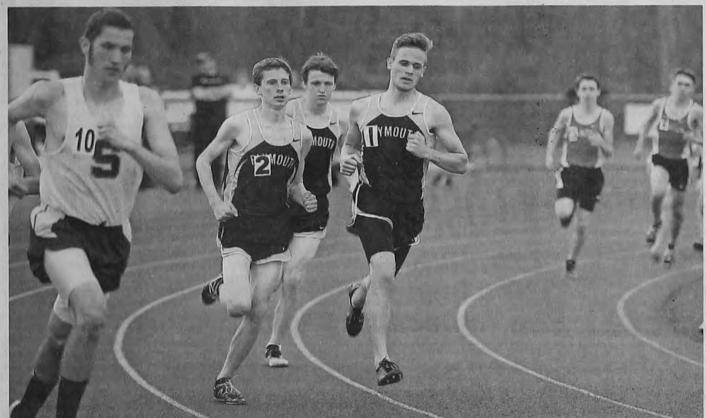
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MICHAEL VASILNEK

Plymouth goalkeeper Trevor McManus, with help from defender Riley Benjamin (left) foil a scoring bid by Salem's Marty Mills (right) Wednesday night.

**BOLGER-MANGAN CITY MEET** 



JOHN KEMSKI J EXPRESS PHOTO

Runners from all three Park boys track and field teams compete Friday during the Bolger-Mangan city meet.

# **ROCK CITY**

Salem boys, girls track squads win annual meet for P-CEP bragging rights

> By Tim Smith Staff Writer

For the second year in a row, Salem High School will have all the Park bragging rights when it comes to track and field.

On Friday night at Ply-mouth-Canton Educational Park, both the Salem boys and girls teams prevailed at the annual Bolger-Mangan city meet.

After the final totals of the boys meet were an-nounced — with Salem's 64.5 points enough to edge Plymouth (57.5) and Canton (53) the Rocks mobbed each other near the 50-yard line of the football field, hoisting the trophy high and cheering each other on.

That so-called traveling trophy will reside in the Salem showcase for another year, as will one for the girls meet. Salem's girls rolled to the title with 88 points, well ahead of Plymouth (63.5) and Canton (23.5).

"It's Park bragging rights for the year and that's what we tell them," Salem boys head coach Steve Aspinall

said. "We see these guys (Wildcats, Chiefs) again, at the Observerland meet, at the conference meet and the regional meet.

"But the city meet is our thing, it's not John Glenn and Wyandotte Roosevelt, Northville and Novi. It's our thing and it's pretty special to win it."

According to Salem girls head coach Pat Ignagni, in his first season at the helm, winning the Bolger-Mangan meet "feels fantastic, the girls could not be more coachable, they couldn't be a harder working bunch.'

Ignagni tipped his cap to his predecessor, Dave Gerlach, for setting a winning foundation with the program 'and we're just trying to live up to the standard he set."

Both Aspinall and Ignagni pointed to depth and ver-satility as crucial to their

respective victories. The hardest thing in a meet like this, I think, is there's 17 events," Aspinall said. "Points come from everywhere and anywhere. You really have to score all over the place in order to



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Salem and Canton hurdlers square off during the annual

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Due to early deadlines for Sunday's print edition, we could not bring full coverage of the Bolger-Mangen city meet to you in this newspaper. Instead, for the full story plus photos and statistics, go to www.hometownlife.com.

"We score four deep; the thirds and fourths add up and we saw that.'

Bolger-Mangan city meet.

It was a similar story with Salem's girls team.

"We took some points in the field events, where the girls really put forth a great effort," Ignagni said. "Ply-mouth's got some outstanding sprinters and so we knew it was going to be a real challenge to earn points

in the sprints. "But we thought maybe our mid-distance and our distance could score some points. Our 800 runners got 11 out of 11 points. We scored eight in the (3,200)."

When it was all over, both Jared Zella of Salem's boys team and Isabel Rodriguez of Salem's girls team were exhausted.

But they were thrilled to again be the best of the Park.

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PREP SOFTBALL

# Aggressive Chiefs sweep Rockets

Fleet-footed Yager helps Canton knock off rust

> By Tim Smith Staff Writer

After sitting around for 14 days during spring break, Elizabeth Yag-er and her Canton Chiefs softball teammates were just itching to get

Wednesday against visiting
Westland John Glenn, that's exactly
what happened

With junior speed merchant Yager getting on base, stealing bags and scoring runs, Canton steam-rolled the Rockets 12-2 and 14-3 in a pair of KLAA South Division games that both were completed in five

Starting and winning each game for the Chiefs was senior pitcher Hannah Shuler, who went four innings in each contest.

'I don't count them (stolen bases), but I think I had close to five, maybe more," Yager said, laughing. Yager (4-for-5, three runs, three

RBIs in Game 2) added that it takes pressure off the offense when she is able to wreak havoc on opponents with her ability to beat routine bunts into singles, let alone taking an extra base or two after that.

"Once I'm on first, my goal is to get myself to third and I know my team can get me home," she said.

That's the way Canton head coach Al White draws it up for ev-

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Canton senior pitcher Hannah Shuler delivers a pitch during Wednesday's softball twinbill against Westland John



#### CHIEFS

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erybody on the squad, now 3-0 and 2-0 in the KLAA South.

'You got to be aggressive in softball and that's what we're trying to get them to do," said White, the former coaching legend at Madonna University. "And they're doing it. We got a real well-rounded team this year, everybody is just pulling together.

The third inning of the nightcap provided a glimpse into that kind of softball.

Already up 7-3, the Chiefs got rolling on an infield single by freshman Izzy Dawson (2for-2, three runs). Two outs later, Yager beat out an infield hit and — with Hannah Zajdel (2-for-2, three runs) at the plate she stole both second and third base.

After Zajdel walked, a wild pitch with Halee Warren (1-for-2, two runs, three RBIs) batting enabled Yager to score and make it 9-3.

Shuler followed with a run-scoring single to center to cap off the four-run surge.

The Plymouth High School football program

is holding a pair of in-

formational meetings

during May to help prepare for the 2015 season.

» On Tuesday, May 12,

6:30-8 p.m. will be a "Meet the Coaches" meeting for incoming ninth graders.

The session, which will take place in the PHS

coming freshmen "a head

start on what the expecta-

tions are for being involved in a Division 1 high

The following week,

school football program.'

6:30 to 8 p.m. Tuesday,

May 19, will be a manda-

tory parent/player meeting, also in the cafeteria.

It is "imperative" that

cafeteria, is to give in-



Canton's Elizabeth Yager bunts for another base hit Wednesday against Westland John Glenn. She was a force on the basepaths as the Chiefs swept two games, 12-2 and 14-3.

Then in the fourth, walks to Olivia Grant and Sydney Dawson started another rally. Yager brought home one run with a bunt single and she (and Dawson) came around to score on a double to right by Zajdel.

Pitching the John Glenn fifth to finish off the victory was junior Mackenna Payne.

In Game 1, wrapping up the win with an inning of work was Peyton Philbeck.

A catalyst in the open-er was Nicole Clark, who went 2-for-2, scored three runs and knocked in two. Helping the cause

Plymouth football meetings, camp set

in all grades (9-12) attend, along with their parents.

Discussed will be player

and parent expectations

information and responsi-bilities. Those with any

as well as booster club

questions about either

meeting should contact

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Wildcat FB camp

The annual Plymouth

Wildcat Passing/Lineman

Camp is scheduled to take

Wednesday, June 22-24, at Plymouth-Canton Educa-

players in grades 5-12 are

place Monday through

tional Park. All football

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with two runs each were Warren and Allayha

Canton's schedule, after the long layoff, begins to "go gangbust-ers," White noted.

The Chiefs host Northville on Monday and visit Plymouth in a doubleheader on April

"We last played April 1 (against South Lyon); that's 14 days," White said. "Now we're going to play 34 games in 42 days, because we're in four tournaments.

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The camp will be di-

vided into two sessions.

From 5-7 p.m. each day

will be camp for players

entering grades five-nine in the 2015-16 school year. Players entering grades

10-12 will follow from 7-9

"skilled" positions will be

taught the Wildcat pass-ing game and how to de-

fend the pass; offensive

and defensive lines will

be taught pass pro and

\$40. Go to plymouthwild-catsfootball.com for a

The cost of the camp is

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through email to coach

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Salem third baseman Mel Anderson (left) catches the softball Friday while Plymouth baserunner Ashley Piepsney gets set to slide into the base.

PREP SOFTBALL

# Quick-strike 'Cats do it once again

Undefeated Plymouth storms out early against Salem

By Tim Smith Staff Writer

New Plymouth varsity softball coach Lauren Delapaz recently issued a challenge to her players to put the pedal to the medal from the first pitch of games and let an aggressive style of play put heat on opponents.

That was a script the Wildcats followed expertly Friday in a 9-1 victory over host Salem in a Kensington Confer-

ence crossover contest. Plymouth (4-0 overall) broke out to a 3-0 lead and, other than giving up a run in the first inning to the Rocks, were on their way to another victory. Senior lefthanded pitcher Mikayela Marciniak was a key factor, giving up seven hits and striking out 12 while enjoying a 3-for-5 day at the plate.

"They're a school rival so you want to play your best," said Marciniak, who along with senior teammate Brittney Miller will play at Oakland University next year. "It's about staying focused, (about) our goal of getting hits, getting runs, getting ahead.

"... When you come out aggressive I feel it puts the other team on edge, that you're going to be there to play and there to

Delapaz said her team has the talent and the on opponents in every

"We're a very aggressive team when we're at the plate, we like to swing, we have excellent hitters," Delapaz said. "But sometimes we like to wait back a little bit. So our new goal is to score every inning.

"We have the talent to do it, they know it's an expectation and they've done nothing but rise to every expectation we've given them thus far."

Veteran Salem head coach Bonnie Southerland, who recently collected the 400 victory of her 21-year tenure with the Rocks, said her team (now 3-1) played hard but could not solve MarciJOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

Plymouth senior Brittney Miller takes a cut Friday. Salem's catcher is Kristin Mihalic.

"We expected a little bit more today," Southerland said. "I know they're in the other division and they're pretty tough and so is Canton. ... It's always a tough game and we just didn't hit like we normally hit.'

The Wildcats got it going quickly against Salem standout freshman pitcher Morgan Overaitis (who recently verbally committed to play soft-ball at the University of Michigan).

Plymouth's impressive trio of freshmen got it going. Leading it off was Jessica Tucci, who was hit by a pitch. A single by Jenny Bressler and Whitney Holden's double plated the first two runs.

