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Memorial Day 'more than a picnic'

Local events scheduled to honor veterans, deceased

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Canton will offer two separate Memorial Day tributes to war veterans who lost their lives, went missing in action or became prisoners of war while fighting to defend freedom.

"We need to remember the sacrifices our servicemen and servicewomen have made for our country and for our freedom," said John Spencer, president of the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 528 and the Canton Veterans Memorial Association.

Veterans and their supporters plan to gather at 1 p.m. Monday at the Canton Veterans Memorial in Heritage Park, behind the Canton Administration Building on Canton Center, south of Cherry Hill. The public is invited.

The solemn but brief ceremony is expected to include the Pledge of Allegiance, a prayer, remarks by veterans, the reading of war poem *In Flanders Field*, an honor volley and a performance of *Taps*.

Across town, the BeckRidge Chorale and Cherry Hill Singers will offer two performances at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Memorial Day at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill. The program is titled "Because of the Brave" — and it's free.

"Memorial Day is more than a picnic for me," said Michael Gross, artistic director for BeckRidge Productions. "My father wanted to make a career of the Air Force until my mother got tired of moving all over the world. My dad loved the military and he instilled his passion of service to country in me."

Gross said his father would have loved the concert "because it remembers those who sacrificed their lives for our country — something he would



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During a previous Memorial Day ceremony, John Spencer offers flowers to Janet and Terry Blumberg, parents of Sgt. Trevor Blumberg, to place at his memorial brick. Sgt. Blumberg died in Iraq in 2003.

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Cathy McDonald and Denise Staffeld, members of Sisters of Song, are in the habit of raising money for Relay for Life.

Relaying to stamp out cancer

Fifty-nine teams participated in Saturday's annual Relay for Life of Canton in Heritage Park. While donations are still coming in, the American Cancer Society is reporting more than \$135,000 raised from the relay. Turn to page A6 for more on the relay and its participants.



Vickie Demers sells tasty baked goods for the St. Thomas a'Beckett team.

P-CCS' MacGregor is new Howell superintendent

By Joanne Maliszewski
Staff Writer

Erin MacGregor, Plymouth-Canton Community Schools assistant superintendent of teaching and learning, has been offered the superintendent's job at Howell Public Schools, pending a final contract.

MacGregor was chosen by the Howell Board of Education in a 6-1 vote this week. He was one of three finalists.



MacGregor

"I am very excited for the opportunity," MacGregor said Wednesday morning. "I'm going to work on a smooth transition. Anytime there's a transition, it's a time of anxiety."

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Margaret Dunning, 104, philanthropist, car enthusiast

By Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

Margaret Dunning, a businesswoman and philanthropist who helped build and later expand the Plymouth Historical Museum and was involved in countless community endeavors during nine decades in Plymouth, died Sunday while visiting California.



Ms. Dunning

Ms. Dunning, who would have celebrated her 105th birthday next month, was in

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have done had he been called into combat.”

In its seventh year, the concert for the first time is free of charge. However, BeckRidge Chorale is hoping to cover some \$5,000 in expenses through a GoFundMe campaign and from private donors.

“We have not yet reached our fundraising goal,” Gross said, “but we are taking a leap of faith.”

Donations are welcome at the event or can be made online through Memorial Day. The money will be used to cover expenses such as renting the Village Theater.

BeckRidge Chorale's tribute uses video clips and narrations to complement its music.

“It is emotional, I can't deny it,” Gross said, “but anyone who has lost a family mem-

ber, friend or comrade in war lives with the pain of that loss forever. Our country sets aside one day each year to remember those we have lost and those who have served. Their families deserve a community that comes together, sworn never to forget.”

The program includes a segment saluting the Armed Forces, with military members being asked to stand as their branch is recognized. Gross said it's a moment when “tears get shed” as the community honors those who made the ultimate sacrifice.

Those planning to attend are urged to reserve tickets online at www.beckridgechorale.org or by calling 734-667-3127. Any remaining tickets will be available at the door for both performances.

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Margaret Dunning at 103 rides on Marty Kerstens's Harley Davidson. In exchange, Margaret gave Marty a ride in her 1930 Packard.

ELIZABETH KELLEY KERSTENS

DUNNING

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Santa Barbara, Calif., when she suffered injuries in an accidental fall. Funeral services are being handled by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, but details were not yet available Wednesday afternoon.

A longtime resident of Penniman Avenue, where she lived alone, the never-married Ms. Dunning was known for her love of collectible cars and her ability to maintain them herself — and drive them, even as a centenarian — and was a regular participant in the Woodward Dream Cruise and car shows around the country. She had appeared in 2011 with her 1930 Packard at the Concours d'Elegance of America at the Inn at St. John's.

Ms. Dunning's death “hurts, you know, because she built the place,” museum director Elizabeth Kerstens said.

“She was always happy and she always wanted to know how things were going at the museum and she always wanted to sit down and chat,” Kerstens said. “The museum was her baby. She really cared about how things were going at the museum.”

‘Very caring’

“Margaret was truly caring, down to earth, unpretentious and giving of her time. The board, staff, volunteers and Friends of the Plymouth Historical Museum will feel the loss of her presence for years to come,” said Pam Yockey, president of the museum board. “She has counted among her friends the world, celebrities, rajahs and us. How privileged we have been for the opportunity to know Margaret. We will dearly miss her — our friend, our adviser and our mentor.”



Margaret Dunning and her 1930 Packard 740.

JOHN STORMZAND | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Margaret Dunning was a Red Cross worker during World War II.

PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL MUSEUM

After her father died in 1923, she moved with her mother to Plymouth. She attended a private school in Massachusetts, graduated from Plymouth High School (currently Central Middle School) in 1929 and studied at the University of Michigan and the Hamilton Business School in Ypsilanti.

She was a factory hand, a bank teller (she recalled the branch being robbed at gunpoint in the 1930s), a Red Cross worker during World War II and, in 1947, purchased Goldstein's Apparel on Main Street, renaming it Dunning's. The store later became Minerva-Dunning's and moved to Forest.

She bought collectible vehicles along the way, including the 1930 Packard, a 1931 Model A Ford pickup, a 1966 Cadillac Sedan DeVille and a 1975 Cadillac El Dorado.

Museum pride

Ms. Dunning in 1971 donated more than \$100,000 to the Plymouth Historical Society toward the building of the Plymouth Historical Museum and later donated about \$1 million for a museum addition. She and her mother were instrumental in building the nearby Dunning-Hough Library.

“I'm very proud of the museum,” she told the *Observer* in 2010. “I can provide the brick and mortar, but the rest had to come together. We have so much talent in this town ... it amazes me the new things they've come up with these exhibits.”

The exhibit that opened in June of that year, to mark her 100th birthday, was called “Margaret's 1910.”

“There's a beautiful world, so take advantage of it,” she told the paper for the same story. “Of all the beautiful people and the inventions and thing, enjoy them and participate in them.”

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Kerstens said Ms. Dunning was “a very kind person, a very caring person” and that she had just seen her May 12 for a museum board meeting.

“She was smiling. She looked lovely. She was smiling and talking to everybody,” Kerstens said. “There was no stopping Margaret.”

Kerstens said the trip to California included a visit with former *Tonight Show* host Jay Leno, another famous car collector. “She did get to spend some time with him, from what I'm told,” she said.

Plymouth Historical Society member Gordon Eddy, who had known Ms. Dunning for about 40 years, said the fact

that she had her faculties and was “real sharp” posed a challenge for others of an advanced age.

“She's that type of person that you just don't see very often — certainly not over 100 years old,” Eddy said.

Redford roots

Margaret Dunning was born June 26, 1910, on a farm at Plymouth Road and Telegraph in Redford Township, to Charles and Bessie Dunning. Her childhood memories included meeting Henry Ford and traveling to a depot on Beech Daly with her father, in a horse-drawn wagon, to take fresh milk to Detroit via the railroad.

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Barking in the park



Tucker, a pit bull mix, had a good time with his family, Gordie and Sarah Smith and their kids Gordie and Kaylee.

Woofs, yips and yaps welcomed at annual Bark in the Park

By Joanne Maliszewski
Staff Writer

There aren't many opportunities for dogs and their owners to mix and mingle with others with the same canine love. But Canton's Bark in the Park is just the place where barking, yipping and yapping is not only OK, it's welcome.

"This is a social event for dogs and people," said Canton resident Ken Martin, who with his wife Kari and dog Mango stopped at one of 11 vendors at the second annual Bark in the Park.

Bark in the Park is designed to introduce residents and their pups to the Canton Dog Park on Denton Road. The Martins gave the park a try. "He had a good time," Martin said of Mango. "He's a bit shy."

Laura Motier, Canton Leisure Services recreation specialist, was manning the information table Sunday for Bark in the Park. "Our attendance has doubled since



This pup is taking a breather while his family chats at the Canton Dog Park on Denton Road.

last year," she said. "The idea is to get all the dogs together to socialize. And it is an opportunity for people to try the dog park."

The Smith family had Tucker, an adopted pit bull mix, in tow. Bark in the Park was the perfect event as Gordie, wife Sarah and their kids, 4-year-old Gordie and 15-month-old Kaylee, want to socialize Tucker as much as possible.

"Tucker is the best dog I have ever had," Smith said, adding that pit bulls get a bad rap.

"It should be some of the owners of pit bulls who get the bad rap."

From the moment the Smiths adopted Tucker, he has been in classes and earned the Canine Good Citizen Award from the American Kennel Club. A gentle pup, Tucker allows young Gordie to every night lift up his gums and check is teeth.

"He says, 'Look how big his teeth are,'" Sarah Smith said.

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Commissioner Barone: Wayne County finances in 'bad spot'

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

In a sobering message, new Wayne County Commissioner Joe Barone said a deepening budget crisis will force tough decisions for slashing spending and reeling in pension and health care costs.

"We're in a bad spot," he said, "and we have to take what we have and go forward."

Barone's remarks came recently as he took the oath of office from 35th District Judge James Plakas - his one-time political rival - during a swearing-in ceremony that preceded a



New Wayne County Commissioner Joe Barone (right) is sworn in to office by 35th District Judge James Plakas.

Canton Township Board of Trustees meeting.

Barone was appointed to the 10th District commission seat in April to succeed Shannon Price, who stepped down to

become Plymouth Township supervisor. The district includes Canton, Plymouth and Plymouth Township.

"I'm confident Joe will do a great job," Price

said. "He's got deep roots in the entire district and in all three communities. He's an attorney, so he will have an understanding of what the county needs to do to right the ship. I think he's going to be willing to make the tough decisions to make that happen."

Barone commended Wayne County Executive Warren Evans for his stance, though painful, on starting to solve the county's financial problems. Evans has said the county faces staggering pension costs and a growing structural budget deficit of \$52 million a year.

Evans has suggested wage reductions and

changes to health care and pension benefits.

"I think he has the right approach," Barone said. "If we don't do it ourselves, somebody's going to come in and do it for us."

County officials have long indicated they would rather solve their own budget problems than face the same fate as Detroit, where money woes led to the appointment of an emergency manager.

On a lighter note, Barone was joined by friends and family, including daughters Olivia, 12, and Isabelle, 9, for his swearing-in ceremony.

Barone, a Plymouth

Township resident and Plymouth attorney, was sworn in by Plakas, who won a judicial race against Barone in 2008. Barone lauded the job Plakas has done and called Mike Gerou, another 35th District Court judge, "just a super mentor."

Barone pledged to work hard for the 10th District and to continue efforts already started by Price to ensure the county commission's work, including its finances, are transparent to the public.

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Lifeguards Lillian Lepper, Collin Hurley and Elizabeth Wiessner; Canton Supervisor Phil LaJoy; Aquatic Coordinator Sorin Oprican; Health & Wellness/Aquatic Recreation Specialist Brad Chiasson; and Canton Leisure Services Director Debra Bilbrey-Honsowetz.



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Lifeguards Lisa Ryan, Kaylin Huber, Connor Osborn and Lindsey Bessinger; Canton Supervisor Phil LaJoy; Aquatic Coordinator Sorin Oprican, Health & Wellness/Aquatic Recreation Specialist Brad Chiasson; and Canton Leisure Services Director Debra Bilbrey-Honsowetz.



CANTON TOWNSHIP

Lifeguards Hannah Maxam, Rachel Hughesdon and Avalon Dewaele; Summit Building Attendant Steve Robb; Lifeguard Lisa Ryan; Canton Supervisor Phil LaJoy; Aquatic Coordinator Sorin Oprican, Health & Wellness/Aquatics Recreation Specialist Brad Chiasson; and Canton Leisure Services Director Debra Bilbrey-Honsowetz.

Summit employees honored for helping save lives

Canton Leisure Services employees, lauded for a series of life-saving rescues at the Summit on the Park, have been honored by the Canton Township Board of Trustees.

The ceremony came during National Water Safety and Awareness Month. Supervisor Phil LaJoy handed the employees official board resolutions recognizing their efforts.

Three groups were honored:

» On Jan. 31, lifeguard Collin Hurley saw a patron in the lap pool not moving. He responded by blowing his whistle and activating an emergency plan, then jumped in to begin the rescue.

The lifeguard team of Sorin Oprican, Jordan Anheuser, Nathan Hall, Collin Hurley, Grant Kurili, Lilly Lepper, Levi Lowder, Alex Petrarca

and Elizabeth Wiessner dialed 9-1-1, assessed the victim's condition, evacuated all pools, provided emergency equipment and performed CPR on the victim, who regained consciousness prior to Canton paramedics arriving.

» On Feb. 10, lifeguard Lindsey Bessinger saw a patron in the water in the Summit Aquatics north river area who appeared to be losing

consciousness.

Lindsey blew her whistle and worked with the lifeguard team of Sorin Oprican, Lindsey Bessinger, Kaylin Huber, John Kukulka, Connor Osborn and Lisa Ryan to rescue the victim until paramedics arrived.

» On March 27, Summit building attendant Stephen Robb responded to the Arts II Room for a guest who needed medical attention. He called

9-1-1 and requested lifeguard help. The victim was slumped over a table with no detectable pulse.

A team of Sorin Oprican, Avalon Dewaele, Rachel Hughesdon, Charles Joyce, Hannah Maxam, David Rowe and Lisa Ryan performed CPR and applied the automatic external defibrillator to get the victim breathing on his own before paramedics

arrived.

"I am proud of these dedicated staff members who uphold our mission of providing a safe environment for all of our guests in all of our facilities," Canton Leisure Services Director Debra Bilbrey-Honsowetz said. "These individuals represent the best in public service and I could not have asked for better responses from our staff."

CANTON CRIME WATCH

Woman accuses ex-boyfriend of stalking

A 56-year-old Canton woman, saying she is being stalked by her former boyfriend, notified police Friday amid fears the odd behavior could escalate, a police report said.

The victim detailed a series of incidents she said have occurred after she ended the relationship in early April:

» She said the 51-year-old suspect, a Plymouth man, has been sending her flowers and cards, even though she had asked him to stop.

» She said he has parked down her street, even though

he has no reason to be near her home on Chatsworth Court.

» She said he has approached her in the parking lot of a gym where she works out, at one point prompting the owner to confront him. The suspect left before police arrived.

» She said he has repeatedly sent texts to her, despite being asked to stop. She also said he left a singing voice mail for her.

The woman told police that she has asked the suspect to leave her alone, but he has refused. She said she didn't consider his behavior threatening, but is afraid it might escalate.

Police contacted the suspect and warned him to leave the woman alone or he could face stalking charges.

Toddler tumbles

A 3-year-old boy apparently escaped serious injury after he fell down the basement stairs of a home in the 42500 block of Colling, near Lilley and Palmer, about 7:30 p.m. Sunday, a police report said.

The toddler's mother asked her husband to call 9-1-1 for help after the boy's fall. She said she has been trying to teach the child and his twin brother how to properly go up and down the stairs.

