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Canton faces busy road construction season

\$3 million Cherry Hill widening project first of many scheduled

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Canton is bracing for a road construction season that township officials say will be the busiest in a decade, causing detours and traffic bottlenecks that appear certain to frustrate motorists.

Once the orange-barrel season has ended, however, drivers will find smoother lanes, wider roads and less traffic congestion along several key stretches of road.

"It's going to improve the safety on a number of roads and improve road conditions,"

Municipal Services Director Tim Faas said. "It's going to provide some additional capacity that will help reduce congestion."

"Safety and less congestion — those are the big ones," he added.

The newest project, just starting, involves a \$3.3 million effort to widen Cherry Hill Road and add a center turn lane between Canton Center and Beck, a move to ease traffic flow where two new schools have been built.

Canton Preparatory High School opened this school year, while Liberty Middle School — the Plymouth-Canton district's newest facility — plans to open its doors in the fall.

Township Engineer Bill Serchak said increased traffic called for a solution to widen

Cherry Hill Road, install two traffic signals and improve turn lanes near the two schools.

"This is a very important project that is essential to make sure these roads work properly when both schools are in operation," Serchak said.

Wayne County is overseeing the federally funded project, but officials for the two schools agreed to pay for the road design and a 20-percent match for the widening effort. The project should be completed by the next school year.

Among the other projects:

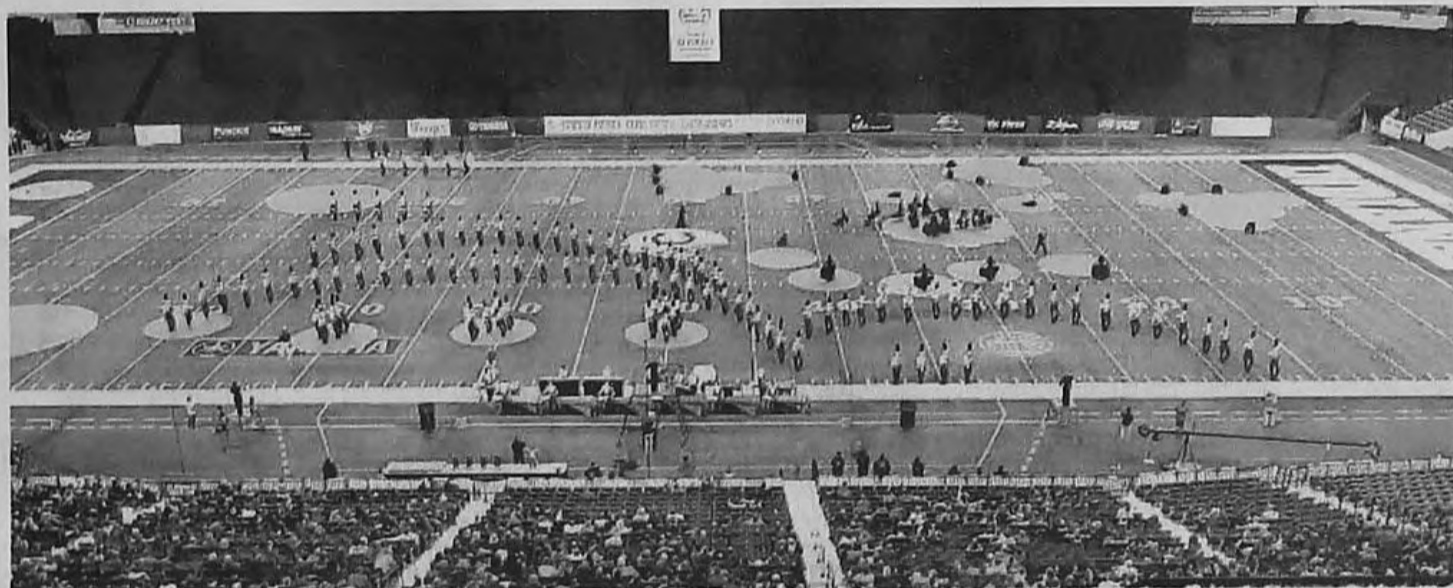
» A project already has begun to widen Beck Road from two lanes to three between Warren Road in Canton and Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth Township — an im-



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Construction is underway to widen Cherry Hill Road between Canton Center and Beck.

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The Plymouth-Canton Marching Band performs.

PLYMOUTH-CANTON MARCHING BAND

Mosque unveils effort to help Native American community

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

The Canton mosque, in another effort to build relations outside its own community, has planned a way to mingle with mosque visitors while raising money for charity.

The mosque has announced a community yard sale to raise money for the American Indian Health and Family Services, or AIHFS, a Detroit-based nonprofit health center that serves the Native American community of southeast Michigan.

Hasina Abdu, who chairs the mosque's outreach committee, said some local Muslims have been involved with AIHFS and

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On to Pasadena

Plymouth-Canton Marching Band invited to perform in the 2016 Tournament of Roses Parade

By Joanne Maliszewski
Staff Writer

It will be one of those moments that few will forget. On Jan. 1, 2016, the award-winning Plymouth-Canton Marching Band will experience just that when members head to Pasadena to perform and march in the annual Tournament of Roses Parade.

"This really is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity," said Dave Armbruster, P-CCS director of bands, adding that he and the Plymouth-Canton Music Boosters will ensure the marching band has this opportunity.

The one big hurdle, however, is the estimated \$500,000 tab to get the 200-plus marching band members, their equipment and props to Pasadena for the big event. "It is like moving a small army," said Chris Zygmunt, boosters president. "Moving the equip-



Color guard members Jenna Craven and Sidney Schultz perform in last year's winning show, "Don't Bother, They're Here."

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ment in trucks — three days there and three days back — will cost about \$25,000. I will have two kids going."

Fundraisers are in the

works, including a big bash, the Tournament of Roses Gala, at 6:30 p.m. Friday, May 15, at The Henry Ford in Dearborn. That will be followed by

a golf outing May 31. Business sponsorships are also welcome.

Granted, the experience and all that it entails will be expensive, about \$2,500 per student, but it is an honor for the marching band, which has not performed in the landmark parade since 1973.

This year's invitation began with a voice mail from the Rose Bowl selection committee. "The message said, 'we would like you to consider applying for the event,'" Armbruster said.

Wow! Armbruster thought. "We went to the Macy's parade four years ago," he said. "So, I said, 'Let's throw our hat in the ring and see what happens.'"

The directors even got a call from Washington, D.C., about the marching band's inclusion in the Tournament of Roses Parade. Then again, the marching band's prowess is not a secret. In 2014 alone, the band continued racking up its awards for its marching show, "Don't Bother, They're Here."

The band nabbed second place in the Bands of America Toledo Regional for best visu-

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May 5 voter turnout: Tough to predict

By Joanne Maliszewski
Staff Writer

It's tough to tell whether the Tuesday, May 5, election featuring Proposal 1 — also known as the road tax — will bear a high voter turnout.

"The state of Michigan asked us to prepare as if it is a November (general) election. They felt this would be a high turnout election," Canton Clerk Terry Bennett said.

But if she had to predict a turnout, Bennett said she thinks it will run slightly higher

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provement county officials have said is costing \$4.8 million. The work is causing some detours.

The work isn't expected to start on the portion between Warren and Joy, near the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, until the school year has ended.

» A long-awaited, \$5 million project to pave Lotz Road between Ford and Cherry Hill is expected to start in July, Serchak said. County officials have indicated they expect to maintain through traffic, but periodic detours could be possible.

» A crumbling section of Lilley Road between Warren and Joy roads is slated for a long-needed resurfacing. Serchak said the repairs aren't expected until fall.

» The stretch of Ged-

des west of Denton in Canton is targeted for resurfacing this year, but Serchak said a time frame isn't yet known.

Meanwhile, improvements to Ford Road near I-275 are expected to begin within a month, Serchak said, a move officials hope will ease traffic congestion along one of the state's most accident-prone stretches of road.

According to MDOT, the Ford Road work involves the following:

» Providing an uninterrupted, third westbound lane from Lotz to Lilley.

» Resurfacing the stretch of Ford between Lotz Road and Marlowe Street, which is west of Morton Taylor near the Rusty Nail Lounge.

» Converting right-turn-only lanes on eastbound and westbound Ford at Haggerty into a shared turn/through lane by modifying pavement markings, signs and traf-



Cars travel through the Cherry Hill Road construction zone. The project runs from Canton Center Road west to Beck Road.

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fic signals.
» Extending the right-turn lane for eastbound

Ford at Haggerty.
» Extending the left-turn lane from west-

bound Ford onto southbound Haggerty.
» Adding pavement

markings to improve turn lanes from the northbound and southbound I-275 exit ramps onto Ford.

» While having three through lanes on westbound Ford, the project also calls for maintaining a dedicated lane for westbound Ford motorists to enter the loop ramp onto southbound I-275.

» Adding sidewalks along eastbound and westbound Ford Road to connect those already there, while improving access to places such as the I-275 Metro Trail that runs alongside the interstate.

» Providing an optional second exit lane at the southbound I-275 exit to Ford Road, allowing motorists to more easily leave the interstate.

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realize the value in the services it provides to help those who may lack access to certain care.

To that end, the mosque, or Muslim Community of Western Suburbs, has assembled about 50 volunteers for the first MCWS Community Yard Sale from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, May 9. Abdu said hundreds of household items, books, toys, clothing

from various cultures, bicycles and other merchandise will be sold to help AIHFS.

"We believe this will be a nice way to build bridges, reaching out to support the indigenous community in southeast Michigan while shopping and meeting neighbors and friends in Canton," Abdu said.

The latest outreach effort follows a gathering in late March that drew about 60 people for coffee, conversation and a tour of the Canton mosque, 40440 Palmer

Road, at Lotz. During that event, Canton resident Mansoor Nasir said it's important for local Muslims to reach out to the larger community.

"I would like for the people to get to know their neighbors a little more personally," Nasir said.

Abdu said the upcoming yard sale represents a first for the mosque and local Muslims hope to repeat the effort.

"We hope to have more in the future, benefiting different organiza-

tions," she said.

The yard sale will occur outdoors in the mosque parking lot.

"Our goal is to give back to the community," Abdu said. "We hope to raise enough (money) to make a difference."

For more information, send an email to mcwsoutreach@gmail.com.

For more on American Indian Health and Family Services, go to www.aihfs.org.

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than a primary and less than a general election. Plymouth Clerk Linda Langmesser isn't expecting any kind of a big turnout.

"It's really hard to predict," Plymouth Township Clerk Nancy Conzelman said, adding she believes it will likely be a larger turnout than the February election.

Plymouth and Canton and Plymouth township clerk offices were open Saturday to accept absentee ballot applications and to receive returned voted ballots, as well as to answer any last-minute questions.

Polls will open at 7 a.m. and close at 8 p.m. Tuesday. Voted absentee ballots are accepted by the clerks until 8 p.m. election night. But the clerks are asking voters to complete and turn them in as soon as possible. That's

especially true on election day, because clerks' staff may begin counting — running through a tabulating machine — AV ballots when the polls open, Bennett said.

"The later we receive the AVs on election day, the later it will take us to count them, making the results later," Bennett said.

In Canton, 6,355 voters were issued absentee ballots. Of that total, 1,150 still remained out as of Thursday afternoon. In

Plymouth, 726 absentee ballots were issued, with 432 returned. Plymouth Township mailed out 3,019 absentee ballots.

If you have an absentee ballot but will be in town and want to go to the polls, return the ballot to the clerk's office where you vote. "We will spoil it here. They then can go to the polls and vote," Langmesser said.

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Canton man receives jail sentence for stabbing sister

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer



McCauley

A Canton man who stabbed his sister on the hand during a heated argument has been sentenced to six months in jail.

Michael Wayne McCauley, 48, also has been placed on probation for two years by Wayne County Circuit Judge David Groner, who hand-

ed down his decision Wednesday, a court clerk said.

The latest developments come as the Canton Police Department is exploring ways to ratchet up its efforts to combat domestic violence.

Canton Deputy Police Chief Debra Newsome said local authorities have a no-tolerance stance toward domestic violence.

Moreover, Newsome said local police, the township attorney, 35th District Court and prosecutors are exploring a possible local ordinance that would give local authorities more control over domestic violence

cases and provide more service to victims.

