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Gas station demolition latest in changes at Ford and Haggerty intersection area

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

The now-demolished Shell gas station at Canton's bustling Ford-Haggerty intersection has become the latest change in a prominent area that is continuing to evolve.

Developers have indicated the Shell station will give way

to a 5,600-square-foot retail center that is expected to house a Qdoba Mexican Grill and a T-Mobile shop.

Work crews have demolished the former gas station amid a flurry of new projects at the Ford-Haggerty intersection:

» Two new four-story hotels representing a \$20 million

investment are expected to be built northeast of Ford and Haggerty, near the I-275 interchange, where the old America's Best Value Inn & Suites has been torn down.

» Black Rock Bar & Grill is building its newest eatery where the former Roman Forum ended its 38-year run last New Year's Eve.

» IKEA already has added 44,000 square feet of space to its only Michigan store, which already was massive at 311,000 square feet.

» Several fast-food restaurants along the Ford Road corridor, west of Haggerty, have begun exterior renovations.

» A summer construction

project has been started in an attempt to improve turn lanes and make other modifications to the Ford/Haggerty/I-275 area, amid hopes of easing traffic congestion.

Trustee John Anthony said the latest projects in the Ford-Haggerty area are good for

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Top officer, firefighter credit their colleagues



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Canton Police Detective John Wallace is the 2015 Police Officer of the Year.

'High-performing investigator,' John Wallace, tapped as Canton's top cop

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

In a whirlwind year, Canton Detective John Wallace solved a shooting, an identity theft racket, a check-kiting caper, a retail fraud scam and a pricey-metals theft case.

His tenacity and his efforts have led Public Safety Director Todd Mutchler to call him "a high-performing investigator" who has taken "an active role in the detective bureau's crime-reduction initiatives."

Wallace, 33, was named Police Officer of the Year during an awards ceremony Thursday at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill. He was singled out among an 83-officer department.

"It is an honor to be recognized by my peers," Wallace said.

That said, he seems humbled by the attention, often shifting the spotlight from himself to the entire Canton Police Department team during an interview.

"It's about soaking up everything from the people you work with and trying to take a bit of their skill sets with you," he said.

Teamwork is a concept Wallace learned long before he landed his first police job in Canton in December 2004. He grew up in Farmington Hills and attended Clarenceville High School in Livonia, where he played football, baseball and basketball.

His dedication to team has continued in his role as a football assistant coach at Plymouth High School.

"I really saw police work as an extension of teamwork," Wallace said.

Police officials who have supervised him have high regards for his work.

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Canton's Firefighter of the Year is Aaron Fraser, who joined the department in 2012.

Firefighter Aaron Fraser recognized as Canton's Firefighter of the Year

By Joanne Maliszewski
Staff Writer

Aaron Fraser wondered why his sisters wanted to attend the Canton Fire Department's annual awards program Wednesday night.

"I couldn't figure out why they all wanted to come to this," Fraser said.

Not until he walked through the doors of Canton High School did he realize the reason: He is Canton's Firefighter of the Year — nominated by his firefighting colleagues and supervisors.

No doubt his family kept the secret, though he heard rumors among the firefighters, but chose to ignore the scuttlebutt.

"This means a lot to me, that the other guys thought of my name. It makes you feel like people notice what you're doing," said Fraser, 32. "But there were other guys involved with everything."

As one of his captains, Steve Borgelt said, "I wish I had 10 kids just like him."

Described as "super" and a "go-getter," Fraser is known for tackling not only all the requirements of his job as a firefighter and paramedic, but willingly volunteering for extra projects. And that's sort of an understatement.

For starters, Fraser began the Shop with a Firefighter program for local families in need. "He really spearheaded this. He worked with the schools to find kids whose families needed help," Borgelt said.

Since Fraser began the program, which places a firefighter with a family to provide food, clothing and other necessities during the Christmas season, more than 50 local families have been helped, according to Public Safety Director Todd

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It's a go: Allen stays open for preschool

By Joanne Maliszewski
Staff Writer

Allen Elementary — originally slated for closing at the academic year's end — will remain open and re-purposed for an expansion of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools' early childhood education program.

District administrators — sent back to the drawing board a couple of times in the past few weeks — had at least hoped for and received four favorable votes Tuesday night allowing creation of the Allen Early Learning Academy.

Board trustees Kim Crouch, Kate Borninski, Michael Siegrist and board President John Barrett supported the measure. Trustee Sheila Paton opposed the measure, based, she said, on her concern for the district budget.

"I've been struggling with this," Paton said, adding she is not opposed to early childhood education. "I think this year we need to find space ... in current buildings. I am concerned where we are with the budget."

Though in November 2014 the board voted to close Allen, notification of a waiting list for preschool and TAG enrollment for the coming academic year prompted the new plan, according to administrators.

Superintendent Michael Meissen in two previous meetings said transforming the elementary school into a preschool center fulfills student (and parental) needs — with at least 62 children now on an early childhood waiting list — as well as increase the district's market share and student population, as well as help the district's budget (a projected \$5 millions to \$7 million deficit).

"The expansion of the opportunities for our early learners and their families with the establishment of programming at the Allen School site is a sound decision educationally and makes good economic sense," Meissen said. "The



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Detective John Wallace is Canton's Police Officer of the Year.

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"He's an excellent employee that the citizens of Canton have," police Lt. Chad Baugh said. "He really has a nice handle on the ability to communicate with all kinds of people that operate in the criminal element, that's for certain. He's very much an asset to the investigative section."

Wallace became the first in his family to pursue a law enforcement career. He recalls one small incident that inspired him when he was about 9 years old and a police officer stopped to talk with him.

"I was walking down the street and an officer pulled up at a stop sign," he said. "He gave me one of those (plastic) badges. It was the smallest gesture, but somehow it made me know that being a police officer was what I wanted to do."

Wallace finds satisfaction in helping others and bringing criminals to justice. He counts himself as fortunate that his wife Jennifer supports him and his career. They have a 3-year-old daughter, Isabella.

"I'm very fortunate to have a supportive wife who understands that sometimes the safety of the community has to come ahead of the time that I can be at home," he said.

Among the reasons cited for Wallace being named Police Officer of the Year for 2014:

» He coordinated multiple identity theft investigations in southern Michigan, helping to solve a regional case that had an estimated \$1 million in losses and stretched as far as Africa.

» He identified a suspect in a check-kiting scheme that cost Canton-area businesses more than \$50,000.

» He solved a case involving a gunman who fired shots into an apartment on Michigan Avenue, causing a superficial wound to a tenant who, as it turns out, wasn't the intended target.

» He spearheaded an investigation that solved numerous organized retail fraud crimes involving Canton businesses.

» He busted suspects for breaking into a local business and stealing metal pieces valued at more than \$70,000.

» He has long served as a department instructor, teaching officers a wide range of skills while serving as a member of the Rapid Response Unit and as an adviser to the youth Police Explorers program.

Among numerous other awards this year, Deputy Chief Scott Hilden received the Director's Recognition Award. Hilden runs the daily operations of the patrol division and led the police department last year when Mutchler went to the FBI National Academy. He has climbed through the police department ranks since he was hired in 1992.

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the Canton economy, though it could place more strain on traffic.

"I think it's a double-edged sword," Anthony said. "It's a good thing from a business standpoint. It's going to add jobs. On balance, I view it as a plus. The economy for Canton is good."

Anthony said it appears restaurants along Ford Road have begun competing to spruce up their facades.

"All of a sudden, they feel like they have to catch up with their neighbors," he said. "That's going to improve that stretch of road."

Mike Abdulnoor, A&M Hospitality regional manager, has said the two new hotels planned on the former America's Best site will usher in a combined 178 rooms, complementing two other hotels the company already operates near the Ford-Haggerty intersection.

The project also is leading to a better development than the former motel, which Canton police had said was increasingly becoming a crime hot spot.

"The Canton area supports it and needs it," Abdulnoor has said of the two new hotels. "Everybody is happy about it and wants to see it."

Township Supervisor Phil LaJoy said the Ford-Haggerty changes are an indication of Canton's economic health, but he said state and federal transportation officials need to find the money for a long-term solution to Ford Road traffic.

The Michigan Department of Transportation has indicated the long-term solution is transforming Ford Road into a boulevard from the I-275 area west toward Canton Center.

"We need to get Ford Road fixed," LaJoy said. "We have a solution on the table."

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Mutchler.

Fraser also volunteered to help maintain the SCBA life-saving packs, including a required annual test to ensure each firefighter's face piece fits perfectly for hazardous conditions.

"Firefighter Fraser motivates by example and, whether he's on duty or off, he's doing something to better the department and enhance the department's commitment to providing the highest level of service," Mutchler said.

But there's more: When the fire department received a grant to build a training structure, Fraser volunteered and was a leader in building what is called a confidence course. "He came in on his own time to build it," Borgelt said. The course offers obstacles, entanglements and emergency exit strategies a firefighter may encounter during a fire. It is to be used by the Canton department, as well as by other communities.

None of the accolades surprised Fraser's dad Don: "I am incredibly proud. He's smart, he's intuitive and reads people very well."

Fraser and his wife Heather began their careers as teachers. Each was offered a signing bonus to work in inner-city Baltimore. "I think I went into it in the first place because my family (members) are teachers, plus I love kids," he said.

When they decided to start a family, Fraser and his wife headed home. Teaching jobs were tough to come by, though. And, quite honestly, being a firefighter and paramedic was something that had interested him. So he took the dive and switched careers, while his wife found a teaching job at a charter school.

Fraser attended the Schoolcraft College Fire Academy and headed to Life Support Training School in Southfield, followed by an online course and additional training in Texas for his emergency medical



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Firefighter of the Year Aaron Fraser, surrounded by family members (left) aunt Ellen Faybrick, grandmother Mary Ellen Fraser, father Donald Fraser, spouse Heather Fraser, with children Kaelyn and Raegan, sister Robin Thomas and mother Mary Ann Fraser.

ADDITIONAL COMMENDATIONS AND AWARDS

Civilian commendation: Matthew Percy, A.D. Transport

Life saving award: Capt. Nicholas Lombardi; firefighters Jake Laird, Brian Switzer, Nicholas Maloy; police Sgt. Michael Kennedy, police officer Lewa Araj

Certificate of merit: Firefighters James Harrison and Richard Stone

Life saving award: Firefighters Nicholas Bishop, Jake Laird, Richard Stone, Daniel Balderrama and police officer Peter Alestra

Certificate of merit: Capt. Russell Averill, firefighters Nicholas Bishop, Geoffrey Eicholtz and Michael Wafer

Unit award: Capts. Kevin Henderson and Nicholas Lombardi, firefighters Todd Lemke, Brian Switzer, James Harrison, Michael Thoms, William Tucker, Richard Stone, Gregory Hunter, Shawn Skelly, Louis Carney, Frank Rehling, Jayson Milley and Bradley Cox

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technician and paramedic certifications.

"He came in first in his academy," Don Fraser said, adding that he told the Canton Fire Department, "You need to hire my son. You are going to love him."

Canton finally did in 2012 after he had short stints at the Redford and Westland departments. Fraser hasn't looked back since.

Joining the fire department certainly has changed Fraser's life

and that of his family, which now includes Kaelyn, 2½ years, and 4-month-old Raegan. "My schedule is bitter-sweet. I can do things with the kids, like going to the zoo, on my days off."

But being a firefighter also means 24-hour shifts — away from his family. "It takes a readjustment period when you get home."

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Visitation set for Margaret Dunning

Public visitation for Margaret Dunning, who died May 17 at age 104, will take place at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth and at the Plymouth Historical Museum.

Ms. Dunning, a long-time Plymouth businesswoman and philanthropist, died of injuries suffered in an accidental fall while visiting the Santa Barbara, Calif., area.

She was well-known for her collection of classic vehicles and had visited Jay Leno, former *Tonight Show* host and also a car collector, while in California. Ms. Dunning was born in Redford Township and had lived in Plymouth for about 90 years.

Visitation began Saturday and continues 1-7 p.m. Sunday at Schrader-Howell, 280 S. Main. A third day of visitation will be from noon to 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Plymouth Historical Mu-

seum, 155 S. Main.

The funeral will be private.

Museum director Liz Kerstens said the visitation planned for the museum is in keeping with Ms. Dunning's wishes. Visitors are asked to enter through the Main Street doors and exit through the Church Street doors; people who need elevator access can enter through the Church Street doors.

Ms. Dunning was preceded in death by dear friend Irene Walldorf. She is survived by cousins Richard and William Rattenbury and by close friends Lloyd and Betty Leach and their family, Betty Barbour and Rachel Churches and her family.

In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Ms. Dunning can be made to the Plymouth Historical Museum or a charity of the donor's choosing.



Margaret Dunning and her 1966 Cadillac Sedan de Ville, one of the cars in her stable of collectible vehicles. Ms. Dunning died May 17; she would have been 105 next month.

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Canton, Plymouth mark Memorial Day with tributes, parade

After a long winter, Memorial Day is the gateway to summer, but it is more than a day off. Canton and Plymouth will offer a number of ways to honor the meaning of Memorial Day — recognizing the sacrifices made by military men and women.

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.

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.



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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.

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*.

The BeckRidge Chorale and Cherry Hill

Singers will offer two performances at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Monday at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill. The program is titled "Because of the Brave" — and it's free.

In Plymouth a parade, sponsored by the Plymouth Lions Club and various veterans organi-

zations, begins at 9 a.m. Monday in the area of Wing and Main streets. It will head north on Main for a ceremony at the Plymouth Community Veterans Memorial Park, on Main at Church Street.

Marching in the parade will be veterans, youth scouting groups and the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park marching band. The parade will be led by a color guard from the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6695.

The ceremony at Veterans Park will begin at approximately 9:30 a.m. and a flyover by the Yankee Air Force, from the Yankee Air Museum, is scheduled for approximately 10:10 a.m.

'Music and Play' on display at Cherry Hill Theater

"Music and Play," a collaborative exhibit featuring works by artists Michele M. Crimi and Jesse Brandel, is on display through May 31 in the Gallery@VT at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill.

Featured works by both artists include 3-D sculptures created from a variety of modern media. Crimi creates her sculptures from a variety of recycled instruments and music media.

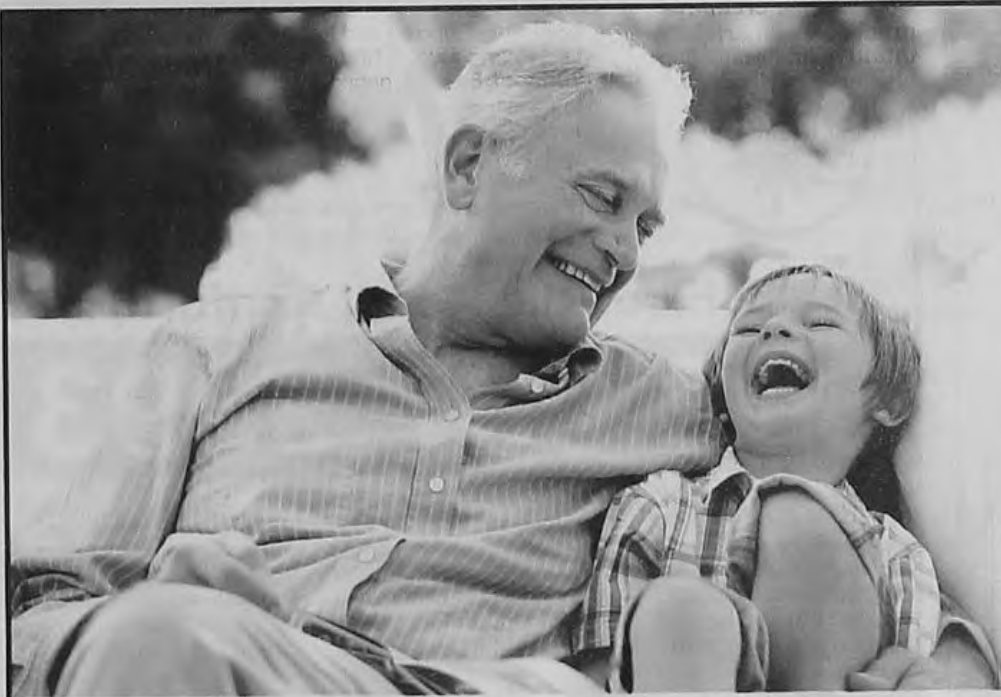
Influenced by Native American and Celtic cultures, Crimi believes that nothing goes to waste and the circle of life has no end. "The music never dies, it simply takes on another

form; continuing to be a part of your soul, like the song you will never forget," Crimi said.