"That's three freshmen right there stepping up to the plate and get-ting the job done," Delapaz said. "That's what we like to see."

The Rocks got one back in the bottom half. Kristin Mihalic doubled and scored on a single by Overaitis (who later doubled in the game).

After Plymouth tacked on a run in the third to make it 4-1, the Wildcats blew the game open with a five-run fourth.

Opening the frame with a walk was Gina Barber, and the Wildcats kept the line moving with base hits by Tucci, Bress-ler (4-for-5, two RBI) and Marciniak.

Miller (1-for-4) then walked and Cali Jones (3-for-4, two RBI) closed out the rally with another

Salem could not muster much of a threat after

In the sixth, for example, Mel Anderson singled to lead it off. But Marciniak struck out two and received a nice defensive lift from Bressler, who tracked down Makayleigh Silverman's line drive in right.

Starting the bottom of the seventh with a base hit for Salem was Kara Hutchison, but Marciniak bore down and struck out the next three batters to end the game.

"Mikayela pitched a phenomenal game," said Delapaz, who moved over to Plymouth this season from Canton (where she was an assistant coach). "Every time she steps on the mound or Jenny (Bressler) steps on the mound our team plays great defense behind

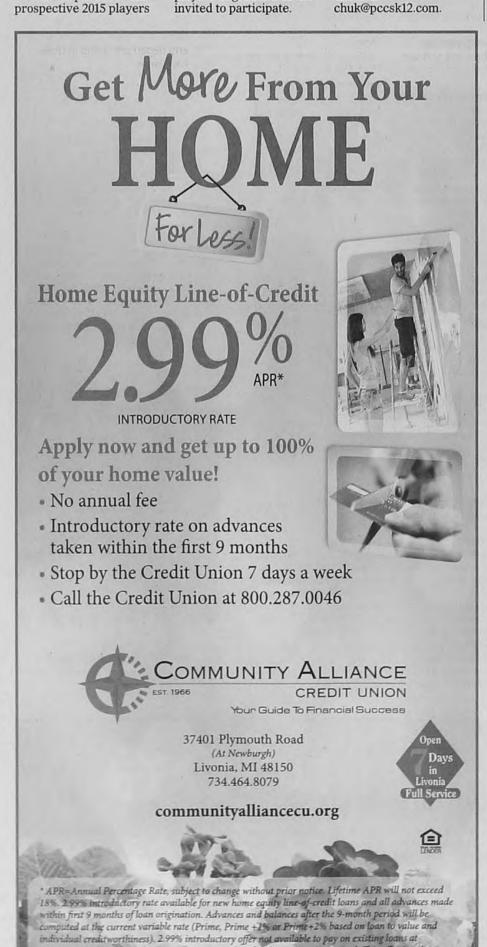
'Mikayela definitely pitched well to get us the ground balls and the pop flies, and our team executed by sealing the deal and catching the ball."
PLYMOUTH 16-10, JOHN GLENN
1-2: The Wildcats rolled to a sweep over division rival Westland John Glenn on

division rival Westland John Glenn on Wednesday.
Spearheading the opening win was leadoff hitter Rachel Zerona, with a 4-for-5 day (two RBIs). Mikayela Marciniak (3-for-5), Gina Barber (2-for-3) and Jenny Bressler (2-for-5) keyed the attack. Rachael Ring had three hits and two RBI in Game 2. Also coming up big were Miller, Brittney Miller (2-for-3 each), Whitney Holden (2-for-4) and Jes Tucci (2-for-4). Adding two RBIs with a double was Alex Rakovitis.

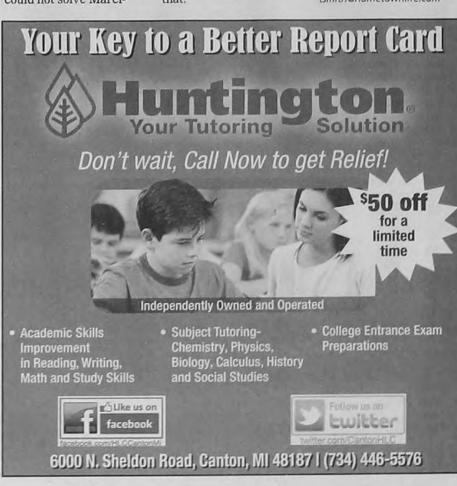
SALEM 5-15, NORTHVILLE 3-14:

SALEM 5-15, NORTHVILLE 3-14:
The Rocks broke a 3-3 tie in the sixth inning of Wednesday's Game 1 when Emily Stewart doubled home Morgan Overaitis and Maranda Armstead.
Two Salem freshmen were instrumental to the win. Overaitis was the winning pitcher, giving up no earned runs. Makayleigh Silverman went 3-for-4,
Salem rallied again in the nightcap, scoring three times for the win.
Kara Hutchison led off with a single and courtesy runner Lara Pieczak scored on a wild pitch. With two outs, Armstead drove in the tying run with a base hit. Armstead eventually scored the winning run on a bases loaded walk.

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# Talented guards dominate all-Observer hoops team

Taylor Jones, sr., Mercy: Jones, a repeat member of the all-area first team and three-time honoree, had an outstanding



career at Mercy and signed to play for Oakland University in the future.

The 5-foot-8 guard was a pro-

lific scorer with 527 points in 25 games for a 21.0 average. Her scoring ability led the Marlins to a 20-5 record and a Class A regional final.

Jones was good in other phases of the game, too. She's an outstanding defender and a leader in steals (four per game).

She scored many of her points off turnovers and in transition. Jones also averaged four rebounds and three assists for a well-rounded game. She shot 52 percent from the floor and 77.5 at the foul

"Taylor put a cap on a stellar varsity career with an outstanding senior season," coach Gary Morris said. "She has an uncanny ability to get to the basket, which led to her shooting 173 free throws. She

"That showcases her ability to drive to the basket - the fact she was able to shoot so many free throws. Her long arms and great sense of anticipation helped her key our pressing defenses, too."

Jones made the Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan's Best of the Best list and the Associated Press Class A all-state first

Megan Carter, sr., N. Farmington: The senior point guard was a team leader who could do it all for the Raiders. In addition to



being the leading scorer, she rebounded, played good defense and was a playmaker on offense. Carter scored

351 points in 20 games for a 17.6 average (21 in 10 OAA Red games). She also had 51 rebounds, 57 steals and 38 assists.

A four-year varsity team member, Carter overcome two ACL surgeries early in her prep career and a shoulder injury the past season. She signed with Kent State University. Carter was an Associated Press all-state player.

'Megan is without a doubt one of the best point guards ever to come through our program," coach Jeff Simpson said. "She handled any kind of pressure, set the offense in motion and scored.

"Megan is and has always been about the team. She did whatever was asked of her. Megan's best shot, which is a lost art in the game today, is the pull-up jumper.

"She has worked extremely hard at her game, and we look for great things for her at Kent State next year.

Shara Long, sr., Salem: Salem had a season for the record books and the play of senior forward

Long was a major factor.

Long averaged 13.7 points and 7.3 rebounds per game, providing leadership and a knack for a huge

triple (she made 42 percent from behind the 3-point arc) or offensive rebound to keep the Rocks on track

Her outstanding all-around play helped lift Salem to a 20-5 record, including KLAA Central Division, Kensington Conference and Class A district championships. She was rewarded by being named to the all-conference team as well as the Associated Press Class A all-state first team.

"Shara was a match-up nightmare for other teams," coach Lindsay Klemmer said. "We used her as our big inside presence most of the time. If teams didn't double or triple team (her) she scored every time, finishing very well around the rim. But she developed an outside game that made her extremely hard to guard."

Klemmer added Long - one of six Salem seniors who grew up together over the past four years -

was not to be denied in her final year. The coach pointed to her work ethic and ability to lead by example.

"Her work in the off season and during the season to continuously improve was what made her so successful," she added.

Kristen Nelson, jr., Harrison: Nelson, a three-time recipient of all-Observer honors, can do it all

on the basketball court and regularly does as the team's point Following

injuries to starters

and all-area players Kyla Roland and Amber Stephens, Nelson became even more of a leader and take-charge play-

She averaged 14.4 points per game, five assists, four rebounds, three steals and two blocks. She led the Hawks in total points, free throws made, free throw percentage, assists, steals and blocks. She was second in total rebounds.

"She had so much weight on her shoulders with the injuries we had, and she did such an outstanding job," coach Tim Micklash

"In my opinion, you would be hard pressed to find a guard as versatile as her. She has about eight Division I offers with many others interested.

'Kristen was our primary ball handler and decision maker. Her court vision and unselfishness is unlike any player I have coached. She is an extremely talented player who has such a high ceiling in basketball.

"Kristen has been a huge part of our success the past three seasons and will be a big part of our program as a senior.

Nelson has the school record for career assists and is second in career steals. She ranks seventh in career points and fourth in career blocks.

Kendall Rose, sr., Plymouth: A coach's dream, the senior wing made things happen all over the



floor for the 17-4 Wildcats, earning all-conference honors for her efforts. Her consistent excellence helped Plymouth overcome a devas-

tating injury to senior post Leah Kliczinski and win the school's first KLAA South Division championship (10-0 record).

Rose averaged just under 12 points per contest, shattering Plymouth's single-game scoring record with a 33-point night against Canton. In that game, she connected on six triples, to set another school record. For the season, she hit 42 percent of her trey tries (35-84), making the most 3-balls ever by a Wildcat.

Yet her contributions weren't just about draining jumpers from around the perimeter. She made her mark on defense as well as keeping Plymouth's motion offense in gear, with 4.5 rebounds, 2.8 steals and 2.6 assists per out-

"Her outstanding three-point shooting stretches out defenses," coach Nick Brandon said. "But what always stands out when you watch Kendall play is her commitment to the little things such as loose balls, tough rebounds and making big steals in our press

defense.' Natalie Spala, sr., Churchill: Spala was instant offense for the Chargers, who could rely on her pin-point perimeter shooting and



terrific transition scoring. She averaged a team-high 15 points per game while draining 37 percent of her three-point attempts. The

multi-talented guard also swiped three steals per contest and hauled down five rebounds.

"Natalie is a great kid on and off the court," said Churchill coach Matt McCowan. "She is a pure shooter and leader on the court as well as being an honor-roll student off the court.

"She has improved tremendously as a three-year starter, and

that is because of her great work ethic and positive attitude. Natalie takes great pride in everything she does on the floor.

