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Beck-Saltz finally gets a traffic signal

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

"It's a very dangerous corner," said Gladki, who often works at home with his window-tinting company, Absolute Solar Control. "There have been a lot of accidents here."

Canton Municipal Services Director Tim Faas said residents for years have lobbied for a traffic signal for safety reasons. He said Wayne County conducted a study that indicated a need for the traffic light.

Monday afternoon, the traffic light was blinking yellow on Beck Road and flashing red on Saltz, causing some confusion and horn-honking as motorists approached the intersection and faced an unfamiliar signal.

"It has been confusing for some people," Gladki said.

By Tuesday afternoon, however, the traffic signal was fully functional, with red, yellow and green lights working in all directions.

"I think it's going to make a difference," Gladki said.

Wayne County has erected signs near the intersection to alert motorists to the new traffic light. Officials have said any traffic pattern change has a learning curve for drivers.

Canton officials had initially believed the Beck-Saltz traffic light would



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There is a new traffic light at the Beck-Saltz intersection.

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Wayne County has installed a long-awaited traffic light at the Beck-Saltz intersection, a move Canton residents and officials hope will improve safety in what they say has been a dangerous area.

Jason Gladki said numerous injury accidents have occurred since he moved to the Beck-Saltz neighborhood in late 2007. He said motorists ignoring the former stop signs on Saltz have slammed into other drivers, giving the intersection a bad reputation.

SHARING HISTORY, SAYING GOODBYE



MATT JACHMAN

Plymouth High School graduates honored Saturday stand for the singing of "The Star-Spangled Banner." They are (from left) Debra Good Madonna (Class of '69), Russell Ash ('42), Warren Todd ('39), Patricia Conery Dunlap ('43), Jim McDowell ('49), Edson Whipple ('49), Margaret Burr Kidston ('54) and James Carney ('60).

Current and former students, teachers, principals and parents gathered this past weekend to remember the history that made Allen Elementary and Central Middle schools special. As the schools are readied for closure at the end of this school year, those who attended the farewell events shared their thoughts. For a glimpse into their thoughts and photos, turn to pages A5 and A6.



JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
Allen Elementary PTO member Julie Montesor was selling school T-shirts at the Friday evening farewell event, which was dedicated to and for students.

Fire destroys Canton car wash, oil change business

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Canton fire officials are investigating what may have caused a large fire Monday evening that destroyed a car wash and oil change business on Canton Center, north of Ford.

"We don't believe it to be suspicious at this time," Fire Chief Joshua Meier said Tuesday morning.

The fire erupted about 5:30 p.m. inside the attic of Canton City Car Wash, which also housed an oil change facility. Several employees escaped without injury.

Dianne Cojei was golfing at Pheasant Run Golf Course, just over a mile away, when the fire started.

"You could see this big black poof of smoke from the golf course," said Cojei, Canton Chamber of Commerce events coordinator.

Meier said the fire spread rapidly, but caused only minor burning of petroleum-based products, prompting an evacuation of two nearby businesses as a precautionary measure.

"There was no immediate threat to anybody," Meier said.

Firefighters from all three Canton stations battled the blaze. The Western Wayne County Hazardous Materials Response Team and a private environmental contractor were on the scene to clean up after water runoff caused a small amount of petroleum to seep into the nearby Fellows Creek.

"Most of the oil was contained in large containers, but we did have some petroleum-based product in the runoff from the water being used to extinguish the fire," Meier said. "They deployed pads to absorb the petroleum product."

Fire officials notified the appropriate agencies.

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Canton firefighters were using foam and water on the Canton City Car Wash fire.

Fractured Prune brings an unusual sweetness to Canton

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

than a doughnut."

Fractured Prune has been making Canton a little sweeter since it opened a year ago at 47192 Michigan Ave., near Beck. It is poised Friday to celebrate National Doughnut Day, when every customer gets a free doughnut.

Siblings and business partners Lori Wigler and Mark Eastman chose Canton for Michigan's first Fractured Prune, a growing doughnut chain whose next closest site is in Pennsylvania.

"The community has been amaz-

ing," Wigler said.

Fractured Prune started in 1976 in Ocean City, Md., and took its name after spunky Prunella Shriek, known locally as "Fractured Prunella" for the broken bones she suffered competing in traditionally men's sports even into her 70s. The doughnut shop celebrated her individuality by letting customers create their own sweet treat.

In Canton, Hai glanced over the 30 doughnut flavors — Blueberry Hill,

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Margarita, Strawberry Shortcake and, yes, Bacon Bomb among them — before making her choice. Fractured Prune also offers 19 glazes and 13 toppings, giving customers countless options.

Wigler, Eastman and business partner Ed Ference have franchise rights in Wayne, Oakland and Washtenaw counties and hope to gradually expand from Canton.

Canton's Fractured Prune arose from JKE Enterprises, named after the late mother, Judy Klaus Eastman, of Wigler and Eastman. It's a family business where other relatives have occasionally helped out.

Their busiest times are weekends, when families satisfy a sweet tooth by ordering doughnuts and letting their children watch through a glass window as they are made. One doughnut can be made in as little as two minutes.

"We can make 50 dozen in an hour," Eastman said.

Fractured Prune has a niche, he said, because all doughnuts are made to order. Local businesses can even get delivery if they buy two dozen or more.

Despite busy weekends, Fractured Prune has had slower weekdays, but its business partners hope to overcome that by using social media and by finding a new investor who has marketing expertise.

Wigler and Eastman know they have a recipe



Amber Sonntag fires up the doughnut robot and makes a quick dozen doughnuts.

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for success. Fractured Prune shops have been wildly popular in some communities.

In Canton, the most popular choices have been the OC Sand, a honey glaze and cinnamon sugar doughnut named after Ocean City, and the Bacon Bomb, with yellow cake, maple glaze, cinnamon sugar and real bacon.

The truly decadent

customer can choose the Hole in One, a doughnut topped with a scoop of Guernsey Farms ice cream.

Wigler said she has high hopes for Fractured Prune in Canton and beyond.

"It's fun to be part of it," she said. "It's fun to see it grow and come to fruition."

Hai, a grandmother of five, say it's all about the taste.

"I'm going to come back," she said, "I'm going to bring my grandchildren."

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Lori Wigler and Mark Eastman are two of the partners in Fractured Prune Doughnuts.

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be installed in 2014, but Wayne County delayed the project in a move that frustrated some residents.

Before the latest traffic light was installed, motorists on Saltz had a stop sign. Faas has said motorist visibility in the area had been hampered by housing and roadside vegetation.

Gladki recalled one accident in which paramedics had to use the Jaws of Life extrication equipment to remove a motorist from a car. He said incidents have included cars slamming into each other and, in some cases, nearly flipping over.

Monday afternoon, vehicle remnants of an earlier crash could be seen on the northeast corner of the intersec-

tion. Township Supervisor Phil LaJoy, who had described the Beck-Saltz intersection as "very dangerous," had previously asked then-Wayne County Commissioner Shannon Price to seek a solution.

Price has said he took the fight to Wayne County officials, who ultimately agreed to install a traffic light amid an uptick in traffic volume at the beleaguered intersection.

"I'm ecstatic that it's done," said Price, who is now Plymouth Township supervisor. "It's a very dangerous intersection. Many people have been injured there. I've had good friends that got into car accidents at that intersection. That traffic light was desperately needed."

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Jason Gladki talks about the accidents at the intersection, only steps away from his home on Saltz Road.

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FIRE

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ate state and federal agencies such as the Environmental Protection Agency.

Firefighters brought the fire under control by 7:30 p.m., Meier said, but Canton Center remained closed to traffic until shortly after 11:30 p.m.

"The road remained closed due to fire hoses that were stretched across the road," Meier said, "and we also had fire vehicles in the roadway."

Firefighters continued to monitor "hot spots" in the attic until about 2:30 a.m.

"I'm happy with the work they did," Meier said. "They worked extremely hard into the early morning hours."

Firefighters initially launched an offensive attack on the fire, but conditions deteriorated and forced them to retreat from the building and adopt a defensive



Canton Center Road was blocked to allow firefighters to fight the blaze at the Canton City Car Wash, just north of Ford Road.

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approach. "We had to pull everybody out at one point," Meier said.

The business had about 300 gallons of oil stored on site, but Meier

said it was stored in large containers and, except for a small amount, wasn't involved in the fire.

Staff writer Joanne

Maliszewski contributed to this story.

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Help solve the perfect crime at Ransom

If you love solving mysteries, Plymouth Community United Way and Quizzo Detroit have a fun evening planned for you and your friends Saturday, June 20.

Space is still available for 10 teams that will vie for prizes as they search for clues to unravel a kidnapping and rescue the victim. Proceeds from the event go to PCUW, the charitable organization that funds programs in Plymouth, Canton, Northville and western Wayne County.

In the last couple of years, Quizzo has partnered with the local United Way to produce several murder mysteries in downtown Plymouth.

"We greatly appreciate the opportunity to partner for this event,"

said Marie Morrow, PCUW president. "It not only raises money for much-needed services in the community, but allows us to create awareness about the work we do."

Designed for ages 21 and up, the game consists of teams of four investigators who use crime scene analysis, problem solving and clues to crack the case. This time the perpetrator has left a cryptic ransom note and the clock is ticking. Teams must determine the identity of the kidnapping victim, the ransom demands and where to make the drop before it's too late.

The entire game takes place on foot in downtown Plymouth, so organizers recommend wear-

ing comfortable walking shoes and weather-appropriate clothing. Participants also need their identification and at least one smart phone and one flashlight per team.