The mother was going to the basement to tend to laundry when she accidentally failed to grasp the one twin's hand before he tumbled down the stairs, the police report said.

Canton firefighter paramedics indicated the boy appeared to not be seriously injured, a police report indicated, but the boy was taken to a hospital for an examination as a precaution.

Ripped-up checks

A Detroit man moving out of his ex-girlfriend's house in Canton found torn personal checks that he said appeared to have his signature on it, even though he said the bank ac-

count number wasn't his, a police report said.

The 21-year-old man, moving from a house on Beacon Court near Warren and Lilley, told Canton police he discovered ripped-up portions of checks as he was unpacking his belongings. He found the situation odd, but indicated to police that he doesn't believe his ex-girlfriend is responsible.

The man reported the incident Monday morning, telling police that he never uses personal checks and isn't sure why a signature that resembled his was used.

- By Darrell Clem

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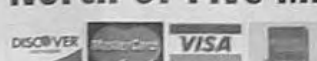


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Local seniors win art scholarships

Two college-bound art students from the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools district got an assist this month from the Plymouth Community Arts Council.

The PCAC awarded its Damaris Fine Art Scholarships this year to Rowan Borninski, a senior at Plymouth High School, and Roberto Ramirez, a senior at the Starkweather alternative program.

They were among seven applicants, all seniors in P-CCS, for the scholarships. Rowan will take a \$1,000 scholarship

to the University of Michigan's School of Art and Design, while Roberto will take a \$500 scholarship to Schoolcraft College.

Other applicants were Maura Kraemer, Kevin Martin, Matthew Cylla, Nam Nguyen and Jordan Rasmussen. Works by all seven will be on display at the PCAC's Emerging Artists exhibition until Saturday, May 30. Art by the PCAC's own students, ages 3-14, is also on display as part of the same show.

The Damaris Scholarships offers seniors at



PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL
Rowan Borninski, a senior at Plymouth High School, won a \$1,500 Damaris Fine Art Scholarship from the Plymouth Community Arts Council. She is seen here with works on display at the PCAC until May 30. Rowan plans to attend the University of Michigan School of Art and Design.

P-CCS high schools a chance to win money for post-secondary art studies and a chance to exhibit their work at the



PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL
Maura Kraemer, with some of her work at the Plymouth Community Arts Council gallery.

and funded by her family.

Applicants were required to submit a portfolio of between three and five art pieces, an essay about the role art plays in their life, de-

scriptions of each art piece submitted and two letters of recommendation. Dennis Jones, a Plymouth artist and an instructor at the College for Creative Studies, juries the competition.

Interstate 96/U.S. 23 interchange construction remains on schedule

By Wayne Peal
Michigan.com

The end won't come until late next summer, but motorists can take solace in knowing that — six weeks after starting — the massive Interstate 96 and U.S. 23 reconstruction project is on schedule.

"We're right on track," Michigan Department of Transportation

spokeswoman Kari Arend said of the project, which will add new lanes, bridges and access ramps to the heavily traveled corridor.

Trees have long been cleared from the former median, which is being graded to add new express traffic lanes.

Next is a 40-day closure of the Spencer Road bridge, set to begin in mid-June.

"That's the thing motorists are probably going to notice most," Arend said.

A map of Spencer Road detours is posted on MDOT's project website, http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mdot/MDOTSpencerRdDetours_482447_7.pdf.

This year's projects include constructing the new I-96 expressway and adding bridges between it



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Construction of the Interstate 96 and U.S. 23 interchange continues.

and the existing I-96. Three lanes will remain open in each direction along I-96 during peak traffic hours.

I-96 was built during the 1960s, MDOT officials said, and the current interchange isn't geared

for today's traffic levels and higher freeway speeds.

Outdated banking grades for on and off ramps have become a problem, according to transportation companies with the area, and the

interchange has become nationally noted for its truck rollovers.

A full description is available at the MDOT website, www.michigan.gov/mdot/0,4616,7-151-9621_11008-315384--,00.html.

HOWELL

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ety and excitement." MacGregor has served the Plymouth-Canton district for 15 years, beginning as a teacher, then as a principal and into district administration. "For my time at Plymouth-Canton, I am so grateful," MacGregor said. "The relationships I have had with teachers, parents, administrators and students has been fantastic."

He will begin his new duties July 1 in Howell and has not yet determined his last day with the Plymouth-Canton district, which will have an opening in the administrative ranks.

"Mr. MacGregor is an exceptional school leader and has had a deep and lasting impact in the Plymouth-Canton Schools community. During his service as a teacher, principal and administrator in our district, the strong structures built during his tenure and collaborations with our team around quality programs and student achievement demonstrate his talent," P-CCS Superintendent Michael Meissen said. "The educational community is a large one and we are so proud of what he has accomplished here at P-CCS. We wish he and his family the very best as he accepts this new opportunity."

Marlene Davis, Michigan Association of School Boards, served as an adjunct consultant for the Howell school board and its search for a new superintendent. She said MacGregor has many great qualities that make him perfectly capable for this job.

"I've seen a lot of candidates and rarely do you find one who applies who has the whole package and I think he does," Davis said.

The other finalists for the Howell position were Terry Barker, superintendent of Mishawaka schools since 2011, and Edward Okuniewski, L'Anse Creuse Public Schools deputy superintendent for curriculum and instruction since 2012.

The Howell school board deliberated for an hour before choosing MacGregor to lead the district.

"He has a sound understanding for the education process and I think he can help us get our scores up. Yes, I think he's going to make a mistake, like they all

do, but we can help him along the way," said Brent Earl, Howell board secretary. "I think he has potential and he has a lot of good elements."

MacGregor, who lives

in Walled Lake, said he and his family will remain in their community. He said his wife works in Pontiac and Walled Lake is a good location for his family and for commut-

ing. "It's the same distance I travel now," he added.

MacGregor has toured the schools in Howell and said he has

found it to be "a great district with great assets. I think there are a lot of instructional leaders."

Abby Welsh of the Livingston

Daily contributed to this story.

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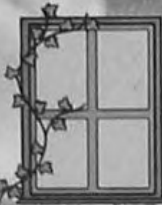
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DEBBIE COLLINS, LEADER OF CHARLIE'S ANGELS, A FAMILY GROUP DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY OF HER FATHER, WITH EMILY ENGLAND AND HER 6-MONTH OLD DAUGHTER SOPHIA. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



THE NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY P-CEP TEAM RAISED ABOUT \$700 FOR THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY WITH PARTICIPATION IN THE RELAY FOR LIFE OF CANTON.

ON TRACK

Canton Relay for Life continues annual fundraising efforts

By Joanne Maliszewski
Staff Writer

The more than 50 teams didn't need to count on sunny skies Saturday to bring a spirit of optimism and hope to the Relay for Life of Canton in Heritage Park.

"I feel soon we will be able to keep it (cancer) under control," P-CEP student Vivian Clements said.

She and her fellow classmates, Caitlin Schwartz and Henry Hoover, walked laps around the big pond in Heritage Park during the early rain. "I thought it would be fun. My sister did it," Hoover said.

Like Hoover and Clements, Schwartz believes progress is being made in finding a cure for cancer in all its forms. Their team, members of the P-CEP Lightning Robotics team, as of early Saturday had raised about \$3,531.

Another group of students, the P-CEP National Honor Society members, showed up in force and raised \$700 toward a cure for cancer, said Samantha McGrath in the National Honor Society Public Relations.

Throughout the 14-hour event, team members were asked to take turns walking laps. "It is to embody that cancer never sleeps," said Megan Schaper, Relay community manager for the American Cancer Society.

Despite the rain, Schaper said the warmer temperatures were on the Relay's side. Also helping team members and those who turned out to see the event were tents manned by each of



THE OPENING CEREMONY AT RELAY FOR LIFE OF CANTON, AS PHOTOGRAPHED BY THE NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY TEAM AT P-CEP.



UMBRELLAS WERE THE ACCESSORY OF RELAY FOR LIFE PARTICIPANTS SATURDAY MORNING.

the 59 teams. The event also sported crafts, music and plenty of food by vendors and by teams with baked goods and sandwiches for sale as fundraisers.

The St. Thomas a'Beckett Catholic Church team was doing just that, with plenty of goodies to draw folks in out of the rain. "My husband is a survivor. I've lost a lot of family members to cancer," team leader Karen Hatch said.

On her team, Hatch pointed out, was Vicki Demers, a single top fundraiser with a total of \$10,550 in Canton for the past five years. "I have a great boss who contributes," Demers said.

Demers cared for her daughter for nine years before she died from breast cancer at age 39. For Demers, participation in the Relay is not only gratifying, but her way of fighting against the disease that took her daughter.

"She is our all-star member," Hatch said, adding that the team as of Saturday morning had already raised \$12,900.

While donations are still coming in, the Canton event's results as of Tuesday showed that the 59 teams with 556 participants had raised \$136,199.41, still less than the original \$200,000 goal. But the final total is expected to grow, Schap-



WITH UMBRELLAS AND PONCHOS, RELAY FOR LIFE WALKERS FOLLOW THE PATH AROUND THE LAKE AT HERITAGE PARK.



JENNIFER MANN, A RADIATION THERAPIST WITH ST. JOE'S, WALKS WITH HER MOTHER-IN-LAW PEGGY MANN, A CANCER SURVIVOR.

er noted. "We're still fundraising through August," she said.

Teams are planning a wrap-up party June 25, while in September, the fifth annual Bark for Life is scheduled. "We don't allow pets at the Relay, so this is a way for people with pets to fight back," Schaper said, adding plans also include a large fundraising ef-

fort in the fall. For more information or to donate, go to www.relayforlife.org/cantonmi.

Also on hand Saturday was Jennifer Mann, a radiation therapist at St. Joseph-Mercy Hospital, whose team was in attendance. Mann was with her mother-in-law Peggy Mann, a four-month ovarian cancer survivor. Both women had advice.

"Get your check-ups. Get your breast exams and everything else," Peggy Mann said.

Her daughter-in-law said she wants people to realize that cancer "is not a death sentence anymore. Life continues. You are still to keep living and having fun."

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Contributing author

Canton resident Lawrence G. Almeda, a shareholder in the Ann Arbor office of Brinks Gilson & Liore, is a contributing author to *Asian Americans in Michigan - Voices from the Midwest*, recently published by Wayne State University Press.

Almeda, 47, authored the chapter titled "Growing up in Michigan," citing the challenges of growing up as a minority in suburban Detroit during the '70s and '80s, a time when the general population had a significant knowledge gap about Asian culture and the unique characteristics and history of different Asian countries.

Almeda writes about how he was deeply moved by the notorious

killing of Vincent Chin in 1982 by two unemployed auto workers.

"I was 15. Vincent Chin was Chinese and his killing shook the Asian-American community, including my family," Almeda said.

"The two perpetrators had mistakenly targeted Chin as a Japanese-American. In addition to their failure to understand the dynamics of an ever-changing business market, they ignorantly classified people of Asian descent as a whole - as if Asia was only one country.

"The killing of Vincent Chin was a massive political and racial issue for



Almeda

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Asian Americans nationwide, but especially those in the Detroit area and it ultimately spurred my desire to take a leadership role in Michigan's Asian-American community."

Almeda currently serves on the State Advisory Committee of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights and is a board member of the Michigan Roundtable for Inclusion and Diversity.

At Brinks, Almeda chairs the Brazil Task Force and the Nanotechnology Practice Group. He focuses his practice on patent opinions and prosecution in the medical, chemical, nanotechnology and mechanical arts.

Dentist honored

The Delta Dental Foundation recently

honored Benjamin Underwood, DDS of Canton with its prestigious Student Leadership Award. Underwood is a 2015 graduate of the University of Detroit Mercy School of Dentistry.



Underwood

Underwood was selected for the award based on his leadership skills in the professional dental community, dedication to community service and scholastic achievement.

While at UDM, Underwood has held several leadership positions, including class officer and vice president, as well as Student Government officer. In addition, Underwood served as Student Government vice president in his third year and is currently serving as the Student Government president.

Underwood is also an active member and has previously served in officer positions for the

American Dental Student Association UDM Chapter. He has represented UDM at state and national levels at the ASDA conferences, Michigan Dental Association meetings, leadership retreats and state and national Lobby Days.

Agency recognized

Fremont Insurance, a Michigan-exclusive property and casualty insurance carrier, announced that the Kennedy Nemier Insurance Agency of Plymouth has been named as one of the company's Five Star Agency award winners.

"Congratulations to the entire Kennedy Nemier Insurance team on achieving this recognition. We appreciate and value their partnership and we are proud to have them as part of the Fremont Insurance network of agencies," said Fremont Insurance Co. President and CEO Steve Monahan.

Area thrift stores hold annual Memorial Day sales

Spend Memorial Day shopping a sea of savings and the hottest summer trends as The Salvation Army Southeast Michigan Adult Rehabilitation Center hosts its annual Memorial Day Sale.

Visit any of the 34 metro Detroit Salvation Army thrift store locations to enjoy 50 percent off clothing on Monday, May 25. Doors will be open from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. at the nonprofit's 32 thrift stores and from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at its two dollar stores in Pontiac and Detroit.

"As families prepare for the summer, we invite them to enjoy great deals at our Memorial Day Sale," said Merle Miller, administrator of The Salvation Army Southeast Michigan Adult Rehabilitation Center. "We take pride in offering our communities great value, while benefiting a worthy cause."

In addition to 50-percent savings on clothing,

shoppers will have opportunities to pick up great deals on summer essentials, accessories, home goods and other items with bonus sales announced hourly at each store.

Local thrift stores are at:

» 3232 Orchard Lake Rd., Orchard Lake, 248-681-8751

» 3600 Plymouth Road, Livonia, 734-425-7573

» 27170 Grand River, Redford, 313-255-0777

Proceeds from all stores benefit The Salvation Army Southeast Michigan Adult Rehabilitation Center, an independently funded, 180-day residential rehabilitation program for adults.

All thrift store merchandise is donated by community members. Help the ARC continue its work by dropping off gently used clothing, accessories, housewares, furniture and toys to the nearest Salvation Army thrift store donation

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KOHL'S

Opening day kicks off Canton market season

By Joanne Maliszewski
 Staff Writer

Canton Farmer Market's seasonal opening day was filled with shoppers carrying good-sized, round pots of lettuce.

"The cool thing is you can cut a little bit as you need it," Canton Farmers Market manager Tina Lloyd said.

The Living Salad Bowls, courtesy of Mike Prochaska and Prochaska Farms of Tecumseh, were all the rage at the market in Preservation Park.

Still early in the season, Lloyd said more farmers will be at the market in coming weeks, which will take place rain or shine from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. each Sunday (with the exception of July 5).

"People can expect 25-30 vendors each week," Lloyd said.

The market is known for its variety of local and regional goods for sale, weekly kids crafts and activities, live entertainment and cooking demonstrations.

"It's definitely cute," said Lama Plyler, a Brownstown Township resident, who stopped by the market with her daughter Aria, seven months. While pushing Aria's stroller through the market, Plyler had popcorn and salsa and chips buried in a shopping bag.

As Bob Skon performed live on the Bartlett-Travis House porch, shoppers took their time stopping at each booth, which included kettle corn, soaps, crafts and a hot dog lunch.

Chef Kristi Zebrowski of Grace Savory & Sweet drew guests as she prepared a spinach and asparagus salad, filled with tomatoes. "The recipe is



Kristi Zebrowski of Grace Savory & Sweet shows visitors how to make a quick salad.

right here," she said, as samples were handed around.

Not far away, Rachael Siggins of Macaroni Kid had kids using their creativity: "We're making flowers out of wood." Kids also made bracelets with macaroni shells.

Upcoming special events include a perennial exchange both May 24 and May 31, as well as a demonstration on canning tomatoes Aug. 16 by Michigan State University Extension educator Eileen Haraminac. This year's market will also feature twice as many live cooking demonstrations as last year's, Lloyd said.