Brandel creates 3-D contour sculptures from wire, creating works that demand space. Brandel decided to try something new in his works.

This multi-media art exhibit at the Gallery@VT is free and open to the public: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday through Friday, one hour prior to and during public performances at the theater as well as by appointment by calling 734-394-5300. The Gallery@VT is closed holidays.

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill is at 50400 Cherry Hill Road in Canton.



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All-star essay winner: Plymouth High senior wins Parkside scholarship

'Spend wisely, save cautiously, invest'

By Aniruddha Kappagantu

It is a blessing and a curse to be a millennial. We have grown up during the digital revolution and the economic highs of the turn of the century as well as the recent downturn coined the Great Recession. Nevertheless, on the eve of our adulthood, our financial future still remains uncertain.

It is said that most of us cannot afford to go to college, find employment upon graduation, or buy a house. These are the rites of passage to adulthood that were pretty much guaranteed to the older generations.

Since we can no longer count on an inexpensive college education, immediate job prospects, and affordable housing, we must resort to our creativity to engineer a secure financial future.

In order to ascertain financial stability after college, Millennials must spend wisely, save cautiously, and, most importantly, invest these savings while in college.

Often, students are financially independent of their parents or guardians for the first time when they enter college. However, with greater independence comes greater responsibility.

Since college tuition has skyrocketed in the past decade, debt from student loans has become a larger burden on Millennials.

Although the older generations did not need to think of a college education as an investment, it is critical that Millennials consider the rate of return on their college degree.

The golden rule for Millennials regarding student loans is that they should not take on more debt than their expected



Martin Carter of Parkside Credit Union presents a scholarship award in the essay contest to Aniruddha Kappagantu, with parents Jyoti and Ramana Kappagantu.

first year salary. Taking on too much debt, specifically student loans, is a surefire way to financial ruin as there is no way to get rid of student loans even if one declares bankruptcy.

Limiting spending during our college years will also reduce the amount of debt that we would have to pay in the future. Here the age-old adage on spending comes to fruition: spend only what you need, not what you want. For example, if a college student is already on a meal plan, there is no need for him or her to eat out at restaurants frequently.

Budgeting is a simple way to rein in spending. It is true that students would still have extra expenses that result from living in college, but this spending should only account for a minor portion of that students' income.

One great way to minimize expenses is to use a prepaid debit card instead of a credit card because debit cards do not charge interest on spend-

ing. This way, one also knows the exact amount they are allowed to spend, thereby preventing overspending.

The majority of the money from working while in college should go toward paying off student loans.

Finally, the most important piece in this puzzle of securing one's financial future is investing.

The benefits of investing early from college are greater than the consequences, so college students should allot a portion of their budget for investment. If one does not invest and instead chooses to stuff his or her money under the mattress, he or she is essentially losing money since inflation would make this mattress money worth less in the future.

There has never been a better time to invest than today. The Internet has made investing a whole lot easier for the people of the 21st century. For instance, one can invest directly from his or her phone.

Also, the abundance of tools on the Internet about investing make it so much easier to invest smarter.

Having grown up through the Great Recession which was ignited by the stock market crash in 2008, Millennials are often reluctant to invest their money as this fear lingers. However, they must remember that investing is essential in creating a stable financial future.

No matter how much one saves, they have no way of countering rising inflation without investing their money somewhere else.

Millennials also have to realize that there are plenty of other vehicles to invest their money than the stock market. Even if they do not want to actively invest their money, there are still numerous options.

They can buy into a mutual fund where the fund already chooses the specific securities for them. They can also put their money into a CD or Certificate of Deposit where they can usually receive more interest on their money than the interest on their savings account.

Resilience, persistence, and creativity are attributes that define the millennial generation. Using these qualities to our advantage, we Millennials can debunk the forecast of a hopeless financial future.

Through the smart money habits of spending wisely, saving cautiously, and investing intelligently, we can definitely attain our financial goals in the time to come.

Aniruddha Kappagantu of Canton will graduate from Plymouth High School next month. He will attend the University of Michigan this fall and study business administration. He wants to be an investment banker.

Starkweather Key Club to host fundraiser

By Joanne Maliszewski
Staff Writer

In August 2012, Heather Nicole Hill, a former Starkweather Academy student, drowned in Belleville Lake. Former classmates and her mom, Dana Cowell, are keeping Hill's memory alive by creating an annual scholarship in her name.

Led by president Erik Hyde, the school's Key Club will hold a fundraiser 6-8 p.m. Friday, June 6, at the high school, 39750 Joy Road in Plymouth, to finance the annual scholarship.

"Heather had received a scholarship and her mom wanted to create something in her name," said Hyde, who recently was honored with a Turnaround Achievement Award. "This will be the scholarship's second year."

Although Cowell's goal is to endow the scholarship, Hyde said the Key Club has set a goal of raising \$1,000 at the June 6 fundraiser.

The fundraiser will offer dinner and refreshments, plus a baked goods sale and a 50/50 raffle, Hyde said.

Tickets are \$9 for adults (11 years and older) and \$5 for children ages 2-11.

Hyde expects the fundraiser to have a speaker who will talk about Hill and the scholarship.

For more information, contact the school at 734-416-4901.

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Allen Early Learning Academy will be a signal to our community of our intention to be responsive to our families' educational needs. It also speaks to the strength of our faculty and staff as noted by the parental requests we received."

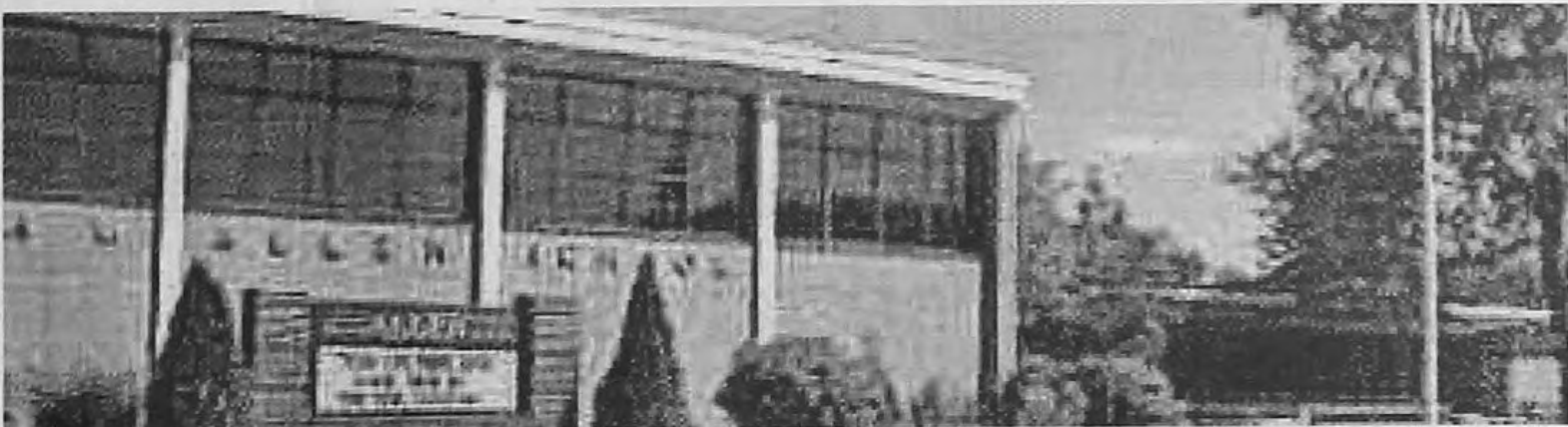
The proposal also calls for using Gallimore for the TAG program, to accommodate 49 students on a waiting list. It would also be used as a satellite location for early childhood programming.

Trustees Mike Maloney and Mark Horvath, who had previously criticized administrators for the lack of a detailed plan, were absent from Tuesday's vote. Horvath was reportedly out of town. Maloney, who had been at the administration building prior to the meeting, left before the Allen vote, but returned later for a budget discussion.

Maloney later told the *Observer* that he was not only disappointed in the board's 4-1 vote, but believes that the Allen plan will "wipe out" the money that was to be saved by closing Allen permanently.

"I think the administration has admitted the process didn't go perfectly," Maloney said, referring to the Allen plan. "I think it is a shame that we make an important decision with issues that were not presented. They (administrators) never answered my questions. I like to be able to tell people, 'This is how I voted and why.' I just couldn't vote for this."

Corrin Stamatakos, who served on the district's advisory Blue Ribbon Committee, agreed with the move. But committee member Mike Fisher suggested that Gallimore would be a more appropriate center for preschool and Allen for the TAG program.



Allen Elementary School will become an early education center.

THE DOLLARS

Superintendent Michael Meissen presented a few scenarios of the Allen plan's financial picture:

- » Current program, includes Tuition Preschool, Stay & Play, 3-year-olds, 4-year-olds: Revenue at \$1,015,721; expenditures at \$954,634, resulting in \$60,187 positive impact on general fund.
- » Allen Early Childhood Center with Tuition Preschool, Stay & Play, 4-year-olds; two classrooms, 72 additional 4-year-olds: With two classrooms, revenue at \$1,195,596; expenditures at \$1,184,450, resulting in \$11,146 positive impact on the general fund.
- » Allen Early Childhood Center with Tuition Preschool, Stay & Play, 3-year-olds, 4-year-olds, 96 additional 3-year-olds: With four additional classrooms: Revenue at \$1,346,419; expenditures at \$1,316,704, resulting in \$29,715 positive impact on the general fund.
- » Allen Early Childhood Center with Tuition Preschool, Stay & Play, 3-year-olds, 4-year-olds: With rental income (\$100,000) from the Head Start program: revenue at \$1,446,419; expenditures at \$1,256,704, resulting in \$189,715 positive impact on the general fund.

Fisher pointed to the distance of Allen from much of the larger Plymouth-Canton district. He also noted that Allen is closer to East Middle

School, where STEM education is available and closer for the TAG students.

Fisher also questioned the district's cost assumptions for the plan, as well as population estimates. He later noted that the district's estimates for student numbers continuously changed, particularly when administrators last year decided to close certain schools, such as Allen.

"One of the main reasons that Gallimore was chosen to close last November was its central location. I can't imagine how those Gallimore parents feel now that the administration, and apparently some board members, are considering keeping Allen open for the same reason. How can Allen be centrally located with no buildings to the east?" Fisher wrote to the *Observer*.

But Stamatakos told the board that the Allen plan would "prevent the bleed (to other schools, including charters) in the district."

Maloney and Horvath had previously questioned the data and the finances of Meissen's plan for Allen and Gallimore.

But the majority of the school board disagreed. Crouch said the plan may not be perfect, but it is a plan with which to move forward and to serve student needs,

increase student population (which increases the revenue from the state) and brings in some revenue.

"If we never take time to make an investment in ourselves, it never will happen," she said.

Siegrist and Borninski said they were totally supportive of the measure. "We have the opportunity to be the the need our parents are asking

for," Siegrist said.

Barrett put his comments in terms of the reality of state financing and competition with private and charter schools.

"The only way that any school district, particularly in the state of Michigan, can survive in the highly competitive education market is to continuously transform yourself and make sure

your families have all of the services they want and expect," Barrett said. "I think innovation is what distinguishes P-CCS from most other districts and re-purposing Allen is a great example of that innovation."

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P-CCS superintendent answers the 'why'

"There are two great days in a person's life: the day we are born and the day we discover why." — William Barclay

In the education profession, to achieve the optimal results, it is imperative to stay with the times — especially in a community like ours that is evolving and changing rapidly.

There was a time when a coach could blow the whistle and everyone would run a lap, no questions asked. It was a different era, one when direction was direction and there was more trust in the processes that led to such direction. Today is a different generation — one that, if you're



Michael Mesissen
GUEST COLUMNIST

going to be an effective leader, you must consider the absolute fact that you have to get to the compelling rationale ... or, as I call it, teaching to the "why?"

Any teacher, leader or parent is incredibly familiar with this small, but crucial, word. How many of us have battled to answer the simple question of "why?" when asked it in the various contexts in which it can be asked? I know I have and I continue to as an educational leader.

Today it is important for me to teach to the "why" regarding an exciting and important decision that was made this past week.

As you have heard, our Board of Education spoke Tuesday to the importance of expanding

our preschool program by allowing Allen Elementary School to be re-purposed into a preschool center for our district, giving birth to the Allen Early Learning Academy. Allen is a building that has meant so much to so many people in our community and for good reason. For decades, countless students and families have experienced moments of valuable learning and amazing growth within those special walls. It has forced me to address the question of "why?" in the form of "The Allen Early Learning Academy: Why now?"

Those who know me know the role of athletics in my life and, as an athlete myself, one of my favorite sports in high school was track. I ran the half-mile event, which is considered one of the most grueling challenges because it falls somewhere between a distance run and a sprint.

Many of you are runners and athletes, as well, and you all know that when it comes to competing in anything, an inspired start is critical. Getting out to a strong beginning and setting the tone for the completion of the race is everything. We as educators and families must remember that our young people are competing harder than ever. They are competing to find their place in an incredibly demanding world, with tremendous challenges at every step. The trajectory to a great finish point truly begins with a great start.

An outstanding early childhood education achieves just this — an explosive start to a race that will last a lifetime. But with that comes another essential aspect of a strong educational start, which is building connections and relationships.

For students, this is building a connection to the educational process

— what it means to be a citizen in a school setting, what it means to learn in a structured environment and what it feels like to experience the diversity of a big world out there. Students also will learn early on what it means to build relationships — fruitful, lasting relationships with peers, teachers and, perhaps most the important relationship, the one to the thrill and enriching feeling of learning.

Some may still ask, "Why now?"

From the district perspective, we know that a rock-solid early childhood program allows us to connect with our community better, building relationships with P-CCS families earlier and more often and allowing us to have the special privilege of educating our kids from their infancy to their adulthood. The impact of early childhood on students is clearly supported by miles of data and feedback; the

benefits for our district's growth are obvious, but the less visible winner is in fact our community, which will have the opportunity to house, facilitate and support our young people's growth across the span of generations present and future.

I have always felt that if you want to find the heart and soul of a community, find out how they treat their youngest people and their oldest people; we need to honestly ask ourselves how we are doing. I can assure you that asking that question to myself was one of the ideas that generated the development of this Allen Early Learning Academy.

After all, we want to make sure, as an educational service provider, we are doing it the best.

Dr. Michael Mesissen is superintendent of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools district.

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Military retiree heads up county's veterans services

Wayne County Executive Warren C. Evans appointed a retired military veteran as veterans services administrator. John Gardner will begin his duties immediately.