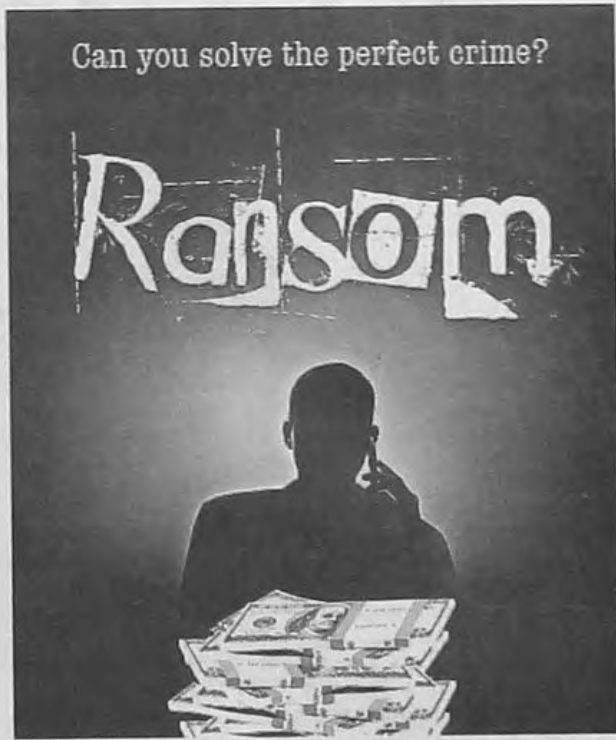
The game begins at 8 p.m. and lasts approximately 2½ hours, with the opportunity to purchase beverages throughout the night at local establishments. Quizzo Detroit recommends eating beforehand as there is no time during the event.

The cost to participate is \$80 per team of four. The winning team will be awarded a prize package courtesy of downtown businesses.

To register, call the Plymouth Community United Way at 734-453-6879.

Serving the Plymouth, Canton and Western Wayne County area since 1944, PCUW focuses on basic needs, education and health/stability by funding education programs; food, rent and utility assistance; senior transportation; shelter and counseling for domestic violence victims and their children; housing for developmentally disabled adults and homeless families; substance abuse treatment for youth; hospice; grief counseling for all ages; and other human services. Workshops on elder law and a health fair provide valuable information for senior citizens.

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



Sign up for the Ransom mystery event Saturday, June 20, in Plymouth.

P-CEP celebrates the Class of 2015



The Plymouth-Canton Educational Park's Class of 2015 celebrated the ending of their high school careers last Friday at the Diamond Center-Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi. This year's theme was "Las Vegas." Anna Lukens and Chaz Jeffress were at Plymouth High School track before heading to the prom.

Livonia superintendent top finalist for Wayne RESA job

By Karen Smith
Staff Writer

Livonia Public Schools Superintendent Randy Liepa is the finalist for Wayne County's top school job.

He is the only one of four candidates being called back for a second interview for superintendent of Wayne RESA, a regional educational service agency that provides services and support to Wayne County's 33 school districts.

Liepa will be interviewed again by the board at 6 p.m. June 10, according to Wayne RESA Interim Superintendent Steven Ezikian. He is expected to spend half a day at Wayne RESA meeting with various groups as a part of the interview.

The Wayne RESA board voted Monday night to bring just Liepa back for a second interview after interviewing him and three other candidates May 27-28. The other candidates

were Westwood Community School District Superintendent Sue Carnell, Riverview Community Schools Superintendent Russell Pickell and St. Johns Public Schools Superintendent Detric Martin.



Liepa

"I am honored to have an opportunity to meet again with the Wayne RESA board," Liepa said Wednesday in an emailed response to a request for comment.

Livonia school board President Colleen Burton said Tuesday that while nothing is official yet, it is looking more likely that the Livonia board will need to begin a superintendent search.

"It's not a definite yet," she said. "They did say they had more in-depth questions they wanted to talk to Dr. Liepa about and go through their entire

process and not cut that process short ... but it definitely makes me think we need to do some preliminary thinking (about a superintendent search)."

Burton said she is thrilled for Liepa that he has the opportunity to represent all Wayne County school districts, which will give him an even more influential voice in Lansing on the changes needed for the way schools are funded. That will be beneficial for all school children, she said.

However, she said, he leaves "enormous shoes" to fill in Livonia. "It places a very large responsibility on the Board of Education; it will be a very significant piece of work (to find a replacement)," she said.

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 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.

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

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.



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CANTON CRIME WATCH

Woman claims text death threats

A 26-year-old woman, upset that her father had been ordered to leave a Canton house where he had been staying, was accused of texting death threats to the woman who ordered him to leave, a police report said.

The suspect was ordered by police to halt all threatening communications with the victim and the victim's husband, who also had received threatening texts.

The latest report was made to police Saturday. The suspect's father had been allowed to stay with the Canton couple because he is a relative who sought a place to live after a suicide attempt, the report said.

The couple lives on Royal Pointe Drive, near Warren and Beck.

According to the police report, the suspect's father had become verbally abusive while staying with the couple and was asked to move out. He packed some of his belongings and left; the couple put other things he left behind in their driveway to be picked

up.

Police reviewed the threatening texts sent by the suspect and also looked at texts the female victim had sent, some of which police said also were somewhat threatening. Police advised the suspect to stop texting and advised the victim on how to seek a personal protection order.

Pit bull attack

A 58-year-old Canton man told police his shih tzu was attacked by a pit bull while he was walking it shortly before 6 p.m. May 27 on Dorchester Circle, near Palmer and Lotz.

A police report didn't indicate any serious injuries.

The owner told police he was walking his dog, as he does every night, when he heard another dog barking and then saw the brown and white pit bull run from a screen door and grab the shih tzu by the neck. He said the pit bull owner came outside, grabbed it and went back inside the house, the police report said.

The shih tzu owner said he didn't want to prosecute the case, but told police he would like for an officer to speak with the pit bull owner. It ap-

peared no one was at home when police went to the pit bull owner's house, but an officer could see through a window that the dog was in a cage in the living room along with another dog.

The investigation was continuing.

Harassing behavior

Police warned a 49-year-old Livonia man to stop harassing a 29-year-old woman who works at the Lifetime Fitness center on Haggerty, south of Ford, a police report said.

The latest incident happened May 28, but the problem has been ongoing, the report said. The woman told police she and the suspect - a member of the fitness center - had been involved in an auto accident in the parking lot.

The woman told police that her insurance company rejected a claim. She said the suspect has been harassing her at work, confronting her on five occasions and asking for money to fix his car, the report said.

The woman said the suspect began calling her on her cellphone, prompting Lifetime Fitness to ask him to leave her

alone. Police advised the woman how to get a personal protection order and advised the suspect to leave her alone.

According to the police report, the suspect told police he had been approaching the woman to ask for money to pay his own insurance deductible.

Driving using drugs

Canton police arrested a 21-year-old Canton man for driving under the influence of drugs after making a traffic stop about 4:30 a.m. Friday on Haggerty, south of Cherry Hill, a police report said.

Police had been on patrol in the Meadowood Townhomes and spotted a gold van with no headlights. Police stopped the male driver, who was accompanied by a female passenger.

Police could detect the odor of marijuana coming from the van, a police report said, but the driver denied having any. He said his sister uses marijuana and sometimes drives his vehicle.

The driver told police he had taken Xanax, a prescription drug, and he failed sobriety tests after he was asked to get out of the car, the report

said. He was arrested for operating under the influence of drugs and, back at the police station, marijuana was found rolled up in his right pants pocket.

The suspect also had a counterfeit \$20 bill, the police report said.

Warrant arrest

Police arrested a 36-year-old Inkster man during a traffic stop after learning he had a warrant out for his arrest, a police report said.

Police were on patrol on westbound Michigan Avenue, near Canton Center, and saw a gold Plymouth Breeze with a defective brake light. Police ran a background check and learned the vehicle owner had a warrant for his arrest out of Oakland County for failing to comply with court orders there.

The traffic stop occurred about 9:25 a.m. Sunday.

The driver had his wife and two children with him. Police took the driver into custody and his wife arranged for someone to pick up her and the children.

- By Darrell Clem

PLYMOUTH CRIME WATCH

A fire, a warning

A Plymouth Township man was warned against having open fires early Monday after police spotted a blaze in his back yard.

It was about 1:30 a.m., a Plymouth Township Police Department report said, when an officer on patrol noticed a large fire in the back yard of a house on Schoolcraft Road and stopped to investigate.

The fire, fueled by pieces of furniture that appeared to be couches or recliners, was next to a tree and not far from a large wooden shed, the police report said.

The officer knocked at both the front and the back doors, but got no answer, the report said. The fire department was called and other officers arrived.

Then a man, later identified as a 25-year-old resident of the house, came outside, police said, and told police he had been told by the township to clean up his yard and thus was disposing of things in a fire. He began to extinguish the fire with water from a garden hose, police said.

The Plymouth Township Fire Department also arrived and warned the man against open burning, police said. The fire was put out.

Shoes swiped

A 56-year-old township man reported May 28 the theft of a \$100 pair of shoes from the front porch of his house on Andover Drive.

The man told police he'd ordered the shoes and that both the shoe company and the delivery company confirmed the delivery. The delivery had taken

place March 19, the man said, and the company had left the package on the porch.

Speeding, suspended

A 35-year-old woman was arrested and the car she was driving impounded after she was clocked driving 93 mph on westbound M-14 in the township early May 28.

Police said the driver had a suspended license.

An officer monitoring freeway traffic near Beck Road, shortly after 5 a.m., reported seeing the car westbound from Sheldon in the left lane and estimated its speed at 90 mph, a police report said. Radar put the speed at 93 mph, police said.

The officer made a traffic stop of the Dodge Journey and found the driver's license had been suspended. She

was arrested and later ticketed and released on a personal bond, police said.

Bad turn

A 40-year-old woman was arrested Friday after an officer saw her pull onto Ann Arbor Road in a Cadillac STS with too little room ahead of other traffic.

The woman, the officer's report said, turned from a private driveway in front of eastbound traffic, causing other drivers to slam on their brakes. The woman told the officer that she thought she'd had enough time to make the turn.

When the officer found the woman's license had been suspended, she was arrested and the Cadillac impounded.

- By Matt Jachman



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JOANNE MALISZEWSKI

Sisters Meagan (left) and Erica Eggenberger and friend Michael Samborski spent time looking at hundreds of photos taken over the years at Allen Elementary.



JOANNE MALISZEWSKI

Friday night's farewell bash for Allen Elementary was all about the kids.