McCauley's sentencing came after he pleaded no contest in late March to assault with intent to do great bodily harm, less than murder. In return, authorities agreed to drop two additional charges of felonious assault and domestic violence.

McCauley could have faced penalties ranging up to 10 years in prison

after police say he brandished a knife and wounded his 43-year-old sister on the hand after an argument escalated March 7 inside a mobile home in Sherwood Village, a neighborhood on Canton's southeast side.

McCauley had remained jailed with a \$50,000 cash bond as he awaited sentencing.

Canton Detective Sgt. Dan Traylor has said

McCauley was arrested after a 9-1-1 call was made from Sherwood Village. Police arrived and found a woman had been wounded.

"Her hand was slashed," Traylor said. Canton paramedics rushed the victim to a hospital for treatment. Her injuries were not life-threatening.

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Colbeck explains alternative possibilities to May 5 road proposal

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer



Sen. Patrick Colbeck, R-Canton, spoke at a public forum at Northville Township Hall about the alternatives he sees for road funding.

With a vote just days away, state Sen. Patrick Colbeck held a transportation forum Monday at Northville Township Hall to let voters know that there are other options in getting road repair funded without an extra tax burden.

The forum was an opportunity for residents to meet with Colbeck, R-Canton, and road construction industry leaders to get an inside view 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 our roads.

He was joined by John Wyke, president, Joba Construction Co.; Dan DeGraaf, executive director, Michigan Concrete Association; and Anil Sanne, director, Everlast Concrete Technologies.

The panel was balanced a bit, with DeGraaf stating he thinks the proposal is in the state's best interest to get the roads fixed now and the others, including Wyke and Colbeck, expressing their concerns with the proposal. Sanne spoke about new concrete mixes lasting longer than what has been traditionally used in Michigan.

Colbeck believes there are other options that are better than the proposal both short and long term.

"I think we can do better," he said of the May 5 proposal.

He said there are a lot of parts of the proposal that take away from the main mission, fixing the roads. He said there are 83 separate line items that have to be implemented in the budget in order to make this funding proposal happen.

"It's not straightforward," Colbeck said.

In a nutshell, Proposal 1 would increase the state sales tax to 7 percent from 6 percent, take the sales tax off fuel sales and increase fuel taxes. This is expected to raise \$1.3 billion for roads.

Alternatives to Proposal 1

There were at least 50 people on hand. Many of them liked what Colbeck had to say and were generally not in favor of the proposal. Gary Timco of Plymouth Township was one supporter. He thought the forum was really good and informative.

"I think he has the right ideas," Timco said of Colbeck's alternatives.

The alternatives include the Bolger Plan, as passed by the state House of Representatives last session, as well as the Proos Plan; prioritizing the spending of existing funds and making appropriations changes; reducing state

government expenses in other areas; and all of the above.

The Bolger Plan would ensure 100 percent of taxes raised at the gas pump would go toward fixing roads. Prioritizing would require freezing general fund budgets with projected increases, except for K-12 educa-

tion. Reducing expenses would be just that and have government looking at the budget from top to bottom in an effort to find money for roads.

Colbeck said that the state has the opportunity to put \$947 million toward fixing our roads in year one (more than twice the \$432 million

that would result from the ballot proposal, he said) and to apply more than \$1.4 billion toward maintaining our roads for each subsequent year.

He's encouraging everyone to take time to explore these four alternative road funding ideas before filling out the ballot May 5.

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Rotary clubs team to construct school in Ghana

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

The Plymouth Rotary and Plymouth A.M. Rotary clubs have joined forces to build a school for children in Guo, Ghana.

"We're just so excited on so many levels," said Plymouth A.M.'s Jeanne Knopf DeRoche, a Plymouth Township resident and retired training consultant. "It's a major movement to do more together with both our clubs."

"The school is built and the kids are in it," DeRoche said of the school, which local club members will visit in November for its official naming as the Rotary Clubs of Plymouth, Michigan, Elementary School.

It's site to two preschools and a kindergarten. Nearby is a school for older children, with high school (akin to our middle school) requiring more travel. Those distances are relative, Stewart added, with the African children used to walking to get to school and back, A.M. club member Beth Stewart noted.

"It's one of the only substantial structures in that village. It's really become sort of an anchor to bring people together," Stewart said.

The third annual Children of Ghana fundraiser will be 6-10 p.m. Friday, June 5, at the VFW, 1426 S. Mill, in Plymouth. It will feature a Celebrity Wait Dinner. Cost is \$40 or \$800 for a table of eight. Go to plymouthamrotaryfoundation.org to register and pay; information is available from DeRoche at 734-455-4343.

"There'll be some dignitaries from Rotary" as wait-staff, DeRoche said, along with others from the community.

She noted the need to maintain the bricks made of mud in Ghana. "It needs to be repainted every couple of years," DeRoche said of the school. Uniforms and supplies are also in need of replenishing.

The Windsor 1918 club from Ontario will be in Guo with the Plymouth clubs for other work



Groundbreaking for the Rotary school at Guo, Ghana, was a proud moment.

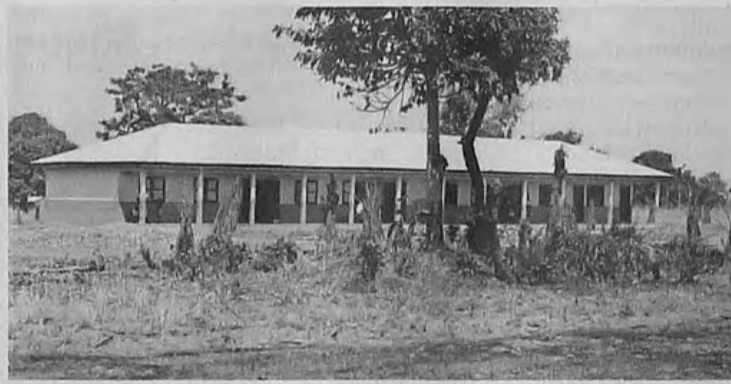
in November. Dr. Godfrey S. Bachevie of that club, a physician, is from Guo and a key organizer.

"He knows the ropes, the ins and outs," DeRoche said of Bachevie.

He is director of neonatology for Windsor Regional Hospital, as well as an associate adjunct professor at the University of Windsor and assistant professor at the University of Western Ontario in London, Ontario.

"We're pretty sure the team will represent both of our clubs," DeRoche said of the Plymouth travelers in November. Construction on the school started a year ago, with fundraising before that.

The clubs got a Rotary District 6400 international grant at the start, used for desks and supplies, but not the building. The Plymouth Rotary's foundation provided the \$12,500 half of



The Guo school is done and children attend classes there. "It's one of the only substantial structures in that village," said Beth Stewart, a local Rotarian and project organizer.

the \$25,000 needed for building.

"We kept telling people, 'Well, your money goes a long way in Ghana,'" Stewart said.

DeRoche had been to Ghana 10 years ago to immunize residents against polio, a major

ongoing initiative of Rotary International, "and then stayed an extra week and visited this area with the schools."

Stewart added, "Prior to our school, they were having school under a tree. During the rainy

season, not so good."

Russ Jones is incoming president for the Plymouth Rotary and will serve in 2015-16. "The A.M. club contacted us and asked if we'd be interested," said Jones, a Canton resident and financial adviser with RMJ Financial. "We've always been really big on education."

Both clubs give local scholarships for post-secondary study. "Our club is very education- and literacy-oriented," Jones said. "It just sounded like a natural fit. We're looking forward to it."

Bill Ventola of Plymouth, retired from beverage distribution work, heads up Plymouth Rotary's foundation. "They wanted it to be a partnership," Ventola said. DeRoche had approached the Plymouth Rotary foundation with a grant request.

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al performance; was a semifinalist in the Bands of America Nationals; and took first place for the best musical and visual performance in the Michigan Competing Band Association championships.

Armbruster and Jon Thomann, assistant director of bands, sent the selection committee a video of the band's performance, as well as responded to a questionnaire and provided biographies of the directors.

What's really exciting, the band directors said, is the Rose Bowl Parade's theme, "Find Your Adventure." This year, the parade is partnering with the National Park Service in honor of the service's centennial is 2016.

The "Find Your Adventure" theme is a nod to "Find Your Park," a two-year, public engagement campaign in which the National Park Service and National Park Foundation, the official charity of America's national parks, aim to increase awareness and excitement about the National Park Service's centennial celebration, according to the Tournament of Roses.

Locally, the National Park Service will be celebrated at the Tournament of Roses Gala at The Henry Ford with two Native American chiefs from the Wyandotte of Anderdon nation. Also on hand will be Mike Mattiessen, president of the Rose parade executive committee.

Armbruster and Thomann have already traveled to Pasadena and spent a week walking through and learning about the parade route and the entire event. "We saw the logistics. They make you feel special. They show an interest in the bands and what we do," Armbruster said. "It is about the experience."

Considered the Big Daddy of parades, the Tournament of Roses Parade features colorful



The Plymouth-Canton Marching Band has been invited to perform in the 2016 Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena, Calif.

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floats — made with rose petals — plus bands and equestrian teams. "Everyone (in the parade) has their own personality," Thomann said.

While fundraising will continue throughout the year, Thomann is getting the marching band ready. Typically, it boasts about 180 members and he has more than 200 requests to participate in the band this year. "Right now, we have a floating roster," he said.

Spring training for the marching band is on the horizon. It isn't anything to sneeze at. "It is similar to football training," Thomann said. "It is like a musical. We need a

TOURNAMENT OF ROSES GALA

The public is invited to the Plymouth-Canton Marching Band's Tournament of Roses Gala. The fundraising event begins at 6:30 p.m. Friday, May 15, at The Henry Ford in Dearborn.

The \$110 tickets — \$800 for a table of eight — offer cocktails, dinner, a meet and greet with Tournament of Roses President Mike Mattiessen, a chance to talk with Native American chiefs, full access to the Henry Ford Museum, live entertainment and a silent auction.

To purchase tickets, go to www.pcmb.net, by mail at Plymouth-Canton Music Boosters, P.O. Box 701135, Plymouth, MI 48170 or by phone by calling Nanette Zygmunt at 734-635-5556.

Sponsorship opportunities are available by email at pcmbinfo@gmail.com.

uniform and playing an instrument. It is literally a show in every sense of the word.

But Thomann and Armbruster said students know how competitive the band is and the expertise that is required.

"We are teaching them skills," Thomann said. "We understand where their skill sets are. We know where the challenges are."

"In the end, they are here to perform and put out a product in an expressive and artistic way," he added.



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The Plymouth-Canton Marching Band took the state championship in 2014.

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Math Club members at South Canton Scholars Charter Academy took honors in mathematics competition.

SURJEET GILL

South Canton Scholars wins top level in mathematics competitions

The Math Club at South Canton Scholars, led by Surjeet Gill, a parent volunteer, has won the GOLD Level Award in The National Math Club this year.

South Canton Scholars is the only charter school in Michigan that won this award.

The National Math Club helps build confidence in students of all ability and interest levels by giving them the opportunity to engage in unique math and problem-solving activities.

South Canton Schol-

ars is the first charter school in Michigan to offer such programs to middle school students to participate and compete in Math Olympiads, Math League, MATHCOUNTS and American Mathematics Competitions.

In the Michigan Math League, SCS eighth-grade team (Akash Nallani, Ahmad Ahsan, Cyann Jones, Gurekmann Gill and Sebastian Stukel), took 11th in Michigan and third in the region.

As an individual competitor, Gurekmann

Gill took eighth place in the Michigan Math League competition.

Surjeet Gill said the goal of the Math Club is to create awareness about mathematics and problem-solving skills, teach students to apply what they have learned to solve challenging problems and at the same time develop independent thinking.

South Canton Scholars Charter Academy is a free public charter school serving students in kindergarten through eighth grade.

Eagle Scout project focuses on local Civil War soldier

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Blake Mikolaiczik, 16, of Plymouth Township is getting some in-depth history lessons for his Eagle Scout project.

"We are doing a re-dedication for a soldier in the 24th Michigan Infantry," said Mikolaiczik, a sophomore at Plymouth High School and member of Troop 1537 out of Plymouth First United Methodist Church.

That Civil War soldier, Charles R. Dobbins, was from Plymouth. June 14 is the re-dedication ceremony date for the memorial at Plymouth's Riverside Cemetery, where Dobbins is buried.