In his new role, Gardner will oversee Wayne

County veterans programs such as the Soldiers and Sailors Relief Fund and the Michigan Veteran Trust Fund. The programs help veterans who are experiencing financial hardships pay their mortgage, rent or utility bills. Both funds

also help veterans with transportation needs.

Gardner will also oversee the county's Veteran Burial Benefit program, which provides qualified veterans or their next of kin with up to \$1,000 to go toward burial fees.

He will serve as the county's representative for the Veterans Community Action Team, which is made up of a consortium of more than 230 groups in southeast Michigan that provide a wide array of resources to veterans. These re-

sources include, but are not limited to access to employment, housing and education opportunities and health care.

Gardner has been married for 23 years. The couple has four children and live in Brownstown Township.

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Local superintendent to interview for county school chief position

Livonia Public Schools Superintendent Randy Liepa is a candidate for superintendent of Wayne RESA, a regional educational service agency that provides services and support to Wayne County's 33 school districts.

Liepa was one of six semifinalists for the state superintendent's job in March. He lost to Dearborn Public Schools Superintendent Brian Whiston, who will succeed Mike Flanagan on July 1.

Liepa is one of four candidates scheduled to be interviewed by Wayne RESA's board May 27-28. The other candidates are Westwood Community

School District Superintendent Sue Carnell, River-view Community Schools Superintendent Russell Pickell and St. Johns Public Schools Superintendent Dedrick Martin.

Liepa's interview is at 7 p.m. May 28. The interviews will be open to the public.

Liepa said at the time he was a candidate for the state job that he was honored to be one of the semifinalists, but he remained as dedicated and committed to Livonia



Liepa

as he has always been. "This is my home. I'm happy to work here until retirement," he said at the time.

On Wednesday he said, "Nothing has changed. I view this opportunity the same as I did the state superintendent position, a chance to have a more prominent voice on educational issues in our state. I am contacted on occasion by school districts in and out of state and I tell them I am not interested in another local district superintendent position - I am thrilled to be here at LPS. It is a coincidence that these two jobs were open at about the same time."

Liepa has been with LPS, one of the 10 biggest districts in the state, since 1994. He has been superintendent since 2003. The board in December extended his contract by another year to June 30, 2018.

Before coming to LPS, Liepa was Wayne-Westland Community Schools assistant superintendent for business and operations after joining that district as supervisor of accounting. From 1984-87, he was a public accountant for Plante and Moran.

Steven Ezikian, interim superintendent for Wayne RESA, said board members selected the four candidates they

wanted to interview after going through a number of applications.

He said the board expects to do a second round of interviews June 10 and make a decision after that.

Ezikian, who had been the deputy superintendent for Wayne RESA for 15 years, said he declined to apply for the position and will return to his former position after a new superintendent is selected.

Former Wayne RESA Supt. Christopher A. Wigent left in March to become executive director of the Michigan Association of School Administrators.

STUDENT ACHIEVERS

Graduated

Hannah Kurtycz-Booker, daughter of Wayne and Renee Kurtycz of Canton, graduated May 9 from Grace College. She earned a bachelor of science degree in psychology. Kurtycz-Booker is a 2012 graduate of Plymouth Christian Academy.

Awarded

Leah Campau of Plymouth has been awarded the Seykora Award from Grand Valley State University. She is a Ladywood High School graduate and the daughter of Greg and Beth Campau.

The Thomas M. Seykora Award recognizes individuals who make outstanding contributions that improve the campus community, while demonstrating good academic performance.

Two Plymouth Christian students awarded U-M scholarships

Plymouth Christian Academy has announced that two eighth-grade students, Sarah Fernandez and Taylor Maxwell, were nominated and chosen to receive the University of Michigan Wise Guys Scholarship (Women in Science and Engineering).

Thousands of applications are submitted for this scholarship that is designed to increase the number of girls and women pursuing degrees and career in science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

PCA thanks Debbie Hope, PCA middle school science teacher, for her role in nominating the girls and making a difference in the lives of our students.

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Taylor Maxwell (left) and Sarah Fernandez earned scholarships from the University of Michigan.

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Canton scout captures Pinewood Derby title

By Christina Hall
Michigan.com

"3, 2, 1 ... GO!" Then ... SWISHHHHH.

The multicolored, handmade wooden cars zipped down the track as their owners — sitting or kneeling in their Scout uniforms — looked on from behind a duct-taped line on the floor near the track, some holding black and white checkered flags.

For the boys and their cars, every second mattered.

With help from their parents, they spent months making their four-wheeled wonders for the grand finals May 16 of the Boy Scouts of America Great Lakes Field Service Council's Pinewood Derby Championship.

The boys won races at their pack and regional levels throughout the tri-county area this year to find themselves at the Automotive Hall of Fame in Dearborn, where the top three overall fastest cars will be displayed, derby organizers said.

The rules were the same for each car. They had to be made from the block of wood in the approved kit and couldn't weigh more than 5 ounces, be wider than 2.75 inches, be longer than 7 inches or be higher than 2.75 inches.

But color, body style and fenders were all up to each boy's imagination. Only graphite could



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The rules were the same for each car. They had to be made from the block of wood in the approved kit and couldn't weigh more than 5 ounces, be wider than 2.75 inches, be longer than 7 inches.

be used to lube up the cars before the grand finals. Even then, each finalist and his parent only had two minutes to make that racing pit stop.

In the end, Connor Kirkwood, 9, of Canton won for having the fastest overall time. He got to hold his hunter green car for a few minutes after the win, only to have to turn it in to be proudly displayed in the museum. Trevor Smigelski won second place and Louie Klepadlo came in third overall.

"It felt pretty great," Connor said of the victory. When asked how he felt about having to leave his car — which his father said was named



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Derby cars awaiting the final race.

Saluting Scout — Connor said: "I'll be patient for a while."

Rick Shene of Allen Park watched his sons, Connor Shene, 11, of



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Scouts watch their handmade cars race down the track. The competitors — with help from their parents — spent months making their four-wheeled wonders for Saturday's grand finals.



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From left: Connor Shene, 11, of Dearborn and his father, Rick Shene of Allen Park, and Darlene Doute and her son, Austin Doute-Ball, 9, of Livonia, lubricate their cars with graphite before the finals of the Pinewood Derby Championship.

Dearborn and Carson Shene, 7, of Allen Park, race in the grand finals. "It's nice," he said of the time he spent at the kitchen table helping his sons with their cars, which looked similar but were different colors.

Austin Doute-Ball, 9, of Livonia said "it's just fun" of the time he spent making his car, which his mother, Darlene Doute, said was named Undercover.

She helped her son, who spent a couple of days a week for about a month working on his racer.

"It's Mom and boy time," Darlene Doute said. "I love it."

Canton sites scheduled for Red Cross blood donations

The American Red Cross asks eligible donors to help ensure blood is available for patients in need by giving blood in May before the busy summer season kicks in. Blood and platelet donations often decrease when regular donors are vacationing and school is out of session, but the need for blood is constant. Donors are needed in the weeks leading up to summer to help alleviate this seasonal decline.

Donors of all blood types — especially those with types O-negative, A-negative and B-negative — are needed to help ensure blood is available for patients this spring. Those who come to donate blood between May 23-25 will receive a limited-edition Red Cross-branded RuMe® tote bag, while supplies last.

To make an appointment to give blood, download the Red Cross blood donor app, go to redcrossblood.org or call 800-RED CROSS (800-733-2767).

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Wilson talks new hockey arena with local chambers of commerce

By David Veselenak
Staff Writer

Olympia Entertainment CEO and president Tom Wilson said it's not just Oakland County sports fans and concertgoers who are coming to Detroit.

Speaking to a full house Wednesday afternoon at Laurel Manor in Livonia, he said it's areas in western Wayne and Oakland counties that are seeing the most growth and are important to the success of places such as the new Detroit Red Wings arena in Detroit currently in development.

"Our whole reference point was Oakland County. That's where all the

money was, supposedly," he said. "You realize that Livonia, Northville, Novi, where all the growth is happening right now in our community, is 20-25 minutes away from this new site. This, hopefully, will be your new home."

Wilson spoke to members of the Livonia, Canton, Westland and Plymouth Area chambers of commerce. The former president of Palace Sports & Entertainment, Wilson spoke at length of the new arena planned downtown off Woodward, which he said he hopes will open by 2017.

Once complete, it will become the permanent home for the Red Wings, as well as host concerts and other events. It's also

expected to host several NCAA basketball tournament games in 2018.

Surrounding the arena are expected to be new restaurants, condos and other development in a 50-block area north of the Fox Theatre.

"It is going to be a game-changer in the city of Detroit," he said. "We've had calls from California, from New York, from China, from people who say, 'We just want in. We want to be a part of this.'"

It's a project that's been talked about a lot, Wilson said, including with those who go to Red Wings game frequently. Because of the history at the current arena, he said, some have ques-

tioned the need to move to a new stadium.

"We talked to our season ticket holders in advance and more than half of them were saying, 'Why would you leave the Joe?'" he said. "Have you been to the Joe? It's so tired and it's so old and it has no amenities, but do you know what it has? Amazing memories."

Two of those season ticket holders who are happy to see a new arena are Canton residents Mel and JoEtte Morris, who attended Wilson's talk. Mel Morris, who said he lived in Detroit for many years and has been involved with groups downtown, said he's looking forward to seeing games in the new arena that has yet to be named.

It could be one more step in the revitalization of Detroit, something he's



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Tom Wilson, president of Olympia Entertainment.

watching closely.

"I've seen it go downhill and now it's going back up," he said. "It can't hurt. It's a wonderful thing."

Wilson said there will be additional leg and seat room at the arena, as well as a steep incline for seats, allowing for viewers to be closer to not only hockey games, but other events.

"We're hoping to duplicate the good things: the intimacy that you have there, while taking all the other things that you always wanted and incorporating them," he said. "Your experience of going to a show is going to change dramatically."

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Health & Fitness Day targets seniors

Bobbie Pummill admits she would be unable to present the Plymouth-Northville Health & Fitness Day without the help of Plymouth Community United Way, Northville Senior Adult Services and Plymouth Cultural Center staff.

Coordinating nearly 40 vendors for the health fair is no easy task, according to Pummill, director of Plymouth Community Council on Aging, which is partnering with the nonprofits to make the event possible. Fitness and healthy cooking demonstrations, blood pressure screenings and hearing tests, refreshments, raffles and giveaways take time to schedule so that everyone is in place when the 300 expected visitors arrive.

This year, the free event takes place from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, May 28, at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer Street.

"There's so many resources there," Pummill said. "Fitness is important when you get older, staying fit and staying healthy."

"We'll have free Wii bowling and shuffleboard. The Independence Village chef will be cooking healthy foods. Miller Vein is offering free vein erase treatments and the Hearing Center of Excellence will be doing hearing tests."

Although two of the partners organizing the health fair focus on senior citizens, the event is open to the public.

"It's not for seniors only. Anybody can come. We're inviting everyone. It's going to be a lot of fun," Pummill said.

"We'll have hot dogs in the afternoon and bagels and bananas in the morning and free popcorn. They can participate in fitness classes."

The Plymouth YMCA presents a Silver Sneakers Fitness and Yoga

Class 10-11:30 a.m., with chair exercises following at from noon to 1 p.m.

This is the second health fair the Plymouth Community Council on Aging has partnered with Plymouth Community United Way.

"This is a great opportunity to bring the community together to experience healthy living ideas," said Marie Morrow, Plymouth Community United Way president. "It's one of the many ways Plymouth Community United Way partners with agencies to impact health and stability, one of our focus areas."

Plymouth Community United Way serves not only Plymouth, but Canton, western Wayne County and Northville. For information about the health fair, call Northville Senior Adult Services at 248-349-4140 or Plymouth Community Council on Aging at 734-453-1234, ext. 236.

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Human trafficking fight focus of June 5 workshop

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

An educational workshop to combat human trafficking is set for 8:15 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, June 5, at the Plymouth First United Methodist Church. The church is at 45201 N. Territorial, west of Sheldon, in Plymouth Township.

The workshop is offered by Pearls of Great Price, a grassroots Christian coalition of individuals, churches, businesses and organizations working to fight the devaluing of human beings.

"Our focus for the coalition is three-fold," said its founder, the Rev. Carrie Wood, pastor of Plymouth First United Methodist Church.

"We're wanting as many people as possible to be aware of human trafficking."

Wood, pastor of visita-

tion at the church, said organizers also hope to share action steps against human trafficking. "And education," she said.

Speakers will include: » State Sen. Judy Emons, discussing recent laws regarding human trafficking

» Jane White, director of the Michigan Human Trafficking Task Force

» Chief Kevin Mulcahy, U.S. Attorney's Office, General Crime Unit

» Michigan State Police Detective Sgt. Ed Price, Southeast Michigan Crimes Against Children Task Force

» A survivor of sex trafficking, Alice J., who now chooses to tell her story

"My experience has been that initially people don't want to think it happens so close to home," Wood said. That changes with awareness,

she's found. "Then they understand and want to know more," Wood said.

"Public awareness is critically important," said White, whose task force, which includes more than 90 agencies, is based at Michigan State University's School of Criminal Justice. "Human trafficking is probably number three in terms of criminal enterprises in the world," with the FBI citing drug trafficking and arms trafficking topping the list.

White said public awareness includes organizing communities to identify resources. Supporting prosecution is also key, she said, including helping victims prepare to testify. This area also includes better laws.

Continuing support to allow victims to become survivors is key, White said, noting resources

are limited. These include psychological help for victims, as well as research into trafficking.

Those of both genders are victims, of sexual exploitation and labor abuses. Victims need good pro bono legal help, White said.

"They need to have shelter, a safe place. We have almost no beds available," she said.

Jobs and education for survivors are also vital. "They have been deemed unacceptable in society" and often have interrupted schooling, White said. "They have lived in a world where access to this kind of services (schooling and job training) is unavailable."

Police department training is also critical,

White added, "so they can understand what human trafficking looks like, either in the sexual or labor area."

Human services organizations will also participate in the workshop. Sign-in is at 8:15 a.m., with coffee and snacks available. The program will begin 8:45 a.m.

The Pearls of Great Price Coalition started at the Methodist church in Plymouth Township, Wood said, and expanded to others earlier this year. "So we have lots of churches in Washtenaw and Wayne County," Wood said.

She's been working since March to line up speakers. "And they are also eager to educate people and make them

aware of what we can do about it," Wood said.

The \$10 registration includes lunch. For additional information, contact Wood at stopHT-now@yahoo.com. Checks should be made payable to Plymouth First United Methodist Church with "HT workshop" in the memo line. They may be mailed to Attn. Carrie Wood at the church, 45201 N. Territorial, Plymouth, MI 48170.

Wood is hoping for 200 attendees and scheduled the workshop for a Friday in part so clergy could attend. Those in law enforcement, educators and the social services, as well as others, are encouraged to attend.

jcbrown@hometownlife.com

NEWS BRIEFS

Schoolcraft open house looks at applied sciences

Students can see a 3-D printer at work, tour high-tech laboratories and talk about career opportunities with representatives from a variety of industries Saturday during Schoolcraft College's second annual applied science open house.

The event is intended to expose students to engineering and skilled manufacturing jobs and the training needed to get them. It is open to students in middle school and high school and their parents.

"These skilled-trades jobs are some of the highest-demand and well-paying starting incomes available on the market," said Wes Graff, president of the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce. "Engineers are obviously in high demand too. Both are critical to our area's continued economic success."

The free event is 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday in Schoolcraft's Applied Science Building, which is at the north end of the campus on Haggerty, south of Seven Mile in Livonia.