Allen family says goodbye with big, fun time

By Joanne Maliszewski
Staff Writer

Sisters Erica and Meagan Eggenberger lived just down the street from Allen Elementary. Tracy White's kids live in Canton. But they all have one thing in common: Sadness that their elementary school will soon close.

"We did everything we could to keep it open," said White, whose older son will attend Eriksson next year. "The rationale used doesn't make a whole lot of sense."

Andrea Gerber, whose son Luke, 6, will attend Hulsing next year, is equally upset: "I am sad. We loved Allen."

In anticipation of the closing at the end of the academic year, the Allen PTO and staff Friday night hosted an all-out gathering with fun, games, coney dogs, cake and plenty of memories to share.

"This is our farewell to the kids," said PTO member Julie Montresor, who was selling Allen T-shirts. An all-school photo, in which students would be posed to spell Allen, was also planned.

In November 2014, the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education voted to close Allen. But a subsequent decision was made a few weeks ago to re-purpose the school as an early childhood learning center, with some classrooms for the Talented and Gifted program.

Notification of a waiting list for preschool and TAG enrollment for the coming academic year prompted the re-purposing plan, according to district administrators.

Because kids in the same grade at Allen will be split up between various schools next year, mom Erin Oberliesin said she is worried that her son Milo, 6, will lose his friends when this school year ends.

"I hate that the choice was taken away from us," she said. "All of this worries me. There are a lot of budget issues with the district."

While kids were out-



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Julie Gerger and Kyle, 3½, played in the sand while dad Randy and older brother Luke were checking out the bounce houses at Allen Elementary.



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Nolan Oberliesin, 3, under the watchful eye of his mom Erin, had the time of his life on a twisty slide at the Allen farewell party.

side playing and having fun, former students and teachers, as well as parents, were inside the school taking last looks at classrooms, photos spread across hallway walls and yearbooks stacked on tables.

"I am so heartbroken over this," said Erica Eggenberger, who attended Allen from 1996 to 2002.

Her sister Meagan shared her emotions: "I had a lot of awesome experiences here."

Looking through yearbooks and old photos were Arthur Bellingham and one of his sons, Anthony, 15. "All of my kids attended here," Bellingham said. "There's a whole lot of history here."

Anthony said what he remembers most about going to Allen are the teachers: "They were fun teachers."

Montresor and Gerber also spoke of the teachers and the principals, including Maureen Mol-

loy, Allen's current principal. "There was a sense of pride here. A sense of community. The principal (Molloy) built a community of respect with the kids. It was about learning, fun and respect," Gerber said.

In a farewell address on the Allen website <http://allen.pccs.k12.mi.us/>, Molloy said, "Our experiences with your children have been a gift and we will forever carry these memories in our hearts. On behalf of the Allen School staff, I would like to personally thank you for all that you have done and especially for giving us the opportunity to be teachers and mentors for your children."

It was pretty clear Friday night that parents and Allen students feel the same way about the staff. "No one wants it to close," Montresor said.

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Dominic White, 3, enjoyed the fun and games Friday night.

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Jan Alvarado and Tom Moore, who both attended Central Middle School from the sixth through the ninth grades, graduating in 1982, reunite at Saturday's event at Central, which is closing as a school after this school year.

A fond farewell: School's long history celebrated

By Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

Plymouth celebrated more than a century and a half of history Saturday as alumni, students, teachers and the community at large said goodbye to Central Middle School.

The massive brick building at Church and Main — which housed Plymouth High School from 1917-70 — is closing as a school this month, but people whose lives it touched attested Saturday to the lasting influence it had as they walked worn hallway and classroom floors, marveled at features that hadn't changed and reunited and reminisced with old friends.

Rachel Rose, who graduated from eighth grade at Central in 1996, traveled from Hilo, Hawaii, for the event.

"I just couldn't bear the thought of it shutting down as a school without seeing it one last time," said Rose, who works as a psychiatrist in a Veterans Affairs hospital.

Rose ticked off fond memories of Central: shop class ("I had no experience with shop and I just loved it"), painting a ceiling panel during eighth-grade art class and attending the GEMS (Girls Excel in Math and Science) program, which influenced her decision to become a doctor.

"This is really the foundation of who I am today," she said.

Rose, who attended the University of Michigan for both her bachelor's degree and her medical degree, said she got a quality education at Central and in the district.

'This was like family'

"I'm just very grateful that I grew up in a safe, insular place where I was able to learn," she said.

"I remember always feeling like I had a friend here," said Jan Alvarado of Ypsilanti, who attended Central from the sixth through the ninth grades, graduating in 1982. Alvarado is now a kindergarten teacher in Ann Arbor.

"This was like family," said Tom Moore of Commerce Township, a classmate of Alvarado, who works in automobile sales.

Jim McDowell's mem-



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A string quartet of siblings from the Michigan Philharmonic Youth Orchestra entertained the crowd during Saturday's celebration at Central Middle School. They are (from left) Mira, Rebekah, Amanda and Thomas Loescher.

ories go back even further — his Plymouth High School Class of 1949 had its 65th reunion last year. McDowell was one of the guests of honor in a nearly two-hour program emceed by Darrin Silvester, a 1990 Salem High School graduate and a civics teacher at Salem who specializes in Michigan and local history.

McDowell, a prominent athlete in high school, said he remembered a sense of belonging.

"We've been able to maintain that over the years," he said.

"This building has meant so much to so many people," said Alyce Krumm, a 2015 Canton High School graduate who represents the seventh generation in her family to attend Plymouth-Canton schools.

Silvester, speaking to a crowd in Central's cafeteria (a portion of the event planned for Kellogg Park was moved there because of rain), sketched the history of the property's use as a site for public education — dating back to 1853 — and specifically the early history of Plymouth High, which opened in 1884, burned down in a 1916 fire and was rebuilt, opening in 1917. Several additions since then have resulted in the complex known as Central today.

"This place offers us a microcosm of what we are," Silvester told the crowd. People in the Plymouth community always found a way to support each other, he said, and the school was



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Patricia Conery Dunlap, PHS Class of '43, shows off her varsity letter during the program Saturday in Central's cafeteria. She played basketball and softball. Next to her is Jim McDowell, Class of '49.



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One of the ceiling tiles that Central students typically painted during eighth-grade art class. This one, by a student from the Central Class of '90, has a "Peanuts" theme.

an embodiment of that characteristic.

Looking back — and ahead

Silvester also introduced the guests of honor, people who graduated from Plymouth High and went on to make a mark in the community.

They included Debra Good Madonna, Class of '69, who founded the

center and house a variety of arts and athletic organizations, many of which already use facilities at Central. The property was purchased from the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools district on PARC's behalf by Mark and Patty Malcolm of Plymouth and PARC will launch its programs later this month when it begins to offer swimming lessons and swimming sessions at the school.



COURTESY OF DARRIN SILVESTER

The Plymouth High School Class of 1886. Seated in the center is Blanche Starkweather, of the Starkweather family involved in the founding of Plymouth.



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The building at Church and Main in Plymouth, the oldest part of which dates from 1917, represents 162 years of public education on the site, dating to the first public school there in 1853.

first woman mayor in Michigan; and Mark LaPointe, Class of '69, a longtime coach at Central who retired last year.

Silvester also remembered Margaret Dunning, Class of '29, who was supposed to have been a featured guest, but who died unexpectedly May 17. Dunning, a businesswoman and philanthropist, helped build the Plymouth Historical Museum, among many other projects. A year ago, at age 103, she spoke to students at Salem, he said, and made a deep impression on them.

"Her memory is with us," Silvester said. Plans by a nonprofit called PARC, or Plymouth Arts and Recreation Complex, call for Central to be converted eventually into a community arts and cultural

"There's a tremendous history and connection to this community," Don Soenen, a chief PARC organizer, told the crowd. "Interest is phenomenal. You're going to see activity like you can't imagine."

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Local educator honored by Delta Kappa Gamma

Local educator Jodi Ring was honored May 13 as Delta Kappa Gamma's Woman of Distinction for 2015. This honor is bestowed on a woman who has shown outstanding leadership in the organization and community.

Past recipients of this award are: Esther Hulsing, Zana Taurianen, Judy Pavitt, Mary Childs, Carol Davis, Kate Otto, Luan Brownlee, Marian West, Barb Rodenberg, Mary Fritz, Judy Stone, Bev Brooks, Liz VanWestenburg, Joyce Deren, Gerry Dugan, Jane Libbing, Sandy Downs, Alice Chrenko, Barbara Marshall and Debbie Maloni.

Delta Kappa Gamma is a professional, interna-

tional organization of women who work in the education field. The society promotes the professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.

The local chapter, Gamma Gamma, is made up of teachers, paraprofessionals, counselors and administrators, retired and employed, from Plymouth, Canton, Westland, Chelsea, Northville, Livonia and Novi. The group's charge is to raise money for scholarships and grants, given to those in the education field.

The Plymouth Canton chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma has provided

more than \$100,000 of scholarship money during the last 30 years. Currently eight students are receiving funds as they pursue a degree in education. This is primarily done with an annual juried craft show held at East Middle School. This year's show is 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct 17.

Ring has a rich history in the community. She grew up in the Plymouth area, went through the Plymouth-Canton school system and taught in the district for 31 years. She still lives in the area with her husband Howard and is surrounded by her family and friends.

She is actively involved in the community,

working in the VA hospital, volunteering at Salvation Army, helping with mock interviews at MSU and spiritually leading middle school students at St. John Newman Catholic Church.

She is distinctive because of all of her hard work to make DKG a successfully run organization. She has a love for the history of our community and is proud of her connection with the Plymouth-Canton schools (first graduating class of Canton High). She has touched many lives in her career. We are proud to honor this wonderful woman.



—By Debbie Maloni Jodi Ring and her husband Howard.

Camp Blue Sky offers camp for kids with special needs

Kids with special needs can have the same camp experience as all children at Camp Blue Sky

Summertime can present challenges for families looking to give children with special needs the same summer camp experience that other children might have. Fortunately, a special camp serving southeast Michigan has set out to change that.