"He actually signed up in Times Square," Mikolaiczik said. "We know that he had six siblings. He enlisted when he was about 16." Dobbins died in Andersonville Prison around age 22.

Mikolaiczik is very interested in the Civil War. His troop had a contact with local resident John Pappas. "He's been helping me along the way, just advising me," Mikolaiczik said of Pappas. Both he and Pappas see a need for more patriotism among youth, "to kind of get their patriotic side out." Mikolaiczik agreed



Blake Mikolaiczik, 16, of Plymouth Township has enjoyed studying the Civil War and local soldier Charles R. Dobbins for his Eagle Scout project.

Dobbins was very young when he served in the Civil War. "It's kind of scary," he said. "In two years, I would never think of joining the military."

For his project, Mikolaiczik did extensive research at the Plymouth Historical Museum. "We got a lot of information from there, so that was pretty cool," said Mikolaiczik, son of Mark and Susan Mikolaiczik. His dad is his Scoutmaster.

Elizabeth Kerstens, executive director of the Plymouth Historical

Museum, said of its Civil War reference materials, "We have some, yes. There's Civil War reenactors in the area," she said, some of whom she knows.

Kerstens agreed it's likely the number of locals who served in the Civil War boosts local interest in that history.

Mikolaiczik plans to go into teaching or business later. "I like little kids," he said. "I would love to own a business, probably a restaurant."

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Diva Day shines the spotlight on downtown businesses, shopping fun

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Brick and mortar stores were front and center Saturday, April 25, in downtown Plymouth.

"We're out to have a good time. Just coming out to enjoy the Diva Day, to be a diva," said Sue McFadden of Garden City. She was joined at the annual event for women shoppers by friend Barb Cappert, also of Garden City.

Over at Opndohr on Forest Avenue, which sells antiques and vintage collectibles, owner Scott Smith was welcoming customers, who sported their bright pink beaded necklaces.

"It's great," said Smith, who's been at that location three years this August and in retailing 31 years. "It's a big party. I love Diva Day. It's all day long. People come here and it's festive.

"It's our first party of the season," said Smith, a Westland resident. "We want people to come and have fun. This is kind of our way of thanking our customers."

Dance music was heard at Opndohr that day, at Smith's niece's urging.

Across Forest at Hands on Leather, sales staffer Meaghen Brideau of Canton was also greeting Diva Day shoppers. "Diva Day does very well," Brideau said. "It's a lot of fun."

The day dawned chilly and overcast, but Brideau didn't find that kept customers away. "It's not rainy, it's just a bit cloudy," she said. "The weather doesn't really bother them if they know it's a special event going on in town." Later that day, the ther-



Shopping at Diva Day are (from left) Pattie Foster of Canton, Judy Bruder of Canton, Lisa Walraven of Plymouth Township and Sue McFadden of Garden City.

mometer climbed and the sun came out.

Hands on Leather opened in 1975 and will close soon with its owners' retirement.

Over on Ann Arbor Trail, Dearborn Jewelers was proudly marking 65 years in business. The jewelry store has been in downtown Plymouth 12 years.

"It's fun," Dearborn Jewelers' Teri Allen said of Diva Day. "Women get their beads. I like it that it's a whole day." Her father founded Dearborn Jewelers in 1950 in Dearborn and a picture of him hangs prominently by the door at the Plymouth store.

Allen was showing blue topaz earrings to customer Margaret Harris of Plymouth Township, who'd brought balloons to the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce for Diva Day

as part of her business.

"I enjoy it," Harris said. "Diva Day is a good day. It's always fun." She joked about the "Wilma beads," in reference to Fred Flintstone's wife on the old cartoon.

"It's part of a group," Harris said. "Women say, 'Oh, you have them, too.' Even dogs were wearing them."

Danielle Haase of Livonia was walking dog Lucy along Ann Arbor Trail with both sporting pink beads for Diva Day. "She's just walking," Haase said. We're going to the dog bakery (Three Dog Bakery). She is a little diva."

Wes Graff of Livonia, president of the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce, said, "It is the annual kick off to warmer weather when ladies come out for Diva Day."

He was joined by



Tony Bruscato of Canton passes out pink beaded necklaces to Diva Day shoppers. Bruscato is director of the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority.

Tony Bruscato, director of the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority, in passing out the pink necklaces as the event started at 10 a.m.

"I think it's a great event to get people

downtown," said Bruscato, a Canton resident. "I think people are excited about getting out and having some fun. We just add to that atmosphere."

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STUDENT ACHIEVERS

Honored

Two Plymouth-Canton residents are among 10 Madonna University students who were recently presented with the Ernest I Nolan Awards for Excellence in the Humanities. The awards recognize the students' academic achievements.

Undergraduate Nolan Award honorees included Hannah Glodich of Plymouth, who is majoring in graphic design, and Canton resident Christopher Ryan Merbler, who is majoring in broadcast and cinema arts.

Madonna faculty and advisers selected award recipients based on the students' accomplishments, overall academic achievement and demonstrated excellence in their major.

Participating

Three Canton schools will continue a 28-year long tradition of collecting water quality data for the Rouge River. During early May, students from 25 southeast Michigan elementary, middle and high schools will visit the river to perform chemical tests, identify and record aquatic insects and examine physical stream bank conditions.

The local schools are Crescent Academy International, Plymouth High School and Tonda Elementary School.

The effort is part of the Rouge Education Project, a program coordinated by the nonprofit environmental group, Friends of the Rouge (Dearborn). The REP helps students gain awareness of local Great Lakes-area resources and learn technical scientific ways to investigate the health of their local waterway.

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Is Proposal 1 the best solution for Canton Township residents?

By Michael Hansel
Guest Columnist

As the May 5 approaches, one wonders if Proposal 1, increasing Michigan's sales tax from 6 to 7 percent, is really the best solution for Canton Township residents.

There are numerous pronouncements from leaders and citizens on the need for road repair, certainly true. What does not get much attention are the consequences of passing this proposal, which changes Michigan's Constitution, affecting 10 existing Michigan laws — which has never been done before and may not meet constitutional muster. It is not clear how those 10 laws will be affected, if the proposal passes.

At the present time, Michiganders and out-of-state visitors pay the fifth highest amount in

gasoline taxes, 57.9 cents per gallon, 22 cents of which does not go toward roads. It goes into Michigan's general fund; a major reason for the severe deterioration of our roads. In the previous fiscal decade, fiscal year 1999-2000 through fiscal year 2009-10, the amount spent on roads was reduced, not increased, compared to the previous decade, while Michigan's roads were deteriorating.

The present administration and Legislature is basically following the spending pattern of the previous two decades. Over time, the state gasoline taxes will be eliminated and be replaced by a wholesale tax system that the public will have no say on how much is charged. This change will make Michigan's tax on fuel/gasoline the highest in the nation.

There are at least 18

line items included in the property taxes that Canton Township homeowners pay — schools, Wayne County and Canton Township operations, police and fire protection, local community colleges, etc. Between 2008 and 2014, there have been relatively small increases in property taxes; since 2008, the tax rate increased for four line items, plus the addition of one new item. The largest increase of more than 12.5 percent occurred in the 2015 Winter Tax, compared to the previous year.

Canton homeowners continue to experience substantial annual increases in Canton's water/sewage rate. At the same time, there have been increases in the cost of virtually everything we purchase, including utilities (electricity rates increased more than 87 percent between 2004

and 2014), food and fuel/gasoline. Michigan experienced the highest unemployment rate in the U.S. at the peak of the last recession, due to the financial crisis of 2008. Leading up to the crisis and in the subsequent years, 1999 to 2011, Michigan experienced the loss of about 220,000 auto jobs. For each auto job lost, nine additional jobs were affected, which culminated in about 404,000 additional manufacturing jobs lost. About 1,000,000 people experienced a loss of income, such as from loss of overtime pay, reduction in wages or loss of other types of income. Some people who remained employed experienced as much as a 40-percent reduction in income. Large numbers of people were forced into retirement, with reduced incomes.

With Michigan primarily dependent on automobile manufacturing, the impact on Michigan resulting from the 2008 financial disaster was devastating. People experienced severe financial problems, with many homes going into foreclosure, in particular in southeast Michigan, including in Canton, with homes values dropping precipitously. Michigan was the largest loser of

population because of the loss of employment opportunities. Michigan's new high school and college graduates had to move out of state for employment, as well as others who lost their jobs.

In the hey-day of General Motors, Ford Motor and Chrysler, the three combined enjoyed more than 90 percent of the U.S. auto market. Today, their combined share of the auto market is 44 percent, a loss of more than 50 percent. But where did those jobs go and why?

If we look at our roads and parking lots, we see such auto brands — Honda, Acura, Toyota, Lexus, Nissan, Hyundai, Kia, Subaru, VW, BMW, Fiat, Porsche, Audi, Volvo, Jaguar — with all of these vehicles built out-of-state or imported. To date, not a single foreign automaker has built a manufacturing plant in Michigan. U.S. auto manufacturers have had to resort to importing small low cost vehicles in order to compete with the foreign manufacturers' vehicles. Many companies dependent on the auto industry, particularly in the machine tool and automation industries, downsized or went out of business, as the traditional American automakers

downsized. Michigan's industries, in general, were affected by a national trend. In 1985, there were about 2.6 million Chapter 'C' corporations nationally; today that number has dropped to about 1.6 million, a loss of one million corporations. U.S. corporations pay the highest corporate income tax of all industrialized nations in the world. Could that be a reason for so many Chapter 'C' corporations failing or pursuing alternative structures? More small companies have gone out of business then there are new start-ups. In addition, middle-class personal income dropped over the last six years, not increased, while experiencing an increase in the costs of purchases.

There are a number of alternative solutions for funding Michigan's roads that do not hit the hard-working people of Michigan in the pocket book.

Homeowners in Canton have sacrificed enough with the increases in property taxes and in the cost of virtually everything purchased, particularly in the cost of food, fuel/gasoline, utilities and water/sewage usage.

Michael Hansel is a Canton Township resident.



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Crews installing a new 10-inch sanitary sewer have forced the closing of northbound Levan Road, near Five Mile.

The new sanitary sewer is being installed underneath the existing northbound lanes of Levan, causing the road to be closed from Five Mile to just north of Jamison. The closure, which started April 29, is expected to last two to three weeks.

Motorists are advised to use the posted detour,

which is Schoolcraft Road heading west, then north on Newburgh Road and finally east on Five Mile Road. Levan Road is restricted to one lane southbound from Five Mile to south of Jamison.

The work is designed to extend the sewer to three businesses near the intersection: Masri Orthodontics, Levan Road Veterinary Hospital and the former Livonia Dermatology building. Anyone traveling to those

businesses can reach them by taking the posted detour, turning southbound on Levan and making the left turn.

Levan is also scheduled for more extensive work, including concrete base repair and an asphalt overlay, likely beginning in June. That project is expected to run through late September.

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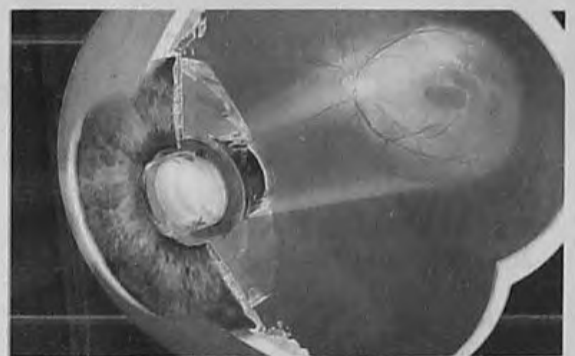
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Scrooge & Barley opens spigot for home brewers

By Diane Gale Andreassi
Staff Writer

Patti Maki knew just what she was looking for when she walked into the newly opened Scrooge & Barley last week looking for ingredients for her home brewing operation.

Maki started making her own mead (fermented honey) 2½ years ago and is a member of a growing local brewers club, South Lyon Area Brewers, that meets at Witch's Hat Brewery in South Lyon. She's among the estimated 1.2 million home brewers in the United States who collectively produce 2 million barrels of beer annually.

"I enjoy making something that's all mine," she said.

Scrooge & Barley, the newest in the lineup of South Lyon businesses, is the brainchild of two Army vets, David Bennett and Matt Carroll, who have joined forces

to open the city's first establishment offering home brewing and wine making start-ups.