For more information, email occupational programs@schoolcraft.edu or call the Occupational Programs Department at 734-462-4530.

Street closures

Main Street in Plymouth will be closed Monday morning between Union and Wing for the city's annual Memorial Day parade. The closing will begin at approximately 8 a.m. and end when the parade and a commemoration ceremony at Plymouth Community Veterans Memorial Park are over, at approximately 11 a.m.

Additionally, east-west traffic will be prohibited from crossing Main along the route during the parade.

The parade, sponsored by the Plymouth Lions

Club and various veterans groups, will begin at 9 a.m. at Main and Wing and travel north on Main to the Veterans Park for the ceremony.

Rescue the Rouge

Plymouth will be participating Saturday, May 30, in the annual Rouge Rescue at Lions Club Park.

Volunteers will be cleaning up the park and the nearby Tonquish Creek, including picking up litter, marking storm drains and removing invasive plants. The park is near the intersection of Burroughs and Coolidge; the cleanup hours are 8 a.m. to noon.

Gloves, T-shirts and lunch at noon will be provided for all volunteers.

Email Adam Gerlach at the city's Department of Municipal Services at agerlach@ci.plymouth.mi.us to register or call the department at 734-453-7737.

- By Matt Jachman



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT

Time/Date: Now

Location: Compassionate Care Hospice, 5730 N. Lilley Road, Ste. A, Plymouth

Details: Compassionate Care Hospice seeks caring, compassionate volunteers with big hearts to help with office tasks, to serve as friendly visitors for its patients and to sit vigil with patients at the very end of life. Their service area includes the counties of Oakland, Monroe, Wayne, Washtenaw and Livingston. Volunteers set their own schedules and typically donate about two hours of their time per week.

Contact: Volunteer coordinator at 888-983-9050 with questions or to apply for brief interview.

DAD'S DAY FLY IN

Time/Date: 7-11 a.m. Sunday, June 20

Location: Mettetal Airport, EAA 113 Aviation Center, 8550 Lilley Road, Canton

Details: EAA Chapter 113's Annual Father's Day Pancake Breakfast. Fly in or drive in for breakfast, aircraft rides and static displays. Proceeds help fund the EAA 113 Aviation Scholarship Program.

Contact: www.113.eaachapter.org

CANTON MARKET

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. each Sunday (with the exception of July 5)

Location: Preservation Park on Ridge Road, Canton

Details: Canton Farmers Market now open

PLYMOUTH MARKET

Time/Date: 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. each Saturday through Oct. 30 (except July 12 and Sept. 6)

Location: In and around The



JOANNE MALISZEWSKI

The Canton Farmers Market is now open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. each Sunday in Preservation Park on Ridge Road.

Gathering, downtown Plymouth

Details: Plymouth Farmers Market open

VILLAGE ARTS VOLUNTEERS

Time/Date: 1-5 p.m. Sunday, May 31

Location: Village Arts Factory,

50625 Cherry Hill Road, Canton

Details: The Partnership for the Arts and Humanities needs volunteers to help prepare the Village Arts Factory for future renovation and construction. Clean up projects include interior demolition in the Ford Factory and Veteran's Dormitory,

exterior landscaping and river clean up.

Contact: RSVP by May 27 to Jill Engel at jengel@partnership-forarts.org or 734-765-7061

CARS & CAFFEINE

Time/Date: 8-10 a.m. each Sunday

Location: Parking lot of Biggby Coffee, 44601 Five Mile, Plymouth

Details: Car buffs and enthusiasts are invited to bring themselves, their families and their classic or hot-rod vehicles for a weekly gathering for talk and coffee

Cost: Free

JOINT REPLACEMENT SEMINARS

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

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

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

Contact: To register, 734-655-2345.

COFFEE WITH A COP

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to noon Friday, June 5

Location: Sky Zone Indoor Trampoline Park, 42550 Executive Drive, Canton

Details: The Canton Police Department offers sessions open to the public to provide a unique opportunity for community members to ask questions and learn more about the department's work in Canton's neighborhoods and business districts.

Kids on June 5 will be permitted to jump during event for \$5 with staff supervision provided.

Contact: 734-394-5401

SHRED DAY

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, June 13

Location: Plymouth City Hall

Details: Plymouth has partnered with Shred Legal to offer its second annual Community Shred Day. Residents may take in up to 100 pounds of confidential documents to be securely destroyed.

Cost: Free

Contact: City Hall at 734-453-1234 or email to shred@ci.plymouth.mi.us

FLOWERS ARE FOREVER

Time/Date: Noon to 8 p.m. Tuesday, June 20

Location: Plymouth

Details: The Woman's National Farm & Garden Association, Trailwood Garden Club, will host the annual Flowers are Forever Garden Walk. Several gardens are featured. Complimentary

refreshments are offered. Perennial sale and master gardeners are available.

Tickets: \$8 pre-sale; \$10 day of walk; children 12 and younger tickets are half off; babes in arms are free. Strollers are not permitted. Tickets available from Garden Club members, Backyard Birds on Main Street, Saxton's Power Equipment Center on Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth and Sideways on Forest.

Contact: Kate Kerr 734-455-6867

NEWS OF UPCOMING EVENTS

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



Time to roll up your sleeves and volunteer to clean up 1-5 p.m. Sunday, May 31, at the Village Arts Factory, 50625 Cherry Hill Road, Canton.

Canton observes National Public Works Week

Canton has honored the men and women who make up Canton's Public Works Division during National Public Works Week. It's intended as a public education campaign and ran through May 23.

Canton Municipal Services Director Tim Faas said this year's theme, "Community Begins Here," fits with the local department's new slogan, "Community Starts With Us."

"Often the first contact a new resident or

business has with Canton is with the staff of the Municipal Services Department," Faas said. "We want to ensure the customer has a great experience starting out in Canton."

NPWW is designed to call attention to public works employees who are often the unsung heroes of the community.

Canton's Public Works Division falls under the Municipal Services Department and is broken into five sections; fleet

maintenance, water distribution, sanitary sewer collection, environmental services and customer service. They work together to maintain infrastructure and services.

Fleet maintenance is responsible for the maintenance and repair of more than 170 township-owned vehicles and equipment such as police cars, fire trucks and rescue vehicles, heavy equipment and golf carts.

The water section

operates and maintains Cantons water distribution system, with more than 23,000 customers, 420 miles of pipeline and 4,500 fire hydrants. The work is essential to services such as clean drinking water.

The sanitary sewer collection section operates and maintains 20,804 residential and 2,394 commercial customers with a reliable

waste water disposal system.

The environmental services section is in charge of the solid waste collection program and carrying out storm water best-management practices, including inspecting more than 35 miles of creeks and streams.

The customer service section handles customer complaints and works with the cross connec-

tion control program to ensure Canton's water system is not contaminated. It oversees installation and repair of water meters, among numerous other services.

Canton also has issued a thank you to the engineering services division, which works with public works to maintain the community's infrastructure.

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 **Purchase of Musical instruments**. Specifications of the Request for Proposal (RFP) are available by contacting Kristen Hennessey, Director of Procurement, Plymouth Canton Community Schools at kristen.hennessey@pcck12.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 3:00 p.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.

Board of Education
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools
Kate Borninski

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ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MEETING NOTICE CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN (734) 453-1234

A regular meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals will be held on Thursday, June 4, 2015 at 7:00 P.M. in the Commission Chambers of the City Hall, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI, to consider the following:

Z 15-05

1344 W. Ann Arbor Trail
Non-Use Variance Requested
Side Yard Setback
Zoned: R-1, Single-Family Residential
Applicant: Conrad Schewe

All interested persons are invited to attend.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Plymouth will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audiotapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting/hearing, to individuals with disabilities. Requests for auxiliary aids or services may be made by writing or calling the following:

Maureen Brodie, ADA Coordinator
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PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN CITY HALL, 201 S. MAIN WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10, 2015 7:00 PM (734) 453-1234

1. PUBLIC HEARING FOR SPECIAL USE AND SITE PLAN REVIEW OF:

SP 15-03

Barrio-Cocina Y Tequileria Restaurant
551 & 555 Forest
Zoned: B-2, Central Business
Applicant: The Locale, LLC; Dean Rovinelli

All interested persons are invited to attend.

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Applications and information available at www.livoniapublicschools.org
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Westland man pleads no contest to girlfriend's murder on day of trial

By Christina Hall
Michigan.com

Scott Wobbe didn't want to put his family or the family of Theresa DeKeyzer — the girlfriend whom he is accused of killing and dumping in a 55-gallon drum in Plymouth Township — through the pain of a criminal trial.

In an unusual move and against his defense attorney's advice, Wobbe pleaded no contest Wednesday in Macomb County Circuit Court to first-degree premeditated murder and dismemberment and mutilation of a body.

The 38-year-old Westland man was scheduled to stand trial Wednesday in the death of DeKeyzer, 22, of Warren, who vanished and whose decomposed body was found cemented in a large drum at storage facility in Plymouth Township last year.



Scott Wobbe is arraigned at 37th District Court in Warren in October. He pleaded no contest Wednesday to murdering Theresa DeKeyzer. Wobbe's attorney said he did not want to put the family through a trial.

The plea was against his attorney's advice and came after repeated talks with his lawyer and the opportunity for

Wobbe to talk with his mother and brother that was afforded by Judge Mary Chrzanowski. "Every time he met,

each time we talked, he indicated he did not want to go to trial," defense attorney Raymond Cassar told the court.

Cassar said he has never had this happen in 31 years as an attorney and he believed he could beat the first-degree murder charge at trial. Instead, he will return to court June 30, when Wobbe is sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole.

By entering the plea, Chrzanowski told Wobbe he wouldn't have the absolute right to appeal; he would have to file a leave to appeal for a court to consider.

DeKeyzer's family declined comment after the hearing. About 10 of her relatives and supporters were in the courtroom, in addition to Wobbe's mother and brother.

Prosecutor Eric Smith said his office recalled about a half-dozen first-

degree murder pleas in the last decade.

"It's out of the ordinary, but it's not unheard of," he said.

Cassar told Chrzanowski that he has known Wobbe several months and met with him "many, many times." Every time, he said, Wobbe indicated that he did not want to go to trial.

"He does not want to put the DeKeyzer family through this. He does not want to put his family through this," Cassar told the court, adding that Wobbe was deemed competent to stand trial. "I have to respect his choice."

Chrzanowski asked Wobbe, wearing a blue jail jumper, whether he still wanted to enter a plea despite all of the advice and after consulting with his attorney and speaking with his mother and brother.

"Yes," Wobbe said, adding after another

question "it's my decision."

Cassar said Wobbe was pleading no contest because of a lack of memory. After the hearing, Cassar said there was "a lot of drugs and alcohol in this case. He did not have the perfect memory to give a factual basis" for a guilty plea.

After the hearing, Cassar said it's "always possible" Wobbe could withdraw his plea, but "I don't know if that's gonna be the case here."

Cassar said he thought Wobbe's decision "says a lot about him and his character," adding that the case involves a "tremendous amount of grief."

Smith said he was happy DeKeyzer's family does not have to sit through a trial, hear the details and see the evidence. But, he said, he's happier that Wobbe "will be behind bars."

St. Mary Mercy Hospital to host annual golf benefit events

St. Mary Mercy Livonia is hosting two golf classic events to benefit Our Lady of Hope Cancer Center.

The 20th annual St. Mary Mercy Livonia "Tee it Up" Golf Classic will take place Monday, June 15, with two flights and 18 holes at Meadowbrook Country Club, with lunch and dinner. The All-Women's Golf Classic will be held Monday, June 29, with a nine-hole morning flight, a "Pink Power" Shopping Spree including boutiques, bags, clothing vendors and more and a



Pictured from left are David Spivey, president and CEO, St. Mary Mercy Hospital; and Golf Committee members Julie Spivey, chair, All-Women's Golf Classic, and Tim Belanger, president, AIM Construction Inc., and chair, annual Golf Classic at last year's event, which raised more than \$280,000.

luncheon, also at Meadowbrook. The staff at St. Mary Mercy's Our Lady of

Hope Cancer Center assists patients every step of the way from diagnosis to treatment, research to education, recovery to survivorship. Beyond state-of-the-art medicine, the cancer care staff provides patient assessments to ensure essential needs are being met such as nutrition, pain relief, transportation and emotional and spiritual support.

St. Mary Mercy also offers a Survivorship Program, providing care and treatment such as follow-up exams, screenings, education and support needed to manage life after cancer.

Since its inception, these golf events have generated more than \$2.5 million.

Tickets, individual sponsorships and corporate sponsorships are available. If you're not a golfer, you can purchase lunch and dinner tickets and participate in the shopping experience at the All-Women's Golf Classic. For more information or to register, call the St. Mary Mercy Livonia Development Office at 734-655-2980 or go to stmarymercy.org/annualgolfclassic.



Current sewer work being performed on Levan near Five Mile. The road between Schoolcraft and Five Mile will see some closures this summer as it's resurfaced beginning in June.

Levan resurfacing set to begin in June

By David Veselenak
Staff Writer

Road work on Levan, between Schoolcraft and Five Mile, is to remain on schedule this summer, beginning June 1 and lasting until September, Livonia city engineer Todd Zilincik said.

Construction for the project was rebid, with bids opened May 1. The low bidder on the project, Cadillac Asphalt, put in a bid of about \$1.22 million. That contractor is also the same one doing work on M-14, from Newburgh to Sheldon in Plymouth, this summer.

"That helped provide us a better quality project being close by, but also reduced the price for us," Zilincik said.

Lane reductions are expected throughout the project, though both northbound and southbound traffic will have access to the road during work.

The project was rebid after initial bids came in about 20 percent higher than expected. The Michigan Department of Transportation needed to approve the rebidding, as the project is being partially funded through grants coming from the state.

The work will only go the full mile between Schoolcraft and Five Mile. Originally, the project was expected to go a few hundred feet north of Five Mile, but was delayed.

"There is intent to do that, but not with this particular project," Zilincik said.

The Livonia City Council during its study session Monday night also reviewed the contract the city has drafted with Rochester Hills-based Spalding DeDecker for construction engineering services for the resurfacing project for the one-mile stretch of roadway. The contract is for more than \$183,000 for the work. That contract will be voted on at the June 1 city council meeting. Another contract for mitigation, if needed, was reviewed for \$7,500 for

Canton-based Northwest Consultants.

Current construction

Some work off Levan is still taking place to install a new 10-inch sewer main, done through a special assessment district for several businesses along that road. Zilincik said he hopes that work will be complete by the time the resurfacing project begins next month.

"Our goal is to get the portion opened up at the throat at Levan and Five Mile in the interim, hopefully maybe this weekend with gravel," he said. "In the future, most likely as soon as the Levan Road sewer project wraps up, the east side will be closed because they'll be doing construction on that and the west side will be down to one lane in each direction."

City council President Maureen Miller Brosnan said confusion with the current construction worried her, especially seeing people do "crazy things" trying to access the hospital from the road.

"There is no northbound traffic allowed," she said. "So coming off of the expressway, it just would have been helpful had it started just past that second entrance to the hospital."

Zilincik said it is difficult navigating that area, though it was a balance trying to keep traffic flowing not only to the hospital, but to the businesses nearby on Levan as well.

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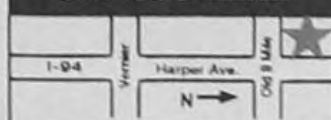
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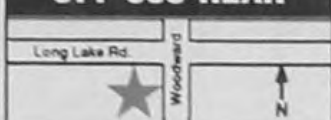
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BOYS GOLF

Wildcats win D1 district

Plymouth tops Canton by two strokes;
both teams qualify for regional

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Campus rivals Plymouth and Canton battled it out over fairways and greens to decide the KLAA South Division championship May 8, with the Wildcats nipping the Chiefs by a mere two strokes.