SECOND TEAM Jamyra Wilson, sr., Salem: Other players might have had gaudier numbers out of the point



guard position, but few made as much of an impact on their team as Wilson did for the 2014-15 Rocks.

Wilson, an all-KLAA selection, tallied 8.2 points,

4.3 assists and 2.1 steals per game, but did much more than that to spearhead Salem's amazing 20game winning streak. "Jamyra was the glue to our

team," Klemmer said. "She was the quarterback on offense, everything went through her hands. She could get to the basket at will but also knew how to find her open teammates." One of the top reasons behind

Salem's incredible season was team defense, and Wilson was a catalyst in that department, too.

"She also was tenacious on defense, always guarding the other team's best player," Klemmer said. "Normally keeping them to far under their average. Her energy was our spark and we fed off her both offensively and defensively.

Arryn Dochenetz, sr., Stevenson: Whenever the Spartans needed a big shot, a big steal or a game-changing hustle play, they often looked to



Dochenetz, a three-sport athlete who excels when the heat is on. She averaged 10 points, two assists and three

rebounds per game, but some of the most valuable intangibles she provided the team didn't show up in the scoreboard.

A first-team KLAA Kensington Conference performer, Dochenetz spearheaded the Spartans' run to a Class A district championship. She will take her considerable talents to the University of Michigan-Dearborn's basketball team

"Arryn was asked to play both point guard and shooting guard, and has handled both positions effectively," said Stevenson coach Tim Newman. "Arryn was our team leader on the court and our success this year has run through

Sarah Cramton, sr., Franklin: Cramton, who also earned multiple letters in volleyball and soft-



ball, did it all for the Patriots, piling up 13.4 points, 7.5 rebounds and three steals per game. She was a threat outside and in the paint on offense, stagger-

ing opponents with outstanding finishing skills at the rim as well as a dangerous jumper.

"Without a doubt, Sarah was the team leader in most of our offensive categories," said Franklin coach Jim Milican. "She could play forward and guard equally well, and she had a great defensive presence in the paint.

"As a team captain, Sarah demonstrated leadership on and off the court. She has been the team's picture of work ethic this year. She is one of the hardestworking players who gives it her all until the end."

Courtney LaVallee, sr., Plymouth: There was no shortage of clutch players for Plymouth during 2014-15 as the Wildcats soared to



their first-ever division title. And LaVallee was at the front of the line, sinking a number of crucial baskets while averaging just

under eight points per game. LaVallee stepped into the starting role at point guard in her senior year and she didn't disappoint. Her averages in nonscoring categories were less than remarkable (2.5 rebounds, 1.1 steals, 1.1 assists), but that didn't

diminish how well she guided the Plymouth attack while giving opponents fits on the defensive side of things.

"Her pull-up jump shot is extremely hard to defend and she has made a bunch of those this season," Brandon said. "But Courtney truly is the consistent complete player as proven by her dedication on the defensive end as a tremendous on- and off-ball defender."

Her excellent season garnered her selection to the All-KLAA

Sierra Wangler, sr., Mercy: When Jenna Schluter sustained a season-ending knee injury before the first practice, the Marlins looked to Wan-



gler to be their point guard and run the offense, which she did very well.

She is a hardworking, harddriving, take-charge player who

has a well-rounded game and contributes in all areas. Wangler averaged seven points, five rebounds, three assists and one block. She was either the first or

second player off the bench as a junior and played a definite role in Mercy's march to the Class A state semifinals in 2014 at the pinnacle of a 25-2 campaign.

"Sierra was forced to play point guard, a challenge she readily accepted for the good of our team, and did a nice job," Morris

"Sierra is an outstanding defender who plays with endless energy. In all my years of coaching, I don't know that I've had another player who goes so hard every day. She brings great energy to every practice and game."

Katie Conrad, sr., Harrison: Conrad was a four-year varsity player and a three-year starter for the Hawks, who had considerable



success during that time, including an OAA **Red Division** championship as a junior. In the wake of injuries to starters

Kyla Roland (Davidson) and Amber Stephens, the senior guard stepped forward to pick up the slack and help her team even

Conrad's forte is the perimeter shot. She connected on 47 threepointers, which was second for a single-season high. She had a four-game span in which she made 17 triples.

Conrad, who also plays volleyball and soccer and was a softball pitcher last year, averaged 8.4 points, five rebounds, two steals and two assists.

"Katie really stepped up as the season went on after we had our injuries," Micklash said. "She also does so many little things such as inbound the ball, set good screens and rebound offensively that do not show up on the scoreboard.

Katie had a fabulous career She was a huge part of the success we had recently and will be greatly missed."

COACH OF THE YEAR Lindsay Klemmer, Salem: Picking up where she left off as a standout player for Salem High



School, Lindsay Klemmer didn't take long to put a lasting imprint on the varsity girls basketball program as head coach.

Klemmer's senior season in 1999-2000 featured an 18-2 record, helping grind out wins on the floor. She went on to excel at Madonna University before becoming an assistant coach for a few years at Concordia University.

Her basketball career came full circle in autumn 2013 when legendary Salem coach Fred Thomann recruited her to join his

He soon confided in Klemmer that he was no longer physically able to handle the demand of coaching a high school team and wanted to eventually leave the keys to the Rocks' car in Klemmer's FIRST TEAM

SECOND TEAM Jamyra Wilson, sr. G., Salem Anyn Dochenetz, sr. G., Stevenson Sarah Cramton, sr. F., Franklin Courtney LaVallee, sr. G., Plymouth Sierra Wangler, sr. G., Mercy Katie Conrad, sr. G., Harrison

Kabe Conrad, Sr. G, Harrison
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Erin Hult, soph. F, Canton
Lasha Petree, Fresh. G, Salem
Lyndsay Michalak, Jr. F, Garden City
Patti Begoske, sr. F, Plymouth
Zora Pullen, Jr. G, Mercy
Kierra Crockett, soph. F, N. Farmingtor
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Franklin: Erin McNally, Tyonna Tait;
Stevenson: Diane Senkowski, Audrey
Staharr. John Glenn: Sierra Moselev. Staharr, John Glenn: Sierra Moseley, Wayne: Andriana Gonzales; Lady-wood: Amber Riethmiller, Maggie Shirk; Lutheran Westland: Sabrina Morrison; Huron Valley Lutheran: Julie St. John, Clarenceville: Staneisha Chambers, Garden City: Hannah Vera-Burgos, Thurston: Sydney Taylor, Megan Abela; Redford Union: Shae Smith, Salem: Katie Latack; Plymouth: Cassidy Lewis, Leah Kliczinski; Canton: Alanna Brown, Madison Archibald, Brianna Finn; Ply. Christian: Danielle Witkowski, Robin

hands.

She was in the driver's seat before she knew it, however, following the tragic death of Thomann in December 2013.

Klemmer made her mentor proud with the way she guided the Rocks during the second half of the 2013-14 season.

But she came back for the 2014-15 season with unfinished business at hand, to help the team's seniors (Shara Long, Jamyra Wilson, Maranda Armstead, Hayley Rogers, Katie Latack, Allison First) leave on as much of a winning note as possible.

After starting the season with four losses to top-ranked opponents, the Rocks started to mesh and began prevailing in close

ballgames Salem didn't stop winning, either, ultimately capturing the KLAA Central Division, Kensington Conference and Class A district titles.

The Rocks won 20 straight and didn't lose again until a heartbreaking setback against Hartland in a regional final. The 20-5 record was good enough to earn the AP Coach of the Year honor for Klem-

"I'm a firm believer in hard work beats talent when talent doesn't work hard," Klemmer said. "And these kids bought into that. I knew they had potential from the beginning but I had to make them believe. I pushed a group of common kids to reach a new level of intensity, hard work and hustle that proved to make us

successful. "They worked their tails in in practice, always pushing to make each other better. Anyone can hand you tools to succeed but what you do with them is up to you. They took the tools and ran

Klemmer added that players started believing to the point where goals were set up and knocked down, inspiring them to take the next step.

"We made this team a 'family' and you could hear us saying that in team huddles," she stressed. "They trusted, loved and respected one another. Not one person out there was worried about personal accolades.

"Everyone bought into their roles and what they needed to do in order to help the team. And that's huge. I give this team all the credit in the world and am so extremely proud of them."

COLLEGE BASEBALL

#### Reliever St. Pierre puts out fire as MU takes pair first 61/2 innings allowing

Fireman Bobby St. Pierre earned his sixth and seventh saves of the season Wednesday as the third-place Madonna University swept a Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference baseball double-header from host Concordia University, 9-7 and 4-2, at Cardinal Stadium in Ann Arbor.

St. Pierre, a transfer

St. Pierre

opener.

Crowder (Kan.) Community College via Windsor (Ontario) Holy

Names. pitched a scoreless ninth as the Crusaders captured the

Winning pitcher Cliff Landess (3-1) went the first six innings allowing three earned runs on three hits on a pair of walks to go along with two strikeouts.

Offensively, Taylor Grzelakowski sparked MU's 13-hit attack going 2-for-4 with a homer and two RBI. Other contributions came from Mike

Tibbits (2-for-2, two RBI); Shane Dokey (2-for-4, RBI); and Matt Deneau (two RBI).

loss for Concordia, while the Maas brothers, Jeremy and Jacob, were a combined 5-for-7 at the plate with four RBL In the nightcap, Dylan

Cooper (2-0) earned the

victory as he worked the

along with six strikeouts. Lyle Adorati took the St. Pierre then came on

to get the final out as MU improved to 29-11 overall and 19-4 in the WHAC. Offensive leaders for

two earned runs on three

hits and three walks to go

MU included Ryan Lambrecht (2-for-3, RBI), Mitch Hudvagner (RBI) and John Lauro (RBI).

Targus, who started for the Cardinals (16-26, 9-13), went the first three innings and took the loss to fall to 3-2 on the year. The Crusaders return

Livonia Churchill's Jon

to WHAC play beginning with a pair of 1 p.m. double-headers Saturday and Sunday in Sylvania, Ohio, against host Lourdes University.

# Chiefs open division play with a sweep of Rockets

Canton scores late in both games to down John Glenn

By Tim Smith

Building off momentum from Saturday's twinbill sweep of Detroit Country Day, the Canton varsity baseball team took both ends of Wednesday's doubleheader against Westland

The Chiefs (5-3 overall, 2-0 in the KLAA South Division) scored a run in the bottom of the seventh to prevail 4-3 and went on to earn a 7-2 win in

In the opener, Mike Flaish-ans pitched two innings of relief and then scored the winning run in the bottom of the seventh, enabling him to col-

lect the pitching victory.