The shop's grand opening was May 1, but it welcomed shoppers last week to get a feel for what customers wanted. Next to South Lyon Village Bakery, the shelves are packed with large pots and all the ingredients to make your own beer, hard cider, wine and mead. Kits are available for every level – from beginners to advanced – and the costs start at \$35.

Carroll and Bennett expect a big following.

"The craft brew industry is blowing up," said Carroll, a Brighton resident.

The DIY (do it yourself) trend has been growing in popularity for 10-15 years, Bennett said, "and it has hit beer and wine. They're not hard to make. It's a matter of getting the right equipment to do it."

The budding entrepreneurs more than 10 years ago. Both served overseas in the Army – Carroll served in Iraq, and Bennett, a Canton resident, served in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The business will be a family affair with their wives, Brady Bennett and Nora Carroll, helping in various capacities.

"I think it's neat that these guys are vets and they've been given so much of themselves for their country and now they can give it back to their own local communities," Brady Bennett said.

Added her husband: "We want to absolutely support the local community and be a part of it."

Scrooge and Barley is located at 226 S. Lafayette in South Lyon. Reach at 248-278-0282.

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Matthew Carroll and David Bennett have everything a home brewer needs at their new business, Scrooge and Barley, in South Lyon.

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Livonia Town Hall announces next seasons speakers

Livonia Hall Lecture Series will begin its 52nd season this fall with the Lennon Sisters, the legendary vocal group known as "America's Sweethearts of Song," on Oct. 14.

The other speakers for the 2015-16 season are Robert Wittman, an

FBI special agent, Nov. 18; Jan McInnis, an established comedy writer and comedienne, Jan. 20; and Robert John Scanlon, the assistant chief florist at the White House, March 16.

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Tickets are \$10 each and are available by calling The Village Theater box office at 734-394-5300 or online at www.cantonvillagetheater.org. Tickets may be purchased at The Village Theater box office,

which opens one hour prior to show-time. Group tickets are also available for groups of 15 or more for \$13 each.

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The Village Theater at Cherry Hill is at 50400 Cherry Hill Rd., Canton.



SPOTLIGHT PLAYERS

Rehearsing a scene are (standing, from left) Emily Kloostra and Elizabeth Perakes and (front, from left) Mira Wennstrom, Natalie Parkinson and Alexandra Perakes.



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STAR WARS

Time/Date: 7 p.m., Monday, May 4
Location: Canton Public Library, 1200 S. Canton Center
Details: Artist Chris Trevas will bring his story and some of his work to the library to help celebrate *Star Wars* unofficial holiday, "May the 4th Be With You."
Cost: Free
SYMPHONY AUDITIONS
Time/Date: By appointment, May 9
Location: Madonna University, Livonia
Details: The Livonia Youth Symphony Orchestras will hold auditions for six ensembles, which are composed of brass, woodwind, strings and percussion. Residents and non-residents are eligible.
Contact: Peg Podnar to schedule an appointment at pegmpod@gmail.com or 313-387-0134. For more information, go to www.lysom.org.
CARS & CAFFEINE
Time/Date: 8-10 a.m. every Sunday, beginning May 3
Location: Parking lot of Biggby Coffee, 44601 Five Mile, Plymouth
Details: Car buffs and enthusi-



Artist Chris Trevas will help celebrate the Star Wars holiday May 4 at the Canton Community Library

asts are invited to bring themselves, their families and their classic or hot-rod vehicles for a weekly gathering for talk and coffee
Cost: Free
FIRST STEP NEEDS
Time/Date: May 3-16
Location: Canton Public Library, 1200 S. Canton Center
Details: The Canton Public Library will accept donated

items for First Step, an organization dedicated to reducing domestic and sexual violence and providing service to individuals affected by these crimes. Items include: scented body wash, lotion, hand sanitizer, gift cards for stores, such as Meijer, Kroger, Walmart or Target
JOINT REPLACEMENT SEMINARS
Time/Date: 6-8 p.m. Wednes-

NEWS OF UPCOMING EVENTS

The Community Calendar runs in the Plymouth and Canton Observer as space permits. Nonprofit groups and community organizations are welcome to submit news of upcoming events. Please include a daytime telephone number and contact person. Email information to jmaliszews@hometownlife.com.

day, May 27, and 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.
WIDOWED FRIENDS
Time/Date: Various dates in May

Location: Various
Details: Widowed Friends, a peer support group offers the following activities to widowed men and women in all areas:
 » 9 a.m. 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.
 » 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.
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.VVAS28.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., Saturday, 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 accepted
Contact: connectingwith-God.org or 734-459-3333

Burger Center students take walk to promote autism awareness

Plymouth Township resident is student council vice president

By Sue Buck
 Staff Writer

Students from the Burger Transition Center believe that the public should know more about autism awareness. On Wednesday, April 29, 120 students, 65 staff and their families held a special walk to the center, located in the Henry Ruff Building at Maplewood and Henry Ruff, to the parking lots of Garden City High School and the Douglas Elementary 3-4 Campus on Maplewood. "This is in honor of Autism Awareness Month and raising awareness in our com-

munity," said Lauren Cezon, a special education provider. "This event is sponsored by our Positive Behavior Intervention Support Committee. We want to celebrate our students, our community and our special differences that make us so unique." The transition center is part of a county program provided by the Garden City Public Schools. Students come from throughout Wayne County for the program, with younger students attending classes at the Burger-Baylor Center in Inkster, while older students are at Henry Ruff. Autism is a spectrum

disorder. The students, who are across the continuum, are educated until age 26. The post-secondary center helps students develop job and vocational skills.
Special help
 The Garden City police and fire departments were on hand to guide the students. "This is nice," Fire Capt. Scott Marinkovich said. "I have never done this before, first time." "The fire department provided the school with some shirts to give away," Garden City Fire Chief Catherine Harman said. "The shirts are autism awareness shirts with a statement that Garden City firefighters support autism." The school is making



The marchers react as drivers honk their car horns in support during the Autism Awareness Walk in Garden City.

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The Garden City Police and Fire departments helped control traffic as the parade of students and staff crosses Middlebelt Road.

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a decided outreach effort. "We are connecting more to the community," associate administrator Joe Valdivia said. Quinn Ebner, 21, a Plymouth resident, is vice president of the student council, a first-year program. "It's good exercise," Ebner said. "This is for Autism Awareness Month." Valdivia said that the Positive Behavior Support Committee does a monthly activity. "We want our community to know that our students can be productive, helpful adults," he said. Cezon added that it is important for the Garden City community to know these students are here. "We want to celebrate all of our individuality and uniqueness," she said. Students made posters and wore their spirit wear. Some posters included a puzzle piece to



Burger student Dylan Nesbitt marches down Maplewood in support of autism awareness.

the last Friday of each month that is open to the public. The school will also have its first student-driven yearbook this year. Ebner suggested this idea when he ran for student council. "We want to see the students and the teachers," Ebner said. Work continues at the center. "We work on communication and social skills throughout the building," Valdivia said. "We want the kids to become more self-advocating. We work a lot with helping our kids develop appropriate behavioral skills and interactions." The students are learning to advocate for themselves and to not always be followers. Students also want after-school events typical of what is offered at other schools. sbuck@hometownlife.com Twitter: @SueBuck

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United Way will host family skate fundraiser

If you like to roller skate and want to help senior citizens, youth, low-income families and disabled adults, the Plymouth Community United Way has an event for you: its second annual Family Skate Fundraiser Thursday, May 14, at Skatin' Station II, 8611 Ronda Drive, Canton.

The event runs 6-8 p.m. and is open to the public.

Admission is \$6 and includes skate rental. Blade/speed skate rental is \$2 extra. Proceeds benefit Plymouth Community United Way. For more information, call 734-453-6879, ext. 7.

"It's a good way to get kids and their families involved with helping others while having fun," said Marie Morrow, president of Plymouth Community United Way.

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Skatin' Station II is at 8611 Ronda Drive, Canton.

since 1944, Plymouth Community United Way is an umbrella organization that addresses human needs by funding nonprofit agencies and organizations.

Programs range from senior bus transportation to housing for the developmentally disabled, counseling and shelter for domestic violence victims and their children, youth life-skills training, help for students to succeed in

school and homeless families and individuals attain financial stability, emergency food, rent and utility assistance and many other services.

In addition, the Plymouth United Way organizes drives for local food pantries, hats and gloves for the homeless, hygiene items for shelter residents and back to school supplies for low-income students. Learn more at www.plymouthunitedway.org.

Habitat for Humanity closes Plymouth office; moves to Canton

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

The Habitat for Humanity of Western Wayne County office on Starkweather in Plymouth has closed, with the affiliate relocating for now to Canton.

"It was a lot of issues," said Alice Dent, HHWWC executive director. "Legally, I can't say things that might go in the paper."

Mail is being forwarded from the office on Starkweather in Plymouth's Old Village, she said. The phone number remains as 734-459-7744

and the fax is still 734-459-7750.

"This is not an office where people can come. We don't have our own space. We're just not settled right now," Dent said of the Canton location. "We may even come back to Plymouth."

The Habitat affiliate didn't serve lower-income residents of Plymouth with homes in which they invest "sweat equity," she said, rather serving those from surrounding communities.

In January, the Habitat affiliate left Ply-

mouth, with the space now rented to a business.

"We were not even that visible," Dent said of Plymouth's Old Village. "There were people that were shocked we were in Plymouth."

"We talked to our (business) neighbors. They wished us well," she added.

The Canton site isn't being disclosed now as it can't accommodate clients for interviews seeking homes or deliveries for Habitat's Restore.

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Canton's Club 55+ will host jewelry, fashion shows in May

To help you stay in style this spring, Canton's Club 55+ will host a pair of events with its seventh annual Jewelry and Purse Sale and second annual Fashion Show.

Both events will take place in May at the Summit on the Park recreation center, located at 46000 Summit Parkway.

The Purse and Jewelry Sale will take place in the Parkview Room from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. May 5-6. Participants are invited to shop for new and gently used handbags and jewelry.

"These new-to-you treasures are wonderful as new spring and sum-

mer accessories or gifts," said Susan Doughty of Canton Club 55+.

No registration is necessary to take part in the Purse and Jewelry Sale, as shoppers are invited to attend freely during the hours of the sale.

The Fashion Show is set for 12:30-3 p.m. May 14 in the Maple Oak Room. Models will show off fashions provided by Suzanne's Ladies Apparel of Kimball Township. A light lunch will be served and all fashions on display will be available for purchase after the show.

"All of the models in our Fashion Show are seniors," Doughty said.

"We are proud to show that you do not have to be 20 to be fashionable!"

The fee to attend the annual Fashion Show is \$12 for Canton residents and \$17 for non-residents. Seating is limited, so attendees are asked to make reservations by May 2 by calling 734-394-5485 or going online to www.cantonfun.org.

Sponsors for the Fashion Show include Regency at Canton and Comfort Keepers.

For more information on these or other upcoming events at Canton's Club 55+, go to www.cantonfun.org or contact 734/394-5485.

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Secretary of State rides in to Schoolcraft College to spread motorcycle safety awareness

By David Veselenak
Staff Writer

Friday was the perfect day for Cheryl Hawkins to hop on her motorcycle and ride to work.

The dean of liberal arts and sciences at Schoolcraft College joined Secretary of State Ruth Johnson and about 40 other motorcyclists

for a ride Friday morning from the Motor City Harley Davidson dealership on Grand River in Farmington Hills to the college's main campus in Livonia.

Hawkins said touring Michigan on a motorcycle is a great pastime of hers, as long as it's done safely.

"There's no better way

to see the state than riding," she said. "But with that comes the responsibility. Safety is first."

The ride was the kickoff for Motorcycle Awareness Safety Month, a time when more riders are out on the roads.

Johnson said nearly 500,000 people have the motorcycle endorsement on their driver's license,



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Michigan Secretary of State Ruth Johnson arrives at the Schoolcraft College campus.

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"Michigan has required a motorcycle endorsement on their driver's license since 1969," said Johnson, an avid motorcyclist. "It means you know the rules, you have the skills to be a licensed rider, which is so important."

She said 84 percent of motorcycles in 2004 in the state were operated by those with an endorsement. It's those other riders without one, Johnson said, that can cause problems on the roads.

"It was the other group of drivers, the 16 percent who don't have their endorsement, who were involved in 60 percent of all motorcycle crashes," she said. "That's truly a big red flag."