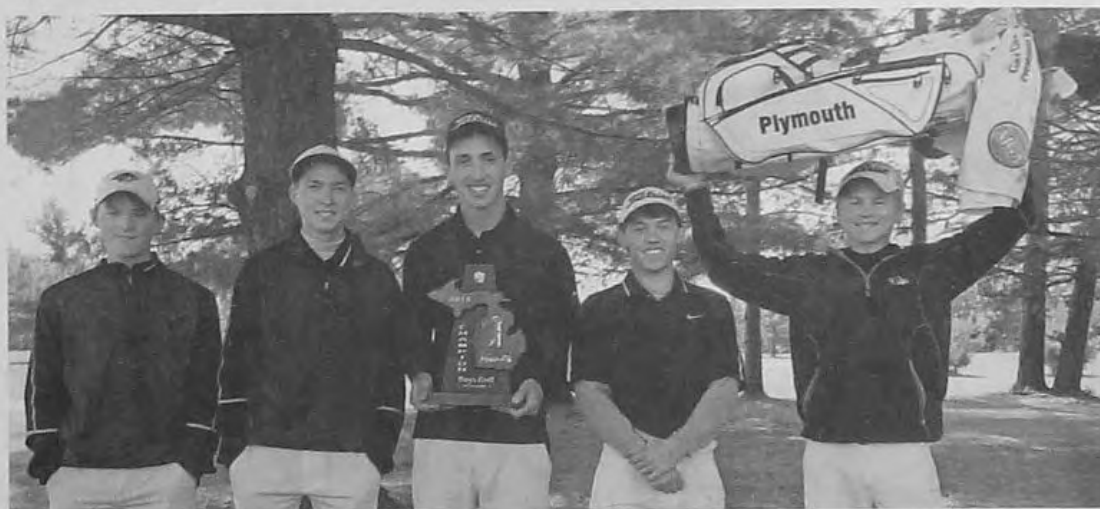
It was deja vu all over again for those teams at

Wednesday's MHSAA Division 1 district tournament at par-72 Pine View Golf Course in Ypsilanti.

Once again, Plymouth held off the Chiefs by a slim margin — 309-311 — to capture the district. In ninth with 373 strokes was Salem.

As the top two teams, both

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PLYMOUTH ATHLETICS

Plymouth's varsity boys golf team celebrates after winning Wednesday's Division 1 district at Pine View Golf Course in Ypsilanti.

CANTON CUP KICKS OFF



CHRISTOPHER GUDDECK

Getting set to boot the ball during a Friday Canton Cup contest is Chloe Laporte of the Celtics U14 team.

First night of annual soccer tournament gets the weekend off to fun start

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Sometimes it takes someone very small to appreciate something very big — the mega Canton Cup soccer tournament, which had a picture-perfect opening Friday night across the township.

"I'm nerve-excited," said 8-year-old Kayla Childress, a player for the Clawson Strikers '06 girls team, explaining that word is a combination of "nervous and excited. It's my first time ever being here and it's my dream to be here — and get a trophy ball."

Kayla and her teammates, such as Katie Pfaff and Lana Wilder, were anxiously getting ready Friday evening to

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CHRISTOPHER GUDDECK

Jackson Percy (left) of the U14 Canton Celtic boys team attempts to get a step on a Farmington Fury player during Friday action at Independence Park.

BOYS LACROSSE REGIONAL

State-ranked Troy overpowers Canton

Despite lopsided loss, Chiefs show moxie with second-half surge

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Canton's boys lacrosse season ended with a 17-5 blowout loss Thursday night to Troy.

Yet Chiefs head coach Fred Karam had an unmistakable smile on his face following the Division 1 first-round regional

game at Troy High School.

That's simply because his team matched the state-ranked Colts during the second half to close out the contest in competitive fashion.

"They're a good team; they're ranked sixth in the state," Karam said about the Colts. "They came out, I think we were a little flat-footed in the first half."

"We started better in the second half. They were up big, by 10 goals, but if you look at the second half, the way our

boys played, we competed. I think in the second half, we matched them goal for goal."

Karam said his team had difficulty slowing down Troy's fast, athletic offense, until going to zone coverage in the second half.

"Our defense really stepped up and we played the second half fairly even with them," Karam said. "I was proud and couldn't have asked for more from the kids."

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JIM KREBS

Shadowing each other during Thursday's Division 1 regional boys lacrosse contest are Troy's Andrew Hadad (left) and Canton's Jay Krebs.

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PREP SOFTBALL

Plymouth powers by Lakeland for KLAA title

Wildcats take advantage of Eagles' miscues in victory

By Jeff Theisen
Staff Writer

Mistakes are magnified in big games. Lakeland made several and Plymouth made the Eagles pay.

The Wildcats battered several Lakeland pitchers en route to an 11-4 victory at home Wednesday to win the KLAA title.

"We've had a great hitting team from the beginning," Plymouth coach Lauren Delapaz said. "These girls put it in their heads that they were winners and I think that they proved that to us today."

Plymouth was first on the board with three runs in the second inning. An infield error loaded the bases and another infield error followed to score a pair. A two-out single by Jenny Bressler to bring in another run capped the rally.

The Wildcats put up two more in the third with two more errors playing key roles in the rally.

Lakeland got its offense going with big flies in the top of the fourth. Lauren Castellon hit a two-run homer off the top of the fence in left field. Rianna Koteles sent the next pitch well over the fence in center for back-to-back homers. Another run scored off a wild pitch and Lakeland was right back in the game, down 5-4.

"If we keep the errors down, I think it's a heck of a contest," Lakeland coach Joe Alsup said. "We had some pretty good blasts there."

"We were stopping ourselves with mistakes. I've been around long enough that I know you can't win games by making mistakes. You've got to minimize your mistakes and, if we would've minimized our mistakes, I think you would've seen a heck of a game today."

Plymouth responded in a big way.

The Wildcats forced Lakeland to use three pitchers in the inning while banging out



Plymouth's softball team celebrates Wednesday after defeating Lakeland in the KLAA Association championship game.

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Pulling up at second base for Plymouth is freshman Whitney Holden (right).

five hits with a walk and another key error.

Mikayela Marciniak greeted the second pitcher of the inning with a two-run homer to deep right-center. A walk, an error and a single loaded the bases before a double by Mikayla Rose brought in two

more. Another run scored on a ground out and the sixth run scored on a single by Caylin Waters.

Just like that, the 5-4 game turned into an 11-4 lead for Plymouth.

"I was most proud of that fourth inning, when Lakeland scored four off some big hits," Delapaz said. "We were able to stay cool, we were confident and we knew that we had to get the job done and we answered back with six."

Bressler came in to get the last out of the fourth inning and stayed in the rest of the game, pitching 3½ innings of scoreless relief. Marciniak started and went 3½ innings and was charged with all four runs in the fourth.

Bressler had a big day at the plate, as well, with three hits, a run and an RBI. Whitney Holden had a pair of hits and scored twice, as did Jessica Tucci and Rose.

Lakeland started with Chase Schultz, went to Teresa Menzel in the second and those two and Sydney Schultz



Slapping a tag on Lakeland runner Teresa Menzel (right) is Plymouth freshman pitcher Jenny Bressler.

JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

all pitched during the six-run rally.

Brooke Beale was the only Lakeland player with two hits. "You've got to give them

credit, they have a nice hitting team," Alsup said. "They have a nice ball club, but so do we, but we didn't show it today."

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PREP SOFTBALL

Regina stops Ladywood for Catholic A-B crown

By Vito Chirco
Michigan.com

Marissa Tiano did it all for Warren Regina, which defeated Livonia Ladywood, the No. 2 team in Division 2, in the Catholic League A-B softball championship game, 3-1, Monday at the University of Detroit Mercy.

Tiano, a senior, pitched a complete game, allowing one run and five hits while striking out seven. At the plate, she went 3-for-3 with an RBI single in the fourth inning.

It's the first A-B title for Regina since 2005. The school has won 11 Catholic League titles since 1982.

"It feels great," coach Diane Laffey said. "It's really big for us, as we totally turned it around since our last loss against Ladywood."

Regina (18-13) has gone 15-2 since losing to Ladywood in the regular season. The Saddlelites lost all four previous meetings this season to the Blazers (22-6).

The scoring for Regina began in the third inning, when Gina Munson and Kristi Carlson had RBI hits off junior right-hander Rozlyn Price.

Ladywood scored in the sixth, when a passed ball allowed Alexa Flores, who came in as relief for Price, to score. Flores finished 2-for-4 at the plate.

PREP BASEBALL

Farmington sweeps three Plymouth-Canton teams

By Dan O'Meara
Staff Writer

Farmington High School won all three of its baseball games May 16 and was the only unbeaten team in the annual inter-district tournament with the Plymouth-Canton schools.

Senior Ryan Coucke had the game-winning hit in the sixth inning as the Falcons opened with a 6-5 victory over Plymouth.

Plymouth's Seth Hubbard was 3-for-4 with three RBIs; Andrew Hejka was 2-for-3. The Wildcats couldn't overcome the eight walks issued by their pitchers.

Senior Nik Campbell's bas-

es-loaded, two-run double in the seventh inning was the key to Farmington's 12-10 win over Canton in the next game.

In the last game, the Falcons edged Salem in eight innings, 2-1. Sophomore Elliott Edsall pitched four scoreless innings in relief to get the win.

Hawks win final two

Harrison had a rough start May 16, losing its first game 13-3 to Plymouth, but it rebounded to beat Salem and Canton later in the day.

Plymouth's Patrick Downing had three hits and four RBIs in the opener. Hejka and Dakota Lynn also had three hits and two RBIs apiece for the Wildcats, who outthit the

Hawks, 14-5.

Regan Fleisher pitched all four innings in the 4½-inning game and struck out six. His teammates gave him early support with a nine-run first inning.

Harrison scored five runs in the top of the third inning and held on to beat Salem, 5-4. There was no more scoring after the Rocks pushed two runs across in the bottom of third.

Salem's Tyler Brooks had two hits and two RBIs. Josh Penn also had two hits and Eric Scott two RBIs. Jordan Heaslip went 3½ innings for the Rocks and Zach Upsher finished the game in relief.

Harrison scored six runs in

the first inning and defeated Canton in its third game, 7-1. The Hawks had an 11-5 advantage in hits.

Raiders drop three

North Farmington lost two games by one run and went winless. The Raiders ended the day with a 3-2 loss to Plymouth.

Josh Sulak pitched a complete game for the Wildcats, who had a 9-6 edge in hits. Hejka was 2-for-4 and Hubbard 2-for-3. Pete Carravallah and Luke Hirshman each drove in a run.

In the first round, Canton defeated North, 11-2. Noah Spencer had three hits and Justin Dolney two for the

Chiefs, who outthit the Raiders, 11-4. Andrew Loehnis had two RBIs for the winners.

Greg Goodbred pitched three innings and got the win, leaving with a 6-2 lead. William Buraconak had two hits and pitched five innings for North.

Salem edged the Raiders in the second game, 9-8. The Rocks scored three in the bottom of the seventh to tie, 8-8, and won it in the eighth.

Trevor Genaw and Alex Nicholson had three hits each for Salem, which had a total of 14. Genaw also knocked in three runs.

Griffin Shimski pitched six innings for the Rocks, but the win went to reliever Wesley Ross.



CHRISTOPHER GUDDECK

Josh Stevens of the Celtics U14 tries to get the ball from Julian Toma of the Fury during a Friday night Canton Cup game.

CUP

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square off on Field 24 at Independence Park against the Troy SC Lynx in a U9 Blue bracket match-up.

Katie, 9, admitted being nervous "cause I've never been to a tournament before." Lana, 7, correctly pointed out that "there's a lot of people" at the team's first major tournament excursion.

According to Strikers coach Dave Jagodzinski, "It's a great experience for the girls; they're super-excited. If they do well, they'll play in the championship game on Sunday."

Jagodzinski just reminded his players that "it's just another game" and not get too wrapped up in the trappings of the Canton Cup, considered the largest club soccer tournament in the Midwest.

Nearby, 8-year-old Lauren Hamlin of Canton Celtic '07 Black walked with her dad after her team finished a 3-3 tie.

"I think it's a great opportunity," Scott Hamlin said. "This is one of the biggest tournaments in the area, the state of Michigan, probably. It's a great draw for the township, brings everyone in here and gives good business to the community."

The Strikers and Canton Celtic '07 were two of about 650 boys and girls teams from Michigan, surrounding states and Ontario participating this weekend.

Perfect start

Under blue skies, sunshine and slight breezes, the opening night of the 33rd annual tourney was off to a great start, tournament director Darryl Noel said.

"Absolutely beautiful, low 70s, not a cloud in the sky, no wind," Noel said, motoring from field to field in a golf cart. "Perfect soccer weather. Everything is starting smoothly."

Noel noted that patrons once again were giving a thumbs-up to the quality of the Canton Soccer Club's showcase event.

"It (feedback) has been



TIM SMITH

Rick Larson (foreground), head coach of the Livonia-based AC Milan Detroit '99 boys team, watches Friday's game against Canton Celtic '00 Black at Independence Park.



TIM SMITH

Lauren Hamlin, 8, of Canton, loves everything about the Canton Cup. She is a player for the Canton Celtic '07 Black team.

excellent, people love little things," Noel said. "This year, if you get a chance ... take a look at registration. Last year, we put a map on the ground. This year, we put footprints to registration."

Over at Field 8, one of the evening's final games got underway between two squads in the U16 boys black bracket.

Playing a clean, crisp 70-minute match were Livonia-based AC Milan Detroit '99 and Canton Celtic '00 Black. The latter, including players from the Plymouth-Canton

district teams, earned a 1-0 win over AC Milan, featuring plenty of young Churchill and Stevenson players.

AC Milan coach Rick Larson, who also happens to be Schoolcraft College's men's coach, said the club brought all 35 teams to this year's Canton Cup.

"They love it; the facilities are fantastic," Larson said. "Canton does a great job of putting on an event and you can see it creates a bit of a carnival-type atmosphere. "It really helps kind of bond our coaching staff to each other and our players to each other."

For teams such as Larson's, the Canton Cup is a bit of a springboard for high school boys players to prepare for the fall season, too.

"It keeps them connected through the (Memorial Day) holiday and then going into the tryout period, then camps and the high school season," he said. "Kids in our club are going from here all the way straight into their high school seasons."

In addition to Independence Park, games are being played through this evening at Heritage Park, Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, Griffin Park and Flodin Park.

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CHRISTOPHER GUDDECK

Kicking the ball up the field during one of Friday's opening night Canton Cup games at Independence Park is Celtic U14 goalie Buraq Oral.



SCHOOLCRAFT CONNECTION

Schoolcraft's first baseball recruiting class is taking shape. In the bottom row (from left) are Nicholas Montroy (Garden City), Christian Werner and Matthew Buhagiar. Top row (from left) are Ocelots head coach Rob Fay and assistant coach George Kontos.

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE

SWINGING FOR THE FENCES

GC's Montroy among Ocelots' first baseball recruits as school launches new programs

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Baseball and softball programs finally are coming to Schoolcraft College and it looks like the idea is a home run with at least one area high school coach.

"I love the idea of a junior college opening up so close to home," Canton varsity baseball coach Mark Blomshield said. "It will considerably open up opportunities to our players at the (Plymouth-Canton Educational Park), as well as the surrounding areas, to play baseball at the next level."