For more information about the Canton Farmers Market, go to Cantonfun.org under the Programs tab, pick up the farmers market brochure at the market or



Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Superintendent Michael Meissen was among plenty of shoppers who bought a Living Salad Bowl at Sunday's Canton Farmers Market.

contact Lloyd at cantonfarmersmarket@cantonmi.org.

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Chris Balch visits with neighbor Debbie Meissen while shopping at Prochaska Farms' table during the Canton Farmers Market.



Canton Farmers Market manager Tina Lloyd greets shoppers Sunday.

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Rachael Siggins of Macaroni Kid shows children how to make flowers out of wood.

PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a proposal for Athletic Trainer Services. Specifications of the Request for Proposal (RFP) are available by contacting Kristen Hennessey, Director of Procurement, Plymouth Canton Community Schools at kristen.hennessey@pccs12.com or (734) 416-3013. Details of the proposal are also available on Bid4Michigan.com. Proposals will be accepted as specified in the Request for Proposals at PCCS - E.J. McClendon Educational Center located on 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth, MI 48170 on or before Monday, June 1, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

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Afghanistan war veteran to speak Memorial Day at Yankee Air Museum

The Yankee Air Museum, an organization that encompasses an abundance of military history, will honor Americans lost during war Monday, May 25, at its annual observance of Memorial Day.

The museum will hold a short program at 9 a.m. in the exhibit hall of the museum at 47884 D St. on the grounds of historic Willow Run Airport. American veterans ranging from World War II to the recent Iraq and Afghanistan wars will be recognized, but the focus will remain on the men and women that sacrificed their lives for our country.

Retired Marine Sgt. Kenneth Bowen will be the keynote speaker. He served as an infantry squad leader in Afghanistan, where he earned a Purple Heart and the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal with "V" distinguishing device for valor in combat.

"Memorial Day is the only occasion when the calendar officially recognizes all of the Americans killed in battle," Bowen said. "But for many families and combat veterans, every day of the year is Memorial



Master of ceremonies Bob Hynes, chairman of the Yankee Air Museum's public relations committee, addresses the audience in 2014.



Members of the Civil Air Patrol prepare to present the colors at the museum's Memorial Day ceremony last year.

Day."

Bowen was wounded in 2009 during combat operations while leading his squad in Helmand Province, Afghanistan. He suffered third-degree burns on more than 50 percent of his body from an improvised explosive device blast that killed two of his fellow Marines who were also in his armored Humvee.

"I may have scars, but my family can still call me on the phone and there is not an empty

seat at our dinner table during Thanksgiving and Christmas," Bowen said. "This is to recognize those that never came home. It's important to remember their sacrifice and the voids left in countless families and communities across the United States."

The ceremony also includes patriotic songs from the Belleville Community Chorus and a solo performance by singer Sarah West.

Executive Director of

the YAM Kevin Walsh said Memorial Day is especially important to the museum, because this area was home to thousands of people who worked at the historic Willow Run Bomber Plant.

"The museum has deep connections to the war effort during WWII," Walsh said. "This place was founded on the premise of the home front doing what it could to support those fighting overseas. The event is very fitting for the Yankee Air Museum."

Memorial Day originated to honor the Civil War dead and the holiday of remembrance was first called Decoration Day. It was renamed and officially recognized as a federal holiday in 1971.

"There are direct ties to our location and those that gave the ultimate sacrifice while serving overseas, so we're proud to take time on this day to honor those brave airmen, and all men and women that were killed while serving our country," Walsh said.

The Yankee Air Museum will be open from 9 a.m. to noon Monday, May 25. There will be no charge to attend the Memorial Day service or visit the museum that day.

Established in 1981, the Yankee Air Museum is a nonprofit 501(c)3 organization located on the grounds of historic Willow Run Airport.

For more information about YAM, call 734-483-4030 or go to www.yankeeairmuseum.org.

PUBLIC NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant of Michigan Open Meetings Act, Act No. 267 of the Public Acts of 1976, being Sections 15.261 to 15.275 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

Academy Board of Directors, 2014-5 Board Meeting Calendar, New School High, 46250 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth MI 48170, Tel: (734) 386-6601, Website: newschoolhigh.org

PUBLIC HEARING

TIME: 6:30 pm DATE: Wednesday, May 27, 2015

LOCATION: Plymouth Township Offices, 9955 N. Haggerty Rd, Plymouth MI 48170-4673

The budget under consideration is available for public inspection at the meeting. The meeting will be conducted in accordance with the Open Meetings Act. A copy of the meeting minutes is available for public inspection at the Academy office address within 8 business days for proposed minutes and 5 business days for approved minutes. The Academy shall comply with subtitle A of Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, Public Law 101-336, 42 USC 12101 et seq or any successor law. Should you require specific accommodation(s) please contact Cynthia Burnstein at (734) 386-6601 prior to the meeting.

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OUR VIEW

Remember our fallen heroes this Memorial Day

Monday is Memorial Day, a time when Americans pause to remember the men and women who have given their lives in defense of our country. Communities around the nation will hold parades and solemn ceremonies. The graves of our fallen heroes will be decorated with flags as we remember the sacrifice they made so that we can remain free.

The tradition of Memorial Day dates back to the 1868, when Gen. John Logan, national commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, designated May 30 as Decoration Day "for the purpose of strewing with flowers, or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village and hamlet churchyard in the land. We should guard their graves with sacred vigilance."

He wanted it to be pleasant for the "reverent visitors and fond mourners."

"Let no neglect, no ravages of time, testify to the present or to the coming generations that we have forgotten as a people the cost of a free and undivided republic," he said.

The first observance was held at Arlington National Cemetery where, according to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, children from the Soldiers' and Sailors' Orphan Home and members of the GAR "made their way through the cemetery, strewing flowers on both Union and Confederate graves, reciting prayers and singing hymns."

The tradition of decorating the graves continues today, but much of the solemnity associated with the first observances has faded. There will be parades and ceremonies, but many people celebrate the day with little thought to the reason for the occasion. For them, Memorial Day is the kickoff to summer, time for barbecues and to open the pools, cabins and cottages.

We cannot forget the 1.8 million Americans who have given their lives for America since 1775. The Plymouth area will honor their service personnel living and deceased with a parade and ceremony in downtown Plymouth on Monday, Memorial Day. The parade will begin at 9 a.m. and wind its way from Wing and Harvey to Veterans Park, which is in front of Central Middle School at Main and Church.

In Canton, a brief Memorial Day ceremony is set for 1 p.m. at the Canton Veterans Memorial in Heritage Park. Also Monday, the BeckRidge Chorale and Cherry Hills Singers will present their seventh Memorial Day Tribute at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. at the Village Theater, at the corner of Cherry Hill and Ridge roads.

But there is another way to also pay homage to our military personal by stopping what we are doing and observing the National Moment of Remembrance at 3 p.m. local time. One minute is not a lot of time to give for those who gave so much.

The Athenian leader Pericles offered a tribute to the fallen heroes of the Peloponnesian War that is just as applicable today as it was then: "Not only are they commemorated by columns and inscriptions, but there dwells also an unwritten memorial of them, graven not on stone but in the hearts of men."

We cannot and should not take our liberties and the men and women who preserve them for granted. We continue to be the land of the free because of the brave men and women of our military.



FILE PHOTO
Members of Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 528, march in the annual Memorial Day parade in downtown Plymouth.

LETTERS

'Convolved ideas'

After reviewing the election results of Proposal 1, I recalled a quote penned some 150 years ago. It was "You can fool all the people some of the time, some of the people all the time, but you can't fool all the people all the time."

Of course, the author was President Abraham Lincoln. He was a Republican back when that party stood for fairness, honesty and helping the working class. The latest group to profess to own that Republican name are, in fact, nothing more than shills for the rich and religious extremists.

As for a Plan B emerging after the ballot loss, Patrick Colbeck and this clan of Tea-partiers have already started rattling their sabers. These people have had so many convolved ideas in the past, they make Proposal 1 look like it was a plain, open proposal. However, one common thread winds through all their plans, they will hurt the elderly, the poor, the middle class, our schools and local governments.

Hopefully, some reasonable road funding plan will come out of Lansing, but it most assuredly won't come from Colbeck and his merry band.

James Huddleston
Canton

Opportunities missed

Recently we saw the bipartisan passage of House Bill 2 (H.R. 2) by both Houses of Congress and signed by the president. This bill was positive in several regards, but negative from at least two others.

Some of the positives included fixing the doctor reimbursement problem, adding incentives based on performance, making electronic medical record a priority, putting prosthetics and orthodontics out for bid, making identity theft Medicare fraud harder and increased payments to rural,

Medicare dependent hospitals. Cost increases were covered by projected savings and Medicare Part B premium increases.

Looking forward, we hear of initiatives to cut Medicare benefits to "save it" and to even further privatize Medicare through a voucher system. The fight to preserve Medicare is just warming up.

To most citizens, Medicare is one of the best government programs ever and all steps that would preserve it should be taken. There are measures initiated in the Senate that would save Medicare tens of billions of dollars per year that were not even addressed in H.R. 2.

The first bill is Senate Bill 31 (S. 31) Medicare Prescription Drug Price Negotiation Act of 2015. The VA is already doing it, saving billions of dollars per year. The savings per a recent Congressional Budget Office report would be \$121 billion over the next 10 years.

The second bill is Senate Bill 122 (S. 122) Safe and Affordable Drugs from Canada Act. It would allow importation of 90 days supplies of prescribed drugs from FDA-approved sources in Canada where the same brand drugs often are less than 50 percent of U.S. prices. This would not only help seniors, but all citizens with estimated savings running as high as \$240 billion over the next 10 years.

Congress should pass these bills before other major changes to Medicare are considered.

Donald Boyer
Plymouth Township

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Laurie Aren
The Salvation Army, Plymouth

GUEST COLUMN

Get involved: Save Plymouth's distinct history

As a 67-year-old lifelong resident and lover of Plymouth and its history, I — along with countless others — have a difficult time parting with the homes and "old" structures that were a significant and important part of the fabric of Plymouth.

For the most part, as many others have voiced, I have come to accept change and understand all too well that "it just doesn't make sense" to refurbish some of these homes for the sake of us dwindling number of individuals trying to hold on to memories.

I also well comprehend the desires and financial ramifications between buyer and seller. Saying that, many, many of the new homes that have been slotted into the core of uptown Plymouth's boundaries have actually significantly improved the visual landscape and undoubtedly increased all city home values. However, in addition to the eyesore "Bigfoot McMansions" that were allowed to enter the equation while previous individuals, government and committees sat on their hands, numerous major Plymouth historical structures were and are currently "under fire."

The Penn Theatre and old post office had to be saved by diligent resident volunteers. The Daisy factory became "Plymouthgate" and PHS/Central required the Malcolms' generous monetary gift to stave off the wrecking ball and, instead, hopefully become PARC and stand as Plymouth's new crown jewel for generations to come. Sadly, several other "golden opportunities" have been squandered, in my opinion: Dalys, Ash's gas station and Cloverdale's, to name just a few. Other potential significant losses, such as Saxton's, Wiltsie's and Bodes, while "still breathing" today, could also disappear in an instant.

Now, perhaps Plymouth's best historical jewel, Starkweather School, is being tossed around in a shameful game of political football. Why? Money. New, young money to support the glut of restaurants that are the only businesses that have any sus-

tainability and have flourished uptown. Retail business is all but gone, headed to Ford Road, the big box stores and the malls.

The Plymouth-Canton school board has disgustingly mismanaged the closure of schools and rearranged property lines and planned school sales, all of which appear to be a part of a grander scheme to support a failing budget. All this while constructing new, multimillion-dollar facilities adding to taxpayers' obligations as this is written.

The school board, without any remorse or alternative planning, quickly and overwhelmingly voted to sell off Starkweather to Curtis Builders, with developer Mark Menuck's vision to demo Starkweather and fabricate 26 "Cherry Hill Village-style" homes to occupy the school and adjacent green space property.

Subsequently, after reading letters and listening to residents at a town forum in January, Mr. Menuck stated he "truly in his heart has changed his mind and now wanted to re-purpose Starkweather." Curtis Building was to have completed a feasibility study of the school in February/March with the intent to re-purpose the school for use as loft condos and preserve the outside of Starkweather so it would somewhat resemble the original historical gem. Short of that, as result of Mr. Menuck's "sincere wish that Starkweather history remain alive for Plymouth," would seek another developer with that same intent.

This past week at the Plymouth Planning Commission meeting, Curtis Builders had no detailed plans for the school — just lots of blueprints for the fabrication of the new homes to go on the green space. For you, veteran Plymouth residents, does this sound like Daisy all over again? On the present commission's behalf and spearheaded by Mayor Dwyer, they are demanding Menuck present "hard copy" drawings and plans for the school re-purposing before any further discussion takes place for the entire development. Stay tuned!

Why take the effort and time to pen this? All I'm asking is for Plymouth residents, new and long-timers, young and old, to attend the city of Plymouth Planning Commission meetings, write a letter to the mayor or the *Observer* or, if you're now a resi-



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The former Starkweather School is at the center of an effort to preserve Plymouth history.

dent of Plymouth Township or Canton, as I am, lending your support to preserve a few last key pieces of our distinct Plymouth history.

Plymouth's uniqueness, history and charm are shared and enjoyed by us all. Starkweather and the remaining pieces of Plymouth's almost 200-year-old history are advertised and proudly trumpeted by both the Plymouth and Canton chambers.

Check out the Plymouth Preservation Network and Plymouth Art and Recreation Center websites. But mostly, get involved! Demand that in the case of our few remaining Plymouth gems, the removal or re-purposing is put to a vote of all citizens, not just a select few. Township residents, demand your board listens and implements a vote. These are your gems, too. Your desires should not be blocked by a dysfunctional board that Ron Edwards has used for his personal agenda and advocates separation from the city because you live a few miles too far from Kellogg Park.

Yes, Plymouth has changed. Transition and progress are inevitable. In today's high-tech world, decommissioning is occurring faster and, again in my opinion, perhaps at the whim of a few with the most financial clout. But as the cliché goes, "The more some things change, the more they stay the same."

Plymouth (including the township and Canton) is still is a fantastic town, has wonderful community vibrancy and, most of all, terrific people live here!

Canton resident Jerry Norquist is a former Plymouth Township resident and 1966 graduate of Plymouth High School, now Central Middle School.



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Novi's Jenna Lowney (front) tags out Plymouth runner Mikayla Rose as she slides into third base during the Kensington Conference final.

PREP SOFTBALL

Plymouth wins title in battle of Wildcats

Big first inning keys Kensington Conference triumph over Novi

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Plymouth proved once again Monday it has the pedigree to challenge for an overall KLA Association softball title.

And the Wildcats put themselves in position once again, earning their third Kensington Conference title in four years by beating host Novi for the third time this season, 9-3.

A five-run opening inning set the tone as Plymouth improved to 25-4 overall and earned a spot Wednesday's scheduled Association championship at home against White

Lake Lakeland, which defeated Howell for the Lakes Conference championship, 12-10.

Winning pitcher Jenny Bresler started the first-inning rally with a double, followed by an RBI double from Mikayla Marciniak, an RBI single by Brittany Miller, singles each from Whitney Holden and Jessica Tucci and a Mikayla Rose two-run double.

"We tell the girls to come out every game — the first pitch, just attack mode," Plymouth first-year coach Lauren Delapaz said. "The girls definitely did that today. We kind of hit a lull after the first inning, but they were able to fight and persevere throughout the whole game. That's what got us on top, that perseverance."