The first 9,000 people who take the basic rider course will be offered a "high visibility" vest, a



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Dr. Cheryl Hawkins, dean of Liberal Arts and Sciences at Schoolcraft College, speaking at the event, is a motorcycle rider.

neon-yellow vest designed to make riders more visible. Those vests are being supplied through the help of a federal grant through the Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning.

Her agency has recently begun launching a new online component to motorcycle safety training classes to complete basic information online. The program is expected to be available to motorcyclists across the state.

Vince Consiglio, coordinator for the Metro Detroit Motorcycle Safe-

ty Consortium and president of ABATE of Michigan, said seeing the number of motorcyclists dying in accidents go down last year was a positive step.

Statistics show 107 people died in 2014, down from 128 in 2013.

"Last year was the second-lowest fatality rate (the last 10 years)," said Consiglio, a Milford resident. "We're happy that it's going down."

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GIRLS BASKETBALL

Brandon wants to continue

Promoted Plymouth girls hoop coach would like to remain with program

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Nick Brandon is the ultimate communicator. He is an excellent team builder.

In his new position as associate director of marketing and external relations for Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, those significant skills will enable him to excel.

That skill set also was a big reason why Brandon also has been an outstanding coach with Plymouth High School's varsity girls basketball team the past two seasons (and with the junior varsity team before that).

In 2014-15, the Wildcats finished 17-4 and won their first-ever KLAAS South Division championship.

But will the recent promotion to an administrative post force Brandon to walk away from the basketball court?

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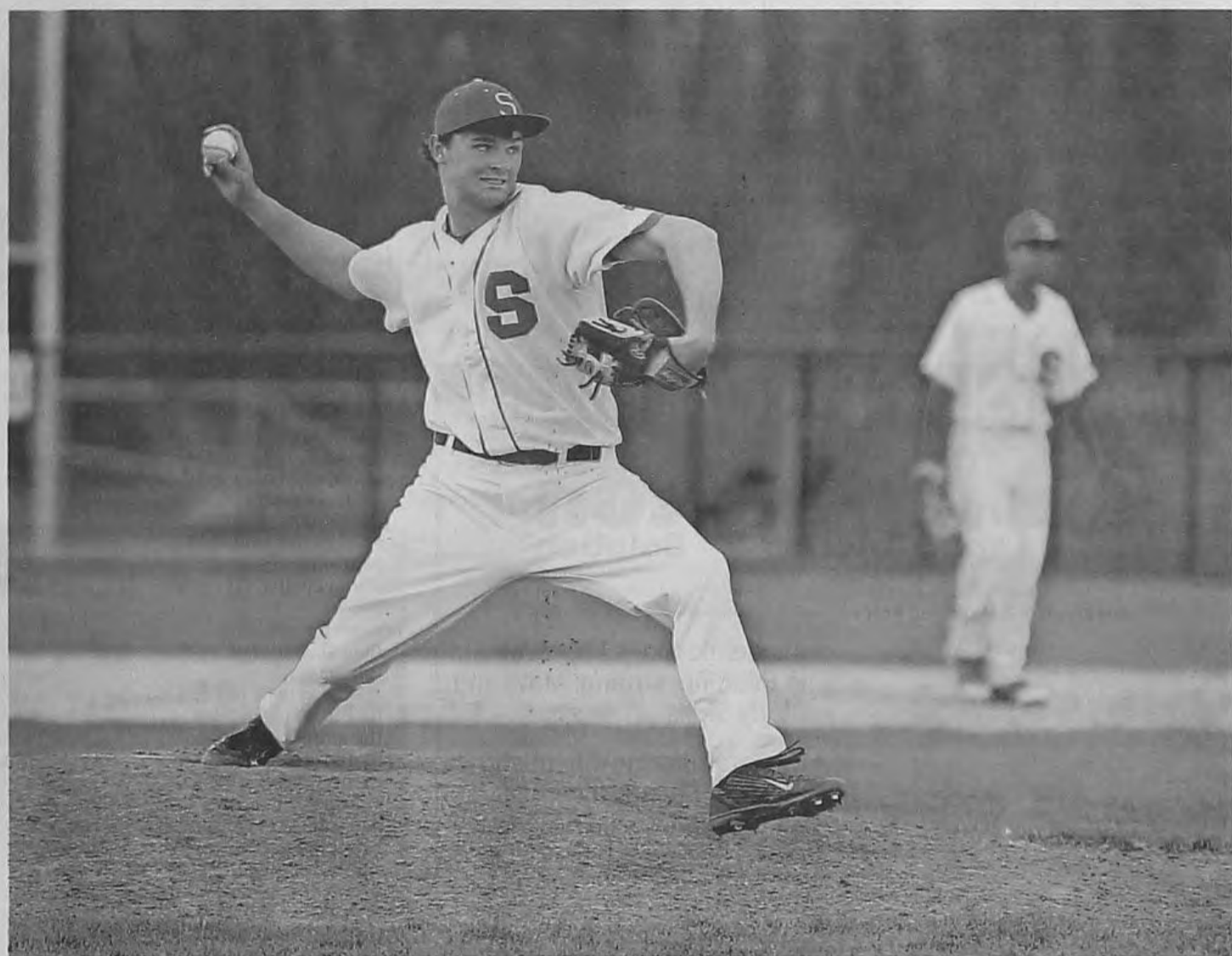
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Recently promoted Nick Brandon is hopeful that he will continue coaching girls basketball at Plymouth High School.

PREP BOYS BASEBALL



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Salem senior pitcher Tyler Brooks sends the baseball toward a South Lyon batter during Wednesday's opening game.

POWER TRIPPING

Home runs by Nicholson, Penn key Rocks' attack against South Lyon

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

The power bats came out in full force Wednesday for Salem's varsity baseball team in a 6-2 victory over South Lyon.

Junior outfielder Alex Nicholson belted a homer to lead off the second inning of the KLAAS Central Division tilt at 1-1, sparking a three-run surge to get the Rocks rolling in the first game of a double-header.

And one frame later, Salem

padding the lead to 6-1 when senior shortstop Josh Penn launched a line-drive three-run home run to left-center.

Penn's first-ever varsity round-tripper scored senior third baseman Brandon Gillen and senior starting (and winning) pitcher Tyler Brooks, who had reached on an error and base hit, respectively.

On a 3-2 count and the base runners on the move, Penn squared up a pitch from South Lyon starting pitcher Kent Katsuda.

"It's been a few years since

I've been able to hit one," Penn said. "Just a low-inside pitch, full count and I took advantage of it. Got a nice piece of it. Just tried to make contact and it just happened to go over."

With a laugh, Penn added that he hit 10 "off the fence on the fly last year, 13 one-hop-pers."

According to Salem's first-year head coach John Wright, it was great to see the two homers.

"Nicholson's been hitting like that in practice every

day," Wright said. "We've just been waiting for him to translate that into the game. So that was positive."

"Penn's just been solid like this all year, he's hitting about .450 right now. So that's kind of expected. He hits the ball hard, the kid hits the ball harder than anybody I've really seen."

With a comfortable lead, Brooks pitched well until the sixth — when South Lyon finally got a second run.

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PREP BOYS LACROSSE

Chiefs outlast 'Cats for Park honors

Canton boys lax squad wins bragging rights for second straight year

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Senior Night turned out to be clinching night for Canton's varsity boys lacrosse team.

The Chiefs edged Plymouth 9-7 Wednesday night to repeat as champions of Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

Canton bounced back for the KLAAS Kensington Confer-

ence victory despite trailing 5-3 at halftime.

"I was proud of our boys on how they held their composure being down by two goals at half," Canton head coach Fred Karam said. "They showed their mettle by dominating on defense and coming out with a passion and will to win."

"We took a great step forward in this game with an overall team effort."

The so-called Park championship is awarded to the team

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NORM PAKULA

Canton's varsity boys lacrosse team celebrates Wednesday night after beating Plymouth to capture the coveted Park championship.



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BIG WIN AT BIG HOUSE

Canton middle schoolers make most of chance

By **Tim Smith**
Staff Writer

What could be better for a bunch of seventh- and eighth-graders to spend the day at the Big House in Ann Arbor?

For the Canton Youth Lacrosse "A" team, lifting an already memorable occasion — the chance to compete on Youth Lacrosse Day at the University of Michigan — to another level was a 19-0 trouncing of Belleville on April 25.

The team, comprised of players in grades seven and eight, squared off against Belleville prior to a Division I men's lacrosse tilt between the Wolverines and Penn State.

"I had big expectations going into the season with this group of players and I haven't been disappointed yet," noted Canton head coach Mark Miller.

Canton came out shooting

and scoring, building a huge 12-0 edge at the intermission. Leading the offensive juggernaut were midfielder Carson Miller and attackman Noah Sullivan, who combined for five goals and seven assists.

Other scorers in the first half included Walker Sievers, Per Benson and Ian Gozdor.

Holding the fort at the other end for the victors was goalkeeper Blake Nowicki, stopping all 27 shots for the shutout.

He was supported by strong efforts from the mid-field crew of Anthony Gatto and Ethan Szmagaj (who forced multiple turnovers) and defenders Dean Kaye and James Hansen.

Both Kaye and Hansen were rewarded for their staunch defense with a goal apiece.

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The Canton Youth Lacrosse "A" team competed Saturday at the "Big House" in Ann Arbor. In the back row, from left, are coach Todd Sullivan, Blake Nowicki, James Hansen, coach Mark Mullins, Dean Kaye, Logan Stacey, Nathan Stoneburg, Charlie Drever, Ben Elwell, John Salloum, Nicklas Andrews, coach Mark Miller and coach Don Drever. In the front row, from left, are coach Drew Hisey, Walker Sievers, Collin Mullins, Noah Sullivan, Anthony Gatto, Ethan Rottell, Per Benson, Owen Vollick-Offer, Ian Gozdor, Ethan Szmagaj and Carson Miller.



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Putting the clamps on a Belleville player at Michigan Stadium are Canton Youth Lacrosse "A" team goalie Blake Nowicki and defender James Hansen (No. 5).

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PREP TRACK & FIELD

Co-champion Rocks eye full honors

Salem boys can clinch title outright Tuesday at South Lyon

By **Tim Smith**
Staff Writer

Salem's varsity boys track and field team is riding a wave of positive momentum that perhaps began with the recent city meet.

The Rocks won the annual Bolger-Mangan meet on April 17, but then kept running and winning at subsequent KLAA Central Division dual meets — grabbing a share of the division title with Tuesday's 95.5-to-41.5 win over Novi.

"Our field events were extremely strong (against Novi)," Salem head coach Steve Aspinall said. "We were leading 35-1 after the first four events were completed and 38.5 to 6.5 after the fields had completed."

Salem, now 6-0 overall and 4-0 in the KLAA Central, can clinch the outright championship Tuesday at South Lyon.

One of the key contributors to the field-event excellence against the Wildcats was junior Jannik Schmitt.

He took first place in the shot put (46 feet, 8.5 inches) and discus (137-01).

Also prevailing before the running events even began were senior Allante Wheeler (high jump, 6-02) and Jacob Miller (long jump, 19-7.5).

Another standout for the Rocks was double winner Ver-Shawn Patrick, who took first both in the 100 dash (11.31) and 200 dash (23.55).

Salem's relays were on the fast track, literally, taking three of four events.

Victorious in the 400 relay were Ty Traylor, Freddie



JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

Salem's varsity boys track team continues to excel, winning the recent city meet and now with a chance to win a division title.

McGee and Miller with a time of 44.48 seconds; Traylor, freshman Ryan Young, Jason Warras and freshman Andrew Davis came in first in the 800 relay (1:32.86).

Young, Warras and Davis were joined by Nathan Schubring to prevail in the 1,600 relay (3:39.13).

Other Salem victories were secured by Spencer Torok (800 run, 2:06.17), Eseosa Arhebamen (110 hurdles, 16.60) and Paul Vander (300 hurdles, 43.28).

Bulldog Invite

On April 25, a number of Salem athletes garnered "a whole bunch of medals" amid great competition at the Brighton Bulldog Invitational.

Aspinall said key contributors on the day were Schmitt, Davis and Young.

Schmitt was first in the shot put, second in the discus and the lead-off leg in the "throwers 4-by-100" relay with two boys (Schmitt, Nick Landon) and two girls (Shara Long, Rachel Lepper).

Davis broke the freshman

record in the prelims of the 200 dash and re-broke his own record in the finals. In that same event, Young placed third.