In partnership with the YMCA, Camp Blue Sky offers summer day camp for individuals with special needs, allowing them the opportunity to make new friends, explore the outdoors and develop independence. Modified for the individual needs of high-functioning special-needs campers, Camp Blue Sky encourages campers to try new things, but only if campers are comfortable doing so. Activities at camp include rock

wall climbing, zip lining, archery, outdoor exploration and more.

"This is an authentic summer camp program," said Darlene Garrison, director of Camp Blue Sky. "Many parents who have a child with special needs and a typical child usually have to send them to two different camps; here they get to send them to the same facility, but they get to have their own experiences."

Camp Blue Sky is a fully accredited camp with staff composed of educators that work with kids with special needs year round. Because it is licensed by the state of Michigan, Camp Blue Sky is able to work with many agencies and organizations to assist with funding for campers to come to camp.

Campers ages 7-16 attend summer day camp at the YMCA's Camp Ohiyesa in Holly, while

campers ages 17 and older experience the Travel Adult Adventure Camp, which is based at the Birmingham Family YMCA and is designed to provide a stimulating real-world experience with field trips all over metro Detroit.

"With our staff being para-educators and teachers, we are able to meet the needs of many different disabilities," Garrison said. "We do an in-home visit to get to know the camper and parent and for the parent and potential camper to get to know us. It gives the camper a connection before coming to camp and lets us know what accommodations may need to be put into place before arriving. Connections with our campers and families are very important to us."

For more information on Camp Blue Sky, go to www.campbluesky.net.

Michigan State Fair going high-tech with new mobile app

The Fifth Third Bank Michigan State Fair has forged a partnership with Marvel Apps of Royal Oak and its new free Carrot Pass mobile app for iPhone and Android.

The groundbreaking new product utilizes beacon technology to offer financial rewards for those who log various levels of steps at the fairgrounds. The Carrot Pass app beacons placed throughout the fairgrounds will be able to ping fair-goers with educational information about various exhibits at the state fair and send alerts when popular performances or elements of the fair are about to begin.

"We view this technology as a revolutionary opportunity to communicate with event patrons while they are on site enjoying the state fair," executive director Steve Masters said. "From the moment they arrive in the parking



area, we can share with them all of the exciting attractions happening in the moment, beginning with an invitation to purchase fair tickets through the Carrot Pass and enter through a designated gate that will allow them to bypass box office lines."

It can also offer fun and engaging background information about animals and exhibitors at the fair, as well as fair-ground map and navigation tools.

"We believe this is a terrific new way to help all who attend maximize their fun and enjoyment of the state fair and a very interesting new application of technology for all those who produce fairs, festivals and events across the nation," Masters said.

Complete information about the Fifth Third Bank Michigan State Fair is available at www.MichiganStateFairLLC.com.

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Vet contractor, review contract before starting any home improvement project

The other day, the doorbell rang and at my door was a well-dressed young man. He said he worked for a company that was working in my neighborhood, giving people bids for home improvement projects. Before he could go through his menu of services, I said no thanks.

Whether I was interested in any home improvement isn't the issue. The issue is would I trust just anyone working on a project in my home? The answer is no.

This is the time of year when many of us are doing home improvement projects. Whether it's general repairs due to



Rick Bloom
MONEY MATTERS

damage done this winter or making major upgrades, don't let just anyone walk into your home.

It is also the time of year when companies are offering to do all sorts of work. Don't get taken advantage of by fast-talking salespeople or companies that are just out to make a fast buck.

Before you do any home improvement projects, here are some basic rules to protect yourself:

» Be careful who you receive a bid from. Only get a bid from a contractor you've already vetted. Just because someone knocks on your door doesn't mean you should allow them to give you a bid. Receiving bids from companies that you've already determined are qualified and honorable makes it easier to review the bids.

Most people receive bids from a variety of companies and then tend to focus on price as the determining issue. Although price is important, make sure you're dealing with an honorable company.

Whether it's talking to family and friends, using

the Internet or going through the Better Business Bureau, it is important to deal with quality companies, not ones that are here today and gone tomorrow.

» Don't assume contracts are standard and that you don't have to read them. The reason you sign a contract is because it is legally binding and it is important. Take time to read the contract and make sure you understand its terms before you sign. In addition, don't assume just because something is printed it can't be changed. Just about all terms of a contract are subject to negotiation.

In addition, for those

who are doing major home improvement work, if you don't understand the contract, hire an attorney who can interpret it for you. It is important that you go into the contract with your eyes wide open and understanding the terms.

In regard to the terms of the contract, one thing I generally want in the agreement is a time frame for the project to be completed. If it is not completed on time, there should be some sort of penalty.

» Don't get oversold. Don't make the assumption that just because you're putting in a new bathroom means that your house will auto-

matically increase in value. It just doesn't work that way. Home improvement projects increase the quality of your life. Isn't that what's important?

We have all heard stories about the home improvement project that turned into a nightmare. The time you spend up front can save hours of frustration and aggravation.

Good luck.

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Resident named

Karen Willis of Canton has been named accounting manager at JRT of Farmington Hills.

Willis will oversee all accounting, billing, reporting and processing at the creative marketing services firm.

Prior to joining JRT, Willis worked as accounts receivable manager at a major advertising agency, overseeing all media and production billings, collections, audits and reporting for a large roster of clients. She also managed the finance department for 10 years,



Willis

establishing finance policies and procedures and implementing ERP software conversions.

Willis has a bachelor's degree in accounting from Walsh College.

New office

SVS Vision has opened its newest optical center at 41472 E. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth.

The new office is the first of several new locations scheduled to open before the end of the year. With the addition of the Plymouth office, SVS Vision will have 63 optical centers across the Midwest, with 43 locations in Michigan.

"We have an aggressive expansion plan," said Seok Chung, vice president of marketing at SVS Vision. "Our goal is to

have 100 optical centers in the next several years, with most of the new locations opening in Michigan. We will also be hiring new employees for our retail and manufacturing operations."

SVS Vision Optical Centers offer eye exams by licensed doctors of optometry and a large selection of frames, contact lenses and recently introduced their exclusive EyeDef Lens collection.

Grant apps accepted

Michigan's Metro West Chapter of Credit Unions is accepting grant applications from nonprofit organizations to support local community improvement activities. Grants of up to \$2,500 each must be used to

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benefit the communities of Wayne or Washtenaw counties. This year, the chapter will award a total of at least \$15,000.

Nonprofit organizations that wish to apply must complete an online application at <http://metrowest.mcul.org/2015-charity-grant-application> by June 15. Any questions may be emailed to metrowestchapter@umcu.org.

Grant recipients will be notified by July 31. Top recipients will be invited to attend and be recognized Aug. 20 at the Metro West Chapter charity golf outing.

The mission of the Metro West Chapter of Credit Unions is to support the educational needs, community improvement and political advocacy for credit unions in the Metro West Chapter.

Ribbon-cuttings

The Canton Chamber of Commerce will host ribbon-cuttings this month, including:

» A+ Dentistry, 47166 Michigan Avenue at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, June 13.
» Goldfish Swim School Of Canton, 225 Sheldon Road, at 3 p.m. Friday, June 19.

» Tilted Kilt of Canton, 42059 Ford Road, at noon Thursday, June 25.

Nominations open

Walsh College is accepting nominations for its new Succession Success Award, a recognition for family owned and operated businesses. The Walsh College Leadership Center, in partnership with DKSS CPAs + Advisors, is presenting this award through the Best of Michigan Business awards program.

Nominations are now open and must be submitted by Aug. 20. Nominate at <http://michbusiness.com/events/the-best-of-michbusiness-2015/nomination>.

The Succession Success Award honors family owned and operated businesses that have successfully transitioned leadership and ownership

from one generation to the next.

"Nominees should exhibit the tenacity, vision and love of their businesses to plan for the future and successfully transition toward it," said Jan Hubbard, Walsh Leadership Center director. "Family business transitions can be parent to child and it can also include nieces and nephews, cousins and other family relationships."

The Succession Success Award is one of several that will be presented at 5:30 p.m. Nov. 17 at the Best of #MichBiz event at the International Banquet Center in Detroit.

"This award recognizes the contributions that family businesses make to our community and economy," said Ursula Scroggs managing director, DKSS CPAs + Advisors.

The Family Firm Institute's most recent study shows that family businesses comprise 80 to 90 percent of all businesses in North America. These companies account for 60 percent of total U.S. employment, 78 percent of all new jobs and 65 percent of wages paid.

Canton pharmacist's license suspended

A Canton pharmacist's license to practice has been suspended by the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, or LARA, after he was convicted of felony charges.

Kartik P. Shah's troubles come after he was convicted in October in

U.S. District Court of one count of health care fraud conspiracy and one count of conspiracy to distribute controlled substances. LARA announced his suspension Monday.

Shah was sentenced to prison for 24 months and is facing deportation

after his release, LARA said.

He also was ordered to pay \$3.1 million in restitution, along with several co-defendants.

LARA issued an order summarily suspending Shah's license under after he was convicted of felony crimes.

Looking for something fun to do? Check out Plymouth this weekend

If you are looking for something to do, the city of Plymouth is serving up some fun this week.

On tap in the city are the following events:

» 6 p.m. Thursday, June 4: Run DownTown Plymouth, MI Walkers/Runners/Cyclist Group; start in Kellogg Park. For more information, go to www.rundtp.com or call 734-635-9046

» 7-10 p.m. Friday, June 5: Free concert — Music in the Air: Big Ray & The Motor City Kings. For more information, call 734-455-1453 or go to www.downtownplymouth.org

» 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, June 6: Plymouth Farmers Market at The Gathering downtown. Call 734-453-1540 or go to www.plymouthmich.org



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Unique graduation for these students

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By Amanda Ordaz
Correspondent

The alarm clock sounds at 5:30 a.m. By 5:50 a.m., high school students from The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints are at the church or home of their teacher to participate in a 50-minute course called seminary, a worldwide, four-year religious educational program for youth ages 14 through 18.