Flaishans got the winning rally started with a base hit and came around to score to snap a 3-3 tie.

Going the first five innings for Canton was Nick Sprosek, who gave up single runs in the fourth and fifth.

Noah Spencer helped the



MICHAEL VASILNEK

Canton southpaw Tyler Byers pitched the Chiefs to a Game 2 victory Wednesday over Westland John Glenn.

cause, picking up a hit and scoring a run.

The nightcap kept things rolling for the Chiefs, behind strong starting pitching from Tyler Byers — who gave up just one earned run in six innings of work for the victory.

Canton fell behind 2-0 in the third but scored twice in the

bottom half of the frame to even things up. The Chiefs then went ahead to stay with three more in the fifth

Andrew Loehnis and Flaishans tallied two hits each while Scott Bazner registered a hit.

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#### **LACROSSE**

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ly, his team did not play consistently well over the course of

the game.
"There were spurts where
we fought back, it's just you
can't have spurts," Mattingly
said. "You need an actual comeback, you need to piece some-thing together that brings your team back. ... You've got to have a full, 48-minute game.

Playing a strong game in goal for Plymouth was junior Trevor McManus, who outperformed Salem senior Mack Baker (who still played well despite the loss).

"Trevor's a fantastic goalie, one of the best goalies in the state," Walsh said. "He just comes up game in and game out, and sometimes when a shot goes in you almost have to do a double take.'

The Wildcats went up 2-0 after the first quarter on goals by senior Justin Brodzik and sophomore Zach Gallaher (three goals, one assist).

That score held until 3:39 remained in the half, when sophomore midfielder Nolan Ouellette snapped a 12-vard

shot past Baker to make it 3-0. Ouellette, stationed in front of the Salem goal, received a pass from Brodzik and made no mistake with his shot.

Salem answered with a pair of goals within 43 seconds, by senior defender Adam Cousineau (from Malik Miles) and freshman Matthew Cameron (from Marty Mills) with 1:08 left to trail 3-2.

'Cats respond

But Plymouth got one back



Trying to elude a check from Salem's Matthew Cameron (left) is Plymouth's Nolan Ouellette.

with 41 seconds to play before the intermission, when junior attackman Austin Currier ranged in from the right side of the box and whipped a shot past

Early in the third quarter, the Rocks got to within 4-3 on a goal by Miles (finishing a nifty feed from Lucas Martin).

The Rocks could not get any closer, however, as Gallaher and sophomore attackman Jack Balch scored goals just 2:07 apart, upping the Plymouth lead 10 6-3

Balch, stationed at the right post with Salem down a man, slammed in senior midfielder Kyle Robertson's pass.

Following the altercation and aftermath (officials needed more than 15 minutes to sort out penalties and ejections), Salem had the extra man and closed the gap to 6-4 with 3:23 to go in

David Lee's hard shot from about 15 yards was shrugged off by McManus, but Mills hustled after the rebound and

sent the ball in front to Lee for another try. This time, the Salem player did not miss.

Plymouth got it right back with 54 seconds to play in the quarter, with Salem once again

Junior attackman Derek Szczepanik slung a shot from the left side of the Salem net past Baker to increase the Wildcats' lead to 7-4 after three. Drawing the assist was Gallah-

Robertson and Gallaher scored in the fourth to give Plymouth a five-goal cushion before Salem senior midfielder Joey Krause netted an unassisted goal with 25 seconds left in the match.

#### Lockdown 'D'

One of the keys to the game was how well Plymouth sophomore defenseman Tyler Ramer shadowed high-scoring Salem senior attackman Noah Willer who as a result could not find space to make things happen for the Rocks.

"Tyler Ramer did a really good job," Walsh said. "We knew Willer was their best player, so we really wanted to lock him off and deny him the ball and Tyler did a fantastic job locking him off. He deserves a ton of defensive credit."

Mattingly, meanwhile, said Willer's offensive struggles weren't just about how well the Wildcats guarded him.

"If we move the ball around. that would attract that player off of Noah," Mattingly said. "It's not just one player who wins the game for us.

"If we were able to move the ball around with the five other players we have on the field, that would get our other players PREP ROUNDUP

## Trosper medalist at Farmington invitational

By Tim Smith

Both Canton and Salem are getting into the golf swing, competing at the 29th annual Farmington Boys Invitational, held Thursday at par 71 Far-mington Hills Golf Club.

Out of 24 competing schools, the Chiefs came in third (327) with senior Donnie Trosper picking up where he left off last season — grabbing individual medalist honors with a 1-under 70.

Also enjoying solid showings for Canton were Suhas Potluri (83), Noah Lindlbauer (86), Hunter Schlampp (88) and Brian Oldani (91).

Salem placed 23rd with a team total of 388.

Leading the Rocks was Hayden Winch, with a 92. Other Salem golfers were Matt Schaumburger and Shawn Weldon (98 each), Jakob Lenders (100) and Adam Marcero (103).

Capturing first in the team standings was Warren DeLa-Salle (313), with Bloomfield second (317).

#### Girls soccer

Plymouth posted a pair of big KLAA South Division girls soccer victories last week including a 2-1 win over Churchill (goals by Olivia Janke and Lexi White) and 8-0 over Wayne Memorial on Tuesday and Thursday, respectively.

Against the Zebras, Plymouth was sparked by Lindsay Badger's hat trick. Chipping in with two goals was Brianna Pfeiffer, while Olivia Janke, Katie Chipman and Anna DiBiase also scored for the Wildcats (3-4 overall, 3-0 in the KLAA South.

#### Girls tennis

On a rain-soaked Thursday, only five of the flights could be completed, but Plymouth took all five against host Westland John Glenn for a 5-0
KLAA South Division varsity
girls tennis victory.
At 3 and 4 singles, respectively, Plymouth freshman

Kara Hug and senior Alexa Earls blanked their opponents in two sets (6-0, 6-0).

That was the score at 1 doubles, too, as the Wildcats' Teahn Horton and Emma Mullenax (both seniors) easily prevailed.

Collecting a 6-2, 6-1 win at 2 doubles for Plymouth was the duo of juniors Alyssa Lopez and Justine Ko; at 4 doubles, juniors Emily Solecki and

Sindu Borra cruised to a 6-0, 6-0 triumph.

The Wildcats improved to 5-1 overall and a division-leading 4-0 in the KLAA

» The Canton Chiefs defeated Livonia Franklin 6-3 on Tuesday to assure a spot in the top bracket of the Kensington Conference tournament.

PREP BASEBALL

# Chargers drop home twinbill to Plymouth

By Ed Wright Staff Writer

Plymouth's one-two pitching punch of Kevin Anthony and Cameron Stella knocked out host Livonia Churchill during Wednesday afternoon's KLAA South Division double-

Anthony scattered four hits and two walks over six innings in the Wildcats' 5-0 game-one victory before Stella buckled down when he had to in his team's 6-2 triumph in the night-

The pair of losses dropped the Chargers' record to 0-3 overall and 0-2 in the division. Plymouth improved to 6-3 and 2-0, respectively.

Churchill senior Rob Copciac suffered the loss in the opener after giving up five hits and six walks. Copciac was hindered by three Charger

"It was good to see the team come together and play a complete game," Plymouth head coach Jason Crain said. "Despite a relatively low offensive output, we were able to capitalize on eight walks."

A two-out, bases-empty rally sparked Plymouth in the first game. After Copciac recorded a pair of ground-outs,

Wildcat Jerad Merandi walked, Pete Carravallah laid down a bunt single before Stella reached on a fielder's choice to load the bases.

Senior Seth Hubbard then delivered a single to left field to plate two runs.

Plymouth padded its lead to 4-0 in the fourth with a pair of unearned runs. Andrew Jossey reached on an error to open the inning before Copciac retired the next two batters. However, Andrew Hejka roped a double up the left-center field gap – that barely eluded the glove of a diving Nathan Guzowski - to drive home Jossey. Hejka then advanced to

third on a wild pitch and scored on a passed ball.

Stella went 2-for-4 with an RBI for Plymouth while Hubbard finished with three RBI.

Both teams collected seven hits in game two

Jon Hovermale took the loss for the Chargers after yielding six runs, five hits and four walks over 5.2 innings. Hover-male led the Chargers' hitting attack by going 2-for-4 with a

Hejka (2-for-4, two runs, two stolen bases) and Patrick Downing (three doubles, run, RBI) did most of the damage at the plate for the Wildcats.

double and run scored.

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Stories and laughter make the process fun for Sharon Belobraidich and Bill Coatta.

# Hairdresser is cut above the rest, says 50-year client

**By Sharon Dargay** 

Bill Coatta and Sharon Belobraidich have had a standing appointment every week for 50 years.

He regards the Plymouth woman more like a sister than a hair salon client.

She calls the Livonia man a friend who also

happens to style her hair.

"He likes people. He has a great sense of humor," said Belobraidich, a retired elementary school teacher who sports short white hair. "The highlight of my week is to get my hair done. I just thought someone needed to acknowledge that he had done this 50 years.

Although their weekly appointment is Thursday, Wednesday, April 15, was the golden anniversary date of their longtime relationship. Teri McWilliams, owner of Evan Michael Salon in Livonia, allowed Belobraidich to arrive early that day banner in the window, stash a de cake in the salon kitchen, place balloons at a styling station, and hang a few nostalgic photos. Coatta opened the salon in 1987, sold it to McWilliams

12 years ago, and continues to work there.

"He's just super super sweet. He's so calm and does a great job," McWilliams said. "We call him

the hair whisperer." As Coatta walked into the salon, Belobraidich greeted him with a "Happy 50th!" and explained "Fifty years ago today you started doing my hair." "Oh, my gosh," he responded. "It didn't even dawn on me."

#### The new guy

Belobraidich met Coatta for the first time on Good Friday 1965. The Troy native and her husband, Frank, now deceased, were new to the community and she "really didn't know Plymouth at all." She walked into a salon and was told that all of the stylists — except for a recent cosmetology school graduate - were booked.

Belobraidich wound up at Coatta's station and not only returned week after week, but followed him from salon to salon over the next 50 years. He also cut her husband's hair and styled their two daughters' hair.

"He's gone to five or six places and I've gone with him. Plymouth, Garden City, Seven Mile and nan, (in Livonia), Canton and back here, she said.

Coatta, a 1963 Bentley High School graduate, worked at a Ford Motor Co. parts plant just after high school, but was bumped from the job by workers with more seniority. He saw an advertisement for a cosmetology school in Wayne and decided to make a career change.