Novi sophomore starter Ally

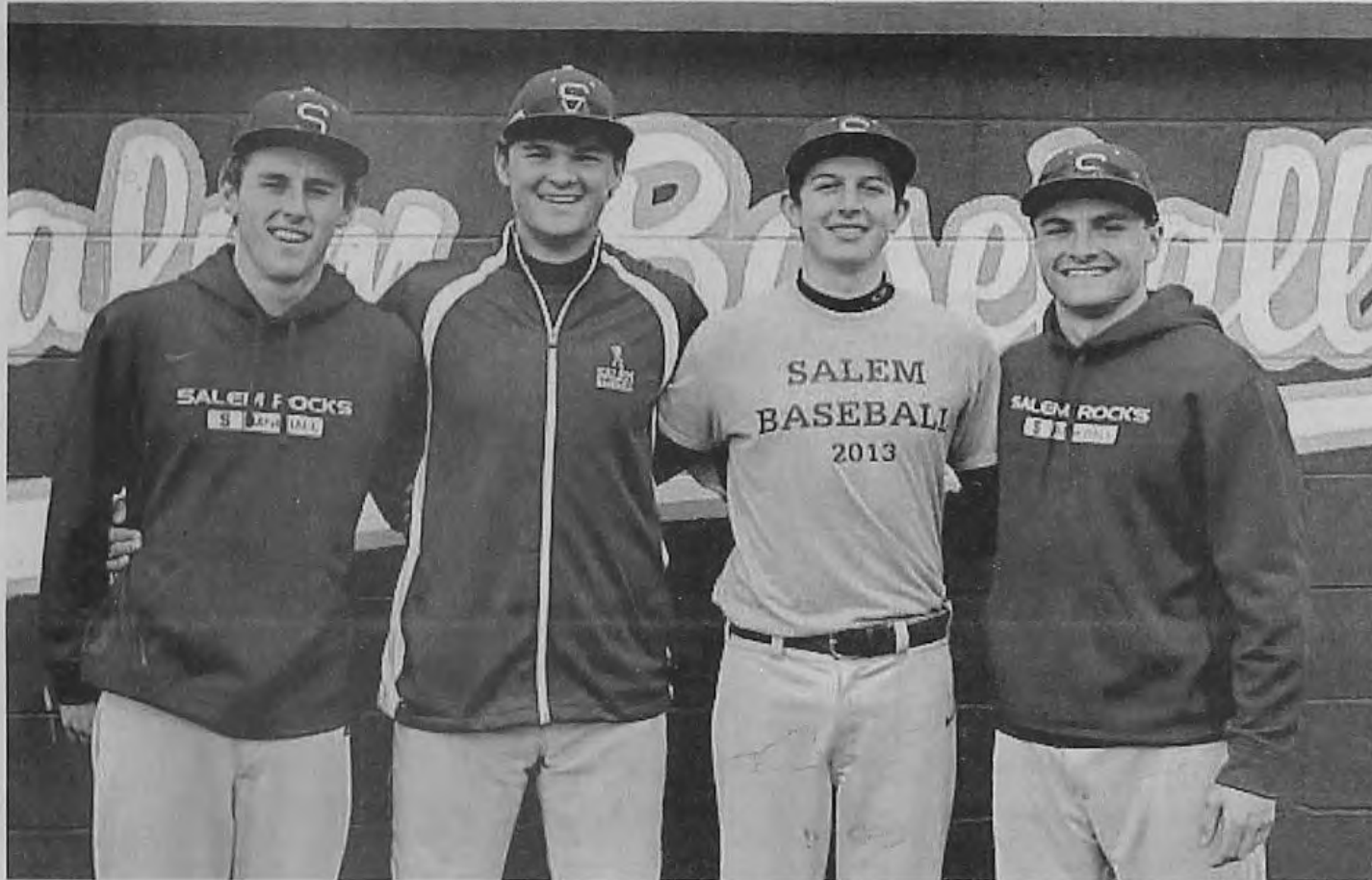
Cummings, who averted a no-out, bases-loaded jam in the third, settled down to a certain extent after the first inning, but the damage had already been done.

"I think we missed locations up a little bit and when we tried to come inside, we didn't come inside enough," said Novi coach Bruce Lenington, whose team slipped to 20-14 overall. "We caught too much of the plate. I'll take a look at the video. We have a camera right behind home plate that tells the story. But a lot of times where the ball comes off the bat tells me the story right away. That's exactly it. Ally did a great job of keeping the ball down for the most part of the game."

Plymouth added two more

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SALEM'S BASEBALL LEADERS



TIM SMITH

Salem's first-ever group of varsity baseball captains includes (from left) Colin Savage, Tyler Brooks, Brandon Gillen and Josh Penn.

CAPTAINS, MY CAPTAINS!

MICHAEL VASILNEK
Scrappy Salem shortstop and co-captain Josh Penn awaits a throw during the Rocks' early April game against Plymouth at Michigan's Ray Fisher Stadium.



Quartet of Salem baseball seniors takes co-captaincy and scores big with job

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

John Wright's debut season as Salem varsity baseball head coach is going so well, he can't help but smile.

That smile is off the charts when he talks about seniors Tyler Brooks, Josh Penn, Brandon Gillen and Colin Savage — who happen to comprise what Wright said is the first group of captains in the program's history.

"With the new regime coming in, I wanted to have three or four kids that I knew were bought in that could help us make the transition smoother," Wright said about having a group of captains.

The quartet has been all in with the assignment.

"We felt pretty good; it was a big responsibility handed down to us," said

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BOYS LACROSSE

Chiefs open tourney with win

Canton earns pre-regional victory over Plymouth

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Canton and Plymouth already squared off in a high-stakes varsity boys lacrosse game in late April, with the Chiefs prevailing 9-7 for the coveted Park championship.

About two weeks later, the teams had another opportunity for another showdown and it ended with the same result.

May 14 at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, Canton defeated the Wildcats again — this time by a 10-6 score — in a Division 1 pre-regional tilt.

With the win, the Chiefs advanced to a first-round regional contest against host Troy at 8 p.m. Thursday.

Getting the 10th-seeded Chiefs off to a good start against seventh-seeded Plymouth was senior attackman and Siena Heights-bound Brocton Baechler — finishing a nifty pass from junior attackman Carson Pakula.

Pakula added to the early lead, but the Wildcats made it

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MICHAEL VASILNEK

Canton's Nolan Gilo and his teammates will try to keep their season rolling Thursday at Troy.

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PREP SOFTBALL

Rocks follow hot weekend with victory

Plymouth nips Canton, 6-5

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

It might have been dubbed "Kensington Conference Championship Lite" Monday for Salem's and Canton's varsity softball teams.

The real championship was played at Novi, with Plymouth winning, 9-3. But at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, the Rocks and Chiefs squared off in a match-up of second-place finishers.

Salem bounced back from an early deficit to win, 6-5.

Rocks head coach Bonnie Southerland, noting exhausting weekend tournaments for both teams, said the Rocks "seemed to still have a little bit of energy left (and) seemed to have just a bit more."

It didn't begin that way, as the Chiefs scored four runs in the first inning.



HAL GOULD | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Salem freshman Maddy Rosiewicz pitches during a recent game against South Lyon East. She is one of the team's many standout newcomers.

Southerland took out her starting pitcher and brought in freshman Morgan Overaitis to try to quell the Canton uprising.

"She took over facing the eighth batter in the first inning and shut them down for the most part," she said, adding

that the Chiefs managed just one run the rest of the way against Overaitis.

The Rocks didn't waste time getting back into the game. Kara Hutchison hit a three-run homer, scoring Kristin Mihalic and Caroline Miller (who both

walked).

Canton got one back in the third when Olivia Grant singled home Nicole Clark.

The game remained 5-3 Canton until the bottom of the seventh.

Mihalic and Overaitis singled and Hutchison (3-for-4, five RBIs) doubled them in to tie the game at 5-5. One batter later, a fielder's choice off the bat of Jamie Squires scored Hutchison with the winning run.

Others to chip in on offense for the Rocks (24-8) were Mihalic and Emily Stewart (two singles each).

Southerland cited outstanding defense by Squires and Katie Hiltz in helping Salem prevail.

Meeting 'Challenge'

Salem had a busy but productive weekend, winning the Michigan Challenge Tournament.

After the Rocks finished third in their pool, they advanced to Tier 3, winning 7-1 over Waterford Mott and then 17-1

over Lincoln Park in the tourney championship game.

» Salem opened the tourney on a winning note, mercying Detroit Cass Tech 15-0 in four innings.

Morgan Zach started in the circle and got the win, giving up just three hits and a walk while fanning four.

On offense, Hutchison (3-for-3), senior Maranda Armstead (3-for-3, two-run homer) and Squires (three-run homer) paced the attack.

» The Rocks then dropped a 5-2 decision to Belleville, despite a double and single by Armstead, hits by Mel Anderson and Hiltz and a 3-for-3 game by Overaitis.

» Next for Salem was a tough, 3-2 loss to Waterford Kettering on a walkoff base hit.

Stewart went the distance for the Rocks, allowing just five hits and a walk.

"Emily Stewart pitched her best game by far this year," Souther-

land said. "She really threw well."

Hutchison went 3-for-3 and Overaitis homered.

» Zach pitched a strong game in Salem's 7-1 win over Waterford Mott in a Tier 3 semifinal.

Helping the offense heat up was Overaitis, who went 4-for-4, including a homer. Also homering was Mihalic (with a runner on). Squires tallied a double and single.

Both Hiltz and Armstead delivered a double, while Jenna Taylor and Miller both chipped in a single.

» In the championship game, Stewart pitched the Rocks to victory, allowing just three hits.

Sparking the Rocks at the plate were Squires (3-for-3, two triples), Stewart (3-for-3, triple) and Armstead (3-for-3, double).

Mihalic, Overaitis and Hutchison each registered a double and single, while Hiltz and Miller both tallied a hit.

PREP ROUNDUP

Record win carries Plymouth girls lax team into regional

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Plymouth's varsity girls lacrosse team is riding a positive wave into Wednesday's scheduled regional match-up at Brighton.

The Wildcats won 15-3 over Regina last week to close the regular season 12-4, setting a new team mark for victories.

It also was senior night and seniors such as Gretchen Schoen (three goals), Michelle Burke (goal, two assists) and Jessica Cristiu (assist) helped the cause.

Also coming up big were seniors Sophie Miller, Elizabeth O'Donoghue, Sarah Curtis and goalie Erin Oleszczak.

The biggest night was enjoyed by Natalie Nowicki, who tallied six

goals. Also finding the back of the Regina net were Madeline Caswell and Marissa Cirino (two goals each) and Shelby Strawn.

SALEM 12, HARRISON 12: The visiting Rocks finished the regular season 8-9-1 following Friday's tie against Farmington United.

Leading Salem with four goals each were Joslyn Longe and Leah Tardiff.

Andi Marthaler contributed a pair of goals, with Kayla Goleniak and Natalie Branum also scoring.

Colleen Shortal and Goleniak were strong on defense, with three draw controls each. Goalkeeper Maddie Johnson turned aside five of seven penalty shots she faced.

Boys golf

Canton edged South Lyon, 159-165, Monday at par-35 Fox Hills, led by Suhas Potluri (38).

Also solid were Chris Dooley and Brian Oldani (40 each), Noah Lindbauer and Hunter Schlampp (41 each) and Phillip Conrad (42).

» Also Monday, KLAA South Division champion

Plymouth defeated Salem, 144-171, also at Fox Hills.

For the Wildcats (8-0), Kyle Kozler registered 33 for an outstanding performance, while Justin Kapke was almost as good (34).

Also stellar for Plymouth were seniors Andrew Lloyd and Connor Zydeck, playing their last match at Fox Hills with respective tallies of 38 and 39. Jack Boczar and James Baldwin finished with scores of 40 and 42, respectively.

Meanwhile, the Rocks were led by Jake Lenders and Hayden Winch (41 each) and Adam Marcero (42). Other Salem finishers were Travis Stott (47), Jake Stropes (50) and Bryce Henderson (51).



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Novi's Casey Lawler (right) slides past the bag as Plymouth second baseman Mikayela Marciniak awaits the throw during the Kensington Conference final.

PREP SOFTBALL

Marlins topple No. 1-ranked Mustangs

By Dan O'Meara
Staff Writer

Farmington Hills Mercy had the best possible response to its disappointment at not being able to play for the Catholic League softball championship and a possible third straight title.

The Marlins won the Mattawan Invitational by defeating Portage Central, the state's No. 1-ranked team in Division 1, in the final game and restored their confidence with a 9-5 victory.

"It didn't matter who we played," Mercy coach Alec Lesko said. "Our main objective was to play our style of game, take care of ourselves and do all the right

things. If we did that, good things would happen.

"We tried not to pay attention to who was in the other dugout. We just needed to get things accomplished and I think the girls responded very well. We hit well all day; our pitching was good all day.

"The team got to learn more about itself heading into the state tournament. It was just a fun day."

The Marlins (21-3) won two games to reach the final, trouncing Parchment in the opener, 12-3, and host Mattawan, a Division 1 honorable mention, in a semifinal, 17-5.

Leading hitter

Junior Abby Krzywiewski, who was the winning pitcher in the first game, batted .846 (11-for-13) in the tournament, hit four home runs and had four RBIs.

"I was extremely happy with our approach," Lesko said. "We had timely hits. Abby had a monster day. It seemed every time she was up, she was in a position to drive in runs."

Andrea Elmore pitched two complete games. She gave up six hits to Mattawan, nine to Portage, but she didn't walk a batter in either game. She had a combined eight strikeouts.

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2-1 when Zachary Galaher scored.

Canton upped the lead to 4-1 in the second quarter on goals by senior midfielder Jay Krebs and senior attackman Austin Bauer, both set up by Pakula.

Plymouth fought back to trail just 5-3 at halftime. After Justin Brodie scored for the Wildcats, the Chiefs answered when Krebs scored his second of the quarter.

The Wildcats trimmed their deficit to two goals thanks to senior midfielder Kyle Robertson, who rifled a shot home with just over two minutes to go.

Canton came out with a push to open the second half as goals by Bauer and Pakula gave the Chiefs a 7-3 advantage.

Plymouth did not fold, however, getting two back before the end of the third. Beating Canton junior goalkeeper Trevor Stahl were Brodie and sophomore midfielder Nolan Ouellette.

Responding in the opening minutes of the fourth quarter were Canton senior midfielder Gerald Belanger and Bauer (on a play set up by senior midfielder Nolan Gilo).

Robertson flung a shot past Stahl to chip Canton's lead to 9-6, but from that point forward the Chiefs slammed the door shut.

Tallying the final goal of the night was Belanger, who sent a shot past Plymouth junior goalkeeper Trevor McManus in the late stages.

Both Stahl and McManus were exceptional throughout the contest, making big stops to keep their respective teams in the game.

» Meanwhile, Salem dropped a 19-7 decision to Northville in Monday's pre-regional against the host Mustangs to end a successful first season under head coach Corey Mattingly.

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runs in the top of the fourth inning.

Miller had a one-out single and scored on Holden's double. Holden then scored on a fielder's choice on a close play at the plate to make it 7-0.

Plymouth then added two more in the top of the seventh to build a nine-run cushion.

Bressler walked, Marciniak doubled for the third time and Miller walked to load the bases before Holden and Tucci hit back-to-back RBI sacrifice flies.

Meanwhile, Bressler cruised through the first six innings before Novi scored three times in the bottom of the seventh to ruin the shutout bid. Nicole Ireland hit a two-run triple and scored on a wild pitch.

"I have two great pitchers. Both Mikayela Marciniak and Jenny Bressler have proven themselves throughout the year, so we've just been alternating," Delapaz said. "Each day they each get the ball at different times and, with that duo, this team has been pretty good."

Bressler scattered eight hits, but did not allow a walk while striking out four in going all seven innings.

Meanwhile, Novi's Casey Lawler went 3-for-4.

"Marciniak and Bressler are just tough kids," Delapaz said. "Jenny, a freshman - she knows that this team wants to win and she did



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Plymouth's Jenny Bressler rounds third base during the Wildcats' big first inning against Novi in the Kensington Conference championship game.

anything she could to make sure her team was in a situation to win this game. Great kid."