That's undoubtedly what new Ocelots baseball coach Rob Fay wants to hear from coaches all over Observ-erland.

"I had two assistants out at Canton (last week) because Plymouth, Canton and Salem played all three Farmington schools," Fay said. "So we're not only setting up our recruiting for this year, we're also setting our base for next year as well."

Fay, who is wrapping up his coaching duties with Dearborn Edsel Ford's baseball team, already is tapping into that local potential with the first three recruits who recently were signed and introduced.

Those players include Garden City senior pitcher/infielder Nicholas Montroy.

"I feel fantastic," Montroy told the *Schoolcraft Connection*. "I'd like to have a successful season to start the program off."

Montroy is a pitcher who can get his fastball up to 84 mph on the radar gun. He also plays third and second base for the Cougars, as well as his summer team, the Downriver Raiders.

Also signing to help Fay and assistant coach George Kontos jump-start the baseball program — which will play at a complex Fay said is expected to be built in time for Schoolcraft's debut Michigan Community College Athletic Association season — are pitcher/third baseman Matthew Buhagiar (Henry Ford Academy) and pitcher/first baseman Christian Werner (University of Detroit-Jesuit).

"All three are stand-up individuals and character is a big thing with our coaching staff," said Fay, 42, a Dearborn Heights resident. "Christian is a hard-throwing right-hander that we're very confident will do good things for us next year."

"Nick is also another pitcher who does a great job of getting hitters out and Matt can play third base and pitch. Not only can he throw really well, he swings the bat real well, too."

Kontos told the *Connection* that the trio of signings marks a "milestone. It's special because it'll remain with these players that they are the first ever players to sign to Schoolcraft. That will stay with them for life and I think it will with us (coaches), too."

Fay added that as the team-building process moves along, "we'll decide

which roles these guys best fit for us. But these are three guys that, once I got hired, I knew I wanted and we went after right away. We were fortunate to get them."

Camps and tryouts

In addition to signing players out of high school, the Ocelots will look to recruit some current student-athletes at Schoolcraft — as well as open the doors to those who might have an interest.

"We're obviously signing our incoming freshmen for next year," Fay said. "We have student-athletes at Schoolcraft currently, that are enrolled, that are looking for an opportunity. They'll be trying out for the team as well."

"We'll also have an open tryout for students at Schoolcraft in the fall. What we're trying to do is do some camps this summer as well ... so that will be a good thing."

Fay estimated that between 24-30 players will make up the 2016 Schoolcraft roster.

Talent abounds

As far as what prompted Schoolcraft to decide to launch baseball and softball programs, Fay pointed to a growing need that the Livonia-based junior college could help fulfill for players who might want more seasoning after high school before trying to go to four-year programs.

"When I found out about the program starting, I sent my resume to (Schoolcraft athletics director) Sid Fox," Fay said. "There is a great need for junior college baseball in this area and with the surrounding schools there's a lot of great (high school) baseball talent."

"We're expecting to be competitive in our first year, continue to get better and stay competitive."

He also cited a study done by the Schoolcraft staff.

"I'm not sure why it took so long," Fay said, "but our athletic staff did a study and 100 percent of the (high) schools in our surrounding areas offer baseball and softball."

"So that was the driving force to start a program at Schoolcraft."

During upcoming months, while Fay continues to bring in players, Schoolcraft officials will be finalizing plans to build a baseball and softball complex.

"They're looking at proposals right now," Fay said. "So I think once they get the proposal approved and the finances of it they can start moving dirt."

Meanwhile, Schoolcraft also is launching its first softball program. Head coach Rey Linares and his staff are mining the local talent, just as Fay's group is.

Look for an article in an upcoming *Observer* about Linares and the Schoolcraft softball program.

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LACROSSE

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According to Troy head coach Nate Reynolds, whose 13-4 team will advance to 7 p.m. Tuesday's regional semi-final at Northville against Grosse Pointe South, the Chiefs "moved the ball a lot better than we expected, given the film we watched. I was definitely impressed with their offense and they had a nice little run at the end of the game."

Early onslaught

Of course, the outcome never really was in doubt. Just 30 seconds into the match, senior midfielder Jack Percy scored.

Adding another goal with 10 minutes to go in the first quarter was senior attacker Kyle Fietsam, who went on to score five times.

The action was tilted toward beleaguered Canton junior goalie Trevor Stahl throughout the first half. All told, Troy outshot the Chiefs 29-13.

It was 6-0 after one quarter and the Colts enjoyed a 9-0 advantage midway through the second before Canton finally found the back of the Troy goal, on a tally by junior midfielder Ben Phillips, from senior midfielder Jay Krebs.

Canton (11-7), hot on the heels of a pre-regional victory over Plymouth, trailed 12-1 at halftime.

And Troy goals came from several different players, an indication of the team's offensive firepower.

Percy and Fietsam both scored three times in the first half, while senior midfielder David Fracassa and senior attacker Kevin Thomas each registered two goals.

"We have 18 seniors, so guys have been playing together for the past four years," Reynolds said. "So the chemistry's there, it's like a well-oiled machine. They're very smart, they're best friends, they make it real easy on the offensive side of the ball."

"Our focus is to have six guys playing offense instead



Canton's Micah Rinke carries the ball upfield Thursday at Troy High School. The Chiefs lost 17-5 and were eliminated from the regionals.

JIM KREBS

of having one or two. ... We try to get as many guys involved, so we spread the wealth, for sure."

Making a run

The Chiefs did start to grab some territorial play late in the first half, with junior midfielder Micah Rinke and senior attackman Brocton Baechler robbed in close by Troy senior goalkeeper Bergess Young.

Troy did net the first goal of the second half, when Jake Parry, stationed along the left wing, took a feed from senior attackman Blake Best and flung the ball past Stahl.

However, the Chiefs were giving as good as they got by this point and were rewarded for their improved play with a three-goal surge in just over a minute.

Baechler cut in from the left side of the Troy net and buried a shot with 3:08 left in the quarter.

Just 23 seconds later, it was fellow senior attackman Austin Bauer doing the same — he zeroed in on Young and found the mark to make it 13-3.

Then, with 1:56 remaining, Bauer scored again. He hit the target after collecting a loose ball that Baechler successfully knocked away from a Troy player about 15 yards in front of the goal.

"In the second half, we really got our focus down," Bauer said. "We started hitting the corners, keeping possession on the ball. And our defense really stepped up, too. That really helped out."

Bauer said being able to score a few quick goals against such a strong team "felt really good and it gave our defense a break. They needed a breather out there."

Troy scored in the last 30 seconds of the third to go up 14-4, then the Chiefs netted their final goal of the season with 8:55 to go in the contest. Junior attackman Carson Pakula scored, receiving a pass from Krebs (who finished with two assists).

The Colts then put a cap on their big win with three goals in the final 8:30, including two by Fietsam.

Way to finish

Outcome aside, Karam was happy with how his seniors closed out the game and their prep careers.

"They (seniors) came out and provided the leadership for our boys all season long," said Karam, who termed his first season as Canton coach a successful one. "In the second half, they really led our team and we played that sixth-ranked team hard in the second half."

"I don't care what the score ended up being, I was just proud of the way they hung in there; they didn't give up."

Karam also pointed to successful and more-established programs such as Troy's as a model for relative newcomer Canton to follow.

"They've been around longer, they've got the youth programs," he said. "They've got a pipeline system established and that's what we're trying to do in Canton."

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GOLF

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Plymouth and Canton qualified for Wednesday's D1 regional at Dearborn Country Club. Making the cut as an individual was Salem junior Hayden Winch, who shot 87.

"Pine View has some very challenging holes and I thought the guys hung in there well and did a good job today," Plymouth head coach Dan Young said.

Canton did enjoy the upper hand in individual results, as senior co-captain Noah Lindbauer was tournament medalist. He finished two strokes over par with 74 to top the 55-player field.

Right behind him with 76 was Chiefs teammate Donnie Trosper, also a senior co-captain.

Trosper finished in a deadlock with Plymouth's top finisher, junior Kyle Kozler.

The Wildcats were in no shortage of golfers cracking the 80 mark. In addition to Kozler, sophomore Justin Kapke tallied an 18-hole score of 77, while senior co-captain Andrew Lloyd and sophomore Jack Boczar both registered an impressive 78.

Completing a strong scorecard was junior James Baldwin, who contributed 80.

Lindbauer and Trosper weren't the only Canton golfers with excellent performances.

Sophomore Suhas Putluri and senior Hunter Schlamp finished with 79 and 82, respectively. Meanwhile, senior Chris Dooley chimed in with 87 for the day.

In addition to Winch, Salem finishers were Shawn Weldon (93), Adam Marcero (94), Jake Lenders (99) and Travis Stott (99).

The Rocks (as are the Wildcats and Chiefs) are slated to next take part in Tuesday's KLAA Association Championship at Whispering Willows Golf Course.

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Evelyn and Don Ritenour purchased a trailer they use to transport furniture and other home goods to those in need through their ministry, People In Need.

COUPLE'S FURNITURE MINISTRY HELPS MANY FOLKS

By Pamela A. Zinkosky
Correspondent

Northville residents Don and Evelyn Ritenour have made a life out of helping people. Married just shy of 64 years, the Ritenours have been involved in Crop Walk, Good-fellows, Livonia Cares and many other charities. Twelve years ago, they recognized an unmet need and started their own ministry, which they call PIN, or People In Need.

In 2003, through St. Timothy Presbyterian Church in Livonia, where they've been long-time parishioners, the Ritenours heard about a needy mother with seven children who was moving into the area.

Armed with a full Thanksgiving dinner, the Ritenours set out to make the family's holiday special. But when they got there, they realized the family had no tables or chairs to eat the dinner on and no plates to serve it on. There wasn't even a refrigerator to keep the leftovers. It was a wake-up call, Evelyn said.

The Ritenours approached St. Timothy's congregation for the family's needs: furniture, kitchen utensils and other basic household items. "We got up and made a speech," Don said. "It took a few months to get them everything. People were very generous."

Flash forward to 2015. The Ritenours help 54 needy families each year get the furni-

ture and household items they need. Their basement, which Evelyn calls "God's basement," houses a wide assortment of donated household items like linens and kitchen utensils. They have a storage unit in Canton, where they keep large items. They're connected with local human service agencies that contact them about families in need and with local residents who donate items.

Spreading the word

It all happened through word of mouth, Evelyn said.

Shaun Taft, a social worker with The Family Service Alliance of Southeastern Michigan, met the Ritenours in 2006, when she was working for Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency. She found their ministry to be a much-needed resource.

"I pretty much spread their names around Wayne County," Taft said.

Human service agencies provide stipends for food and rent, but not household goods, Evelyn said: "They can find a place for them, but they don't have anything to put in it. They sleep on the floor."

"They get a home and they have nothing," Taft said. "You and I might call a friend to help, but the people in their address books are as hard up as they are."

Even if someone donated a couch or other piece of furniture, the family might not be

able to transport it, Taft explained.

Enter Don and Evelyn. The couple, now 87 and 88, not only speaks to Taft's clients to find out what they need, but they transport everything using the trailer they bought specifically for the ministry.

"They just get rid of all the obstacles," Taft said. "They have made a huge impact on the lives of people from Belleville to Detroit."

Even though People In Need is not a registered nonprofit, one glance at Evelyn's files reveals how seriously the Ritenours take the ministry. When someone in need is referred to the Ritenours, Evelyn goes through an extensive list of household items – from large items like stoves right down to dish towels – and marks down what's needed.

Then they scour the basement and storage unit and many times buy items using their own money, load them up in the trailer and deliver them.

Evelyn keeps careful records of everything that's been delivered, as well as donated items and their final destinations, in case anyone ever asks, she said.

The Ritenours also keep the addresses of those they serve and they send holiday cards and sometimes gift baskets, Taft said.

A passion for charity

The Ritenours are not rich – "we're rich in other things," Evelyn said – yet they often spend their own money on items for those in need. For instance, they once bought a bicycle and lock for a young man who had no transportation and they still smile when they think about how happy he was to receive it.

Neither are they young or strong, yet they transport some heavy furniture – often to the depths of Detroit, where arriving before noon, when the drug dealers start their deals, is paramount.

Somehow, they say, they've always managed to get the job done and stay safe. "God took care of us and provided for us," Evelyn said.

They've worked with those sentenced to community service to get the heavy lifting done and sometimes Don notices some idle young men on the street and presses them into service, Taft explained.

To the question often posed to the elderly couple – why do you do this at your age? – Evelyn replies: "It's my passion." Philanthropist Melinda Gates is her inspiration, she said. "Knowing that at least one day in someone's life, we made a difference" is what she gets out of it, Evelyn said.

"I like helping people" is Don's simple answer.

Taft pointed out that the Ritenours are not evangelists, either, yet somehow they find a

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way of bringing God into the picture. Evelyn said she asks each family if she can provide a Bible and also asks if she can pray with them before she leaves.

Leaving a legacy

These days, the Ritenours are backing off the furniture ministry. Don has been diagnosed with renal cancer and has some other health problems, so they're in a holding pattern for now, with hopes that perhaps someone at their church will take the lead.

The Ritenours have lived in their home in Northville for 25 years. Both grew up in Plymouth and attended Plymouth High School. Don made his profession in heating and cooling and has always been handy. Until just last year, he still worked two days a week at a hardware store.

The Ritenours raised three children and now have six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

"It's been a real journey," Evelyn said of the furniture ministry. "We have no regrets."

Speak up: Is the service provider qualified?

In my last column, I informed you that I was heading to Chicago to testify in a lawsuit about a house fire caused by a clothes dryer and that I would announce the end result in this column. Let me not keep you in suspense any longer as the homeowner was awarded \$1.8 million and that may be the largest settlement ever in this country because a clothes dryer caught fire.

But it didn't have to happen if only the appliance retailer would have sent a qualified technician to fix the problem instead of the two delivery guys who didn't have a clue. Yes, they did clean a small amount of lint out of the vent line where it hooks up to the dryer but the rest of the vent line was plugged solid. They connected the vent line and told the homeowner the dryer was safe to operate but three days later the house burned down. The appliance retailer was found responsible and I'm sure won't make the same



Joe Gagnon

APPLIANCE DOCTOR

mistake again.

In my four hours of testifying in front of 12 jurors, the big argument was how much responsibility a consumer must bear in keeping the dryer vent clean. I pointed out that many people don't know anything about this simple maintenance factor and even though it is written in the operator's manual, the book is many times thrown in a drawer to read later. That may never happen because once they use the dryer, what else is there to discover? They have been using a clothes dryer for years and they are all the same. And so I say to all of you, read the manual as there may be something in there you need to know.

In this case, the dryer ex-

haust port led right into the attic, not to the outside. For 13 years, this gas dryer blew the carbon monoxide right into the attic and it's a wonder someone didn't outright die. A gas dryer can make a homeowner awful sick if the vent line doesn't exhaust to the outside. We didn't even get that far in my testimony as I was so busy pointing out that the delivery guys were not technicians. So I ask you folks, is the technician qualified to service your products when you make that call?

Refrigerator story

When I call for service on problems I can't solve on my own I like to talk with the technician about his or her experience in their particular field. I can't count the emails and phone calls from consumers who complain about the service they have had performed. The stories sometimes are beyond belief. My neighbor, Kevin Smith, told me a refrigerator guy came to his home

and told him the compressor was shot on his 10-year-old refrigerator. He was asking me what make of new refrigerator he should shop for. I went to his home and found a grocery slip jammed in the condenser fan blade that cools the compressor. I pulled it out and that refrigerator is still operating fine. That was four years ago.