"Right after I did that I took the course for



Bill Coatta in the 1980s as a salon owner.

instructional and I was an instructor for a year. I soon found out there wasn't much money in that," he said with a laugh.

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# Holocaust survivor talks in Livonia about his terrifying childhood

By Sharon Dargay Staff Writer

"I was born in Germany. This is the village I was born in. Schenklengsfeld. My father was an officer in the first world war, fighting for Germa-ny. He wasn't killed in the war, he was killed in Auschwitz."

With those words, Holocaust survivor Martin Lowenberg began the story of a childhood spent in resettlement and concentration camps during the late 1930s to early 1940s under the brutal Nazi regime.

The Rev. Joseph Marquis invited the Southfield man last week to Sacred Heart Byzantine Catholic Church in Livonia, in recognition of Holocaust Recognition Day on April 16 and the 70th anniversary of the liberation of concentration

"I met Mr. Lowenberg when it was the 50th anniversary, said Marquis, who was a chaplain at Holy Cross Hospital in Detroit at the time. "I'm honored to welcome him back into my life on this 70th year."

Lowenberg speaks throughout the country about his experiences as a Jewish youngster growing up in Nazi Germany.

"I feel it's very important for people to know this part of the history and what happened during the period when Hitler was the chancellor of Germany," he said. "Last week, I spoke to close to 1,000 people in Big Rapids. Why? Because people want to hear, especially the more it becomes a historical event and unfortunately we survivors are not available

anymore." That's exactly why Alyssa Liakos of Plymouth attended Lowenberg's presentation. She's a history buff who is studying library and information science and has researched the archiving process for Holocaust-era information and artifacts.

"I'm interested in the future of archiving this because in 100 years when there are no survivors left, no firsthand accounts, how do researchers and students get this emotional connection we are so fortunate

to get?
"It's heart-wrenching to hear the hatred and vileness that human beings can heave toward each other," she said. 'This isn't a far-away thing you're reading about. It's something you can hear and

Childhood of terror Lowenberg recounted his family history against the backdrop of Nazism's rise. Two older siblings managed to emigrate to Palestine and a sister fled to the United States with the family for whom she worked as a nanny. Lowenberg, another sister, their parents and younger twin brothers were left behind, unable to leave the country because they had few resources for travel. Lowenberg showed family photos and images of their house that was burned by anti-Semites in 1933, just "a few



PHOTOS BY SHARON DARGAY Alyssa Liakos of Plymouth talks with Holocaust survivor Martin Lowenberg of Southfield at Sacred Heart Byzantine Catholic Church in Livonia.

weeks after Hitler came to power.

"Hate can develop that fast," he noted.

He talked about synagogues that were burned, sleeping standing up while packed into a train cattle car during a resettlement trip to Latvia, being physically abused by teachers in public school, scrounging for food scraps in a "Jewish ghetto" and providing slave

labor in a concentration camp. The middle name, Israel, was added to his birth certificate, as it was for all Jewish men, and he was forced to

wear a yellow Star of David at all times. His parents were killed in the Auschwitz concentration

camp. Lowenberg suspects his

twin brothers were among several hundred pairs of twins taken by Joseph Mengele for experimentation.

Both Lowenberg and his sister survived separate concentration camps and moved to the United States after libera-

#### Meeting a survivor

Listeners at Sacred Heart waited their turn to greet Lowenberg after his presentation. They shook his hand, hugged him or posed with him

for photos. Rhonwyn Martin, 12, one of two children who attended Lowenberg's presentation, said

his description of public school

and the abuse he endured at

the hands of his teacher and



Martin Lowenberg, a Holocaust survivor and a Southfield resident, spoke at Sacred Heart Byzantine Catholic Church in Livonia, in recognition of Holocaust Remembrance Day and the 70th anniversary of the liberation of the the Auschwitz concentration camp.

fellow students was most "disturbing.

"I used to be a teacher, so I have been to the (Holocaust) Museum," said Scot Martin, her father. "I've taken students there for survivors. I know that as time goes on there are less of them, so I wanted mine

(children) to hear him. Elena Voyles of Canton had a "big paper" due in class at Madonna University the next day, but was glad she had attended the event.

"I just wanted to come. I'm a music major, so I'm writing about how music was used in the concentration camps."

## Eat a hot dog, adopt a dog at spring-summer series

Staff Writer

Redford-based Mutts and Mutts Animal Rescue will kick off a series of weekly adoption events, noon to 4 p.m. May 4 at Atomic Dawg Hot Dog Emporium, 2705 Coolidge Highway, Berk-

The group is among several rescues and shelters from throughout southeastern Michigan, including Last Day Dog Rescue in Livonia, that will show their dogs outside on the restaurant's property each week through spring and summer. One organization is scheduled at each weekly event.

"It started because most of the folks that either work here or are in the back office are animal owners or pet lovers. Considering we have the funky bulldog on our logo, we thought this would be a natural," said Scott Guy, restaurant event coordinator. "We tend to have a lot of traffic on Saturday. We said, let's make it a cool hangout, put up a tent, let them do their thing and give everyone their own little weekend to promote their shelter or rescue.

"We kick in 15 percent of sales from the whole day and donate that to the shelters, too. We just want people to know this is going on and to come out, whether or not they



decide to adopt a dog or not. If they are just hanging out or having a hot dog, it all goes to help the rescue.

Guy said Atomic Dawg tested the idea last fall with just four sessions. In four events, 20 dogs were adopted. The response was better than Guy and his colleagues expected and provided incentive for the springsummer series.

Mutts and Mutts was scheduled first, because its adoption day was rained out last fall.

'Donna (Law) is awesome," Guy described the Mutts and Mutts founder. "We told Donna, you get the first day in the spring. We want you to have a great day.'

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#### Zoo adoption

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Ave., in Royal Oak.

## Power breakfast caps Gleaners' Million Meal Match campaign



Julie Yolles SOCIAL

n Wednesday, April 22, more than 600 women will come together for the 22nd annual Women's Power Breakfast (WPB), a benefit for Gleaners Community Food Bank. The event has gotten so large and successful that Gleaners added a second powerful component, the WPB Happy Hour, last year.

The second annual Women's Power Happy Hour was held on March 31 at The Zenith in the Fisher Building, in Detroit. About 300 women — and some supportive men — enjoyed socializing, spirits and savories

"The Happy Hour is really targeting the next generation of volunteers and philanthropists," said Dawn Rassel of Bloomfield Hills, Happy Hour co-chair. The Women's Power

Breakfast is the culmination of Gleaners' Million Meal Match campaign launched on

March 31 with the Women's Power Happy Hour. Every dollar donated to Gleaners during the campaign is matched by PNC Bank and other generous supporters. Normally, \$1 provides three meals, but during the Million Meal Match, \$1 provides six meals for hungry children across southeast Michigan. Of every dollar donated, Gleaners uses 94 cents for food and food programs. The 2015 Women's

Power Breakfast cochairs are Beth Gotthelf of Birmingham, Butzel Long director of innovation, and Kathleen McCann of Ply-mouth, United Road Services CEO. Sally McCrady, president of the PNC Foundation, is the honorary chair and Bloomfield Hills resident Dulcie Rosenfeld is the WPB founding chair.

The annual Women's Power Breakfast starts at 7 a.m. Wednesday, April 22, at Gleaners Detroit Headquarters, 2131 Beaufait. Buy tickets at www.womenspowerbreakfast.org. Learn about Gleaners at www.gcfb.org.

#### **CUT ABOVE**

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#### Why it works

Coatta and Belobraidich credit their friendship for the longevity of their professional relationship.

'I make him laugh," Belobraidich said. "We talk about movies, movie stars, we make jokes.

'We like the same things," Coatta added. Belobraidich also

appreciates Coatta's cutting and styling skills. She calls him a "wizard with hair."

ing his approach to client requests, "unless I think it's not going to look good

or if they don't have the right hair for it.'

just a few styling flops over the years. She'll never forget the time she

thing that came out of the ground. It lasted about 15 minutes, then he whipped it up on top of my head."

"Sometimes he'd go to

hair shows and would come back and say, I found a couple of hairstyles you might look good in, and I'd say, let's try them. I'm game.

ments two days a week way toward retirement. He isn't sure exactly when he'll hang up his scissors for good, but Belobraidich hopes that day never comes. She told him she plans "buy a chair" and put it in her basement so he can continue his work there.

commitment that he'll stay at least 10 years,' with their hairdresser like I have.

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Julia Travis and Philip Foxworthy

#### TRAVIS-FOXWORTHY

Julia Travis and Philip Foxworthy announce their engage-

The bride-to-be, daughter of Peter and Leslie Travis of Livonia, graduated in 2001 from Livonia Churchill High School, in 2005 from Northwestern University, and in 2011 from the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania.

Her fiancé, son of Socorro De Jesus of New York, N.Y., and the late T. David Foxworthy, graduated in 2002 from the Bronx High School of Science in New York City, in 2006 from Williams College and in 2011 from the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania.

A June 2015 wedding is planned in Chicago,

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Ally Cool and Brandon Willer

#### WILLER-COOL

Jim and Mary Willer of Farmington Hills announce the engagement of their son, Brandon Willer to Ally Cool.

Brandon graduated in 2004 from Harrison High School and in 2008 from the University of Michigan in pre-medicine. He currently is a

director and writer in Las Angeles, Calif.

Ally, daughter of Jeff and Cindy Cool of Corona, Calif., is a graduate of Azusa Pacific University. She's employed as a registered nurse at UCLA medical center.

A June wedding is planned at the Cools vineyard, Corona, Calif.

#### ENGAGEMENT



Michael Gardella Jr. and Gretchen Hendrick

#### HENDRICK-GARDELLA

Gretchen Hendrick of Ypsilanti and Michael Gardella Jr. of Farmington Hills an-nounce their engagement.