Both teamed up with sophomore Jason Arnold and sophomore Taj Traylor to win the freshman-sophomore 1,600 relay.

Meanwhile, on April 23, the team of Jason Warras, Ryan Young, Sharriff Dyer and Davis broke the freshman record in the 800 relay at the Saline Hornet Invitational.

"Our current freshman class is extremely talented,

hard-working and a lot of fun to coach," Aspinall said.

SALEM GIRLS: Also Tuesday, Salem's varsity girls track and field team improved to 3-1 with a 81-56 win over Novi.

Salem firsts in running events were tallied by Shekinah Johnson (100 dash, 13.05; 400 dash, 58.61), Haven Essien (200 dash, 27.06), Kaya Knake (800 run, 2:20.59) and Lauren Arquette (3,200 run, 11:43.42). Also strong for the Rocks were relays and field events.

Victorious in the 400 relay were Ayanda Brydie, Lauren Ogarek, Brynna Samuels and Essien (51.54). Brydie, Ogarek and Samuels teamed up with Isabel Rodriguez to win the 800 relay (1:48.48) while the tandem of Madison Justice, Hannah Jeffress, Erin McCann and Elizabeth Tripp took first in the 1,600 relay (10:37.46).

Other Salem points were registered by throwers Long (shot put, 34-05) and Rebecca Falzon (107-09). tsmith@hometownlife.com Twitter: @TimSmith_Sports

PCA first at invite



COURTESY PCA ATHLETICS

Plymouth Christian Academy's varsity boys track and field team finished in first place at the April 25 Whitmore Lake Invitational. The Eagles enjoyed a number of stellar performances, noted head coach Jennifer Lemieux. She cited Torre Crown breaking the PCA boys record in the long jump (first, 20-feet). Meanwhile, the PCA girls team, with only nine members, finished fourth at the invite.



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Collecting one of his two hits in Wednesday's 6-2 win over South Lyon is Salem senior Wes Ross.

BASEBALL

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Nico Woods doubled to right, moved to third on a passed ball and scored on Tyler Magee's sacrifice fly.

Brooks scattered six hits (two on doubles by Woods) and fanned five over six full innings to improve his record to 3-1.

"Really good command, he was 80-81 (miles-per-hour), which we like," Wright said. "He was throwing all three pitches for strikes and that's why he was successful today. He got hit a little early, made great adjustments and he's good now."

Augmenting Salem's big boppers were senior first baseman Wes Ross (2-for-3) and junior outfielder Shane Prevo (2-for-3).

Wright said the team has started to jell since Prevo took over in left field and Gillen moved to third base.

"He (Prevo) has been awesome for us," Wright said. "He's just started the last four games and he's hitting above .600."

"Our whole outfield (Prevo, Nicholson, Griffin Shiminski) right now is juniors and they've been playing really well. So, we're happy with what we have out there."

Salem (9-7 overall, 5-4 in the KLAA Central) could not complete the sweep however, giving up three runs in the first inning of Game 2 and ultimately dropping a 6-5 decision to the Lions.

Although the Rocks probably won't catch division-leading Northville (14-1, 10-0), Wright said his team is sharpening up and gearing up for the Division 1 districts, which will be hosted by Plymouth.

"We're just going to keep grinding and see what happens at the end," Wright said.

Chiefs split DH

Also Wednesday, visiting Canton battled KLAA South Division leader Livonia Franklin in a hard-fought doubleheader.

The Chiefs fell 3-2 in the opener but bounced back for a split when Greg Goodbred (six shutout innings) and Noah Spencer combined for a 2-0 victory in the nightcap.

Lou Baechler delivered the game-winning hit in the top of the seventh and Aaron Miller walked with the bases loaded to bring home Canton's second run.

In Game 1, Nick Sprosek pitched well but took a tough loss. The Patriots (13-6, 7-3) scored twice in the bottom of the seventh, winning on an infield fielder's choice.

Justin Donley doubled and Andrew Loehnis singled for Canton (9-9, 4-6).

Cats go 1-1

Wednesday at Plymouth, the Wildcats were stymied 1-0 in the first game of a KLAA South Division doubleheader by Westland John Glenn.

But Plymouth rebounded for a 4-3 victory in Game 2 to improve to 12-6-1 overall and 6-3-1 in the division.

The hard-luck loser in the opener was Kevin Anthony, who pitched seven stellar innings, not giving up an earned run.

Cameron Stella, Jared Merandi, Seth Hubbard and Kyle Wolter each collected hits.

The strong pitching continued in the nightcap, as Patrick Downing threw 6 2/3 innings for the victory. Closing out the seventh for the save was John Kochan.

Meanwhile, Downing helped his own cause with two hits.

Also delivering a pair of safeties were Anthony, Stella and Pete Carravallah.

John Glenn improved to 6-9 and 1-7.

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LACROSSE

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with the best record against the two other P-CEP rivals.

The Chiefs (7-4 overall, 2-3 in the conference) and Wildcats were deadlocked 7-7 late in the third quarter when Canton senior attackman Brocton Baechler received a feed from senior midfielder Nolan Gilo and whipped the ball past Plymouth netminder Trevor McManus for the tie-breaker.

That slim 8-7 advantage held up until late in the fourth when senior midfielder Jay Krebs scored on a delayed Plymouth penalty for the insurance marker.

Holding off Plymouth down the stretch was goalie Trevor Stahl (15 saves) and defenders Brian Newton, Austin Poe and Ryan Schlegler.

The matchup for Park bragging rights was a thrill-

ing one from the opening faceoff on P-CEP's varsity turf field.

The Wildcats (7-5 overall, 3-3 in the conference) struck first just 40 seconds into the contest when senior attackman Justin Brodzik — off a pass from midfielder Kyle Robertson — buried the first shot of the night.

Baechler got it right back, finishing a play from junior attackman Carson Pakula.

The see-saw game continued with Plymouth sophomore midfielder Nolan Ouellette and Canton junior midfielder Ben Phillips trading tallies.

Plymouth then went up 4-2 after one quarter following goals from sophomore attackman Zach Gallaher and Brodzik.

Both teams ramped up the defense in the second, with Stahl and McManus making key stops to keep the game close.

The lone goals of the stanza were scored by Canton

junior midfielder Micah Rinke (from Baechler) and Plymouth's Ouellette to make it 5-3 at the intermission.

Canton broke out in front 6-5 thanks to three unanswered goals early in the third, with two of those tallies coming with Plymouth in penalty trouble.

The Pakula-Baechler combo accounted for the first two goals, with each player netting one marker.

Putting the Chiefs up by a goal was Pakula, who took a pass from junior midfielder Lukas Pashigian and beat McManus.

But Plymouth responded, with senior Robertson and midfielder Derek Szczepanik scoring goals to even things up at 7-all.

That set up a dandy finish, with the Chiefs recapturing the lead before the end of the third and then holding down the fort in the final quarter.

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PREP GIRLS SOFTBALL

Salem bringing momentum into tournament

Rocks win back-to-back games and gear up for Salem Invite

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Salem showed its mettle by bouncing back in Wednesday's doubleheader nightcap to earn a split against South Lyon. And the Rocks then followed that up with Thursday's 10-5 makeup win against Ann Arbor Pioneer to enter the weekend on a roll. The consecutive victories give the team momentum as it prepares for Saturday's 18th annual Salem Softball Invitational.

"I am very pleased with where we are at the moment," veteran Salem varsity softball coach Bonnie Southerland said. "The girls are really stepping up and showing their stuff. It's fun to watch the hitting and the textbook infield plays they are making."

"We are very young, remember we only have one senior (Maranda Armstead) on the team. But there's lots of good things to come."

Southerland would like one

of those good things to be success at the Salem invite; the Rocks will play three games in a row during the morning and early afternoon. The championship tilt will be at 3:30 p.m. on the varsity field.

But Salem is handling business in the KLAA Central race, too.

Following the doubleheader against the Lions — Salem dropped the opener 10-5 but bounced back with a 8-2 victory in Game 2 — the Rocks improved to 6-2 in the division, good for a first-place tie with South Lyon.

Salem then upped its record to 11-2 overall with the Thursday victory over Pioneer.

A five-run burst in the first inning got the Rocks off and running. Mel Anderson tripled home Kristin Mihalic to get the offense rolling, and then Morgan Overaitis drilled a double to bring home Anderson.

Before the inning was over, Kara Hutchison plated a run with a base hit and Jamie Squires hit the first of her two home runs in the contest.

Squires hit a three-run homer in the third, bringing home Emily Stewart (walk) and Armstead (single). Another run followed when Anderson singled to score Abbie Riedel (single).

Against South Lyon, the



JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

A South Lyon base runner tries to get a lead behind Salem first baseman Maranda Armstead.

Rocks let an early lead get away in the opener, ultimately falling 10-5.

Salem did get plenty of offense from Overaitis (homer, double), Mihalic, Hutchison and Riedel (two hits each).

Righting the ship in Game 2, the Rocks took control with two runs in the third and five more in the fourth to back the pitching of Overaitis.

In the second, Salem strung together a triple by Mihalic and doubles by Anderson and Stewart to bring home two.

Maddie Rosiewicz got the fourth started with a single, and by the time it was over the Rocks were up 7-1.

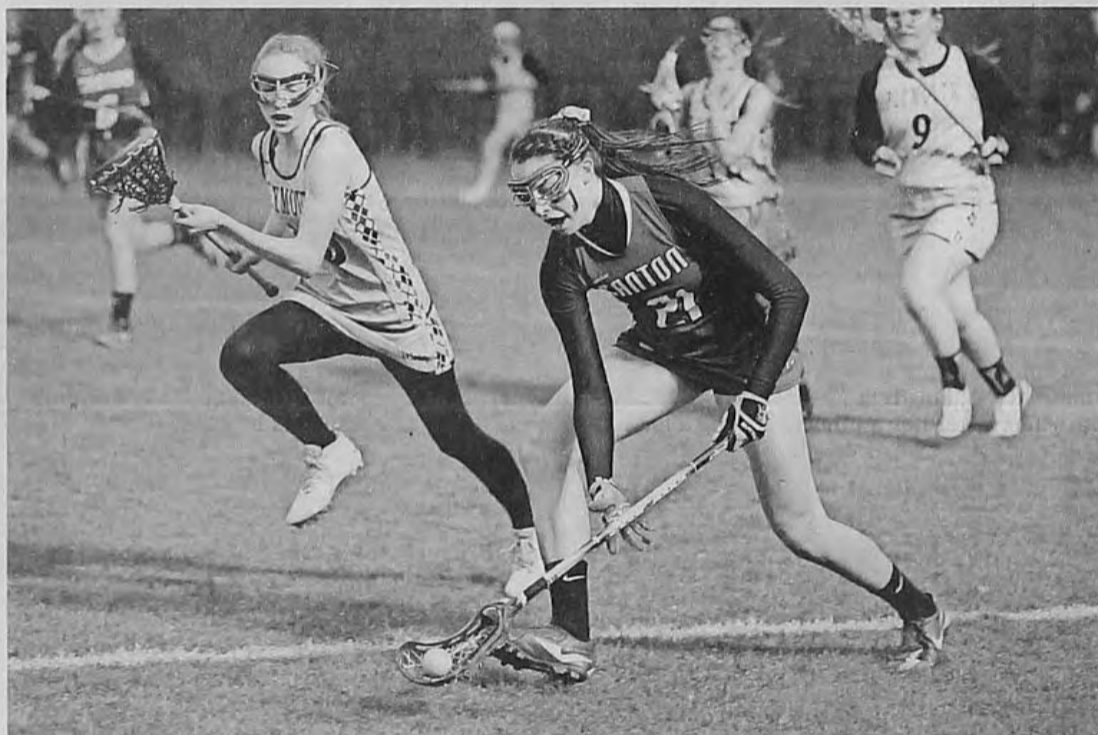
Capping that frame was a home run by Overaitis, a freshman sensation who has verbally committed to the University of

Michigan.

Squires put another run on the board all by herself in the fifth. She singled, stole second and scored on a wild pitch.

In addition to Overaitis, the 10-hit attack featured multiple safeties by Mihalic, Anderson, Stewart and Squires.

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Vying for a groundball during Wednesday night's varsity girls lacrosse game are Plymouth's Cathryn Vandembosch and Canton's Jordan Church (No. 21).