We can't always blame this sort of incompetence on a business owner and yet we must. They are responsible for that person in your home and they are the ones who profit from your needs. Don't be afraid to ask to speak to a business owner and tell that person what you expect from his or her technician. A reasonable price, quality workmanship, and most important, customer satisfaction. Remember it's your money they are taking.

And now a personal story of my trip to Chicago which might just add a little humor and put a smile on your face. I packed a suit to wear on that

Monday morning but I forgot that I have lost 40 pounds since I last wore it. I put the suit on and tightened the belt so my pants would stay up. When I arrived at this federal building I had to empty my pockets, etc., just like you do in an airport and I had to take off my belt. No problem as I kept one hand on a belt loop. After the line, I had to hold both hands up as the inspector wanted to put a wand of some sort up and down my body. I swear my pants fell down all the way to my ankles. There was a lot of giggling going on around me as I corrected the embarrassing problem. Thanks to my mother who always told me to wear clean shorts in case something happens. Stay tuned.

Joe Gagnon can be heard at 8 a.m. Saturdays on WAAM 1600. You can email your problems and questions on appliances to appldr@twmlr.com.

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CAVANAUGH GEORGE A. JR.

Passed away peacefully at the age of 94 on Easter morning, April 5, 2015, at his home in Port St. Lucie, Florida. George was born in Detroit, Michigan, February 16, 1921. He was the son of George A. Cavanaugh Sr. and Rhea Cavanaugh. He married the love of his life Jean Carol Houff of Birmingham Michigan, in 1942. George served in WWII in Europe. After returning from the war he first began his career working with his father. He later created his own company, Cavanaugh and Associates and was a manufacturer representative selling cloth, and later vinyl to the big 3 automakers. George was very successful and remained in the business until he retired and moved to Florida in 1980. He was a member at the Bloomfield Hills Country Club and the Detroit Athletic Club. George Cavanaugh was one of a kind. He was friends with princes and paupers alike. He was involved in horse racing, as a breeder and an owner. In 1958, he established Pinecrest Farms in Ocala, Florida. George also was one of the founding members of the Florida Thoroughbred Breeders Association. George loved golf, fishing, playing gin rummy, casinos, and Tiger baseball! George was loved by many and will be missed by all. He is survived by Jean, his wife of 73 years, his daughter Mary Houston and his five grandchildren: Erin and Brady Marcum, Matthew, Daniel Houston, and Emily Houston Vogt. He is also survived his sister Gloria Guay, his brother Jim Cavanaugh.



CAVAN, GLADYS WILKISON (NEE: ALLMOND)

May 8, 2015. Longtime resident of Birmingham, Michigan and member of the Birmingham Athletic Club. Beloved wife of the late Frank Cavan, Jr. Dear mother of Roy L. Cavan (Jean), Paul W. Cavan and Marcia Ann Cavan (the late James Salois). Grandmother of Shannon M. Dyer, Richard L. Cavan, James P. Cavan, David M. Cavan, Kelly P. Cavan, and Scott W. Cavan. Great-grandmother of Cameryn E. Dyer, McKenzie A. Dyer, Zachary D. Dyer, Henry E. Cavan, and the late Everett T. Cavan. Services will be private. A.J. Desmond & Sons, 248-362-2500. View obituary and share memories at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com



DUNNING, MARGARET ISABEL

passed away May 17, 2015, while in California, one month shy of her 105th birthday. She was born June 26, 1910 to Charles and Bessie (Rattenbury) Dunning. Margaret was preceded in death by her parents and dear friend Irene Walldorf. She is the cousin of Richard (Suzette) Rattenbury and William (Eiko) Rattenbury and family. She is the dear friend of Lloyd and Betty Leach and family, Betty Barbour, Rachel Churches and family, devoted staff, friends and members of the Plymouth Historical Society Museum. Margaret was an avid collector of Classic Cars and an active member of the Cadillac & LaSalle Car Club of America, Classic Cars of America, Veteran Motor Car Club of America and the Motor City Packards. She touched the lives of many people as she traveled around the country attending classic car events. Margaret was loved by many and will be dearly missed. Friends may visit Sunday 1pm until 7pm at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 S. Main St., Plymouth, and Tuesday Noon until 7pm at the Plymouth Historical Museum, 155 S. Main St., Plymouth. Funeral Services will be private. In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Margaret may be made to the Plymouth Historical Museum or other charity as you desire. To share a memory www.schrader-howell.com



HAUENSTEIN, GLENN P.

Age 59, May 21, 2015. Peacefully at his Walled Lake home. Formerly of Livonia. Beloved father of Steven G. (Erin Payne), Scott E. (Antasia Booher), and Sarah A. (Matthew) Terlice. Loving son of Ralph E. and Barbara "Pat" J. Dear brother of Thomas E. and Ross W. Loving grandpa of Lucas, Samuel and Gabriella Ho, Noah Terlice and Violet Hauenstein. Funeral Service, Wednesday 10:00 a.m. at The Fisher Funeral Home, 24501 Five Mile, Redford Twp., 313-535-3030. Visit Tuesday 2 p.m. until 8 p.m. Interment Rose-land Park Cemetery, Berkley.



KNOTTS, JOHN ROBERT SR.,

Age 78, died Sunday, May 17, 2015 at St Luke's Baptist Hospital in San Antonio, Texas, following medical complications that led to respiratory distress. He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Gloria (Wilber) Knotts, his son, John Knotts, Jr., his son's wife, Lori Seitz, and many close friends across the United States. He is the son of Robert and Mable Knotts (deceased) and the brother of James Knotts (deceased) and Sharon Fackler. Born in Highland Park, Michigan, John lived most of his life in the Detroit Metropolitan area of Michigan. Recently, John and Gloria moved to the San Antonio area to be close to their son and daughter-in-law. In his early years, Mr. Knotts was a gas station attendant before he was drafted for one enlistment in the Army between the Korean and Vietnam War. After the Army, he became a police officer and fireman for the Beverly Hills Michigan Public Safety Department, where he spent the rest of his career, retiring as the Director of Public Safety. John attended Birmingham High School and graduated with the class of 1954. He went on to attend many community college courses. John and Gloria were avid travelers, having seen nearly every state in the United States via motorhome or travel trailer, as well as visiting several countries outside of the United States. In the winters they would stay at Live Oak RV Resort and Golf Course where they developed many friends over the years. Both enjoyed the game of golf and John enjoyed working around the house. Gloria and John met at The Big Town Restaurant in Royal Oak, Michigan, in August 1961, right after he separated from the Army. They were married on May 27, 1962, at Highland Park Presbyterian Church in Highland Park, Michigan. There will be a memorial visitation and service held on Wednesday, May 27, 2015, from 9 a.m. until the time of the service 11 a.m., at the Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Home, 705 W. Eleven Mile Road (4 blocks E of Woodward), Royal Oak, Michigan. A luncheon will be held following the memorial service to celebrate his life at Pasquale's Restaurant, 31555 Woodward Ave., Royal Oak, Michigan. John's ashes will be interred at Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery in a private ceremony in June 2015. Those interested in attending the luncheon, please email knotts.memorial.service@gmail.com. Memorial contributions may be made in John Knotts' name to the Beverly Hills Lions Club - Irving Usner, 19153 Walmer, Beverly Hills MI, 48025 or donor's choice.



May you find peace in this time of sorrow.



LAMPTON, DOROTHY MAE

May 20, 2015, age 90 Beloved wife of the late L. Henry Lampton. Dear mother of Jerry C. Hargrave and Angela G.D. Brey and dear friend of Donald Dew. Also leaves three grandchildren, one great grandson, two sisters and two brothers. Visitation Tuesday from 2 pm until 8 pm at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 South Main Street, Plymouth where funeral services will be conducted on Wednesday at 11 am. To read her full obituary go to www.schrader-howell.com



LaVALLEE, MARY D.

Age 86, May 19, 2015, of Garden City, Brighton and Big Rapids. Beloved wife of the late George J. LaVallee. Loving mother of Craig LaVallee, Brent (Dana) LaVallee and Renee (Mike) Stan. Dear grandmother of Sean, Spenser, and John-Patrick (Jamie). Great grandmother of Jade, Knole and Wyatt. Mary was one of the most good-hearted people you'll ever meet. She was member of the Red Hat Society, VFW Ladies Auxiliary and the Elks. Her family suggests donation to the American Cancer Society. Please share a memory of Mary at www.rgrharris.com.

MARCUM, KATHLEEN CAVANAUGH

Passed way in San Francisco on the morning of April 15, 2015. Kathy was born in Detroit, Michigan February 25, 1947. She was the daughter of Jean Cavanaugh and George Cavanaugh Jr. Kathy spent the early part of her life in the Detroit area where she met and later married her husband of over 40 years, David Marcum. She and Dave shortly thereafter moved to Southern California where they raised their two children. Kathy made her way to Northern California and to the town of Ukiah in 2001. She began working for the Ukiah Valley Assoc. for Rehabilitation. It was through her work with emotona and physically handicapped adults that Kathy found her true calling. Kathy left a huge footprint on so many people's hearts. She was truly an unforgettable character. She will be missed. Kathy was preceded in death by her father George Cavanaugh Jr. and her brother Michael Cavanaugh. She is survived by her husband Dave, her children Erin and Brady Marcum and her two grandchildren Luke and Talon, and her sister Mary Houston.



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.

Visual Arts Association of Livonia offers summer classes

Visual Arts Association of Livonia (VAAL) is accepting registration for summer art classes and workshops.

Classes start in early June and run through the end of August.

Virginia Bosak will offer a one-day workshop for children or grandchildren. Students will create a treasure box, a forever keepsake.

Jennifer Hefner will teach a beginning watercolor class for first time learners. Students in Janus Benda's class will make a reference watercolor notebook for making special effects. Marge Chellstorp will guide students in continued growth in watercolor.

Lin Baum teaches

drawing and how to capture a likeness of a figure. She emphasizes working with the creative right brain. Carol Kabrin, courtroom artist, will teach traditional figure drawing with emphasis on gesture, the portrait, hands and feet, shading and proportion.

New to VAAL this semester is Janet Kohler, pastel artist. She will teach pastel techniques, color theory and color mixing in a class that is for beginners as well as advanced artists.

Kathy O'Connell will offer the opportunity to "Paint an old Master," works done by master artists. This class is for advanced beginners and serious teens to adult artists. Jennifer Heiner

will teach a one-day workshop on everything there is to know about picture framing. Donna Engstrom, teaches a mixed media three-day workshop to provide an opportunity to develop their work in a series.

An open painting studio also is available on Thursday afternoons. There is no teacher provided. Students work on their own project and enjoy the company of other artists.

For information about classes, to download a registration form or to get a supply list go online to www.vaalart.org or call 734-838-1204. The VAAL classroom is located at 37653 Five Mile at Newburgh in Livonia.

Hospital auxiliary seeks artists for holiday card contest

The Children's Hospital of Michigan Auxiliary is now accepting artwork submissions for its annual holiday greeting card fundraiser.

Submissions are accepted from children, teens and adults, both amateur and professional artists. The holiday cards will be available for sale in the fall with the chosen artwork displayed on the front and information about the artist displayed prominently on the back. The winning artist will also be awarded \$100 for the artwork.

Proceeds from the holiday cards go towards supporting the Auxiliary's mission of caring for pediatric patients and their families. More than 10,000 cards are sold annually, and more than half a million have been sold to date. Once published, the cards will be available for purchase at www.chmauxiliary.org, the Something Special Gift Shop inside the Children's Hospital of Michigan and other local retailers.



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Winning art from the 2014 Children's Hospital of Michigan Auxiliary contest.

For entry to the contest, artwork must be dropped off or mailed to Something Special Gift Shop, located at 3901 Beaubien Detroit, MI 48201, by July 31, 2015. To obtain a form with contest details and entry requirements, visit www.chmauxiliary.org.

Established in 1949, the auxiliary is focused on raising funds to support the care, education

and well-being of pediatric patients and their families throughout the region. Since 1990, the auxiliary has raised and donated more than \$4.65 million to various projects and programs through the holiday card fundraiser and Something Special Gift Shop.

To learn more, call the Something Special Gift Shop at 313-745-5425.

GARDEN & NATURE CALENDAR

Full moon hike

Monthly full moon nature hikes start 9:30 p.m. Friday, June 5, at the nature center in Heritage Park, located on Farmington Road, between 10 Mile and 11 Mile, in Farmington Hills. Cost is \$3 per person. Register at recreg.fhgov.com. For more information, call the nature center at 248-477-1135.

Rouge River rescue

Don a long sleeve shirt, long pants, boots and volunteer at a Rouge River rescue site May 30: » In Canton Township volunteers can help build bird houses, clean up the trail, and more at the Lower Rouge Recreational Trail. Work hours are 8 a.m.-noon. From I-275, head west and turn north onto Morton Taylor Road. Follow to the parking area and trail head. For more information, call 734-394-5150.

» River cleanup, educational displays, storm drain stenciling, bird house building, bug hunting and a mercury thermometer exchange will take place in the Meadows of Canton. Check-in is at the Hindu Temple of Canton on Cherry Hill Road between Sheldon and Canton Center Road, in Canton. Work hours are 9 a.m. to noon. Call 313-999-6256

» Volunteers will remove invasive plants, and re-installing a rain barrel and roof water pump, 9 a.m.-noon, at the Workman Elementary habitat, 250 Denton, Canton. For more information, email lbank1@emich.edu.

» Help remove invasive plants and woody debris in the river, and

plant wildflowers, 9 a.m.-noon, at Heritage Park, 24915 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills. Call 248-213-8469 for more information.

» Pick up debris along Minnow Creek and at the two ponds on the Oakland Community College Orchard Ridge Campus in Farmington Hills, 8:30 a.m. to noon. Enter the campus from Farmington Road, south of I-696 and check in at the northeast corner of lot 9; 248-522-3405

» Pick up trash and manage wood in the stream, 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Botsford Commons Senior Community, 21450 Archwood Circle, Farmington Hills. The project is for adults only. Call 248-426-6941 or 248-426-6940.

» Remove trash, woody debris and invasive species, and plant native plants, 8:30-11 a.m. at Bicentennial Park, 36000 Seven Mile, Livonia; 734-466-2617.

» Clean up the area adjacent to Tonquish Creek and help with storm drain stenciling, at Lion's Club Park, 575 Burroughs, in Plymouth. Work hours are 8 a.m.-noon; 734-453-7737, ext. 100.

» Plant native flowers along the creek, 9 a.m.-noon, at Plymouth Township Park, located on the north side of Ann Arbor Trail, just west of McClumpha, in Plymouth Township. Meet at the pavilion; 734-414-1452.

» Volunteers will remove trash and garlic mustard, with the option of playing disc golf after the clean-up, 9 a.m.-noon, at Lola Valley Park, 16100 Lola Drive. For more information, email justin.wehr-

heim@gmail.com.

» Clean trash from the river, maintain trails, remove invasive species, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Goudy Park, located at Sims and Wayne Road, in Wayne; 734-716-0783.

Garden walk tickets

» Tickets are available for the annual Trailwood Garden Club's Flowers are Forever Garden Walk, noon to 8 p.m. Tuesday, June 30, at several private gardens in the Plymouth area. Pre-sale tickets are \$8 and are available at Saxton's Power Equipment Center, 587 W. Ann Arbor Trail, 734-453-6250, Backyard Birds, 627 S. Main, 734-416-0600, and Sideways, 505 Forest, 453-8312. Tickets are \$10 the day of the walk. Tickets for children under 12 are half the adult price ticket. There is no charge for babes in arms. Strollers aren't permitted.