Novi, coming off its first KLAA Central Division title in school history, was coming off a 10-0 loss to Plymouth the previous day in the Canton Classic. Plymouth also won an earlier meeting, 11-1.

"That team gets us better, for sure," Lenington said. "We love playing teams that are really good like that, because they magnify any mistakes that you make. We're still a young program, still trying to learn how to win."

"Honestly, I love playing teams like Plymouth. They play hard. You make a mistake with a pitch and they're going to hit it hard, so it really keeps a laser focus that

we've got to have." Delapaz, meanwhile, has been pleasantly surprised with her team's play this year. In 2013, the Wildcats won the overall Association title as well.

"I've always had high expectations on the girls," she said. "I think after the first few indoor practices ... we were inside for a long time, so it was hard to judge. But any time my coaching staff or myself have thrown something at them, they responded leaps and bounds above what we thought of them. This is a team that consistently works hard and has fun and I told them as long as they're having fun, we're going to be successful and I think they proved that today."

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DIVISION 1 TRACK AND FIELD REGIONAL STATS

MHSAA DIVISION 1 REGIONAL Friday at Canton

BOYS STANDINGS: 1. Westland John Glenn, 104 points; 2. Livonia Churchill, 103; 3. Salem, 81; 4. Canton, 75; 5. Plymouth, 64.5; 6. Wyandotte Roosevelt, 52; 7. Wayne Memorial, 45; 8. Dearborn, 42.5; 9. Livonia Franklin, 42; 10. Detroit Cody, 16; 11. (tie) Dearborn Fordson and Garden City, 13; 13. Dearborn Edsel Ford, 8; 14. Dearborn Heights Crestwood, 4.

Discus: 1. Michael Jordan (P), 138 feet, 4 inches; 2. Demario McKinney (LC), 138-9; 3. Collin Callisch (C), 132-0.

Shot put: 1. Jordan (P), 50-7; 2. Schmitt (S), 49-1; 3. Yazen Awadalla (DF), 47-7.

Pole vault: 1. Theodore Larie (C), 13-10; 2. Andrew Harrison (WR), 13-6; 3. Caleb Guthard (LC), 13-2.

Long jump: 1. Shukur Lockett (LC), 20-10.25; 2. Adnan Hamka (D), 20-3; 3. Matt Wells (DEF), 20-1.75.

High jump: 1. Nathan Harris (P), 6-3; 2. Alec MacDonald (C), 6-1; 3. Allante Wheeler (S), 6-1.

3,200-meter relay: 1. Churchill, 8:11.11; 2. Plymouth, 8:19.14; 3. Salem, 8:21.71.

110 hurdles: 1. Freddie Thompson (WJG), 15.31; 2. Justin Garbin (WR), 15.32; 3. Joseph Berry (D), 15.37.

100 dash: 1. Jaron Flournoy (WJG), 10.66; 2. David Graham (WJG), 11.35; 3. VerShawn Patrick (S), 11.36.

800 relay: 1. John Glenn, 1:29.16; 2. Franklin, 1:30.37; 3. Churchill, 1:30.42.

1,600 run: 1. Keenan Jones (LF), 4:23.82; 2. Dominic Davis (WR), 4:24.30; 3. Chaz Jeffress (S), 4:26.67.

400 relay: 1. Salem, 43.06; 2. John Glenn, 43.22; 3. Wyandotte, 43.84.

400 dash: 1. Flournoy (WJG), 48.53; 2. Montel Hood (WM), 48.87; 3. Jamal Allen (LC), 50.32.

300 hurdles: 1. Thompson (WJG), 39.49; 2. Jemal Vaunado (C), 40.72; 3. Tim Dulin (LC), 40.98.

800 run: 1. Jonny Dalton (P), 1:55.40; 2. Jones (LF), 1:57.04; 3. Matt Cohan (LC), 1:57.40.

200 dash: 1. Flournoy (WJG), 21.40; 2. Rodney Graves (DC), 21.93; 3. Andrew Davis (S), 23.07.

3,200 run: 1. Malik Jordan (WM), 9:37.47; 2. Matthew Pahl (P), 9:39.34; 3. Tony Floyd (LF), 10:03.21.

1,600 relay: 1. Wayne, 3:23.40; 2. John Glenn, 3:26.73; 3. Churchill, 3:26.82.

GIRLS STANDINGS: 1. Livonia Churchill, 119 points; 2. Plymouth, 112; 3. Salem, 111; 4. Wyandotte Roosevelt, 94; 5. Livonia Franklin, 68; 6. Canton, 45.5; 7. Westland John Glenn, 33; 8. Dearborn, 29.5; 9. Wayne Memorial, 25; 10. Dearborn Edsel Ford, 9; 11. Garden City, 8; 12. Dearborn Heights Crestwood; 7; 13. Dearborn Fordson, 1.

Discus: 1. Gabrielle Carter (LC), 125 feet, 7 inches; 2. Emily Meier (C), 120-7; 3. Shara Long (S), 115-8.

Shot put: 1. Meier (C), 43-7; 2. Long (S), 36-9.25; 3. Carter (LC), 36-3.

Pole vault: 1. Kayla Janeyski (P), 10-10; 2. Olivia Ryktarsky (LC), 10-10; 3. Emily Caragay (P), 10-6.

Long jump: 1. Kyla Mann (D), 16-7; 2. Juliet Hope (LC), 16-5.25; 3. Regan Kusibab (WR), 16-5.

High jump: 1. Katherine Harris (P), 5-3; 2. Julie Wonch (LF), 4-11; 3. Rebecca Foley (D), 4-8.

3,200-meter relay: 1. Churchill, 9:50.27; 2. Wyandotte, 9:55.39; 3. Salem, 10:11.15.

100 hurdles: 1. Aubrey Mavin (LC), 15.83; 2. Kyana Evans (WR), 16.44; 3. Brianna Essien (S), 16.77.

100 dash: 1. Ryan Draper (P), 12.52; 2. Anavia Battle (WM), 12.58; 3. Asia Gardner (WJG), 12.59.

800 relay: 1. Plymouth, 1:44.96; 2. John Glenn, 1:46.72; 3. Salem, 1:47.39.

1,600 run: 1. Robyn Loselle (WR), 5:11.80; 2. Lauren Arquette (S), 5:14.59; 3. Christina Murphy (LC), 5:32.19.

400 relay: 1. Wyandotte, 50.13; 2. Salem, 50.23; 3. John Glenn, 50.60.

400 dash: 1. Jewel Davis (P), 57.52; 2. Shekinah Johnson (S), 57.79; 3. Chanel Gardner (WJG), 58.90.

300 hurdles: 1. Kyana Evans (WR), 46.45; 2. Aubrey Mavin (LF), 47.83; 3. Ryan Sparks (C), 48.99.

800 run: 1. Kaya Knake (S), 2:19.11; 2. Megan Gendjar (LC), 2:24.18; 3. Loselle (WR), 1:26.87.

200 dash: 1. Draper (P), 25.45; 2. Davis (P), 25.77; 3. Battle (WM), 26.32.

3,200 run: 1. Maggie Pawelczyk (WR), 11:13.72; 2. Arquette (S), 11:19.10; 3. Kathleen George (LC), 11:35.66.

1,600 relay: 1. Salem, 4:07.66; 2. Wyandotte, 4:08.36; 3. Franklin, 4:10.18.



Plymouth's Aleah Rogalski competes in the 100 hurdles during Friday's Division 1 regional at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park. THOMAS BEAUDOIN

SOUND BYTES

Following are what athletes and coaches had to say during Friday's Division 1 track and field regional at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park:

Jewel Davis, Plymouth runner, about being part of the regional champion 800-meter relay team: "It feels amazing. It was my goal for the season and I PRed in that race. Coming around the last stretch, I saw I was in third and my goal was first. So I had to turn the wheels on. I'm a fighter and the last stretch is the most important part of the race. I just had to believe in myself."

Samantha McGrath, Canton runner, about just missing qualifying for states in the 400: "Our practices really helped me be able to concentrate and focus on my race today. I kicked it at about the 300(-meter) mark and the end was brutal (laughs). I finished around sixth, I did end up tying my PR (1:01). My goal for next year is to definitely break it and go to states."

Jess Shough, Canton boys coach: "We're running with a substitute runner in there because (Alan) Jones never healed up. Brennen Pelland just came back from injury and ran well. I thought we did really well. We were regional champs in the pole vault, with Teddy Lang, and Alec MacDonald in the high jump was second, so he's going. Jamal Vaunado was second in the 300 hurdles, so he's going. With a little bit of replacements and stuff, I'm really pleased with the effort. We were just hoping that one of our relays could go; they were really close."

Freddie McGee, part of Salem's regional champion 400-meter relay team (along with Andrew Davis, Jacob Miller and anchor VerShawn Patrick), which won with a time of 43.06 seconds, just short of equaling the school mark of 43.02: "It means a lot; it definitely feels great. I can definitely say it feels great. We put the hard work in every day perfecting our hand-offs, and it paid off tonight. It starts in practice. We just count off our steps, we got to figure out each other's speed. It's just chemistry, just repetition and we get comfortable with each other."

Jonny Dalton, Plymouth regional champ in the 800: "It was super. I was thrilled to be able to go out there and do it a second year in a row. ... I knew Keenan Jones from Franklin was going to be coming hot - he wants his school record, too. He was right on me at conferences last Friday. He was with me most of the way and I just tried to surge with 300 (meters) left. I just came out on top today."



Competing in the 100 hurdles during Friday's Division 1 track and field regional is Salem's Brianna Essien. THOMAS BEAUDOIN



Deftly making his way over the bar Friday is Brett Lee, who registered a 5-8 in the high jump for Canton. THOMAS BEAUDOIN



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PREP BASEBALL

Mustangs sting Plymouth second straight year

Northville's Flohr throws complete game to stymie Wildcats in championship

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Northville senior pitcher Evan Flohr successfully navigated one speed bump Monday against Plymouth in the Kensington Conference baseball championship game and the Mustangs cruised to a 6-2 victory.

The host Mustangs defeated the Wildcats in the conference showdown for the second consecutive season and advanced to Wednesday's scheduled Association title game against Brighton.

"It was great, man," said Flohr, who registered a complete game. "I just went out there and threw strikes and I let my defense do a little bit of work and we got the job done today."

Plymouth coach Jason Crain tipped his cap to Flohr and the Mustangs (25-2), who never trailed after jumping out to leads of 1-0 in the first and 2-0 in the second.

"They were a little sharper



Michael Vasilnek
Plymouth's Pete Carravallah, shown from earlier this season, and his Wildcats teammates came up short against Northville.

than we were and credit to them," Crain said. "(Flohr) was real sharp today. Lots of strikes. He might have walked one guy, maybe, in the last inning."

Northville coach John Kostrzewa said getting out to a quick lead (on an RBI hit by Tyler Lowe) was a key factor, noting that the Mustangs have been striving to do just that all season.

"Absolutely, that's something we stress, to always try to get the first run," Kostrzewa said. "It just takes pressure off of everybody, the pitcher, the defense and then be able to add on as the game goes on."

Having a workhorse south-paw mowing down batters doesn't hurt either.

Plymouth (23-10-1) scored in the seventh on senior Patrick Downing's third hit of the game, plating Andrew Hejka, who walked with two outs. Downing also delivered the Wildcats' run in the third, on a solid single to center to bring home Pete Carravallah to slice Northville's lead to 2-1.

"Big performance out of (Downing)," Crain said. "He's been clutch all year and today's no exception, against a great pitcher. It was good to see."

That rally could have been much bigger for Plymouth. Kyle Wolter doubled to get it started and Carravallah beat out a bunt to put runners on the corners with no outs.

Hejka pushed a bunt, but the Mustangs threw Wolter out at the plate. One out later, Downing ripped his RBI single. But instead of potentially

tying the game or taking the lead, Northville still enjoyed a 2-1 lead.

"It wasn't a squeeze," Crain said. "(Wolter) just thought he could make it and we encourage aggressive base-running, so I'll take that chance."

Northville then tacked on a run against Plymouth starter Kevin Anthony in the fourth, on a rally started by Flohr's infield single.

The Mustangs loaded the bases with one out following a single to left by Kevin Morrissey and another batter (Connor Walters) getting plunked by a pitch.

After a force out at home, Nick Fegert smacked an RBI single into the hole at shortstop to score Morrissey and make it 3-1.

A three-run fifth put the game away for the Mustangs, who scored on run-scoring singles by Chris Dunn and Kevin O'Connell.

After Flohr finally got the third out of the seventh on a ground ball to first by Seth Hubbard, the Mustangs could celebrate the conference title on their home field — unlike 2014, when they won 5-1 at Plymouth.

"To be able to beat a com-

petitive, real good team two years in a row, it's hats off to our guys," Kostrzewa said. "Because they did a wonderful job, today and all year long."

CANTON 12, SOUTH LYON 9 (12 INNINGS): A grand slam Monday by Cody Zidzik keyed the visiting Chiefs early in the KLAAs crossover and Scott Bazner won the game with a three-run homer with two outs in the 12th.

The Chiefs (18-14) almost let one get away, however. After Zidzik's bases-loaded round-tripper, it was an 8-1 lead. But the Lions got back into the game thanks to Canton errors and walks and tied the score 8-8 in the seventh.

Each team scored a run in the ninth, with Canton scoring on a single by Andrew Loehnis and a sacrifice fly by Bazner.

After South Lyon (14-14) evened things up again, Nick Sprosek jump-started the Chiefs with a two-out single. After a ground-rule double by Nick Romanowski, Bazner drove a 1-1 pitch deep over the fence for the winning blow.

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CAPTAINS

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Brooks, a hard-throwing starting pitcher who also can swing the bat well. "It was good that he had that trust in us without even really knowing us.

"It was really good, because all four of us have been on varsity since sophomore year together, so we felt that was good for us to tackle (the captaincy) together."

Gillen said he feels "pretty honored" to be part of the first group of captains.

"Coach Wright came in here completely new and he trusted us," Gillen said. "He knew us four were like the core group of kids and he trusted all of us to take the lead of the team."

Asked what he was looking for in his leaders, Wright said he wanted hard workers and "good kids" with plenty of varsity experience who could command respect from teammates.

"They work hard and they seem to help us control the dugout, which is key," said Wright, who came to Salem from Canton's junior varsity coaching staff. "I mean, we've had conversations where I told them, 'You guys, this is your year and this is your senior year. It's going to be what you make of it.'"

Leading the way

The post-Dale Rumberger era can't be going any smoother for the Rocks, who as of late last week enjoyed a 15-8 record (11-5 in the tough KLAAs Central Division, trailing only undefeated Northville).

"I just told them to be leaders, be leaders off the field and on the field," Wright said. "I told them to lead and these kids will be motivated."

Wright, also an assistant football coach, took a page from that sport's manual.

"I thought it'd be a great thing to have four captains for baseball," he said, "because when you have kids leading the kids, you're overseeing and not having to micromanage them. They seem to excel."

So far, in fact so good. According to Brooks, each co-captain has a unique way of helping, inspiring and challenging teammates to pick up the pace.

"We all have our different



Michael Vasilnek
Getting a secondary lead during an early season game is Salem senior co-captain Brandon Gillen.



Michael Vasilnek
Salem senior co-captain Tyler Brooks brings it for his team on and off the field.

leading styles," Brooks said. "Some of us are just quiet and lead by example, others just kind of get on kids a little more."

"So we all have our different strengths and weaknesses, but we all work together pretty well and take control of the team."

Penn, a hard-nosed shortstop, couldn't have been happier about being asked by Wright to be part of Salem's first group of captains.

"It's an honorable feeling to have that mentioned," Penn said. "It's nice to have the

younger kids look up to you." For Penn, in his fourth season with the Rocks, this season has been one to cherish. He enjoys coming to the field every day knowing he can contribute more than turning double plays or turning on inside pitches for extra-base hits.