PREP ROUNDUP

High-powered 'Cats down Canton

Plymouth, Canton golf teams enjoy victories

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Plymouth's varsity girls lacrosse team got back on track Wednesday night with a convincing 13-5 victory over Canton.

A balanced offense sparked the Wildcats, who improved to 9-3 overall and 3-3 in the KLAA Kensington Conference.

"I felt the girls played a solid game," Plymouth head coach Jake Wieloch said. "We looked a little nervous to start, but settled into the game quickly."

Pacing the Wildcats with four goals was Natalie Nowicki, while Michelle Burke contributed a hat trick.

Finding the mark twice each were Cathryn Vandembosch and Marissa Cirino.

Taking care of the defensive end were goalies Erin Oleszczak and Elizabeth Elliott while Shelby Strawn collected four ground balls while providing "unrelenting pressure defense" against the Chiefs (0-11, 0-6).

Leah Tardiff and Joslyn Longe scored six and four goals, respectively to spearhead Salem to a 16-5 win Thursday over Walled Lake United.

Chipping in with three markers for Salem (4-8) was Andi Marthaler.

Boys golf

Plymouth won a pair of dual matches, defeating Westland John Glenn 168-215 on Tuesday and following up with Thursday's 191-259 romp over Wayne Memorial.

Against the Rockets, Plymouth sophomore Joe Fontana medaled with 40. Steven Hill (41), Jacob Sylvester (43), Vaishak Mendon (44), Matt Decker (45) and Reilly Sullivan (45) rounded out the winning lineup.

In the win over the Zebras, Plymouth (3-0) was led by Mendon and Sullivan, who both posted 47.

Jeremy Arsenault tallied 48, while other scorers were Hill (49), freshmen Carter Makelim and Richard Ding (56 each).

Canton defeated Livonia Franklin 157-176 Thursday at Idylwyld Golf Course.

Leading the Chiefs (3-0 in the KLA South) was senior and match medalist Chris Dooley, who shot 37.

Other Canton scorers included Noah Lindlbauer (39), Hunter Schlammpp (40, Brian Oldani (41), Josh Johnson (42) and Suhas Potluri (44).

Despite solid scores of 39 by Hayden Winch and 41 by Jakob Lenders, Salem fell 165-168 to South Lyon on Wednesday.

Other Salem scorers were Shawn Weldon (43), Matt Schaumburger (45), Adam Marcero and Bryce Henderson (47 each).

Girls tennis

In their first KLAA crossover girls tennis match Tuesday, South Division champion Plymouth lost 7-2 to West Division leader Grand Blanc.

Wildcats No. 4 singles payer Kara Hug was leading 4-1 in the first set when her opponent defaulted due to injury.

Plymouth's No. 1 doubles duo of Teahn Horton-Alexa Earls won 6-1, 7-6.

On Thursday, in another crossover, Plymouth (6-3, 5-0) dropped a tough 5-4 decision to Walled Lake Northern.

Flight winners for the Wildcats were Amber Tseng (No. 2 singles), Swetha Duraiswamy (No. 3 singles), Hug (No. 4 singles) and the top doubles pairing of Horton-Earls.

In a KLAA crossover match Tuesday, Salem bested Walled Lake Central by a 8-1 score to improve to 4-3 overall.

Victorious in singles flights were Chelsea Yu (6-1, 6-0 at No. 1), Bianca Ghita (6-1, 6-2 at No. 2), Madison Kulik (6-0, 6-0 at No. 3) and Kylie Enright (6-0, 6-2 at No. 4).

The Rocks nearly swept doubles play, too. At No. 1, Ashley Henderson-Grace Martin won 5-7, 7-6, 6-1.

Alyssa Bucciarelli-Alayna Schwartz earned a 2-6, 6-1, 6-1 victory at No. 2, while Emilee The-Raegan Henderson won 6-2, 6-2 at No. 3.

The No. 5 pairing of Trina Pal-Sarah Martin won 6-2, 7-6. PLYMOUTH 6, SALEM 3: On Friday, Plymouth bested the host Rocks.

COLLEGE SOFTBALL

MU goes home early in WHAC softball tourney

Regular season co-champion Madonna University made an early exit Thursday from the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference women's softball playoffs as Aquinas College upset the Crusaders, 4-3, at the Art Van Complex in Rockford.

Lexi Pompa went 3-for-4 and Heather Gusse was 2-for-4 with two RBIs as the Saints stayed alive in the double-elimination playoffs.

Erika Whittington (8-13), who pitched the final 3½ innings in relief of starter Caitlyn Hensel, got the victory allowing no runs on four hits.

Madonna ace Bree Crampton (17-7) was charged with the loss as she allowed three earned runs on eight hits and three walks in six innings.

MU (34-12-1) lost despite out-hitting Aquinas 11-8, but committed three errors.

North Farmington's Karleigh Creighton hit a solo homer, her fifth of the season, while Emma Cook went 3-for-4. Nicole Salloum (Livonia Churchill) and Morgan Kaiser collected two hits and one RBI each, while Kasey Trierweiler also added two hits.

Madonna, which qualified for the NAIA national tournament after tying Davenport University for the WHAC title, does not return to action until Monday, May 11, at one of 10 campus sites around the county. The Crusaders learn which three teams they will match up with and next Thursday when the NAIA releases its national tournament brackets.

Opening rounds

On Wednesday, MU found itself in survival mode after losing its playoff opener to No. 8 seed Siena Heights, 9-1, at the Art Van Complex in Rockford.

The Crusaders did bounce back in the double-elimination tournament later in the evening to beat University of Northwestern Ohio, 13-2, in five innings as Crampton scattered seven hits and one walk while striking out seven to keep MU alive.

Creighton (2-for-3), Bria DeBono (2-for-2) and Morgan Thompson each homered in the victory.

Also chipping in offensively were Trierweiler (three RBIs), Breanna Keethler (2-for-3, RBI) and Erin Combs (3-for-3, RBI).

Northwestern Ohio finished its season at 25-17 overall.

Combs (17-5), the starting pitcher against Siena Heights, was rocked for nine runs, including seven in the sixth inning as the Saints pulled off the first-round upset in a six-inning mercy.

The sophomore right-hander from Imlay City gave up 11 hits, but only two runs were earned, in 5½ innings.

Taylor Heisler went 2-for-3 with three RBIs, while Taylor Hayes went 2-for-4 with two RBIs for the Saints (23-19).

Winning pitcher Kelsie Abbott (17-8) struck out four and scattered seven hits to earn the victory.

Salloum went 2-for-3 with an RBI in a losing cause.



Crampton

BRANDON

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Observer, Brandon said he intends to remain connected with the Plymouth girls basketball program in one way or another. The details — and whether he can continue as the head coach — remain to be firmed up.

"I love my new position within the district, and I also love leading the Plymouth girls basketball program," Brandon noted. "The decision on if and how I can do both at the level each deserves is one that we are currently in the process of confirming."

"There are a lot of factors to

consider, the primary of which is making sure I have the time and energy to devote to my family. But also vital is what is best for our student-athletes as well as what is best to keep Plymouth basketball growing into the strong program that it has become."

Brandon also promised that he "will be involved with the program in some kind of role, the possibilities of which are a wide range at this point. I certainly want to have some part in continuing to build a great tradition for our outstanding student-athletes to be a part of."

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Ikebana club marks 50 years with free demonstration of its work

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Cheryl Linck occasionally picks tree trimmings from the curb and cuts down plants in roadside ditches.

Cynthia Kidd often searches her back yard for branches.

And Amy Langdon looks through her garden for the perfect flower.

Their discoveries, whether cast-off branches, leaves, stalks or flowers, are combined to create graceful Japanese-style arrangements called ikebana.

"It's fun to search around your yard and look at things in a different way. A branch that has a certain curve or line might make good material for a certain style of ikebana," said Kidd. "That makes the arrangement more personal."

Linck grows shrubs, ornamental trees and flowers specifically for use in her arrangements.

"Traditional ikebana practice uses materials that are in season, expressions of the season, so it's only natural to use local materials," she said. "Traditional ikebana also does not throw out a leaf or flower because it has a brown spot or has been a bit chewed on by an insect. Honoring all aspects of nature, the changing of the seasons and cycles of life is part of the practice."



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Emiko Suzuki, an expert in ikebana, will give a free demonstration at the Detroit Chapter 85 of Ikebana International 50th anniversary celebration.

Toshiko Shimoura of Southfield, died earlier this year.

"She had such expertise. It's hard for our group. I know Toshi would want us to continue," said Langdon. "Her spirit will be there."

Langdon has been an active member of the organization since it was formed. She judged flower shows and was active in garden clubs. She said her aunt, who also was a flower show judge, introduced her to the art of ikebana.

"It opened my eyes to the fact that Japanese flower arranging is simple to look at. They depend a lot on line (of plants) and that fascinated me," Langdon said.

Mother to daughter

Kidd began attending ikebana events when her mother joined the organization 35 years ago. After her mother died, a Chapter 85 member asked Kidd to join the group.

"I have all of my mom's

containers and some of her tools. It's very special. I just thoroughly enjoy the group," said Kidd, who left a graphic design career to become a floral designer. "The great thing about ikebana is that we bring flowers and branches in from our own gardens to use as material. All of us in the group tend to have gardens, so sharing a love for flowers and gardening is one thing we all have in common."

Linck also studied floral



Ikebana is the Japanese art of floral design.

design. Ikebana took her passion for flowers to "another level."

"Ikebana can be a spiritual practice and I find that to be so for me," she said. "The process can be challenging, fun, peaceful, frustrating much depending on my state of heart and mind. The art is thought to express the practitioner's soul — or for me state of being — while doing the arrangement. I do notice when I am in a peaceful state to begin with, in the moment and not attached to how the arrangement turns out or how others perceive it, I enjoy and find great peace and fulfillment in the process and the arrangements seems to take on that expression."

Kidd said Suzuki's demonstration is a good way to get a feel for the art of ikebana. Prospective Chapter members also may attend a monthly workshop/meeting. The group meets the second Wednesday of the month, March-December at Northwest Unitarian Universalist Church, 23925 Northwestern Highway, Southfield. A hands-on workshop runs 10 a.m. to noon, followed by a meeting. A second workshop is 1-3 p.m.

For more on Ikebana International Detroit Chapter 85, visit ikebanadetroit.org.

Golden anniversary

The women, Linck from Berkley and Kidd and Langdon, both from Farmington Hills, are longtime ikebana practitioners and members of the Detroit Chapter 85 of Ikebana International. The organization will celebrate its 50th anniversary Friday, May 8, at the Birmingham Unitarian Church, 38651 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills, with a free ikebana demonstration by Emiko Suzuki, an expert in the Ikenobo School of ikebana.

The celebration will be bittersweet for the organization's 50 members. Their teacher,

Canton couple advocate for 'adopted' test lab dog

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Kathy and George Garis would love nothing more than to bring their newly adopted beagle, Bandit II, home to Canton.

But first, the longtime dog rescuers need to secure the pooch's freedom.

"We plan out finding out all we can about Bandit, starting with what sex Bandit is. Next we plan to inquire as to whether we can send a toy or a blanket for our dog and we want to be allowed to see our new friend. Lastly, and most importantly, we plan to advocate for Bandit's release," said Kathy Garis.

"None of God's creatures should be forced to live their lives to test, even for the benefit of humans. And actually, what we hope to accomplish, in the immediate term, is Bandit's release. And in the long term, to stop or at least vastly reduce all experimentation on helpless animals."

The Garises adopted the dog on paper only, through the Beagle Freedom Project's Identity Campaign, which connects individuals to dogs — many are beagles — and cats that are kept in taxpayer-funded university research labs across the country, including at Michigan State University (MSU) and Wayne State University (WSU). The Project lists available animals online and sends each adopter an adoption certificate, a tag with the animal's identification number and lab location, along with a records request template to help them acquire veterinary reports, health records and daily care logs for their new pet. Private facilities and institutions aren't listed on the website because they are not obligated, under state "sunshine laws" to respond to the Project's information requests.

"Part of the purpose of our Identity Campaign is to empower our members and sup-



porters to take a more active role in our efforts against dog and cat experimentation," said Jeremy Beckham, Campaign coordinator. "Most nonprofits only ask their supporters for donations and the occasional online petition signature. We want our supporters to actively drive our efforts and their voice to be heard."