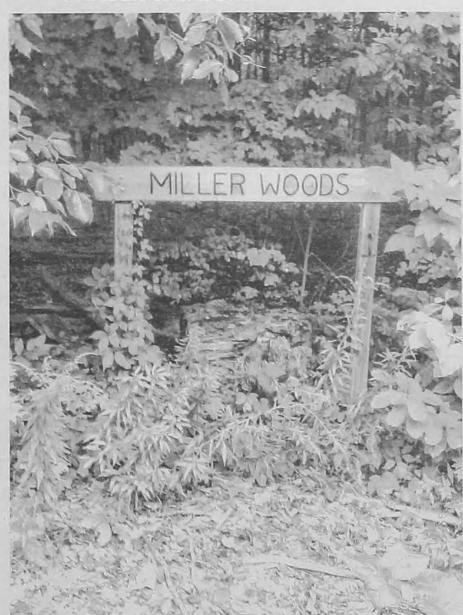
The bride-to-be, daughter of Vicki and Greg Hendrick of Lake Odessa, graduated from Lakewood High School and earned a bachelor's degree in history from Spring Arbor College and a master's degree in library and information science from University of Wisconsin-

Milwaukee. She is employed as a content acquisitions specialist 11 for ProQuest, Ann Arbor. Her fiancé, son of

Nancy and Michael Gardella Sr. of Farmington Hills, graduated from Farmington High School and studied business at Oakland Community College. He graduated in 2005 from U.S. Truck Driver Training School and is a dock worker and driver

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#### GARDEN & NATURE



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Take a guided walk April 26 or May 2 through Miller Woods in Plymouth Township.

Miller Woods tours

Take a free guided tour, 2-4 p.m. Sunday, April 26, and Saturday, May 2, through the nature preserve, located on Powell Road, just east of Ridge, in Plymouth Township. Tours are approximately an hour long and the last tour leaves at 3:30 p.m. Stroll-

ers and dogs are not allowed in Miller Woods; millerwoods.com.

#### **Plymouth Nursery**

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Boland of Eastern Shores Nursery will present the free session.

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#### RELIGION CALENDAR

**APRIL** 

**BREAKFAST** 

Time/Date: 8:30-11:30 a.m. Sunday, April 19 Location: St. Theo-dore Social Hall, 8200

N. Wayne Road, West-Details: Pancakes,

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

Contact: 734-425-CONCERT

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

Location: Biggby Coffee, 36640 Ford Road, Westland

Details: InsideOut Church of Garden City presents a free concert, "The Evolution of Music," featuring Bobby Guskovict.

Contact: 734-983-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

Contact: 734-729-**GENEROSITY SEMINAR** 

Time/Date: 9-10:30 a.m. Saturday, April 25 Location: St. Michael Lutheran Church,

7000 N. Sheldon, Canton Details: Ron Chewning of Stewardship Advisors presents Experiencing the Joy of Generosity

Contact: 734-459-3333 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, 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-**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 benefit Vista Maria

Contact: 734-427-**RUMMAGE SALE** 

Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday, April 30, 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Fri-day, May 1, 9:30 a.m. to noon, Saturday, May 2

Location: Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, Livo-

**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-**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, Livonia Details: \$2 admission

per adult Thursday only; Free admission Friday-Saturday. Saturday half-price sale. Contact: 734-422-

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Time/Date: 7 p.m. Friday, May 15

Location: St. Michael Lutheran Church, 7000 Sheldon, Canton Details: Mitch

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BREAZEALE. DR. DAVID A.

David passed away peacefully on March 31 at his home in Jupiter, Florida of cancer, at age 63. He was the Son of Herschel and Lorraine

Breazeale of Clarkston, Mi. and Singer Island, Florida. David is survived by Brothers James of Miami, Fl. Thomas of Raleigh, North Carolina and Daniel of Rochester, Michigan. He Gradu-ated Groves High School in Birmingham, Mi. 1969. David earned his Medical Degree from School of Osteopathic Medicine, Michigan State University, 1978. He completed his internship at Jackson Memorial Hospital, Miami, Fl. and served his resi-dency at North Miami Beach Osteopathic General Hospital. He practiced Medicine in Well-ington and Jupiter, Fl. He will be sadly missed by Family and Friends. At his request, his burial will be the Neptune Society. Donations may be made to Hospice of Palm Beach/Trustbridge



FREDETTE JOHN JOSEPH

78 years of age, died of compli-cations of Parkinson's disease on April 16, 2015, in Utica, Michigan. John is survived by his wife, Helen (Crowell) Fredette, his daughters, Mary Margaret Sutter of Bruce Twp, MI; Dawn Marie Fredette of Rochester Hills, MI; and Robin Elaine Fredette Roberts (Bradley) of Stowe, PA; grandchildren DeOnte R. grandchildren Sullivan, Carrie Ann Sutter and Rozalynn Marie Roberts. He is preceded in death by his parents, John and Margaret Mary and several siblings. John was born on July 29, 1936, in Detroit, MI, and married the love of his life in 1965. He retired from Ford Mo-tor Company Vinyl Plant in Mt. Clemens, MI, in 1995 after 30 years of service. John was a great family man, husband and an awesome dad. He loved vacationing with his family, bowling, and coaching the softball team for Ford's Local 400. He was an avid fan of jazz music, Detroit Tigers and Detroit Lions. He was The family would like to thank Regency Manor Nursing Home in Utica, MI, where he spent his final days in loving company and care; and Seasons Hospice & Palliative Care in Madison Heights, MI, for taking extra special care in his final days, es-pecially Chris Davidson. Thank you all! Arrangements will be

private for immediate family



#### GIBBONS, JANE UNDERHILL (GIGI)

old pass Vero Beach on April 7th, 2015. Birmingham. Formerly from Michigan. Beloved wife of Paul Gibbons. Loving mother of Barbara Kotzen and husband John Kotzen of Wellesley, MA, and Jeanne Gibbons of Naples, FL. Cherished grandmother of Matthew, Colby, and Andrew Kotzen. Dear sister of Barbara Stratton of Naples and brother of Tony Underhill of Fort Lauder-dale. Memorial Contributions may be sent to: VNA Hospice House of Vero Beach 1110 35th Lane, Vero Beach, FL 32960 or http://www.vnatc.com/foundatio n/donate-today/ Arrangements are under the direction of Strunk Funeral Home, Vero Beach. A guestbook is available online at www.strunkfuneralhome.com. private ceremony will be held by the family.

#### LEEMAN, ROBERT STANLEY

Age 84, of Farmington Hills, passed away Thursday, April 16, 2015. Stan is the beloved husband of 61 years, to Irene; cherished father of Stanley (Lisa) Leeman and Nancy (Robert) Repovz; proud grandfather of Shannon, Nicholas, Samantha, and Rachel. Sadly, Stan was pre-ceded in death by his brother Thomas. A funeral service for Stan was held on Sunday, April 19 at the Heeney-Sundquist Fu-neral Home. Memorial tributes are suggested to The Wounded Warrior Project. heeney-sundquist.com

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MERTZ, WILLIAM H. Age 71 of Livonia, Michigan died April 12, 2015. www.thayer-rock.com.



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# Family presence doesn't harm outcome of resuscitation

Should families be allowed to watch medical staff resuscitate a hospitalized loved one after cardiac arrest? Or should they be ushered out of the patient's room?

A national study shows that hospital patients do just as well no matter if their families remain in the room and watch cardiopulmonary resuscitation or leave the room.

A team from the University of Michigan Medical School and University of Washington School of Medicine analyzed 41,568 patients who went through resuscitation efforts at 252 hospitals. All the hospitals were taking part in a na-

tional effort to improve resuscitation outcomes.

In all, 13,470 of those patients were treated at 80 hospitals with policies allowing for family presence during resuscitation.

More than 57 percent of all patients had their heart restarted by resuscitation. Only 17.6 percent of all patients survived to go home from the hospital.

The researchers took into account differences between the populations of patients treated at hospitals with and without policies that allow families to watch the resuscitation procedure, and differ-

ences between the groups of hospitals themselves

They found no significant differences between the two groups with the patient's odds of leaving the hospital alive, having their hearts restarted or leaving the hospital with little lingering effect of their

cardiac arrest on their brains. "Many studies have shown that family presence during resuscitation benefits family members, but we have lacked evidence about any impact of these policies on the patients themselves," said Colin Cooke, M.D., U-M intensive care phy-

Among other things, past

research has shown that family members who witness a resuscitation experience less depression and fewer posttraumatic stress symptoms. They may feel that even if the patient died, the medical team did all it could.

Many hospitals won't allow families to be present out of a concern that loved ones could distract medical team members, get in their way or later sue the hospital if the patient

"Our study tried to look at this in as comprehensive a way as we could, and we can't see anything in these findings that says these policies are harm-

ful," said Cooke, an assistant professor of pulmonary and critical care medicine. "So, there are no compelling reasons to say we shouldn't allow families to be present - and lots of reasons to say we should.'

U-M Health System has had a policy since 2009 that allows family to be present during resuscitation. A social worker or other member of the team stays with family members, whether or not they choose to witness the resuscitation effort, and updates them on what the team is doing to try to save the patient.

#### **Balance** series

St. Mary Mercy Livonia will offer a free eight-week workshop for seniors, 60 and up, on managing falls and increasing activity, 10 a.m. to noon Wednesday, May 6-June 24, in the hospital Wellness Center, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia. Participants will learn to view falls as controllable, set goals for increasing activity, make changes to reduce fall risk at home and exercise to increase strength and balance. Registration is required. Call 734-655-1310.

#### Celiac support

The Tri-County Celiac Support Group will present Gluten-Free Food Fair, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 25, at The First Presbyterian Church, 26165 Farmington Road, Farmington. Participants can shop for gluten-free foods, try free samples and possibly win door prizes or raffles. Admission is \$5 for nonmembers; free for members. Visit www.tccsg.net.

#### Diabetes prevention

The National Kidney Foundation of Michigan kicks off its My Choice ... My Health diabetes prevention program in Canton with an information session, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 30, at St. Joseph Mercy

Canton Health Center, 1600 S. Canton Center Road. The 16week program will begin at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, May 21, at the center. A trained lifestyle coach helps participants learn about behavior changes, including eating properly and increasing physical activity, at weekly meetings. To qualify for the program, participants must be overweight and at a high risk for developing diabetes, or overweight and diagnosed with prediabetes. Register at www.nkfm.org/dpp or call 800-482-1455.

#### **Hearing loss support**

The Hearing Loss Association of America will present information on the care and cleaning of ears and hearing aids, 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesday, May 13, at Garden City Hospital, 5245 Inkster, Garden City. For more information call Tony at 734-664-3297; aferack@comcast.net.

#### Joint replacement

The Center for Joint Replacement at St. Mary Mercy Hospital Livonia will offer a free presentation on joint pain, joint replacement procedures and implant options, 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, April 22, in class-room 10 at St. Mary Mercy, 36154 Five Mile, Livonia. To register, call 734-655-2345.