Eighteen high school seniors from Plymouth, Canton, Livonia, Northville and Riverview were awarded their certificate of completion at the Westland Stake Seminary Graduation held on Thursday, May 21, at the Westland Stake Center.

In seminary, students and their teachers meet each weekday during the school year to study scripture. The curriculum is organized in a sequential or chapter by chapter manner. Instruction concentrates on a different volume of scripture each year, rotating between four courses: Old Testament, New Testament, Book of Mormon and Doctrine and Covenants and Church History. By the time students graduate from seminary, they have completed the study of all of the standard works of scripture.

Sarina Burnside and Jesse Nelson, both of Canton, were two of the graduating seniors. They both agreed that waking up was the hardest thing to do, especially with late night bedtimes. However, they also agreed on the benefits of always being on time to school



MORGAN BEAUCHAMP

Students and teachers of the Westland Stake Institute of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints welcome new seminary graduates (back row, from left) Eric Mlynar of Canton, Sarina Burnside of Canton, Jesse Nelson of Canton, Masashi Burnside of Canton, Larry Budge of Plymouth and Morgan Beauchamp of Redford and (front row, from left) Angelisa Hassan of Canton, Mary Bertrand of Canton, Linda Budge of Plymouth and Isaac Shulan of Canton into their class.



MORGAN BEAUCHAMP

Brian and Yoshimi Burnside of Canton, pose with their four children. Two are seminary graduates and two currently attending. It will take eight years of early mornings before all of their children graduate from seminary.

and starting the day out right. While many of their fellow students fell asleep or arrived late for their first hour high school class, Sarina and Jesse had already been studying for an hour.

Kaitlyn Hall of Livonia is graduating from Churchill High School's CAPA program. She managed to fit seminary attendance and reading assignments into her busy schedule of after school and evening dance rehearsals that ended at 10 p.m. each night.

"I would pull up the

scriptures on my phone and read during silent reading in school or read right after school before dance practice," Hall said.

'Something you do'

Attending seminary is "just something you do," and it also helped her gain admission into Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah, a four-year college owned by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, where Hall will attend this fall.

"There were many

days I missed seminary and I could tell the difference," she said. "When I went to seminary, my day went better and smoother. Everyone is quiet at 6 a.m., as opposed to Sundays when everyone is excited to see each other. I was able to feel the Spirit in the morning and carry it with me throughout my day."

"My testimony grew and I was able to study the scriptures more than I would have on my own," Hall added.

Autumn Belt of Rockwood is one of the volunteer teachers from the local Church unit in Riverview. Her daughter, Jazlynn Belt, also graduated from seminary this year. Autumn has three children younger than Jazlynn, but was able to juggle getting everyone off to school and work when she arrived home from teaching at 7:10 a.m. each school day.

Dave Shultz of Livonia, currently teaches an early morning Seminary class of 15 students from Livonia, Redford, Far-

mington Hills and Garden City. His day begins at 4:40 a.m. so he can be out of the bathroom by 5 a.m. before his wife and high school-aged daughter take their turns. After breakfast and lunch making, they hold family prayer at 5:35 a.m. and are out the door by 5:40 a.m. in order to be ready for the students to arrive at the church at 5:50 a.m.

Shultz said "it's simply awesome" to be a Seminary teacher.

"Even as a Bishop I have never spent this much time with the youth of the church (not since I was one of them) and I love them so much," he said. "This is the most important, exciting, fun, scary time of their lives and I have a front row seat. I get to see 15 of the most amazing young people learn about the gospel. And that's what I care about. That's what makes me excited to get up and be there each morning."

When asked about challenges, he said that "every day there are things going on that have nothing to do with Seminary that find their way into our classroom."

"The challenge is getting enough focus from enough students for long enough to have the Spirit touch some of them enough to strengthen their testimony of the Savior and the gospel," he said. "And some days I'm better at it than I am on other days. Some days I despair of getting through to them at all. Other times it's fun because they're pretty darn good kids and they're a lot of fun."

'Greatest triumph'

He added that they sometimes start teaching each other, which is wonderful.

"The greatest triumph is when we all feel it," Shultz said. "There is

another presence in class and we all know what that is. On those days, no one wants to leave. I don't want to go to work and they don't want to go to school, because nothing we do for the rest of the day is going to be as sweet as what we have right there in that little classroom in the corner of the church."

Once they graduate from seminary, students are welcomed into the collegiate counterpart — institutes of religion. Both programs have a wider reach than almost any educational organization worldwide. Today the seminary and institute programs teach more than 700,000 students in more than 150 different countries.

Linda Budge of Plymouth, was a volunteer teacher for early morning seminary for seven years and currently teaches the Westland Stake institute class each Thursday evening. She agrees that teaching at 7:30 p.m. is easier than 6 a.m. and has noticed that college-age students have more input and experiences to share during class. It is a challenge, however, to recruit students to attend, because they are no longer under the direct guidance of their parents.

The institute is open to all young adults ages 18-30 interested in studying Jesus Christ and His teachings. It meets from 7:30-9 p.m. Thursdays at the Westland Stake Center 7575 Hix, north of Warren Road, Westland. For more information, contact Linda Budge at lindabudge@comcast.net.

The Westland Michigan Stake (a stake is similar to a diocese) of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints encompasses much of western Wayne, Monroe and parts of Oakland counties.

Annual Kite Festival flies to Lyon Township this weekend

By Diane Gale Andreassi
Staff Writer

It's a plane, it's a bird, no ... it's the Lyon Township Kite Festival.

Kites of all sizes, colors and price tags will dot the sky this weekend. The festival runs 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday. Launching originates at James F. Atchison Park behind township hall, but the kites will be seen by commuters from nearby Interstate 96 and sky gazers in communities near and far.

Renowned kite designer, retailer and manufacturer Jon Trennepohl, owner of Kites & Fun Things in Plymouth, will host kite flying professionals who will show off their crazy, far out and majestic kite designs and, more importantly, demonstrate their flying



Jon Trennepohl has been a kite enthusiast almost 30 years. He owns Kite & Fun Things in Plymouth.

techniques.

Detroit's popular Windjammers International Kite Team will show spectators choreographed performances with kites "dancing" to music.

The Detroit Drones will hold competitive quad copter races. Children will receive free kites they can decorate and fly that day. There will also be a magician, face painting exotic

animals, inflatables, music and games provided by Oakland County Parks. Several nonprofit organizations will have booths set up, as well.

Professional fliers will come from all over Michigan, Ohio and North Carolina.

Although the seventh annual event is free, Active Faith, an outreach center helping those in the South Lyon Community Schools district, is asking visitors to donate boxed breakfast cereal for the local food bank.

While Grand Haven holds the title of biggest

kite show in the state, organizers of the Lyon Township event are shooting for second place in the state rankings and definitely "the biggest in the metro Detroit area," Trennepohl said.

"Lyon's Kite Festival has grown every year," he said, adding that the event has drawn between 4,000 and 5,000 spectators. "The area has embraced this."

In his 27 years in the kite business, Trennepohl said, he has noticed a growing population of retired people getting involved in kite flying.

"And a lot of kite enthusiasts travel," he added. "I travel all over world doing shows to entertain people with kites and to try to promote kiting."

The Lyon Kite Festival is organized by the nonprofit Lyon Events Organization, which formed last year to run township events, including the kite festival, Summerfest in July and a new ethnic festival in August. Go to www.lyonevents.org for more.

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Nancy Conzelman
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OUR VIEW

Today's graduates are well-prepared for the future

One hundred years ago, not many people — even those richly successful — could say they were high school or college graduates. Today, it is not only an expected rite of passage for our younger generation as it marches toward adulthood, but a necessity for sustainable employment and a financially sound future.

Certainly, education — public and private — has also changed in the past 100 years, just as teens and young adults have changed. It's not enough to be able to read, write and do arithmetic. The world is complicated and education remains the best vehicle to maneuver today's society and changing job market.

And today's graduates know that. From the resumes of high school students, such as the *Observer & Eccentric's* Academic All-Stars, it is evident this younger generation — certainly more than their parents' era — is aware of, and prepared for, the competitive job market and the need for a thorough, high-tech education. According to the National



Center for Education Statistics, the younger generation's recognized need for education is clearly evident. In 2011-12, the national average for freshman high school students graduating within four years topped 81 percent. In 1990-91, that average was 74 percent.

Graduates of the Class of 2015 play a role in that national increase and demand for strong education that will arm them for the future. Pressure and stress have been a part of

these kids' educational lives. And they have done well and deserve a hearty congratulations and wishes for a strong future.

Our graduates are also part of that new generation that is more prepared for a global, high-tech economy than their parents' and grandparents' generations.

Say what you will about iPhones, texting, streaming and the like, this generation of high school and college gradu-

ates already has a strong grip on the changing world. Technology in all its forms is as common and adaptable as reading and writing was for their grandparents.

Today's graduates already know a general education is just the tip of the iceberg if they want good, sustainable jobs. A peek into graduates' plans show certainly a variety of career goals, but ones that are increasingly targeting engineering, medicine, physics, biology and all things science and math.

As this younger generation moves from high school to college, or college to career, it is armed not only with a willingness to learn, but a willingness to volunteer and to be involved in the society in which they plan to make a mark.

Graduates today know it's not enough to have good grades, but volunteerism and extracurricular activities are part of the map that leads to a good college education and a good career. These kids know probably better than past generations how to work strategi-

cally, what they need to know and how to plot a path to success.

According to Accenture, a global management consulting firm, 75 percent of those who graduated in 2014 took into account the availability of jobs in their field before deciding their major, compared to 70 percent of 2013 graduates and 65 percent of those in the Class of 2012.

Also according to Accenture, of the 13 percent of 2012 and 2013 grads who have been unemployed since graduation, 41 percent believe their job prospects would have been enhanced had they chosen a different major and 72 percent expect to go back to school within the next five years.

Politicians, statisticians and others in leadership roles will continue to debate the accuracy and usefulness of mandated tests, as well as the resulting roller-coaster scores. But parents, teachers and school administrators should take heart that today's graduates are well-prepared for their future.