Cage 13-077

Since the Identity Campaign launched in March, all of the available dogs at both WSU and MSU that were listed on the site have been adopted. Beckham said the organization is working to add University of Michigan lab animals to the website. The Garises adopted the beagle in Cage 13-077 at MSU and named the dog, Bandit II after their dog, Bandit, who died four years ago. Their new dog was born May 13, the date the Garises were married at the Michigan State University chapel.

"Since George is a graduate of MSU and we were married at Michigan State University, it was an easy decision to adopt one of the dogs being used there," Garis said. The couple own two beagles, Paulie, 7, and Taffy, 2.

MSU's Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee and Campus Animal Resources regulate and provide administrative oversight for animals used in biomedical, agricultural and veterinary teaching and research, according to the



The adoption is only on paper, but George and Kathy Garis hope to bring Bandit II home from a Michigan State University research lab one day.

university website. It indicates that more than 100 individuals provide care for the animals. The Committee did not return a phone call from the *Observer*.

According to its website, "MSU recognizes and embraces the fundamental interdependence of humans and animals and is committed to the core value of humane care and use of all animals. Animal-related activities are an integral part of MSU's teaching, research and outreach missions and help MSU advance the quality of life for people and animals."

"Annually, the MSU community cares for over 50,000 animals from a wide variety of species involved in cutting edge investigations on imaging technologies, cardiovascular and cancer studies, food production and performance, growth and development, social behaviors and infectious disease."

Private labs

Garis became aware of the Beagle Freedom Project through a photo on Facebook showing dogs in consumer product testing, inhaling oven cleaner fumes.

"I was absolutely outraged that these dogs were being subjected to this — how many dogs have to die before people know fumes from oven cleaners shouldn't be inhaled. I joined their Facebook page and started reading about the work they were doing. Many, if not most, of these experiments seemed pointless and are being conducted for commercial purposes."

"There is an app on the Beagle Freedom Project website, cruelty-cutter.org which will allow you to scan a product and have an immediate response about its animal testing status," Garis said, adding that many cosmetics and cleaning product manufacturers test on animals. "We hope



Kathy and George Garis of Canton received a tag from the Beagle Freedom Project when they "adopted" a test lab dog. The reverse includes the dog's identification number.

more people become aware of the practice of these companies and refuse to buy their products and let the companies know why.

"Under current law, no experiment on animals is illegal, no matter how needless or cruel and we believe that this practice needs to change."

Garis became involved in animal rescue in 2003 after the couple's Cairn terrier died. They adopted another dog from a Cairn terrier rescue and Garis began volunteering. She served as a board member for two different groups, developed an adoption program and post-adoption program, created calendars, wrote a newsletter and helped find homes for former puppy mill dogs. She sees similarities in rescuing test animals and puppy mill dogs and says it takes a "special family" to adopt them.

"The Beagle Freedom Project is very involved in introducing laws on a state-by-state basis to make it mandatory to have the animals used in lab testing offered to rescue groups and with George being an attorney, we would love to assist with this in Michigan."

"These animals deserve a voice. If not us, then who?" Visit the Beagle Freedom Project at beaglefreedomproject.org.

Walks benefit Karmanos Cancer Center, Kidney Foundation

Lace up your athletic shoes and hit the pavement to help raise money and awareness for health causes Saturday-Sunday, May 16-17.

Start with the 17th annual North Brothers Ford & City of Westland Fun Run/Walk 9 a.m. Saturday, May 16, at Westland Farmers Market, 1901 N. Carlson, south of Ford Road. The 5K Fun Run/Walk



will benefit the Karmanos Cancer Institute for Cancer Research.

Registration fees are \$13 for students 18 and under; \$17 pre-registration for adults and \$20 for adults after May 9. Registration fee includes a cotton event T-shirt. Mesh performance running shirts also are available for an additional charge. Reg-

ister for the event at northbrothers.com. Questions? Call North Brothers Ford at 855-739-2023 and ask for Jackie.

On Sunday, May 17, more than 7,500 walkers and their supporters are expected to promote awareness and raise money for the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan by participating in the 1.5-mile Kidney Walk at the Detroit Zoo, 8450 W. 10 Mile, at Woodward Ave., in Royal Oak.

The National Kidney Foundation of Michigan will trans-

form an area of the zoo's picnic grove into an energetic atmosphere for kidney patients, living donors, and transplant patients as a way to celebrate their lives and make them feel special.

The event will include free haircuts, massages, special food — appropriate for those fighting the disease — giveaways, music, contests, games like Giant Jenga, face painting, noodle art, Paws, the official Detroit Tigers' mascot, and food and refreshments donated

by area businesses.

The walk begins at 8:30 a.m., with registration starting at 7:30 a.m.

Participants also can register online at nkfm.org/walks before event day. Cost is \$20 per person, 13 and over, \$10 per child, 2-12, and free for kids, 2 and under. It includes parking, zoo admission and activities. Participants who raise \$100 or more will receive a walk T-shirt.

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

Agging parents

When Aging Parents Need Your Help, a panel discussion, will run 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, May 13, in the South Auditorium at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia. Attendees will get a chance to ask questions and get advice from Audra Frye, community placement specialist, Alisa Kwang, attorney, Paula Swain, financial consultant, Jessica Weathers of the Senior Wellness Center at St. Mary Mercy, and Bruce Webb, senior real estate specialist. Free, but registration is required at 734-738-6300.

Art, memory loss

Individuals with mild memory loss can tour highlights from the University of Michigan Museum of with docents, 1-2 p.m. Sunday, May 3, at the museum, 525 S. State St., Ann Arbor. The free, informal tour, designed for people who live at home and their companions, will be interactive, using music as well as discussion. Register by calling 734-647-0522.

Balance series

St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 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.

Blood drive

St. Mary Mercy Hospital will hold a blood drive 6 a.m.-6 p.m., Monday, May 18, in the North Auditorium at the hospital, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia. To schedule an appointment, call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE or visit redcrossblood.org. Walk-ins also are accepted.

Blood pressure

Oakwood Healthcare will offer free blood pressure screening, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. May 8 at the Dearborn Farmers Market, 22100 Michigan Ave., Dearborn. Visit oakwood.org for more information.

Breastfeeding class

Botsford Hospital's Breastfeeding Clinic offers a three-hour course to help expectant parents get breastfeeding off to a good start, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Monday, May 11, at the hospital, 28050 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills. Participants will get an opportunity to examine products and supplies. Cost is \$35. Register by calling 248-888-2500 or visit botsford.org.

Childbirth class

Learn about the stages of labor, managing pain, relaxation and breathing methods, the partner's role in labor and delivery, medications and anesthesia, C-section deliveries and more in a four-see class that meets 7-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, beginning May 6, at Botsford Hospital, 28050 Grand River, Farmington Hills. Cost is \$75. Register by calling 248-888-2500; botsford.org.

Hearing loss

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.

The Hearing Loss Association of America sponsors the Southeast Michigan Walk4Hearing, Saturday, May 16, at Kensington Metropark in Milford. Registration will start at 9 a.m., followed by the 5-K walk at 10 a.m. The event is for all ages and will include light refreshments, entertainment and information about hearing, hearing loss and the association's services. For more information, visit walk4hearing.org. Email Barb at bquart@hearingloss-mi.org or Tony at aferack@comcast.net.

Or call Audrey at 313-562-5937.

Heart symposium

Hadassah Greater Detroit presents Heart Throbbing Woman's Heart Health Symposium, 10 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. Thursday, May 28, at The Community House, 380 S. Bates, Birmingham. Attendees will learn about the warning signs of heart disease for women, new CPR techniques, defibrillator use and the merits of mindful thinking. Rhonda Walker of WDIV will moderate the program. Keynote speakers will be Pam Marcovitz, M.D., director of the Ministrettre Women's Heart Center at Beaumont, and Shalini Modi, M.D., service chief of cardiology at Henry Ford West Bloomfield. Includes lunch, an optional walk and exercises. Cost is \$45. Register at Hadasah.org/events/whh. Call 248-683-5030 for more information.

Joint pain

Learn about the source and treatment of hip, shoulder and knee pain, 6-7:30 p.m. May 12, in the Oakwood Physical Therapy & Wellness Center, 17101 Rotunda Drive, Dearborn. Register at oakwood.org or call 800-543-9355.

Sleep series

Livonia Civic Center Library will offer a free program called How To Improve Your Sleep: A 3-Part Series From a

Holistic, Medical and Psychological Perspective, Monday-Wednesday, May 4-6, at 32777 Five Mile, Livonia. Sandy Baumann will present Say Goodnight to Insomnia, 1:30-2:30 p.m. Monday. Donald Zaksek will talk about the psychology of sleep, 7-8 p.m. Tuesday. Gayle Young presents Sleep From a Medical Perspective, 7-8 p.m. Wednesday. Programs are free but registration is required. Call 734-466-2490.

Stroke program

Anne Pawlak, D.O., a specialist in adult neurology and chair of the residency-training program at Garden City Hospital, will talk about why strokes happen, the damage they cause, symptoms and prevention, 12:30-2 p.m. Saturday, May 30, at Westland Shopping Center, 35000 Warren Road, Westland. The event is free. Visit gch.org

Walk with a Doc

David Sternberg, a minimally invasive thoracic surgeon, will talk about upper intestinal problems that make eating difficult, noon, Thursday, May 21, at the Heritage Park Nature Center, located on Farmington Road between 10 Mile and 11 Mile, in Farmington Hills. The talk includes a nature walk. Register by calling Botsford Hospital at 877-477-3621, option #1.

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When you think about the average job, you probably picture a worker at a desk typing away at a computer all day. But if the idea of spending 40-plus hours a week in a cubicle doesn't sound like your idea of a perfect work environment, don't fret. There are careers across a variety of industries that have you up on your feet, going from one location to the next, and meeting new people every day.

And we already know that these types of jobs may provide real mental and physical benefits—workers in non-desk jobs are two times less likely to complain about their work environment and significantly less likely to report being overweight.

A new CareerBuilder/Economic Modeling Specialists Intl. study shows that these jobs don't just offer great environments and a slimmer waistline—they can offer bigger paychecks.

Where the high-paying non-desk jobs are While 90 percent of the 20 highest paying non-desk jobs are in health care and most require a doctoral or professional degree, many of the fast-growing non-desk jobs don't require a four-year degree and several provide a career path that leads to the middle class.

"The U.S. workforce has gradually shifted to office-based work due to the rise of the professional services economy and productivity gains associated with information technology," says Rosemary Haefner, chief human resources officer at CareerBuilder. "But some of the healthiest areas of job growth year-after-year are in middle-skill occupations that don't require workers to sit in front of computer monitors and phones for 40-hours a week."

Some of the best paying non-desk jobs, no four-year degree required The analysis found that there are 170 non-desk jobs that pay \$15 per hour or more on average, don't require a four-year degree for a typical entry-level position, and have grown 6 percent from 2010-2014.

Here are the top-paying non-desk occupations in various categories:



MEDIAN HOURLY EARNINGS, 2010-2015 JOB GROWTH

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- 1. Dental hygienist, \$34.19, 9%
2. Diagnostic medical sonographer, \$31.93, 15%
3. Occupational therapy assistant, \$26.57, 14%

CONSTRUCTION AND EXTRACTION OCCUPATIONS

- 4. Elevator installer and repairer, \$37.81, 6%
5. Boilermaker, \$27.74, 6%
6. Rotary drill operator, oil and gas, \$24.79, 47%

INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE OCCUPATIONS

- 7. Electrical power-line installer and repairer, \$30.85, 7%
8. Avionics technician*, \$26.92, 6%
9. Signal and track switch repairer, \$26.75, 11%

ARCHITECTURE AND ENGINEERING OCCUPATIONS

- 10. Mechanical engineering technician, \$25.19, 10%
11. Industrial engineering technician, \$25.01, 6%
12. Electro-mechanical technician, \$24.68, 8%

GREEN ENERGY OCCUPATIONS

- 13. Wind turbine service technician, \$23.79, 21%
14. Solar photovoltaic installer, \$19.04, 22%

MISCELLANEOUS NON-DESK OCCUPATIONS

- 15. Locksmith, \$18.25, 10%
16. Massage therapist, \$17.27, 17%
17. Travel guide, \$16.26, 7%
18. Fitness trainer/aerobics instructor, \$15.88, 8%

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