#### MEDICAL DATEBOOK

#### Tai Chi

Julie Burt of the Arthritis Foundation will talk about tai chi and its health benefits, 10 a.m. to noon, Saturday, April 25, in the Wellness Center, located in the South Lobby at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36154 Five Mile, Livonia. Tai Chi is a low-impact, slow-motion form of exercise. The seminar is free but registration is required. Call 734-655-

#### Weight loss management

Oakwood Healthcare is sponsoring a free seminar on weight loss surgery, 5-7 p.m. April 29 in Oakwood Hospital – Dearborn, 18101 Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn. Register at Oakwood.org or call 800-543-

#### Women's health

Paul Makela, M.D., medical director of gynecological robotic surgery at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, will talk about pelvic prolapse, 6-7 p.m. Wednesday, April 29, at Cantoro Italian Market, 15550 Haggerty, Livonia. The presentation is free. Register at 734-655-1980.



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# Five tricky questions your boss will ask (and how to answer them)

HERE ARE WAYS YOU CAN RESPOND TO TOUGH QUESTIONS PROFESSIONALLY SO YOU DON'T DAMAGE THE RELATIONSHIP WITH YOUR BOSS.

Landing a job doesn't mean your days of navigating difficult questions are over. You should be prepared to handle sticky queries if and when your boss lobs them your way.

You may face one or more of these awkward questions at some point in your career. Here are ways you can respond to them professionally so you don't damage the relationship with your boss.

1. "Are you looking for a new job?" If you're putting yourself back on the job market, tell the truth. Chances are that your boss has a good reason for asking, so a denial will

only make you look bad. But don't overshare. This question isn't an invitation to air all your complaints about the position or the company. When responding, keep the focus on you and your career. And keep the answer short and to the point:

"I'm interested in exploring positions in a different industry."

"I'm thinking about relocating to another city."

"A former colleague contacted me about an exciting opportunity, and I feel I should look into it."

"I'm looking for a position with more flexibility."

"I don't feel I'm making much progress here."

If your boss presses for details, be polite and reiterate the reason you just gave. Then, emphasize that you're committed

> to doing your job to the best of your abil-

2. "Have you heard the latest about Jamie?" Co-workers who spread rumors are difficult enough to deal with, but having a boss who engages in office gossip is a potential nightmare. The trick is declining to participate without sounding like a scold or Goody Twoshoes. Your best option is to give a non-

committal response such as, "I really haven't heard," and then either change the topic or leave the conversation. Maintain an attitude of polite disinterest. Once your boss realizes you're not a gossiper, he will drop the subject.

3. "How would you rate my performance as a manager?" This question is particularly tricky because you might not know your boss's motivation. Has upper management requested that she seek feedback from employees, or is she genuinely interested in constructive criticism? Maybe she's just fishing for compliments. If the latter, an honest critique could hurt the relationship with your boss.

To stay on safe ground, lead with positive feedback. If she presses for ways on how she could improve, there's no need to make a laundry list. Choose one aspect of her managerial style that could use some work, and make it actionable. For example, you could tell her, "The next time there's a new project, I'd like a little more guidance so I don't go in the wrong direction."

4. "How would you rate your performance during Q3?" Balance is the key when it comes to this sticky question. Start by outlining what you did well, and reference tangible results such as exceeding goals or meeting tight deadlines. Then discuss a few ways you might do better next time. To show you're serious about self-improvement, ask

your boss for his assessment and any tips for Q4.

5. "Can you take on this project (that no one else will do)?" You may feel that you have to say yes to every request in order to maintain a good relationship with your boss. While it's occasionally necessary to "take one for the team," you need to be honest about how Project X will affect your present workload and whether it's within the scope of your job description.

If you're genuinely reluctant to lead this project, tell your manager that you simply don't have the bandwidth to do it justice and get all of your regular assignments done on time. But also think about what may happen if you agree: If leading Project X will win you points with the boss and prove your leadership skills, it might be worth the extra work to say yes - this time.

Sticky questions can catch you off guard. And depending on how you answer them, you could risk jeopardizing an otherwise healthy relationship with your boss. Tact, honesty and careful wording are strategies that will serve you well in smoothing over potentially awkward situations.

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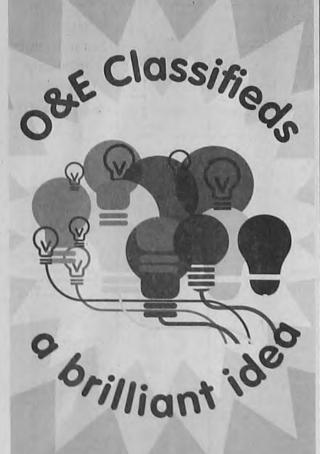
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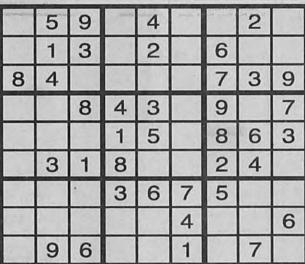
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## Infiniti Checks All the Boxes on Luxury with QX60, Its SUV-Sales Leader



By Dale Buss

When you're on vacation in Florida. you want to have a vehicle that's ready for everything and anythingcomfortable cruising up and down Interstate 75 on the Gulf side of the state, making tracks for a far-flung tourist attraction, hauling chairs and umbrellas

and other equipment to the beach, serving as a convenient cargo platform for clothes and souvenirs and other treasures from shopping,

than 8 percent in the first quarter compared with 2014 - QX60 has led the way for the entire brand. Nameplate sales of more than 8,800 for the first quarter were up by more than four percent for the period and kept the big and stylish model as Infiniti's best-selling SUV and its second-best-selling vehicle overall, after the Q50 sedan.

No doubt QX60 sales are being boosted by the same tailwinds that have helped sales of most midsize and large utility vehicles and pickup trucks over the last several months, including a continuing if erratic U.S. economic recovery

and, especially, the tanking of

around \$2 a gallon to \$2.50 a

gallon for quite some time now.

inherent appeal of the vehicle,

of course. Based on the versatile

Nissan Pathfinder, the three-row

2015 Infiniti QX60 - whose name

was changed from JX35 for 2014

- provides ample room for both

people and things, in a sufficiently luxurious setting, with impressive

gasoline prices that has kept them

That isn't to short-change the

ride and handling for its size and even passable fuel economy.

Exterior styling of QX60 has become just right: organically sleek with the flavor of luxury and sophistication, but not nearly as streamlined as some of Infiniti's other recent SUVs, which has left these other vehicles appealing to a narrower audience and even introducing practical problems of lack of cargo space and impinged

QX60 is powered by a 3.5-liter V6 engine that makes 265 horsepower and 248 pound-feet of torque. Official EPA numbers show 27mpg on the highway for the front-drive version, 21mpg in the city and 23mpg combined, while the all-wheel drive model drops those ratings slightly, to 26mpg on the highway, 19mpg in the city and 22mpg combined. There's also a hybrid version with a supercharged, 2.5-liter, fourcylinder engine.

QX60 equipped with all-wheel drive accelerated from zero to 60 mph in 8.2 seconds in testing by Edmunds.com, which was about a second slower than average for the segment. On Florida roads, dealing with other drivers ranging from the aggressively opportunistic to overly cautious octogenarians, our front-wheel-drive QX60 handled the variety of situations deftly, with adequate power when required and pretty nimble handling for a seven-passenger vehicle.

One thing I enjoyed as a driver about QX60 was the huge array of safety features. When you drive in Florida, especially in shopping-



Infiniti QX60 is a perfect combination of luxury style and substance

center parking lots or finding a spot to go to the beach, you've got to be super-conscious of the fact that most people and vehicles there move at a considerably relaxed - OK, much slower - pace than we do in Michigan. This also includes the constant intrusion of slow-moving humans and other obstacles in your path.

And among other things, adapting to that lazier pace in some ways requires heightened awareness as a driver. This meant taking full advantage of QX60's various features such as front and rear parking sensors, adaptive cruise control, forward collision warning, a lane-departure warning and prevention system, a blindspot warning system, a 360-degreeparking-camera system and frontal and back-up collision-mitigation systems with automatic braking.

Among my favorite creature comforts in QX60, a true luxury vehicle, were the power-sliding, tinted-glass moonroof with a onetouch open and close, tilt feature and sliding sunshade. The variety of modes available with that feature helped me keep up with the many differing requirements for being comfortable in a vehicle in Florida in March, depending on the time of day, the temperature and how sunny it actually was.

Infiniti QX60 is a great luxury-SUV choice for any climate, of course, especially with the allwheel-drive option. But Florida was a great testing ground!

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1FAHP3HN4AW224912 - STK 410792YXA - 67,826 Miles Blue Flame Metallic, Charcoal Black Heated Leather Seating, 2.0L DOHC 14 Engine, Automatic Transmission, AdvanceTrac, Cruise Control, Power Locks & Windows, Remote Keyless Entry, SIRIUS Satellite Radio, SYNC

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#### 2011 Ford Focus SES Sedan



1FAHP3GN1BW145748 - STK 51569EA - 87,950 Miles Blue Flame Metallic, Charcoal Black Cloth Seating, AdvanceTrac, Cruise Control, Power Moonroof, Power Locks & Windows, Premium Sound System, Remote Keyless Entry, SIRIUS Satellite Radio, SYNC

\$8,955\*

#### 2008 Ford Focus SE Sedan

1FAHP35NX8W273692 - STK 410534YA - 100,231 Miles Vapor Silver Metallic, Charcoal Black Cloth Seating, 2.0L DOHC 14 Engine, Automatic Transmission, Anti-Lock Brakes, Cruise Control, Power Locks & Windows, Remote Keyless Entry,

\$7,998\*

#### 2010 Ford Fusion SEL

Traction Control

3FAHPOJA1AR309585 - STK 410186YA - 108,401 Miles Sterling Gray Metallic, Charcoal Black Leather Seating, 2.5L IVCT 14 Engine, 6-Speed Automatic Transmission, \$9,388\* AdvanceTrac, Cruise Control, Power Driver Seat, Remote Keyless Entry, SIRIUS\* Satellite Radio, SYNC\*

#### 2010 Ford Fusion SE

STK P2463B - 72,202 Miles White Suede Metallic, Medium Light Stone Cloth Seating, 2.5L 14 Engine, 6-Speed Automatic Transmission, AdvanceTrac. \$10,990\* Cruise Control, Fog Lamps, Remote Keyless Entry, SIRIUS®