LETTERS

Colbeck's road ideas not 'convoluted'

In response to James Huddleston of Canton's letter about "convoluted ideas" and Patrick Colbeck and his Merry Band for ideas on the roads, I would encourage Mr. Huddleston to do a little more reading. He claims any plan from the "band" will hurt the elderly, poor, middle class, schools and local government.

There was a state Senate bill, S.B. 1150, in December that would have required truck weights to be more in line with other states. Although Mr. Colbeck voted for this, the bill failed. Everyone talks about limiting truck weights, but nobody does anything about it.

Mr. Colbeck has been referenced in a Glenn Haegge column (published April 25, 2014) in an effort to spend more wisely the funds already dedicated to roads. This includes new hole patching equipment that will repair the hole cheaper and for a longer period of time. The DPW of Sterling Heights now uses it.

If cost-free ideas like these that are achieving better results are hurting these groups, Mr. Huddleston needs to take an accounting class.

Rob Duprey
Livonia

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Who will go to bat for state road tax?

Good question, but only because of the cowards in the GOP-controlled Legislature who required us to vote on this issue. This unnecessary vote and expense went down easily just two months ago.

The GOP-controlled House sneaked out of town before Christmas to avoid voting on the Senate-passed bill. Why? Because they lacked courage, are tax increased panicked and, foremost, because they are cowards.

We send these clown to Lansing to make tough decisions. If they are going to throw these decisions back to us, why do we even have them at all? More

importantly, why do we pay them if they are just going to avoid making decisions?

This Republican-controlled House has the audacity and arrogance to circumvent local control and push for legislation that forbids local communities from passing so-called living wages ordinances. Where communities have already done this, this legislation would forbid it.

This arrogance is simply avoidance of the No. 1 problem expressed by Michigan citizens over and over. The crumbling infrastructure of our roads and bridges. This cowardly neglect by our Legislature has caused death to citizens and business forced to use unsafe roads. People and business are leaving Michigan due to the deplorable conditions of our roads, allowed to deteriorate by the cowards in our Legislature.

When will this fact sink in? Legislate a permanent fix to our infrastructure now and quite avoiding this fact with frivolous legislative inaction.

Gerald Maxey
Farmington Hills

Thank you, Hiller's

I have shopped at Hiller's in downtown Northville for more than 26 years. We are devastated that our community is

losing a small, intimate market to a large national chain. We love the meat and seafood departments — what are we going to do without our Christmas beef tenderloins cut and tied to our order? We can find brands at Hiller's that are not available in large stores. We love the local business who showcase their products in Hiller's stores. We love the great service and the people who have served us. We are sad that these people will lose their jobs and have to reapply for them, probably losing seniority and cutting their pay.

I hope that the new employers are fair to these people. They should allow them to stay at their stores, if they wish. They should be integrated into the new union, but not cut their pay and benefits. And most of all, the new employers should do right by the people of Northville and other communities affected by this change. Hiller's has always supported community businesses. I will miss the coupons for pizza, dry cleaners and the other special offers on the back of the receipts, as well as support for the local schools and participation in community events. If the new employer finds ways to make the local people happy to shop in the new store, it will be well-rewarded by a suppor-

tive community. I hate it when the big machine with the big dollars signs gets its way. Goodbye, Hiller's, it was wonderful.

Emily Serafa Manschot
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Make cancer top state priority

Recently, I joined cancer patients, survivors and caregivers from across Michigan to urge the Legislature to make cancer a top state priority. I asked lawmakers to increase funding for comprehensive cancer control and the state's tobacco prevention and cessation programs.

Michigan's Comprehensive Cancer Control Program reduces the burden of cancer through early detection, better treatment and enhanced survivorship. But funding for the program dramatically decreased over the past decade. Increased state dollars would be used to promote cancer-control strategies supported by scientific experts and research, including the Michigan Cancer Registry.

By increasing funding for cancer control and tobacco prevention, we could see fewer cancer diagnoses and deaths in our state. So let's get moving.

Amanda Holm
Livonia

GUEST COLUMN

Trade pacts, income tax hurt U.S. economy

Understandably, Americans prefer paying less for the products they purchase, rather than paying more — the main reason foreign-made products have increasingly become more popular. Many products are primarily available from foreign manufacturers because these products come from countries with lower — in some cases, much lower — labor and materials costs. Trade agreements with foreign countries are to some extent responsible for this phenomenon.

Personal income taxes

In general, the problem with trade agreements is a lack of consideration of the U.S. income taxes, personal and corporate, in conjunction with the labor cost differentials. The labor involved in the manufacture of products made in the U.S. is subject to U.S. personal income taxes, while products manufactured in foreign countries are not.

Far more labor and materi-



Michael Hansel

GUEST COLUMNIST

als costs are incurred in the manufacture of products than there is in the distribution and sale of imported products. Let's consider the labor costs of Mexico and China (two of the major exporters to the U.S.), in comparison to the U.S.

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (Modified June 7, 2013), using the "U.S. hourly compensation costs of manufacturing employees," at a theoretical 100, comparatively, Mexico's is about 20 percent and China's is about 5 percent of U.S. costs. In addition, the U.S. imposes a personal income tax on all manufacturing employees.

If we assume a hypothetical situation — a U.S. worker paid \$25 per hour and paying an income tax rate of 25 percent (the tax rate commensurate

with that pay rate) equals \$6.25 income tax. A Mexican worker is paid about \$5 per hour, while someone in China is paid about \$1.25 per hour, in equivalent U.S. dollars. The U.S. employee pays more in U.S. income tax than a worker is paid, in either country.

With the costs of labor and materials not subject to U.S. income taxes for foreign-made products, U.S. policy not just benefits foreign countries economies because of the lower labor costs, but penalizes U.S. workers through the imposition of personal income taxes.

The U.S. Income Tax Code consists of 74,608 pages of regulations. It is impossible for an ordinary taxpayer to understand the complexities of these regulations, requiring many small businesses and individuals to utilize the services of an experienced income tax accountant. Key legislators have violated tax regulations because of their complexity.

The only way to resolve this imbalance is by eliminating all personal income taxes and replacing them with sales taxes. All products, regardless of the country of origin, would be subject to the same taxes as U.S. manufactured products. By eliminating all U.S. personal income taxes, assuming labor costs/wages remain the same, the actual costs to U.S. workers could be reduced as foreign products would come

under greater scrutiny, as they presently have a very definite cost advantage.

Corporate income taxes

Our corporate income tax is the highest of all industrialized countries at 39.1 percent; all U.S. competitor countries have a tax advantage. There are 14,767,419 fewer jobs today than there were in 2000, with a labor force participation rate of 62.7 percent, the lowest since 1977.

Nationally, there are one million fewer Chapter "C" corporations than there were in 1986. More small companies are going out of business than there are start-ups. Where have those jobs gone? Michigan, in particular, having experienced the bankruptcy of General Motors and Chrysler, recognizes companies and corporations need to generate profits or fail. No doubt, smaller and medium-sized companies and major corporations take into consideration the 39.1-percent corporate income tax burden in establishing product pricing.

Corporations are expected to be successful in order to prevent investor losses, to pay a dividend and, preferably, increase the company's value. Larger companies establish operations overseas, in order to grow or to be competitive. Multi-national corporations, U.S. corporations having operations in foreign countries, have to pay corporate income

taxes to the country where their operations are located, but must also pay U.S. corporate income taxes when they bring profits to the U.S., a double tax. For this reason, massive sums, billions of dollars, are parked overseas.

There are massive regulations in place, consisting of more than 270,000 pages, creating severe complexities of understanding and limiting the ability to have knowledge of all regulations. The cost impact is more than \$2 trillion in annual compliance costs. Legislators with business experience need to be involved in writing legislation and regulations, not attorneys or inexperienced bureaucrats with no experience in manufacturing or business.

Corporate income taxes should be eliminated; this would, in fact, reduce the costs of U.S. manufactured products and bring profits generated in foreign locations back to the U.S. This would create massive numbers of jobs in the U.S., as companies would have an incentive to invest in and create a growth environment, in the U.S.

There are agreements that could both benefit the U.S. population from a cost standpoint, but also increase employment, by eliminating onerous income taxes on U.S. workers and companies.

Michael Hansel is a Canton Township resident.

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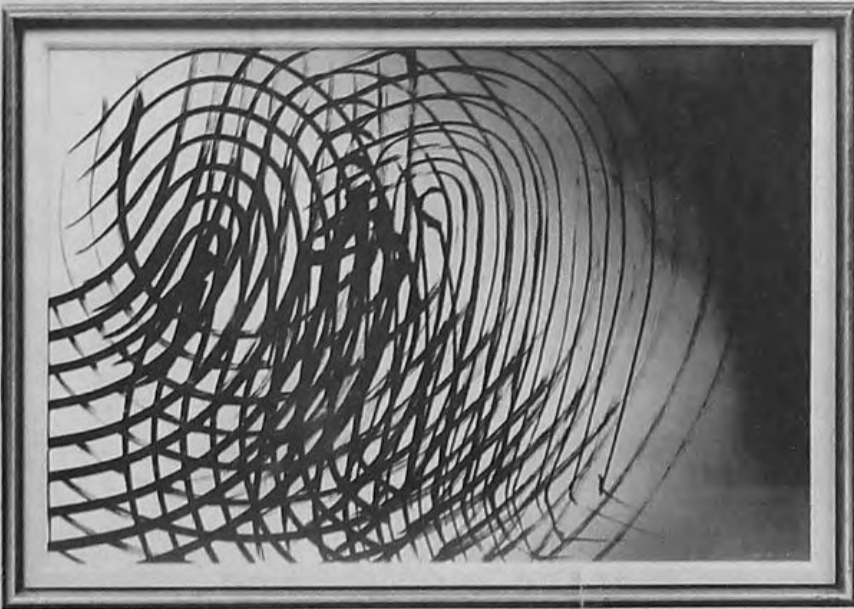
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DIVISION 1 BASEBALL

Wildcats win first district title

Strong pitching by Stella, Anthony lifts Plymouth to 2-1 victory over Rockets

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

When Plymouth senior first baseman Seth Hubbard fielded the ground ball and stepped on the bag for the final out of Monday's 2-1 win over Westland John Glenn, he was happily met by senior pitcher Kevin Anthony.