That might mean having some advice for players on the junior varsity or freshman teams (both lower-level squads regularly participate in practices with the varsity team).

"All the teams are connecting," Penn said. "It's not just varsity with varsity, JV with JV and freshman with freshman. We're all connecting, we all know each other."

Being able to get the job done on the field is essential, too.

"It's about just making sure I'm on top of my game, because I know everyone looks up to how the captain's playing," Penn said. "If I'm not on my game, then I know they're not going to be on their game."

All together now

The multi-team approach is something that outfielder-turned-third baseman Gillen appreciates.

"We got the JV up here with us; they're doing the same plays we are," Gillen said. "Varsity pitchers are throwing to the JV second baseman and they're just getting varsity reps, too."

Gillen, like the other co-captains, isn't afraid to be there for the younger players on the varsity, too.

"I can get vocal and I defi-

LEADERS OF THE PACK

Tyler Brooks: The starting pitcher/first baseman is capping off a stellar athletic career at Salem (he was a standout basketball player for the Rocks). Brooks, who enjoys a .430 batting average and an ERA under 2.00, is looking to play college baseball at Division II Northwood University. A Canton resident, Brooks owns a 3.45 GPA. His parents are Rob and Nora Brooks.

Brandon Gillen: The senior third baseman/outfielder carries a 3.3 grade-point average and plans on attending Michigan State University and pursue a business degree. As of now, he doesn't plan on playing college baseball, but he is receiving some interest from Division III schools. Gillen, whose parents are Michael and Elisa Gillen of Canton, is sporting a batting average in the .400 vicinity.

Josh Penn: Like Gillen, he would like to play college baseball, but he intends on focusing on academics at Central Michigan University. The Plymouth resident's GPA is around 3.3. The hard-nosed shortstop, in his fourth season with the varsity baseball team, is batting around .450. His parents are Patti Garback and Brian Penn.

Colin Savage: Injuries kept the catcher/outfielder off the field most of his junior and senior seasons, but he helped with his leadership abilities. "I'd like to thank coach Wright for giving me the opportunity and I appreciate it," Savage said. He lives in Canton with his mom Joanne (his father is deceased) and carries a 2.8 GPA.

nitely love to lead by example," Gillen said. "I'm also teaching the sophomores on our team what they did wrong, in a nice way."

"And they're always learning. I'm always giving them tips."

A prime example of showing younger guys how things are done was the way Gillen took to being asked by Wright to move from left field to third base after the season started.

"He's a team guy," Wright said. "He wants to play outfield and we have had a hole at third from the beginning of the season on — we've just been booting the ball."

"And I went up to him and asked him, 'Hey, have you ever played third before?' And he goes, 'Yeah, I played a little bit last year.' I told him we were going to give him a shot. ... He's taken to it and he's done a

really good job so far for us there."

Not to be minimized is the job catcher Savage has done for the Rocks as a co-captain, despite missing most of the last two seasons to injury. He missed 2014 with a broken nose, then sprained a thumb during the first scrimmage this spring.

Savage aggravated the thumb injury in the first game of an early April doubleheader against Plymouth at the University of Michigan's Ray Fisher Stadium.

Although the injury ultimately cost him the chance to return to action, Savage has helped the team with his leadership and communication skills.

"We all share the same responsibilities," Savage said. "We just make sure people are doing what they need to do, get to where they need to go."

"Not really coach, but more someone to look up to on the team, especially for the younger kids, because we do have a young team."

Taking it seriously

There have been standout senior players and leaders who wear Salem colors in the past, such as 2014 grad Jack Driscoll, for example.

Yet Savage thinks it matters to be designated as an official captain.

"When you're appointed a captain, there's responsibility," Savage said, "that's put on your shoulders and responsibility from the other kids to look up and say, 'All right, they're in charge, they need to do what they have to do and I have to do what I have to do.'"

So with this year's test run a big success, Wright has no qualms about keeping the captain's wheel turning in 2016 and beyond.

When that time comes, he will look for players with the same traits he saw — and sees — in Brooks, Penn, Gillen and Savage.

"I knew they were good kids and I knew they doing really well academically and those are important things," Wright said. "It's the full package I was looking for."

He got what he wanted. On all accounts, the Rocks' quartet delivered the goods.

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PREP BASEBALL

Plymouth Christian batters start to mash with district around the corner

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

With the districts just around the corner, Plymouth Christian Academy baseball coach Joe Bottorff is helping his batters get up to speed.

"We've been concentrating on hitting a lot," Bottorff said. "We're bringing the pitching machine out on to the field, we're cranking the speed up so that these guys have timing for good pitching."

The strategy paid off Tuesday, as the host Eagles rocked Huron Valley Lutheran by an 11-4 count.

PCA improved to 11-3 overall with the victory. The Eagles locked up the Michigan In-

dependent Activities Conference Red Division title last week, winning two routs against Newport Lutheran South to finish division play with 8-0 mark.

Leading the charge against the Hawks was senior Josh Slater, who went 4-for-4, scored three times and drove in three.

"He has been hitting really well," Bottorff said about Slater. "He's been working on going with the ball, opposite field. Two of his hits were opposite field."

Also coming up big was Will Crecelius (3-for-5), while Austin Andres (2-for-4, three runs), Jordan Talbot (2-for-3), Nick Andres (2-for-4) and A.J. Greuber (2-for-4) also contrib-

uted. Splitting pitching duties for PCA were starter Phillip Morby, Adam Albert (three innings each), Tanner Hay and Josh Mason (who closed the game with a strikeout).

The Eagles and Hawks were deadlocked 4-4 going into the bottom of the fourth, when PCA went to work. Driving in two runs with a double was Talbot.

In the fifth, Slater ripped a single to center to score two more runs to turn the game into a blowout.

PCA dropped an 8-5 decision Monday to upcoming Division 4 district host Lutheran Westland.

"We were sandbagging and

so were they," Bottorff said. "I didn't throw my best pitcher, they didn't throw their best pitcher. ... Both teams subbed quite a bit."

After a Friday game against Parkway Christian, the Eagles will rest up for the district. PCA received a bye and will play at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 30, against the winner of the Huron Valley-Lutheran Westland game (noon May 30).

PCA 10, LUTHERAN SOUTH 0: Greuber led the Eagles with two singles Friday, with Austin Andres, Nick Andres, Josh Slater and Mike Slater each doubling. Nathan Bishop and Jake Shook singled.

Pitching three strong innings for the Eagles was Hay,

who was followed on the mound by Josh Slater.

PCA 14, LUTHERAN SOUTH 0: The Eagles won a road rout behind multi-hit games from Crecelius, Austin Andres, Mike Slater, Josh Slater, Evan Wright, Albert and Talbot.

Bottorff raved about the effort turned in by lead-off hitter Crecelius.

"He wasn't originally slotted at lead-off," Bottorff said. "But I put him there in a game early in the season and his performance so far this year has cemented him in that role."

"He has played five different positions in the field, which has given me a ton of flexibility with getting players into games."

June 1 opening for Parade of Homes

Parade of Homes 2015, the 26th annual exhibition of new model homes located across southeast Michigan, will open June 1 and run through June 30, 2015. Home Builders Association of Southeastern Michigan and Bank of America Home Loans sponsor this free public event.

"The new homes featured in this program offer a good cross section of the homes being built throughout southeast Michigan," Norm Finkelstein, builder of Norwood Homes, Ltd. and 2015 president of HBA, said in a statement. "We're excited to be building innovative new homes for the families of southeast Michigan and to be offering them at a variety of price points."

The Parade of Homes offers potential home buyers a unique opportunity to visit the area's finest model and inventory homes, including condominiums and single-family homes, affordable housing and estate-sized homes. Visitors to the homes will have an opportunity to see firsthand the latest trends in energy efficiency and green building, architecture, interior design, amenities and materials. The 53 models under construction and pre-construction homes and condominiums range in base price from \$139,900 to \$1,358,000.

The homes are built by 22 different builders, all members of HBA. The Parade of Homes includes three attached condominiums, four detached condominiums and 46 single-family homes. Nine of the homes are pre-construction, so potential home buyers have the opportunity to work with the builder from the beginning of construction. Another three of the homes are currently under construction. The remainder are built and will be open for visitors beginning June 1.

Architects and industry experts will judge the homes and award blue ribbons in several categories. The judges will make their decisions based on a combination of factors, including innovation, aesthetic appeal and value for the price. Judges for this year's program will be Lonny S. Zimmerman, AIA, NCARB of Siegal/Tuomaala Associates; Benedetto Tiseo, FAIA, NCARB of Tiseo Architects, Inc.; Michael J. Gordon, RA of Moiseev/Gordon Associates; and Paul Sal-



The Gardenia by Norwood Homes is located at 421 Gardenia in Royal Oak.

loun, retail sales manager, of Bank of America Home Loans.

A free Parade of Homes magazine, including photos, renderings, features, hours and location maps for all homes, will be distributed Sunday, June 7, within select home delivery of *The Detroit News* and *Detroit Free Press*, available at Bank of America locations throughout southeast Michigan, at select Kroger locations and at all participating model homes beginning June 1. The Parade of Homes website will also be available beginning June 1 at: www.ParadeHBA.com. This is the only Parade of Homes event HBA will sponsor this year.

Headquartered in West Bloomfield, Home Builders Association of Southeastern Michigan and Apartment



The Muirfield by Pinnacle Homes is located in Andelina Ridge in Novi.

Association of Michigan are trade associations representing more than 800 builders, remodelers, multi-family property owners, developers and suppliers to the single-family and multi-family residential construction industry.

HBA is affiliated with the Home Builders Association of Michigan in Lansing and the National Association of Home Builders in Washington, D.C. Membership nationwide includes more than 150,000 individuals and companies.

Condo pact questions? Ask an attorney

Q: An attorney friend told me that some of these developers who sell new condos have entered into confidentiality agreements. Can you elaborate on what he meant by that?

A: I presume what he meant by that is that developers have been sued by condo associations for construction defects and deficiencies and financial irregularities. When a settlement is reached, the parent developer, as well as the single-entity LLC that probably developed the condominium project, want a release from the association on any and all claims and want the terms of the settlement kept confidential, even from the co-owners. While I think that is improper, purchasers of condos from these developers working through single-entity LLCs will never know about the quality of construction that has occurred in this and other property, particularly on when the same units are constructed in a new project. You are best to consult with an attorney who has knowledge of the litigation history of developers in the Detroit area.



Robert Meisner

Q: I have heard the term "crowd funding" bandied about since 2012 and I am wondering what is going on in Michigan and what it is all about.

A: Since the SEC has continuously postponed publishing crowd funding rules to "unaccredited investors" since 2012, many states (including Michigan) have opened the door for in-state crowd funding as of Dec. 30, 2013. Despite much discussion, very few companies have established Internet portals for capital raises to benefit budding entrepreneurs or real estate developers looking for gap funding in order to complete their enterprise. This is basically an alternative financing tool which gives small investors an opportunity to get involved in real estate and other ventures. There is something called the Michigan Crowd Fund Program which can give you additional information.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of "Condo Living 2: An Authoritative Guide to Buying, Selling and Operating a Condominium." He is also the author of "Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track," second edition. Visit bmeisner@meisner-law.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Jan. 19-23, 2015, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

CANTON
498 E Canford Park \$391,000
4598 Hunters Cir W \$270,000
42501 Proctor Rd \$228,000
271 Roosevelt St \$303,000

42293 Saltz Rd \$130,000
3040 Wakefield Ct \$301,000
4114 Wrenwood Ln \$277,000
4160 Wrenwood Ln \$275,000
GARDEN CITY
556 Harrison St \$78,000
30150 Rush St \$101,000
LIVONIA
35973 6 Mile Rd \$218,000
38760 Ann Arbor Trl \$85,000
35681 Elmira St \$160,000
18583 Glengarry Dr \$325,000

NORTHVILLE
16550 Cottonwood Ct \$405,000
20489 Lexington Blvd \$385,000
16130 Mulberry Way \$410,000
41415 Rayburn Dr \$327,000
17191 Spring Hill Ct \$530,000
PLYMOUTH
242 Blunk St \$243,000
42141 Lakeland Ct \$195,000
REDFORD
19538 Brady \$28,000
17238 Garfield \$60,000

18446 Glenmore \$50,000
11635 Grayfield \$76,000
14233 San Jose \$50,000
WESTLAND
8121 Carrousel Blvd \$111,000
29918 Gladys Ave \$115,000
35246 Lewis St \$62,000
2044 N Walton St \$38,000
1266 Portland St \$108,000
2289 Stieber St \$25,000
8037 Tom Brown Dr \$243,000

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Dec. 22, 2014, to Jan. 2, 2015, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

BEVERLY HILLS
16960 Birwood Ave \$219,000
32648 Old Post Rd \$372,000
32300 Plumwood St \$320,000
16238 Reedmere Ave \$240,000
BIRMINGHAM
768 Bird Ave \$620,000
808 Bird Ave \$636,000
1771 Birmingham Blvd \$270,000
1650 Hazel St \$255,000
1592 Henrietta St \$317,000
842 Hidden Ravines Dr \$1,220,000
1756 Holland St \$490,000
1060 Kennesaw St \$385,000
1370 Latham St \$833,000
673 N Eton St \$107,000
301 N Eton St # A \$94,000
1826 Pierce St \$602,000
662 Purdy St # 214 \$249,000
564 Ridgedale Ave \$438,000
1220 Smith Ave \$655,000
452 Sufferland Ave \$475,000
2425 W Lincoln St \$280,000
1620 Washington Blvd \$902,000
1659 Washington Blvd \$420,000
1992 Washington Blvd \$356,000
BLOOMFIELD HILLS
5026 Kellen Ln \$395,000
4555 Stoneleigh Rd \$540,000
25 Cabot Pl \$1,090,000
2694 Heathfield Rd \$815,000
6445 Thurber Rd \$429,000
893 W Glengarry Cir \$1,350,000
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP
1715 Carrington Way \$580,000

1048 Glenwood Ct \$460,000
2811 Heathfield Rd \$282,000
1586 Heronwood Ct \$850,000
175 Highland Ave \$215,000
319 Hillboro Dr \$290,000
5273 Hollow Dr \$317,000
1121 Ivyglen Cir \$274,000
729 Upper Scotsborough Way \$323,000
801 W Long Lake Rd # H2 \$112,000
1968 W Spinningwheel Ln \$287,000
7055 White Pine Dr \$359,000
2584 Amberly Rd \$460,000
COMMERCE TOWNSHIP
4863 Birkdale Dr \$321,000
2272 Calibouge \$75,000
8291 Cascade St \$195,000
33695 Bostwick Pl \$212,000
2530 Hampton Ct \$300,000
2620 Massena St \$142,000
252 Phoenix St \$165,000
240 Polvadera St \$135,000
5874 Strawberry Cir \$495,000
4806 Surfwood Dr \$310,000
1838 Thorndale St \$150,000
1505 Trace Hollow Dr \$300,000
707 W Commerce Rd \$110,000
FARMINGTON
31241 Country Ridge Cir \$290,000
23700 Oakland St \$260,000
33144 Tall Oaks St \$168,000
FARMINGTON HILLS
29229 Autumn Rdg \$294,000
37224 Berkeley Ct \$305,000
33695 Bostwick Pl \$195,000
25507 Castlereigh Dr \$235,000
33596 Colony Park Dr \$270,000
38957 Country Cir \$125,000
27689 Doreen St \$158,000
29587 Kings Pointe Ct \$240,000
30277 Kingsway Dr \$289,000