Garlic mustard pull

Help Friends of Maybury State Park control the invasion of garlic mustard plants, 10 a.m. to noon May 30. Volunteers will meet at the concession building at the park. Bring your own gloves and wear long sleeves and long pants. For more information, call 248-349-8390 or visit friendsofmaybury.org. The park is located between Seven Mile and Eight Mile, west of Beck, in Northville.

Peony sale

Northfield Farms will sell heirloom peonies, 10 a.m. Saturday, May 30, at the peony garden at Nichols Arboretum in Ann Arbor. Call 734-647-7600.

In Memorium

Oral appliance therapy can solve snoring-related problem

For many people, snoring makes a night of restful sleep a far-off dream. The noisy interruptions may even have a detrimental effect on relationships and health.

More than a quarter of Americans say that a snoring bed partner makes them annoyed or angry, according to a recent survey from the American Academy of Dental Sleep Medicine. Forty percent of women also claim snoring in the opposite sex is a turnoff, and nearly one in 10 Americans went so far as to admit that snoring has hurt at least one of their romantic relationships. One in five says that a snoring partner could even drive them out of bed.

In addition to pushing couples to sleep apart, snoring can cause health worries. Snoring is a tell-tale sign of obstructive sleep apnea, a potentially life-threatening condition that causes sufferers to stop breathing repeatedly during sleep for anywhere from a few seconds to more than a minute. If left untreated, sleep apnea can increase the risk for serious health problems from congestive heart failure to diabetes and depression.

"Because it can be embar-



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Snoring can disrupt health and relationships.

assing, snoring can often be the elephant in the room when it comes to addressing rela-

tionship frustrations and health concerns," said Kathleen Bennett, D.D.S., president

of the AADSM. "But it's important that your significant other is made aware of their snoring — and the effects it has on you, your relationship and their personal health — so they can begin taking steps to remedy it."

Seeking treatment

There are several treatment options for sleep apnea, according to AADSM experts. It is important to speak with a physician to determine which option is best for you.

The first line of treatment for sleep apnea is continuous positive airway pressure (CPAP) therapy. But according to the AADSM, up to 50 percent of sleep apnea patients do not comply with or tolerate this form of treatment.

"Sleep apnea is traditionally treated with a CPAP machine, which includes a constantly running motor, tubing and a face mask. It's a great treatment, but it's not the only option," said Bennett. "Many people are surprised to learn that dentists can help treat sleep apnea with an oral appliance, a device similar to an orthodontic retainer, that's effective, less cumbersome and more discreet."

Oral appliance therapy uses a small mouth guard-like device worn only during sleep to maintain an open, unobstructed airway, making it a sleeker, more attractive treatment option for many sleep apnea sufferers. An oral appliance prevents the airway from collapsing by supporting the jaw in a forward position. The devices, which are a proven and effective sleep apnea treatment, also come with the perks of being silent, portable and simple to care for. A patient first must be diagnosed with snoring or sleep apnea by a physician. Then a dentist can examine the diagnosed patient and provide a custom-made oral appliance, which is covered by many medical insurance plans.

Additionally, upper airway surgery is a potential treatment for some patients. A detailed examination of the entire upper airway is necessary before your doctor can decide if you are a candidate for surgery.

To find a dentist to help with sleep issues, visit www.LocalSleepDentist.com

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MEDICAL DATEBOOK

Diabetes management

The St. Mary Mercy Livonia Diabetes Support Group offers a free educational seminar, "Managing Diabetes: The Next Step," 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 10, in the North Auditorium of St. Mary Mercy Livonia, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia. JoAnn Henderson-Collins will share information about diabetes self-management and insulin based on formal training and her personal experiences. For more information, call 734-655-8950.

Free dental care

Farmington Hills Oral Surgery group will offer a choice of a filling, tooth extraction or

a cleaning to the public, 7:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, June 13, at 32905 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills. The first 200 individuals in line are guaranteed to see one of the dentists. Appointments are on a first come, first serve basis. For more information visit dentistry-fromtheheart.org.

Heart symposium

Hadassah Greater Detroit presents Heart Throbbing Woman's Heart Health Symposium, 10 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. Thursday, May 28, at The Community House, 380 S. Bates, Birmingham. Attendees will learn about the warning signs of heart disease for women, new CPR techniques, defibril-

lator use and mindful thinking. Keynote speakers will be Pam Marcovitz, M.D., director of the Ministrelli Women's Heart Center at Beaumont, and Shalini Modi, M.D., service chief of cardiology at Henry Ford West Bloomfield. Cost is \$45. Register at Hadassah.org/events/whh. 248-683-5030

Joint replacement

Center for Joint Replacement at St. Mary Mercy Hospital will offer a free educational seminar on joint pain, joint replacement procedures, and available implant options, 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, May 27, in Classroom 10 at the hospital, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia. Register at 734-655-2345.

Stroke program

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


Weight loss

Tallal Zeni, MD, director of bariatric surgery at St. Mary Mercy Livonia, will talk about

laparoscopic bariatric surgery, 6-7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 4, in the North Auditorium at St. Mary Mercy, at the hospital, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia. Register at 877-949-9344

Ab-Anon

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



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10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Speakers

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Learn to prepare your home to prevent injury
Speakers: Maurice Cox, RN, CCE-MT-P/IC, Injury Prevention Specialist; and Michelle Moccia, DNP, ANP-BC, CCRN, Program Director, Senior ER

11 - 11:45 a.m.
Being Legally and Financially Prepared
Learn to prepare your legal and financial affairs
Speaker: Alisa Kwang, Attorney, Law Offices of Alisa Kwang, PLLC

12 - 12:30 p.m.
Eating for a Healthy Colon
Food demonstration. Box lunch provided.
Speaker: Allison Spitzley, CDM

12:45 - 1:30 p.m.
Preparing a Healthy Mind
Learn to prepare your mind for aging
Speaker: Mary Jane Favot, MSN, GNP-BC, Gerontology Nurse Practitioner

8 a.m. - 12 p.m.
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Pre-registration is preferred. For more information or to register, call 734-655-2929, or visit stmarymercy.org/healthyagingconference.

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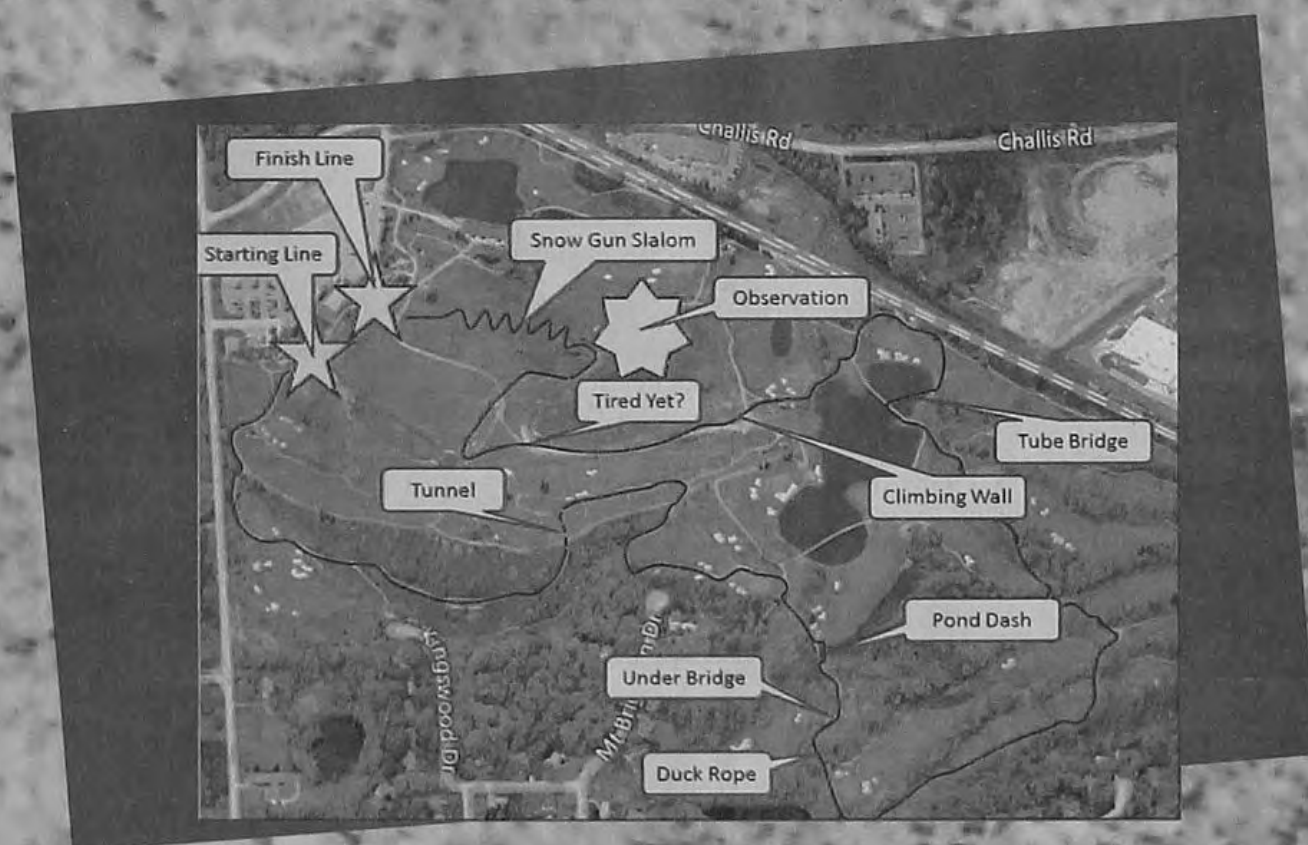
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According to Rosemary Haefner, chief human resources officer at CareerBuilder:

"It's important for both interviewer and interviewee to understand what employers do and don't have a legal right to ask in a job interview — for both parties' protection. Though their intentions may be harmless, hiring managers could unknowingly be putting themselves at risk for legal action, as a job candidate could argue that certain questions were used to discriminate against him or her."

To ask or not to ask

Even something as simple as "How old are you?" or "What is your political affiliation?" could land an employer in hot water.

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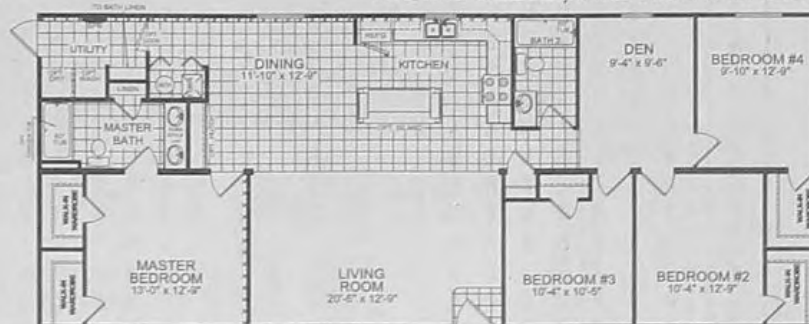
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Word Search





The MKX's voice-activated technology helps drivers keep their eyes on the road and stay connected.

Purchase a 2015 Lincoln MKX and enjoy the Demmer Difference

The 2015 Lincoln MKX is on sale now at Jack Demmer Lincoln, where customers benefit from the Demmer Difference.

Sales Manager Chris Conley said that this midsize luxury crossover vehicle is ideally balanced, and noted its 305 horsepower and 26 miles per gallon highway on regular unleaded.

"Most of the competition requires premium fuel," he said.

A main feature, Conley said, is the optional Intelligent All-Wheel Drive that helps give the Lincoln MKX enhanced traction while providing impressive performance along with tight-

er handling and control. The system responds actively by redirecting power to the appropriate wheel for best traction. It also helps enhance the vehicle's performance and handling in driving conditions such as rain, sleet, snow, gravel or sand.

The MKX's voice-activated technology helps drivers keep their eyes on the road and stay connected; its features include:

- » Hands-free calling
- » A compatible digital music player
- » Bluetooth audio
- » Incoming texts read with audible text messaging.

- » Voice/touch climate control
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Conley said that MKX owner loyalty is very high.

"Most MKX clients buy or lease another MKX," he said.

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- » A great selection of certified pre-owned Lincoln vehicles

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"Great lease and purchase offers are going on now," Conley said.

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Car Report

BMW Counts On New 3 Series To Begin Yet Another 40 Years of Segment Domination



By Dale Buss

updates to the availability of new LED headlights. The new version also sports the first super-fast 4G wireless network in its segment.



New BMW 3 Series, basically the same alluring profile.

What BMW has been careful about, however, is retaining the brand essence that propelled the luxury car-maker for 40 years to its current position as the world's highest-volume premium marque. Today the 3 Series accounts for about one-quarter of all BMW sales, making it the brand's most-successful model.

None of this was lost, of course, on BMW CEO Ian Robertson, as he hailed the history of the car and made a promise to

honor the 3 Series legacy with the new version.

"From the very beginning," said Robertson, in a recent speech, "the 3 Series has been a key factor in shaping the worldwide reputation and presence of the BMW brand."

Some of the car's most prominent design features—including the kidney-shaped grille and double headlights—have become hallmarks of the entire brand. The 3 Series was the first model in its class to offer

BMW to be localized in China, which is now BMW's largest market—about half of the latest versions were sold in the US and China.

BMW has sold more than 14 million 3 Series over the past 40 years, far more than any other premium car in history. It's hard to tell if BMW will sell another 14 million over the next four decades, but it's sure to be one helluva ride.

And BMW is certainly giving its best effort with the new 3 Series to try to repeat the mark.

For example, all of the 3 Series engines sport new cutting-edge technology whose aim, as Robertson put it, is to set "the benchmark in both performance and efficiency." All three-, four- and six-cylinder gasoline engines as well as the four-cylinder diesel units are now sourced from the recently developed, modular BMW Efficient Dynamics engine family. That means, depending on the model, the new 3 Series can achieve up to 13-percent better fuel efficiency.

In addition, BMW is introducing the 330e, its first-ever plug-in-hybrid 3 Series. The car will be launched next year with fuel consumption of just 2.1 liters/100 kilometers and a pittance of emissions. The car will have output of around 250 horsepower and 310 lb.-ft. of torque, giving the 330e a zero-



New amenities include 4G LTE connectivity, a segment first.

to-60-mph acceleration time of about 6.1 seconds and a top speed of about 140 mph. It also will be capable of traveling up to 22 miles in all-electric mode.

And the new 3 Series will boast a fine-tuning of the chassis to provide an even more sport and agile, yet comfortable, ride.

BMW also made a special effort to boost the crucial connectivity features of the new version of its bread-and-butter small sedan. The optional latest-generation navigation system boasts quicker start-up, faster route calculation and more realistic 3D visualization in cities, BMW says. And with 4G LTE aboard, USB, Bluetooth and smartphone integration are all enhanced.

"We have maintained segment leadership with the BMW 3 Series for the past four decades," Robertson said, "and we fully intend to maintain this position in the future."

Page Toyota Wins President's Award

In an era of unprecedented stress on the franchise system that helped make America great, including in the auto industry, it's great to see examples of auto makers and their traditional dealer networks cooperating to recognize and strengthen the best parts of the dealership business model that made the U.S. auto industry what it is.

That's what we see in the President's Award that is presented annually by Toyota Motors Sales U.S.A. Other OEMs do something similar but Toyota has been doing it since 1986.

And there's a local winner: Page Toyota, in Southfield, is receiving the prestigious President's Award. The dealership at 21262 Telegraph Rd. is being honored for its "high standards of performance in all facets of the automotive dealer profession, including vehicle and parts sales, service and customer satisfaction."

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