They then rushed over to the pitcher's mound, where they were joined by the rest of their delirious Wildcats teammates after closing out Ply-

mouth's first-ever Division 1 baseball district championship.

And over in the dugout, Plymouth head coach Jason Crain probably flicked away a bead or two of sweat — simply because the Rockets were a tough opponent to finish off.

"(Anthony) closed it up like a good senior does," Crain said. "He stepped up there, he threw strikes. He had to be a little tired after throwing on Saturday, but his pitch count was really low on Saturday.

"I asked him if he felt strong, he said he felt great. Sure enough, he came in and did the job."

Anthony started the sixth inning after junior pitcher Cameron Stella threw five strong ones, only giving up a run in the top of the sixth to slice Plymouth's lead to 2-1 (the Wildcats scratched runs across in the first and third innings).

Plymouth (27-12), which

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MICHAEL VASILNEK
Plymouth baseball players mob each other after winning Monday's Division 1 district championship, 2-1, over Westland John Glenn.

BOYS GOLF STATE FINALS LOOM



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Walking in unison to the next tee Tuesday at Fox Hills are Plymouth golfers (from left) Kyle Kozler, Connor Zydeck and Andrew Lloyd.

TEE-MWORK PAYS OFF

'Grind it out' approach helps Wildcats enjoy big season, on cusp of D1 state finals

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

When Dan Young took over as head coach of Plymouth's varsity boys golf team last season, he instilled "R-T-G" as the mantra to help overcome adversity.

Standing for "Routine-Target-Grind," the Wildcats indeed have parlayed that formula into major success in 2015. Plymouth, winner of its division, conference, district and regional (first since 2012), will go for the Division 1 state championship Friday and Saturday

at Ferris State's Katke Golf Course.

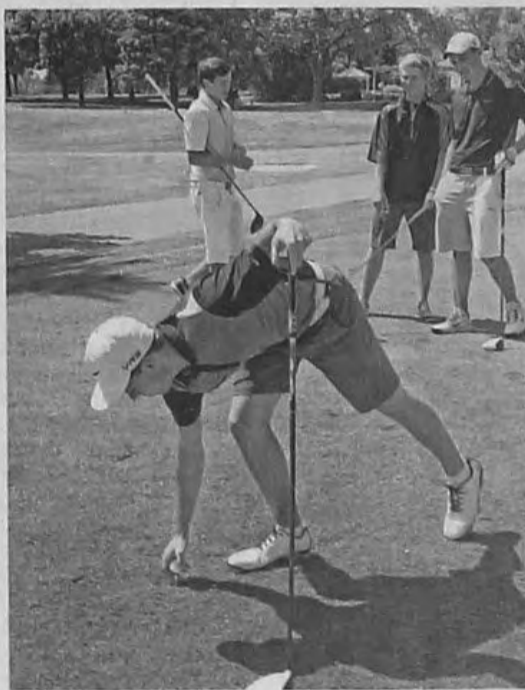
Sophomore Jack Boczar, who holds a 77 average, said R-T-G helps him block out anything that might get in the way of the next shot, the next par.

"You just got to focus on your routine, your target and grind it out," Boczar said before a Tuesday practice session at Fox Hills' Classic Course. "You can't think about anything else."

Concurring was junior Kyle Kozler, who has an average just over 77 despite missing his entire freshman season after a hockey injury.

"Last year, coach came in with R-T-G," Kozler said. "And that's just kind of getting in your rhythm, doing your own thing, making it

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While Kyle Kozler prepares to tee off, teammates (back, from left) Connor Zydeck, Jack Boczar and Andrew Lloyd watch.

D1 TRACK & FIELD

STATE CHAMP!

Canton's Meier first in girls shot put at D1 state finals

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Canton girls track and field throws coach Nia Henderson knew she had an elite talent on board in thrower Emily Meier.

So Henderson pushed Meier as far as possible since last summer with extensive drills, endurance training and work in the weight room.

"She had me practice almost every day during the summer, making me do drills and technique work, running and some weightlifting," Meier said. "We also did some away meets in West Virginia and Indiana to see how I was progressing."

"During the fall, she had me weight train like crazy, almost every day or every other day. She was slowly building up my endurance and my strength at the same time."

That extra work helped push Meier all the way to Rockford, where Saturday she won the Division 1 state championship in the girls shot put, with a first-place distance of 46 feet, 2 inches.

The senior also earned all-state honors with a second-place finish in the discus (133-0).

"Because of Nia Henderson and my dedication to win, that is why I was so successful this track season," Meier said. "I give big thanks to her for being a great coach and pushing me hard, because she knew I could be a champion if I put forth my best."

"Also, (head coach Alan)

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CANTON ATHLETICS

A stellar work ethic and desire to improve helped propel Canton's Emily Meier to a Division 1 state championship in the shot put.

DIVISION 1 SOFTBALL

MILLER TIME: Senior's home run caps Wildcats' district clincher

Plymouth defeats Salem for first softball district championship since 2010

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

When Plymouth came up to bat for the fifth inning of Monday's Division 1 softball district final against Salem, Wildcats head coach Lauren Delapaz had a request.

Her team was up 3-1, but in need of a couple of insurance runs. Delapaz simply asked for a couple of extra runs to help hold off the hungry Rocks.

Lo and behold, the first

batter in the inning, senior third baseman Brittney Miller, launched a home run over the center field fence. The host Wildcats added another in the inning on a clutch run-scoring single by senior catcher Rachael Ring (2-for-3).

That run turned out to be the last one of the afternoon as Plymouth (28-4) topped Salem 5-1 to advance to Saturday's D1 regional at Saline.

"Before we hit in the fifth inning, I said, 'I need two runs this inning, ladies. Make it happen for me,'" said Delapaz, whose first season as Plymouth coach has been a rousing success. "And Brittney Miller, one of my seniors, said, 'I'm going to make it easy, I'm going to

get one right off the bat.' "And that's what this team has done every step of the way. I've challenged them, my coaching staff and I, we've asked them to do things for us and they've exceeded all our expectations."

Happy to oblige

Miller, who went 2-for-4 against Salem freshman pitcher Maddy Rosiewicz, said coming through in that situation "felt pretty good. I liked starting the rally for my team. My team's always got my back. We ended up scoring two runs and that's exactly what our coach told us to do."

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Plymouth's varsity softball team hoists the Division 1 district trophy.

D1 DISTRICT SOCCER CHAMPIONSHIP

Red-hot Richmond sparks Chiefs, 2-1

Sophomore forward scores winner to give Chiefs D1 district title

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

In the moments immediately following a weather delay that lasted longer than most matches, Canton girls soccer coach Jeannine Reddy had one important message for her team.

"I told them you better go out there and make the wait worth it," Reddy said, smiling.

The Chiefs certainly did that.

With Saturday's Division 1 district championship game against Livonia Churchill deadlocked at 1-1 with 13:02 left in the second half, Canton sophomore forward Jennifer Richmond bolted up the right sideline with the ball before angling in toward the goal, which was left mostly unattended after Chargers keeper Brittney Hayes came out to challenge the attacking player, and kicked the ball inside the left post.

Churchill ramped up the pressure down the stretch, but couldn't get the equalizer in the Chiefs' 2-1 triumph.

Due to a lengthy pre-game thunder delay and a second Mother Nature-orchestrated intermission with 17:36 posted on the scoreboard, the championship trophy — covered with protective plastic to keep it dry from the steady rain — wasn't presented until close to 7 p.m., nearly five hours after the original starting time.

"We knew we had to come out fast after the delay and put them away if we could," said Richmond, who scored both



Canton's Nicole Doucet separates Churchill's Lauren Wynns from the ball during Saturday's district championship game.

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of Canton's goals in the May 28 semifinal victory over Plymouth and assisted on the Chiefs' first goal against Churchill.

"It felt pretty good when I saw it go in, because I knew there wasn't much time left and we'd probably be able to keep them from scoring."

Richmond said the Chiefs used the down time during the delay constructively while they waited as patiently as possible in the Westland John Glenn gymnasium.

"We did a few dynamic stretching exercises and a lot of team bonding," she said.

Once Richmond scored, Reddy said the Chiefs' team-wide strategy shifted.

"Everybody became a defender first at that

point," she said. "We kept our two top scorers, Jen and Hannah (Lapko) up top, but everybody else on the field had the mind-set of being a defender. We did a nice job after the goal to limit their chances."

With 7:10 left, Churchill's Alexis Lubonja delivered a textbook through ball up the middle of the pitch from near midfield. Chargers Sara Taylor and Lauren Wynns were on the verge of running onto the ball before Nicole Doucet cleared it out of harm's way.

The Chargers were awarded a corner kick with just under five minutes left, but it misfired into the side of the net.

Churchill's final opportunity unfolded at the

3:40 mark, when a well-struck shot by Taylor from the right side bounced just wide of the left post as Canton keeper Jordan Anheuser dove, both arms extended.

Chargers head coach Reid Friedrichs lobbied to the official that the ball was touched by Anheuser — which would have resulted in another corner kick — but the ref disagreed.

"I thought the girls played hard and they played well, we just had a little mistake back there on their goal — and mistakes happen after you come off a delay like that — and we got a little unlucky," he said.

"Overall, it was a great season. We had trouble scoring, but we fought through it. I thought the girls played as well as they could."

Canton's first goal

REGIONAL SEMIFINAL

Two quick goals by Canton senior Sarah Trapp held up Tuesday for the Chiefs as they defeated Dearborn, 2-0, in a Division 1 regional semifinal at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

Canton (13-5-3) now advances to face Saline — and offensive star Taylor Mulder, who has 40-some goals — at 6:30 p.m. Friday in the regional final.