25480 Leestock \$66,000
37412 Legends Trail Dr \$190,000
32363 Olde Franklin Dr \$175,000
29443 Pendleton Club Dr \$51,000
30980 Pointe Of Woods Dr \$110,000
22085 Purdue Ave \$62,000
29424 Regents Pointe \$152,000
25766 Skye Ct \$80,000
35820 Springvale St \$250,000
26266 Steele Rd \$199,000
37900 Wendy Lee St \$80,000
26610 Westmeath St \$229,000
35138 White Pine Trl \$254,000
21796 Whittington St \$118,000
28788 Wilton Dr \$322,000
FRANKLIN
24755 Franklin Park Dr \$625,000
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2837 Jackson Blvd \$102,000
2210 James \$100,000
1595 Kingsway Dr \$149,000
3620 Kingsway Dr \$259,000
4475 Woodcock Way \$167,000
LATHRUP VILLAGE
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17615 Coral Gables Ave \$193,000
18941 Rainbow Ct \$160,000
MILFORD
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2959 Hampikian Dr \$172,000
696 S Garner Rd \$240,000
213 Union St \$100,000
1350 W Dawson Rd \$263,000
NORTHVILLE
21712 Beauford Ln \$388,000
44518 Chedworth Ct \$305,000
20925 Maybury Dr \$1,150,000
21274 Summerside Ln \$360,000

NOVI
25831 Abbey Dr \$326,000
25516 Birchwoods Dr \$331,000
39515 Burton Dr \$215,000
24516 Cavendish Ave E \$652,000
22563 Deerfield Rd \$244,000
51188 E Bourne Ter \$295,000
43040 Emerson Way \$290,000
29752 English Way \$315,000
40423 Franklin Mill St \$217,000
22386 Mill Rd \$245,000
30440 Norwich Dr \$380,000
24772 Olde Orchard St \$115,000
24881 Reeds Pointe Dr \$530,000
31135 Rolling Grove Dr \$226,000
47317 Scarlet Dr N \$280,000
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58214 Belfore Ct \$315,000
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22897 Fremont Dr N \$452,000
739 Norchester St \$165,000
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RELIGION CALENDAR

MAY BIBLE COLLECTION
Time/Date: Through May 31
Location: Kenwood Church of Christ, 20200 Merriman, Livonia
Details: The church is collecting Bibles for Africa through Helping Hands Touching Hearts, a nonprofit organization founded by church members Wayne and Sidney Bonvallet of Farmington Hills. Drop offs may be made any time at the collection box at the main entrance to the church. Follow the Bonvallets at helpinghandstouchinghearts.blogspot.com
Contact: 248-476-8222
CONCERT
Time/Date: 7 p.m. Saturday, May 30
Location: Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile, between Inkster Road and Middlebelt, Livonia
Details: Tatiana Scavnicki and Mark Watson perform a combi-

nation of rock, world beat, mystical and pop. Tickets are \$15 and available through Unity of Livonia Bookstore or by phone
Contact: 734-421-1760
DEMENTIA SERIES
Time/Date: 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, May 27
Location: St. Colette Parish, 17600 Newburgh, Livonia
Details: "Aging in Place Successfully" looks at the cognitive symptoms of dementia-related diseases, treatment options and staying in one's home. The program is part of an ongoing series, featuring a team of dementia care specialists and ministry facilitators. Each session is held at a different church in the Northwest Wayne Vicariate
Contact: Nancy at 734-464-4436

JUNE CONCERT
Time/Date: 3 p.m. Saturday,

June 6
Location: St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 Sheldon, Plymouth
Details: The Mobile Millennium Carillon from Ohio will be on hand for a free concert featuring Julie Ford, director of music at St. John's, and Kimberly Schafer of Chicago, Ill. Attendees may bring blankets or chairs. The church will serve ice cream
Contact: 734-453-0190; stjohnsplmouth.org

ONGOING CLASSES/STUDY
Men's Bible study
Time/Date: Breakfast at 7 a.m. and study at 8 a.m.
Location: Kirby's Coney Island, 21200 Haggerty, Northville Township
Contact: John Shulenberg at 734-464-9491
Our Lady of Loretto
Time/Date: 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Monday
Location: Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford Township
Details: Scripture study
Contact: 313-534-9000
FAITH COMMUNITY WESLEYAN
Time/Date: 4-5 p.m. every Saturday
Location: 14560 Merriman, Livonia
Details: This informal class includes fellowship, discussion and question and answers. All ages welcome. Bibles available if you don't have one
Contact: pastor Tom Hazelwood at 734-765-5476

CLOTHING BANK
Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. last Saturday of the month
Location: Canton Christian Fellowship, 8775 Ronda Drive, Canton
Details: No documentation needed
Contact: info@cantoncf.org

FAMILY MEAL
Time/Date: 5-6 p.m. every Thursday
Location: Salvation Army, 27500 Shiawassee, Farmington Hills
Details: Free meal
Contact: 248-477-1153, Ext. 12

HEALING SERVICE
Time/Date: Arabic service, 3-4 p.m. first Tuesday of the month; English service, 3-4 p.m. third Tuesday of the month
Location: The Antiochian Orthodox Basilica of Saint Mary, 18100 Merriman, Livonia
Details: The service includes prayers of petition and intercession, hymns, Scripture readings and the anointing of the sick. Offertory candles are available for a free will offering in the vestibule of the church.
Contact: Rev. George Shalhoub at 734-422-0010 or email Stacey Badeen at sbadeen@tbosm.com

MOMS
Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church
Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. second Tuesday, September-May
Location: 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia
Details: Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) is aimed at mothers of infants through kindergartners
Contact: Ethanie Defoe at 248-227-6617 and Jody Fleszar at 734-658-2463

Dunning Park Bible Chapel
Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. first and third Tuesdays
Location: 24800 W. Chicago Road, Redford
Details: MOPS is a place where moms can build friendships, receive mothering support, practical help and spiritual hope.
Contact: Amy at 313-937-3084 or Kristen at 734-542-0767

PET-FRIENDLY SERVICE
Time/Date: 1 p.m. Sunday
Location: Dunk N Dogs, 27911 Five Mile, Livonia
Details: All Creatures ULC sponsors the service, which is conducted in an informal setting. Pet blessings are available after the service.
Contact: 313-563-0162

PRAYER
St. Edith Church
Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday
Location: Parish office, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia
Details: Group meets for singing, praying and short teaching. Fellowship with snacks follows
Contact: Parish office at 734-464-1223

St. Michael Lutheran Church
Time/Date: 6-7 a.m. Monday-Friday
Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday
Location: 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton
Details: Praying silently or aloud together; prayer requests welcomed.
Contact: 734-459-3333 for additional information

SINGLES
Detroit World Outreach
Time/Date: 4-6 p.m. Sunday
Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford, Room 304
Details: Divorce Overcomers group is designed for individuals going through divorce, those who are divorced or separated.

Contact: The facilitator at 313-283-8200; lef@dwo.org
First Presbyterian Church
Time/Date: 7-7:15 p.m., social time; 7:30 p.m., announcements; 7:30-8:30 p.m., program; 8:30-9 p.m. ice cream social, Thursdays.
Location: 200 E. Main St., Northville
Details: Single Place Ministry; cost is \$5
Contact: 248-349-0911 or visit www.singleplace.org

Steve's Family Restaurant
Time/Date: 9 a.m. second and fourth Thursday
Location: 15800 Middlebelt, 14 mile north of Five Mile, Livonia
Details: Widowed men of all ages may attend the Widowed Friends Men's breakfast. This is an informal "peer" group where men have an opportunity to meet with others.
Contact: 313-534-0399

SONG CIRCLE
Congregation Beth Ahm
Time/Date: Noon to 12:30 p.m. every Shabbat
Location: 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield
Details: Sing zemirot (Shabbat songs) and celebrate Kiddush following morning services. Lyrics are provided in transliteration as well as the original Hebrew.
Contact: 248-737-1931 or email nancyellen879@att.net.

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

Connection Church
Time/Date: 7 p.m. Friday
Location: 3855 Sheldon, Canton
Details: Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered recovery for all hurts, habits and hang-ups. Child care is available for free
Contact: Jonathan@Connectionchurch.info or 248-787-5009

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

Farmington Hills Baptist Church
Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. second Tuesday of the month except January, July and August
Location: 28301 Middlebelt, between 12 Mile and 13 Mile in Farmington Hills
Details: Western Oakland Parkinson Support Group
Contact: 248-433-1011

Merriman Road Baptist Church
Time/Date: 1-3 p.m. second and fourth Thursday
Location: 2055 Merriman, Garden City
Details: Metro Fibromyalgia support group meets; donations
Contact: www.metrofibrogroup.com; or call Ruthann with questions at 734-981-2519

Fireside Church of God
Time/Date: 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday-Friday
Location: 11771 Newburgh, Livonia
Details: Fireside Adult Day Ministry activity-based program for dependent adults, specializing in dementia care. Not a drop-in center
Contact: 734-855-4056 or 734-464-0990; www.firesidechog.org; or email to adm@firesidechog.org

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church
Time/Date: 10 a.m. to noon Saturday
Location: 16360 Hubbard, Livonia
Details: A weekly drop-in Food Cupboard (nonperishable items) is available
Contact: 734-421-8451

St. Thomas a' Becket Church
Time/Date: Weigh-in is 6:15-6:55 p.m.; support group 7 p.m. Thursday
Location: 555 S. Lilley, Canton

Details: Take Off Pounds Sensibly
Contact: Margaret at 734-838-0322

Unity of Livonia
Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday
Location: 28660 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster, Livonia
Details: Overeaters Anonymous
Contact: 248-559-7722; www.oa.org for additional information

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church
Time/Date: 6 p.m. dinner (optional); 7 p.m. worship; 8 p.m. small group discussion; 9 p.m. Solid Rock Cafe (optional coffee/ desserts)
Location: 40000 Six Mile, Northville Township
Details: Celebrate Recovery helps men and women find freedom from hurts, habits and hangups (addictive and compulsive behaviors); child care is free.
Contact: Child care, 248-374-7400; www.celebraterecovery.com and www.wardchurch.org/celebrate

THRIFT STORE
St. James Presbyterian
Location: 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford
Contact: 313-534-7730 for additional information

Way of Life Christian Church
Time/Date: 2-3:30 p.m. third Saturday from October through May
Location: 9401 General Drive, Lilley Executive Plaza, Suite 100, Plymouth
Details: Women's fellowship is designed for women with a question to know God more in their lives.
Contact: 734-637-7618

TOUR
Time/Date: 10:30 a.m. to noon first Sunday of the month
Location: The Solanus Casey Center, a Capuchin ministry, at 1780 Mount Elliott, Detroit
Details: Led by Capuchin friar Larry Webber, the director of the Solanus Casey Center, the tour focuses on the spirituality and holiness of Father Solanus, a humble Capuchin friar. No reservations are needed, although the center requests an advance phone call for groups of five or more. No cost for the tour, although donations are accepted.
Contact: 313-579-2100, Ext. 149; www.solanuscenter.org

WORSHIP
Adat Shalom Synagogue
Time/Date: 6 p.m. Friday; 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. Saturday; 7:30 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. Sunday; and 6 p.m. weekdays
Location: 29901 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills
Contact: 248-851-5100

Bethlehem Lutheran Church
Time/Date: 10 a.m. Sunday service
Location: 35300 W. Eight Mile, Farmington Hills
Contact: pastor Terry Miller at tshelton@mlr.com; 248-478-6520

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church
Time/Date: 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. services; 9:45 a.m. Sunday school and youth and adult Bible classes
Location: 14175 Farmington Road, just north of I-96, Livonia
Contact: 734-522-6830

Congregation Bet Chaverim
Time/Date: Services are held 7 p.m. the third Friday of the month
Location: At the shared facilities of Cherry Hill United Methodist Church, 321 S. Ridge, Canton
Details: Reformed Jewish Congregation
Contact: www.Facebook.com/betchaverim or email to betchaverim@yahoo.com

Due Season Christian Church
Time/Date: 10 a.m. Sunday, with 7:15 p.m. Tuesday Bible study
Location: Stevenson High School on Six Mile, west of Farmington Road, in Livonia
Details: Nondenominational, multicultural, full gospel church services.
Contact: 248-960-8063 or visit www.DueSeason.org

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LOVELAND, DAVID BURTON

Passed away on May 16, 2015 due to complications of Alzheimer's disease. He was born on July 25th, 1932 in Wyandotte, Michigan and was the child of Burton E. and Loretta B. Loveland. David graduated from Ecorse (MI) High School in 1951 and the University of Michigan College of Pharmacy in 1955. After graduation, he worked in and became co-owner of the Loveland's Pharmacy in Ecorse until the store was sold in 1973. He was then employed as a pharmacist in retail and hospital settings. He retired as a pharmacist in 2010. He was very passionate about service work and contributing to the betterment of others throughout his life. He was involved in the sport of rowing for over 50 years. Later in life he became devoted to the cause of child abuse through involvement in Exchange Clubs in Lincoln Park, Canton and Livonia. David was married to the love of his life Hazel Fayne (McCoy) Loveland on August 20, 1955 until her death on May 10, 2010. He is survived by sons Dr. Jeffrey David Loveland (Kathryn) of Woodstock, Virginia and Dr. Robert Brian Loveland (Michelle) of South Lyon, MI, daughter Cheryl A. Hammond R.N. of Tampa, Florida; along with five grandchildren and one great-grandchild. A sister, Ruth Allen of Southgate (MI) also survives. He is predeceased by his parents, wife and brothers Donald E. Loveland and Warren C. Loveland. Services were Wednesday arranged by J.L. Peters Funeral Home, (313-928-6500) www.jlpetersfuneralhome.com. Donations in David's memory can be made to the National Exchange Club or the Alzheimer's Association.



MASSEY, HARVE S.

May 15, 2015, age 77 of Plymouth. Beloved husband of Carol. Loving father of Larry and Karen. Brother of Gary (Jessie). Dear uncle of Stacy, Susan, Frank, Susan, Bob and Kristin. Visitation Monday 2-8 PM at Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth (Between Sheldon and Beck). In state Tuesday 10 AM until the 11 AM Funeral Service at First United Methodist Church of Plymouth, 45201 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth. Memorials may be made to the American Lung Association or the Church Music Department. To share a memory, please visit vermeulenfh.com

RANDALL, FLORENCE A.

Elegant. Gracious. Humorous. Mucho Encantaro. The world is less bright today with the recent passing of Florence (Flossie, Flo) Aldrete Randall, age 87. Born February 23, 1928, San Antonio, Texas. Died May 5, 2015, Farmington Hills, Michigan. A local community member since 1964. Florence passed with minimal discomfort and with immediate family members by her side. Death due to natural causes. Predeceased by: parents Michael and Margaret Aldrete; brothers, Michael and George Aldrete, sister Mary (David) Aldrete Lytle; Husband Richard Roy Randall; long-term love and partner Julian Galen. Survived by: sons Richard (Patricia) Alan Randall, Jeffrey (Lisa) Roy Randall; grandchildren Jeffrey (Theresa) Morgan Randall, Dylan Evans Randall; great grandchild Victoria Rose Randall; former daughters-in-law Barbara J. Randall, Claire Ivey. Florence's was an eighty-seven year journey of a life well-lived and international in scope. (A claimed genealogy to Spanish King Phillip II is neither confirmed nor doubted.) The trials and tribulations that besiege all of us were dealt with and conquered in a unique style that was all Florence. She orchestrated by action and communication a peace between blended families and a bond with friends rivaling any diplomat - or king. She leaves behind a stationary collection not to be believed. Flossie took on all challengers and made you feel almost good about losing; just ask the local pickle-ball club or the U.S. Post Office. A formidable tennis player in younger years, Florence was an avid sports fan, loyal to all Detroit teams. Forgiven for her fondness of Tom Brady. A parent and grandparent without peer. She attended more events than a dozen soccer moms. A terrific cook and dinner hostess. Incredible, if sometimes foggy, holiday meals. Florence could create a perfect, authentic Paella and do things with an electric skillet nothing short of magical. Florence traveled. Her favorite spot likely the Pocono Mountains in eastern Pennsylvania. She had friends worldwide. She was knowledgeable and conversant on many subjects, including politics - "opinionated" one son has said. Florence's friendships transcended any cultural or color boundaries. Florence Randall was a mighty spirit with a steadfast heart of heroic proportion. She bore a smile while staring straight at death. She loved her sons, grandchildren, great grandchild and family without reserve, judgement or condition. She was a joy to all who met her and remains a sparkle in the lives of all lucky enough to count her as family or friend. Florence A. Randall: wise and generous. She will be missed. Florence chose cremation. Memorial service details will be determined and announced. In lieu of flowers, please donate to a charity of choice in her memory.