#### 2011 Ford Fiesta SES Hatchback 3FADP4FJ1BM135871 - STK P2554 - 42,117 Miles

Ingot Silver Metallic, Cashmere & Black Leather Seating, 1.6L Ti-VCT 14 Engine, 6-Speed Automatic Transmission, AdvanceTrac, Cruise Control, Intelligent Access, Heated Seats,

#### 2011 Ford Taurus SEL FWD

1FAHP2EW2BG127081 - STK D12844 - 98,666 Miles Ingot Silver Metallic, Charcoal Black Leather Seating, 3.5L Ti-\$12,555\* VCT V6 Engine, 6-Speed Automatic Transmission, AdvanceTrac, Cruise Control, Power Moonroof, Remote Start System, SIRIUS\* Satellite Radio, SYNC\*

2013 Ford Focus SE Sedan 1FADP3F23DL233274 - STK P2613 - 11,936 Miles Ingot Silver Metallic, Charcoal Black Cloth Seating, 2.0L GDI 14

Cruise Control, Heated Seats, Reverse Sensing System, SYNC\* \$14,993\* 2013 Ford Fusion SE

#### 3FA6P0H77DR102379 - STK P2626 - 35,944 Miles

Tuxedo Black Metallic, Charcoal Black Cloth Seating, 2.5L IVCT

Control, Remote Keyless Entry, SIRIUS\* Satellite Radio, SYNC\*

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#### 2010 Ford Taurus Limited AWD 1FAHP2JW1AG103682 - STK D13020 - 43,830 Miles

Cinnamon Metallic, Medium Light Stone Leather Seating, 3.5L Duratec V6 Engine, 6-Speed Automatic Transmission, AdvanceTrac, Navigation, Power Moonroof, Reverse Sensing

#### 2013 Ford C-Max SEL Hybrid 1FADP5BU8DL529510 - STK P2597 - 23,568 Miles

Sterling Gray Metallic, Charcoal Black Leather Seating, 2.0L Atkinson 14 Engine, CVT Automatic Transmission. \$19,993\* AdvanceTrac, Premium Audio & Navigation, Power Liftgate,

#### 1FAHP2E85DG180605 - STK P2587 - 33,440 Miles

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\$21,993\*

#### 2013 Ford Focus SE Sedan



1FADP3F27DL209236 - STK P2561 - 33,057 Miles Ruby Red Metallic, Charcoal Black Leather Seating, 2.0L GDI 14 Engine, 6-Speed Automatic Transmission, AdvanceTrac, Cruise Control, Fog Lamps, Remote Keyless Entry, SIRIUS, SYNC w/MyFord, Winter Package

#### 2013 Ford Focus SE Sedan



1FADP3F22DL199974 - STK P2499 - 28,045 Miles
Ruby Red Metallic, Charcoal Black Cloth Seating, 2.0L
GDI 14 Engine, 6-Speed Automatic Transmission,
AdvanceTrac, Cruise Control, Power Locks & Windows,
Remote Keyless Entry, SIRIUS, SYNC, Winter Package

#### SPORT UTILITY / CROSS OVER'S

#### 2005 Ford Escape XLT 4WD

1FMYU93105KE08800 - STK 53058PA - 105,501 Miles Silver Metallic, Medium Flint Cloth Seating, 3.0L Duratec V6. Engine, Automatic Transmission, AM/FM Stereo w/6-Disc In-\$8,995\* Dash CD Changer, Power Locks and Windows, Remote Keyless

#### 2008 Ford Escape XLT FWD

1FMCU03108KB66049 - STK D12809 - 101,270 Miles Light Sage Clearcoat, Camel Cloth Seating, 3.0L Duratec V6, 4-Speed Automatic Transmission, Cargo Management System, \$9,998\* Cruise Control, Power Adjustable Driver's Seat, Power Locks &

#### 2010 Ford Transit Connect XLT Wagon

10KS9AN7AT013262 - STK 53891TXA - 120,371 Miles Frozen White Clearcoat, Dark Grey Cloth Seating, 2.0L \$10,490\* Duratec 14 Engine, 4-Speed Automatic Transmission. AdvanceTrac, Anti-Lock Brakes, Privacy Glass, Tilt/Telescoping

#### 2010 Ford Transit Connect XLT Wagon

NMOKS9BN3AT013824 - STK 53440TXA - 114,371 Miles Frozen White Clearcoat, Dark Grey Cloth Seating, 2.0L Duratec 14 Engine, 4-Speed Automatic Transmission, \$10.990\* AdvanceTrac, Anti-Lock Brakes, Privacy Glass, Tilt/Telescoping

#### Steering Wheel, Vinyl Rear Floor 2010 Ford Escape XLT FWD

1FMCU0D70AKB41709 - STK P2623 - 84,553 Miles Sport Blue Metallic, Stone Cloth Seating, 2.5L I4 Engine, 6-Speed Automatic Transmission, AdvanceTrac, Cruise Control, \$12,990\* Power Driver's Seat, Privacy Glass, SIRIUS® Satellite Radio,

#### 2009 Ford Escape Limited FWD

1FMCU04G49KA80506 - 5TK 53178PXA - 80,427 Miles Black Clearcoat, Charcoal Black Leather Seating, 3.0L Duratec V6 Engine, 6-Speed Automatic Transmission, AdvanceTrac, \$13,999\* Audiophile 6-Disc CD Changer, Cruise Control, Power

#### Moonroof, SIRIUS\*, SYNC\* 2013 Ford Escape SE FWD

1FMCU0GX4DUB94014 - STK P2514 - 26,466 Miles Ingot Silver Metallic, Charcoal Black Cloth Seating, 1.6L EcoBoost Engine, 6-Speed Automatic Transmissi \$17,955\* AdvanceTrac, Cargo Mgnt System, Cruise Control, Remote Keyless Entry, SIRIUS\*, SYNC\*

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1FMCU0D72CKA74310 - STK D12958 - 48,380 Miles Toreador Red Metallic, Charcoal Cloth Seating, 2.5L 14 Engine 6-Speed Automatic Transmission, Advance Trac, Cargo \$17,995\* Management, Power Moonroof, Remote Keyless Entry. SIRIUS\* Satellite Radio, SYNC\*

#### 2014 Ford Escape SE FWD

1FMCU0GXXEUA37184 - STK D12816 - 33,889 Miles Sterling Gray Metallic, Charcoal Black Cloth Seating, 1.6L \$18.888\* Trac, Cargo Management, Remote Keyless Entry, SIRIUS\* Satellite Radio, SYNC\*

#### 2013 Ford Escape SE FWD 1FMCU0GX9DUA85337 - STK D13000 - 23,132 Miles

Oxford White Clearcoat, Medium Light Stone Cloth Seating. 1.6L EcoBoost Engine, 6-Speed Automatic Transmis Advance Trac, Cargo Cover, Remote Keyless Entry, SIRIUS\*

2012 Ford Escape XLT FWD



1FMCU0DTXCKC64338 - STK P2658 - 33,486 Miles Lime Squeeze Green Metallic, Charcoal Black Cloth Seating, 2.5L I4 Engine, 6-Speed Automatic Transmis-sion, AdvanceTrac, Cruise Control, Fog Lamps, Power Moonroof, Remote Keyless Entry, SIRIUS, SYNC

#### 2013 Ford Escape SE FWD



1FMCUOGX7DUDS2040 - STK P2565 - 24,340 Miles Tuxedo Black Metallic, Charcoal Black Cloth Seating, 1.6L EcoBoost Engine, 6-Speed Automatic Transmission, AdvanceTrac, Cargo Management, Cruise Control, Fog Lamps, Remote Keyless Entry, SIRIUS, SYNC

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#### 2011 Ford Flex SEL FWD

2FMGK5CC6BBD34915 - STK D12913 - 68,096 Miles Bordeaux Reserve Red Metallic, Charcoal Black Leather \$19,991\* Seating, 3.5L Ti-VCT V6 Engine, 6-Speed Automatic Satellite Radio SYNC®

#### 2014 Ford Escape SE FWD

1FMCU0GX2EUB07471 - STK 410786YXA - 16,476 Miles Sterling Gray Metallic, Charcoal Black Cloth Seating, 1.6L EcoBoost® 14 Engine, 6-Speed Automatic Transmission, \$20,994\* AdvanceTrac, Cruise Control, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry, SIRIUS\*, SYNC\*

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2FMGK5BC0CBD18468 - STK D12994 Mineral Gray Metallic, Charcoal Black Cloth Seating, 3.5L Ti-VCT V6 Engine, 6-Speed Automatic Transmission, \$21,992\* AdvanceTrac, Cruise Control, Reverse Sensing System, Remote Keyless Entry, SIRIUS\*, SYNC\*, Trailer Tow Pkg

#### 2013 Ford Escape SEL FWD

1FMCU0H98DUB94422 - STK P2520 - 26,908 Miles Tuxedo Black Metallic, Charcoal Black Leather Seating, 2.0L EcoBoost® 14 Engine, 6-Speed Automatic Transmission \$22,555\* AdvanceTrac, Power Panorama Roof, SIRIUS®, SYNC® w/MyFord Touch\*, Trailer Tow

#### 2013 Ford Escape Titanium FWD

1FMCU0J9XDUB07534 - STK 53906PXA - 39,202 Miles Deep Impact Blue Metallic, Charcoal Black Leather Seating 2.0L EcoBoost\* 14 Engine, 6-Speed Automatic Transmission \$22,993\* AdvanceTrac, HID Headlamps, Power Liftgate, Power Panoramic Roof, SYNC®

#### 2013 Ford Edge SE FWD

2FMDK3GC4DBA25710 - STK P2644 - 22,274 Miles Tuxedo Black Metallic, Black Cloth Seating, 3.5L TI-VCT V6 Engine, 6-Speed Automatic Transmission, Advance Trac, All \$22,993\* Weather Floor Mats, Privacy Glass, Remote Keyless Entry,

#### 2011 Ford F-150 XLT Super Crew 4x4 1FTFW1EF38FC12385 - STK 5129SFA - 63,073 Miles

Sterling Gray Metallic, Gray Cloth Captain's Chairs, 5.0L FFV V8 Engine, 6-Speed Automatic Transmission \$25,991\* AdvanceTrac, Power Adjustable Pedals, Tailgate Step, Trailer Tow, XLT Chrome Package, 3.55 Regular Axle

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#### 2013 Ford Flex SEL FWD 2FMGK5C88D8D39113 - STK D12991 - 30.611 Miles

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#### 2011 Lincoln Navigator 4WD SLMUJ2JS68EJ00SS9 - STK D12957 - 84,170 Miles

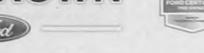
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