STANBURY, PATRICIA (WILHELM)

Age 77, May 9, 2015 of Hubbard Lake, formerly of Plymouth. Preceded in death by parents Wanda and Joseph Wilhelmi and son Douglas; Beloved mother of Annette (Chris) Tornga, Craig, Lynton and Brent (Lisa). Grandmother of four. Dear sister of Larry (Peg) and Roger (Nancy) Wilhelmi and Susan (Gordon) Lampman. Memorial information available at: www.grdewitt.com



TOOT, MARY E.

(nee TIBBET) 88, passed away peacefully May 18, 2015. Preceded in death by husband John L. (Jack) Toot; mother to Jim of Colorado, Jane (Rick) Van Dresser of Michigan and loving grandmother to Anna. Mary was a graduate of Michigan State University and attended University of Michigan graduate school. In 1949 she taught school at Harrison Park Junior High in Grand Rapids and then Royal Oak High. Former member of Orchard Lake Country Club, The Village Club, TCH Women's Club, Tri-Delta sorority and First Presbyterian Church of Birmingham. Interment Grandville, Mi.

ZIEGLER, THELMA R

Age 87, of Northville, formerly of Livonia, passed away May 16, 2015. Full obit at www.caterlinefuneralhome.com

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Creative flair: Sketch like Degas at Drawn to the Night art event

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Grab your sketch pad and charcoal, brushes and paints. It's time to make your own masterpiece at the Plymouth Community Arts Council's Drawn to the Night.

The monthly open studio attracts professional, amateur and wannabe artists of all ages to practice drawing the human form from live clothed models.

"You can do anything you want. You can sketch, paint, use charcoal. That's the cool thing about it. You can try things out," said Faith Long, 12, a Plymouth Township resident and a regular at the event that she attends with her grandmother.

"I usually do pencil, mostly because I make lots of mistakes and I have to erase and do it over. It's good practice for going outside in nature. Because if you want to draw a butterfly from a real life perspective, you won't have an hour to draw it."

Faith said she has become "less uptight" about her art. The models change poses throughout the session, leaving little time for perfectionism.

"It doesn't have to be a masterpiece. It doesn't have to be perfect."

Faith, who also takes dance lessons, is eager to draw at this month's session because its theme is inspired by French impressionist painter Edgar Degas, who spent much of his career drawing ballet dancers. A ballerina from Synergy Dance in downtown Plymouth will serve as the model.

Drawn to the Night runs 7-9 p.m. Friday, May 29, at the PCAC, 774 N. Sheldon at Junction in Plymouth. Artists bring their own supplies and pay \$10 at the door. Students pay \$5. The PCAC serves complimentary refreshments.

Kirbi Fagan, illustrator, served as host during the program's first year. She created a theme for each session and a corresponding setting for the models. Christina Evans, artist and instructor takes over this year, starting with this month's gathering.

"We had '70s hippies, an apocalyptic scene. We had mermaids. We had cowboys," said Lisa Howard, PCAC director, recalling topics from last year. "We set up a little set behind the person. Sometimes it's simple and we've had some elaborate sets in the past."

Art inspiration

Evans decided to add a twist to the monthly theme. Each will be based on a famous art-



Three models pose amid a collection of archaeology-inspired props.



A sketch made during Plymouth Community Arts Council's monthly Drawn to the Night.

ist's works.

"It's important to look at works of people who have done it and succeeded at it. And it also promotes art appreciation," said Evans, who is considering Monet, Renoir and Seurat for future themes. "I want to feel people out, too, and see what they are interested in."

As the night's emcee, she also will decide when models change position. Evans has both modeled and timed the poses at previous Drawn to the Night sessions.

"I've taken so many (figure drawing) classes, I know what

the protocol is. I know what's interesting, what's dynamic," she said, referring to poses. "Generally what I like to do is start with a couple of 30-second warmups, just to get the hand moving. I'll do three-, four-, or five-minute poses and then divvy up the rest of the time between 15-minute and half-hour poses."

"I love the idea that once a month an artist can come and be free and do whatever work they want while looking at a model. Generally all the places I've taken it (figure drawing) has been with one medium. They'll say, graphite or char-



A model poses with props at Drawn to the Night.



Artists create a variety of sketches in various media and styles.

coal. Or they only do acrylic. It's interesting when you have a mix of people all working on the same thing, that are working in different media and are next to each other. That makes it more dynamic."

Get in the zone

Evans said figure drawing helps artists understand perspective and envision the human form as a series of basic shapes such as ovals and columns. The clothing on the model adds "a totally different" element to figure studies.

She suggests that first-time attendees with little art experi-

ence simply "try it and have fun." It's a bonus if their work succeeds. If not, "at least you tried," she said.

Howard likens the process of figure drawing or painting to knitting and embroidery in that "you get in the zone and don't think about anything else."

"It's really therapeutic," she said. "And it's a nice break from the usual thing people do on a Friday night."

Future dates will be announced on the PCAC Facebook page and at www.plymoutharts.com.

GET OUT! CALENDAR

ANIMALS

DETROIT ZOO

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily

Location: I-696 service drive and Woodward, Royal Oak

Details: Admission is \$14 for adults 15-61, \$10 for senior citizens 62 and older, and for children ages 2-14; children under 2 are free. Parking for cars and vans is \$5. Detroit Zoological Society members get free admission and parking

Sunset at the Zoo: The annual fundraiser for ages 21 and over will run 7-11:30 p.m. Friday, June 12 and will include a strolling supper, specialty drinks, dancing, live entertainment and access to some of the habitats at twilight. The theme, Summer Chill, will celebrate the Polk Penguin Conservation Center. Tickets are \$150-\$300, available at detroitzoo.org

Contact: 248-541-5717

ARTS AND CRAFTS

GALLERY@VT

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday-Friday and during public events, through May 31

Location: Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton

Details: "Music & Play," is a collaborative exhibit by artists Michele M. Crimi and Jesse Brandel. Crimi creates sculptures from recycled musical instruments and Brandel makes 3-D contour sculptures from wire

Contact: 734-394-5300; cantonvillage-theater.org

JANICE CHARACH GALLERY

Time/Date: The exhibition runs 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, through July 16

Location: Jewish Community Center of Metropolitan Detroit, 6600 W. Maple, West Bloomfield



Bad Marmot includes Matt Bier, Garden City native Aaron LaCombe, Mike Rothschild and John Baker. The band performs May 22 at Albert's on the Alley in Garden City.

Details: 68th annual Michigan Water Color Society Annual Exhibition

Contact: 248-661-1000

LIBERTY STREET BREWING

Time/Date: Through May 30

Location: Upper Hall Gallery at the Brew Pub, 149 W. Liberty, Plymouth

Details: Works by Lanny Henderson

Contact: 734-207-9600

NORTHVILLE ART HOUSE

Time/Date: Opening reception, 6-9 p.m. Friday, June 5, running through June 27

Location: 215 W. Cady, Northville

Details: West of Center, and all-media show

Contact: 248-344-0497

AUDITIONS

MICHIGAN OPERA THEATRE

Time/Date: By appointment May 30, June 1 and June 6

Location: 1526 Broadway, Detroit

Details: Children's Chorus auditions for the 2015-16 season, which includes the Principal Chorus for ages, 10-16, and the Preparatory Chorus, for ages 8-11. Audition requirements are a prepared song that is age appropriate and selected from the folk or classical genres, a prepared poem, a one-page resume listing music and theater background (if applicable), and a basic photo

Contact: Twannette Nash at tnash@motopera.org for more information

FILM

LENORE MARWIL JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL

Time/Date: Through May 21

Location: Berman Center for the Performing Arts, 6600 W. Maple, West Bloomfield

Details: Tickets are \$12 per film. Check online for complete list of films and screening times

Contact: 248-661-1900; theberman.org

PENN THEATRE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Friday, May 22, and 4:45 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, May 23-24

Location: 760 Penniman, Plymouth

Details: *Cinderella*; admission \$3

Coming up: *Woman in Gold*, 7 p.m. Thursday, May 28 and June 4; 7 p.m. and 9:05 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 29-30; and 4:45 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, May 31

Contact: 734-453-0870; www.penn-theatre.com

REDFORD THEATRE

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Friday, May 29 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, May 30.

Location: 17360 Lahser, just north of Grand River Avenue in Detroit

Details: *Titanic*; \$5

Contact: 313-898-1481 for more information

SUMMER DRIVE-IN

Time/Date: Beginning at dusk, May 22-24

Location: USA Hockey Arena, 14900 Beck, Plymouth

Details: Double features on three screens. Visit summerdrivein.com weekly for updated film list. Admission is \$10 for adults, \$8 for children, 4-12 and free for children, 3 and under.

Contact: 734-927-3284 for more information

HISTORY

KELSEY MUSEUM

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, and 1-4 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, June 5-July 26

Location: 434 State St., Ann Arbor

Details: "Rocks, Paper, Memory: Wendy Artin's Watercolor Paintings of Ancient Sculptures" features paintings of ancient Greek and Roman sculptures along with objects from the Kelsey's collection

Contact: 734-764-9304

PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL MUSEUM

Time/Date: 1-4 p.m. Wednesday, Friday-Sunday

Location: 155 S. Main, Plymouth

Details: "Creative Hands: Busy Hands" runs through June 14. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$2 for ages 6-17

Contact: 734-455-8940 for more information

MUSIC

ALBERT'S ON THE ALLEY

Time/Date: 10 p.m. Friday, May 22

Location: 5651 Middlebelt, Garden City

Details: Bad Marmot, four-piece Southern rock band from Austin, Texas, performs. The band includes Aaron LaCombe, a Garden City native

Contact: 734-525-5231

BECKRIDGE CHORALE

Time/Date: 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. May 25

Location: The Village Theater, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton

Details: "Because of the Brave," a Memorial Day tribute show. Tickets are \$10

Contact: 734-667-3127; beckridgechorale.org

GAELIC LEAGUE/IRISH AMERICAN CLUB

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Friday, May 29

Location: 2068 Michigan Ave., Detroit

Details: Concert and Ceili with Paddy O'Brien on accordion and Nathan Gourley on fiddle. They'll be joined by local musicians. Suggested donation is \$15 for adults and \$10 for students. Children under 12 admitted free

Contact: Mick Gavin at 313-537-3489 for more information



LET THE KIDS HELP MAKE THESE BERRY SNACKS

One of the best ways to get children to eat healthful food is to allow them to help prepare it. These snack recipes using strawberries and blueberries are simple and can be fun to make.

"You can be really creative with strawberries and blueberries," said Justin Timineri, executive chef and culinary ambassador of the consumer services division of the Florida Agriculture Department. "You can combine them with salads or yogurt, marinate in teriyaki sauce and serve with roast beef or prepare delicious snacks."

Blueberries can help maintain good vision and memory. They contain antioxidants that aid in cancer prevention. Strawberries contain vitamin C and fiber that help the digestive system function.

For more berry recipes, visit <http://bit.ly/floridaberries>.



Chef Justin Timineri

Courtesy of Family Features

YOUNG CHEFS

Cooking tasks by age:

- » 4-5: Squeeze lemons and limes, mix and beat ingredients, pour ingredients
- » 6-7: Grate and peel, knead, ready items for use
- » 8-9: Slice and chop with supervision, peel fruits and vegetables, measure ingredients, break eggs
- » 10: Slice, chop and dice, boil



BLUEBERRY BISCUIT COOKIES

Makes 14 servings

2 cups biscuit mix
1 cup blueberries
1 cup pecans, chopped
2 tablespoons low-fat milk
½ cup honey, divided

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. In a large mixing bowl, combine biscuit mix, blueberries, pecans and milk. Mix well and add enough of the honey to make the mixture stiff like cookie dough. Place dough by tablespoonful onto a greased baking sheet about 2 inches apart. Bake until edges begin to brown, about 15 minutes. Remove from oven and drizzle remaining honey on each cookie. Bake an additional 5 minutes and serve immediately.



STRAWBERRY YOGURT FREEZER POPS

Yield: 10 portions

1 pound fresh strawberries, hulled
¼ cup natural sugar
1 lemon, juiced
2 cups low-fat vanilla yogurt
10 freezer pop molds and sticks

In a blender or food processor, add strawberries, sugar and lemon juice. Purée ingredients until the sugar is dissolved. Pour mixture into a small pitcher or container. Fill each freezer pop mold by alternating layers of the strawberry mixture and yogurt. Insert the handle or stick into each freezer pop and freeze for at least 5 hours. To serve freezer pops, run warm water over the outside of the molds until the pops come out easily.



FLORIDA STRAWBERRY MASCARPONE PANINI

Serves: 4

½ pound fresh strawberries, hulled and sliced thin
8 slices fresh bread (½ inch thick)
½ cup mascarpone cheese
confectioners' sugar for dusting
2 tablespoons unsalted butter, melted

Heat a panini press or griddle over medium heat. Spread a thin layer of mascarpone on top of each of the 8 bread slices. Add an even layer of fresh sliced strawberries to 4 of the bread slices. Use the other 4 slices of bread to top the sandwiches. Brush the sandwiches with butter and grill or press until golden, about 5 minutes. Transfer the panini to a cutting board and dust with confectioners' sugar. Serve warm.

FLORIDA BERRY SNACK BARS

Serves: 20

Crust:
1 cup pecans, chopped, separated
¾ cup natural whole-wheat pastry flour
¾ cup all-purpose flour
½ cup natural sugar
½ teaspoon salt
4 tablespoons cold unsalted butter, cut into small pieces
1 large egg
2 tablespoons canola oil
1 teaspoon natural vanilla extract
¼ teaspoon natural almond extract
pan-release cooking spray
Fruit Filling:
3 cups fresh strawberries, hulled and diced
2½ cups fresh blueberries
¼ cup orange juice
½ cup natural sugar
¼ cup cornstarch
1 teaspoon vanilla extract

Combine ¼ cup chopped pecans, whole-wheat

flour, all-purpose flour, sugar and salt in a food processor. Pulse ingredients together until the nuts are finely ground. Add the cold butter to the pecan mixture and pulse until well incorporated. In a small mixing bowl, whisk egg, oil, vanilla and almond extract together. With the motor running on the food processor, add the egg mixture to the pecan mixture. Continue to pulse mixture until it begins to clump, 30 to 45 seconds. Measure out ½ cup of the mixture and combine in a bowl with the remaining ¼ cup of chopped pecans, and set it aside to be used for the topping. Set aside. Preheat oven to 400 degrees F. Coat a 9-by-13-inch baking dish with pan-release cooking spray. Combine 2 cups strawberries, 2 cups blueberries, orange juice, sugar and cornstarch in a large saucepan. Bring to a simmer over medium heat, stirring constantly, until the mixture has thickened (about 4 to 5 minutes). Stir in the remaining fresh fruit and

add 1 teaspoon vanilla. Transfer the crust mixture to the sprayed baking dish. Spread evenly and press firmly into the bottom to form the crust. Evenly spread the fruit filling over the crust. Sprinkle the top of the fruit filling with the reserved topping mixture. Bake the bars for 15 minutes. Reduce oven temperature to 350 degrees F and bake until the crust and topping are lightly brown, 25 to 30 minutes more. Let the bars cool completely before cutting. Serve with fresh fruit.