"The first one was really quick. Chloe (Donlin) passed it up through, which was very insane," Trapp said. "And the next goal happened 30 seconds after the first. I was just determined to get it in."

Splitting the shutout for the Chiefs were goalkeepers Jordan Anheuser and Sarah Hammond.

"I'm excited in the direction we're going," Canton coach Jeannine Reddy said. "We're having a lot of fun, too."

— Tim Smith

came in the game's 19th minute, when Madison Archibald's corner kick deflected off Richmond's shoulder just feet from the net and right to Mary Galm, who toe-poked it home with her left foot.

That goal held up until there was 29:37 left in the second half, when Taylor touched home a ball in the middle of a scrum in front of the net following a Churchill corner kick.

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COLLEGE SIGNING

Saints bring Baechler into fold

Canton senior attackman signs to play men's lacrosse

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

There's no doubt Brocton Baechler's mom Julie gave him a glowing report about Siena Heights University after the Canton senior started pursuing opportunities to continue his lacrosse career after high school.

Julie (Tortora) Baechler was an NAIA All-America women's soccer player at Siena Heights, securing a spot in the Adrian college's Hall of Fame.

"My mom played soccer for them and I thought it would be good idea if I tried (Siena Heights) out," said the 18-year-old Baechler, a standout offensive performer for the Chiefs.

Baechler, who obviously liked what he saw during a subsequent visit to the campus, last week signed to play men's lacrosse for the Saints.

"I feel I'll fit in real good," Baechler said after a signing ceremony at Canton High School attended by his parents (Julie and Chiefs football coach Tim Baechler), other family members and Siena Heights men's lacrosse coach Ed Maloney. "I am really comfortable with the campus and I think I can play as a freshman."

Offensive catalyst

Maloney wanted to bring Baechler into the fold largely because he is a relentless attackman who happens to gain an extra edge by shooting left-handed.

"He's a goal scorer and goal scorers are always needed at our level," said Maloney, who started the Siena Heights men's lacrosse program in 2010. "He's a lefty, too, which gives him an advantage."

Baechler's prowess around the opposing goal, effectively playing pitch-and-catch with teammates such as junior attackman Carson Pakula, sparked Canton to a successful 2015 sea-



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Throughout his career with Canton's varsity boys lacrosse team, attackman Brocton Baechler has provided an offensive spark. He will look to do the same at Siena Heights.



TIM SMITH

Canton's Brocton Baechler shares a handshake with Ed Maloney, his future men's lacrosse coach at Siena Heights.

son. "What impressed me was his aggressiveness and with that came his dodging ability and goal scoring," Maloney said. "I'm excited to have him and I'm looking forward to having the opportunity to coach him."

The Chiefs finished 11-7, but did win the Park championship for having the best head-to-head record against campus rivals Plymouth and Salem.

Baechler, meanwhile, credited head coach Fred Karam and offensive coordinator Ruben Cabello for helping him raise his game to a higher level during his senior season.

He also said it was a plus to play "against a lot of good teams" with the Chiefs, helping prepare him for the faster pace of college lacrosse.

Maloney does not foresee any problems as far as Baechler making that adjustment.

"We expect him to contribute right away," Maloney said.

Meanwhile, Julie Baechler was beaming that her son will go to the same college where she was so successful.

"I think it's great, I love the fact he's going to keep the (Baechler-Siena Heights) tradition alive," she said. "He's attending a Catholic school, I love the environment and it seems very nurturing."

"It will be very exciting seeing him play there."

Other family members were thrilled about the signing, too.

On hand for the ceremony, in addition to parents Julie and Tim, were younger brother Lou, grandmother Mary Catherine Tortora, uncle Patrick Tortora and Amy Abraham, Julie Baechler's sister.

"I can't wait," Brocton Baechler said. "I like (the campus) a lot. It's not too big, not too small and it's in a very nice area."

"One of my main goals is to make a difference and help the team."

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Top swimmers, divers earn all-area honors

FIRST TEAM Alex Lee, 200 free, Stevenson: Lee was the KLA A Kensington Conference champion in the 200 freestyle. Lee also contributed several strong performances for the Spartans in the 50 and 100 freestyle events as well and was a member of the team's all-state 200 freestyle team. Next year, Lee will attend Kalamazoo College, where he intends to swim.

"Alex was one of our senior captains and will be very hard to replace next year," Stevenson coach Jeff Shoemaker said. "He was very successful this season."
Keith Erichsen, 200 IM, N. Farmington: Erichsen was a key contributor to the North program from the first day he set foot in the pool as a freshman, according to coach Mike Harfoot.

A straight-A student, Erichsen will continue his swim career and studies at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland.

At the Division 2 state meet, Erichsen placed 14th in the 200 IM (1:59.49) and fifth in the 500 freestyle (4:44.62). Both were lifetime best swims.

He was second in the IM and third in the 500 at the OAA White Division championship meet. Erichsen also was part of the 400 freestyle relay team that set a school record last year.

"Keith is one of the hardest-working swimmers I've ever coached," Harfoot said. "He got the maximum effort out of his abilities. He pushed himself every single day to get better."

"He was our leader by example. He doesn't say a lot, but he goes to work every day and sets the tone for our practice. I would post the workout and let the kids do what they needed to do. Keith would lead it and show how it was supposed to be done."

"What stands out with Keith is his work ethic. It was fun to watch him practice, because he worked so hard. He was always trying to find some way to improve himself in the water. He was the same way in the classroom, too."

Matt Morgott, 50 free, N. Farmington: Morgott was a four-year swimmer and key member of the North team throughout his high school career, too.

His specialty is the 50 freestyle. He finished 12th in the Division 2 state meet, swimming 22.13 in the final and a career best of 21.95 in the prelim.

Morgott, who also is a pole vaulter in the spring season, placed fourth in the 50 at the OAA White Division meet. He and Erichsen are academic All-Americans. Morgott will attend the University of Michigan.

"Matt Morgott is a high school sprinter," Harfoot said. "If I could draw up a sprinter, it would be Matt Morgott. He's always looking to race. If there's a race, you're going to get his best effort every single time."

"If it's a close meet, I know Matt is going to be right there in the middle of the race. The 100 (free) is a distance event for him. If he could swim four 50 freestyles in a dual meet, he'd be in heaven."

"He loves sprinting and is very good at it. He was on two All-American relays in his time here at North. He scored at the state meet for the first time this year. It was great for him to be able to do that individually."

Ethan Burke, diving, Churchill: Burke was a force on the board for the Chargers, placing first at the Wayne Invitational, the Wayne County Meet (with a meet-record performance), the KLA A South Division Meet and the Kensington Conference Meet. He also placed fourth at the Division 1 regional and eighth at the Division 1 state meet, earning him all-state honors.

"Ethan was chosen our team's MVP for the 2014-15 season," Churchill coach Jim Sells said. "He is successful because he works extremely hard and makes it fun."

Ben Yang, 100 fly, Plymouth: The fourth-year varsity swimmer, scholar-athlete and captain was the epitome of consistency and excellence for the Wildcats in his senior season.

Yang was part of the 200 medley relay that qualified for states, but he also excelled in individual events such as the 100 butterfly.

His time of 55.40 in that event was third among Observerland performers this season.

"As a second year captain, Ben helped with the leadership of our younger swimmers, especially in his off-strokes of butterfly and backstroke," Plymouth coach Kenn Forbes said.

Yang will attend Duke University after graduating with honors.

Jackson O'Dowd, 100 free, Stevenson: O'Dowd, a junior, cemented multiple all-state honors by placing third in both the 50- and 100-yard freestyle events at the Division 1 state meet as he led the Spartans to a ninth-place finish (86 points). O'Dowd also anchored both of the Spartans' state-qualifying freestyle relay teams.

"Jackson is very powerful, very strong," Shoemaker said. "He has a competitive edge to him. He doesn't like to lose, which is something that makes him one of the premier swimmers in the state and the nation, for that matter."

"We've set some very high goals for Jackson for next year and there's no reason why he can't achieve them. Most years, the times he put up this year (at the Division 1 state meet) would have won."

Matt LaPorte, 500 free, Stevenson: The senior earned the distinction of being one of the best endurance swimmers in the state by placing eighth in the 500 freestyle at the Division 1 state meet with a time of 4:42.77.

"Through hard work, Matt has been able to consistently not get tired and increase his speed over and over," Shoemaker said. "He's a seven-days-a-week swimmer, so he's earned his success."

Brendan Wellman, 100 back, Salem: The hard-working senior capped off an excellent four-year career for the Rocks.

Wellman, named the team's Most Valuable Senior Swimmer, placed 15th in the 100 backstroke at the D1 state meet with a time of 54.07 after tallying a 54.02 at prelims. He also qualified as part of the 200 medley and 400 free relay teams.

His season's best of 54.02 in the 100 back was best among swimmers in the Observer coverage area.

Owner of a 3.4 GPA, he also demonstrated consistency all season, earning all-conference honors in the 100 back, 100 butterfly and 200 medley relay.

"Brendan had a very successful finish to his four years at Salem," Salem coach Chuck Olson said.

Kevin Taylor, 100 breast, Churchill: Taylor placed in the top eight at the KLA A Kensington Conference Meet in the 200 individual medley (sixth) and the 100 breaststroke (eighth). He won the 500 freestyle event at the KLA A South Division meet and placed second in the 200 freestyle.

"This year, Kevin made major improvement from last year's times," Churchill coach Jim Sells said. "He swam all of the events for us and did a great job to help the team. There are two things that describe Kevin Taylor: dedicated and hard worker. He is successful because he comes to practice every day with his goals and works hard to achieve those goals."

FIRST RELAYS 200 medley, Plymouth: The Wildcats' quartet of Ben Yang, Garrett Beauprez, Ryan Heinze and Michael Wischer was outstanding all season, boasting the area's top time (1:40.01).

That was registered at the Eastern Michigan University-hosted D1 state meet, where the tandem placed 19th overall. It also set a new Plymouth record.

The Michigan State-bound Heinze is a fourth-year varsity and state team member, as well as a captain and scholar-athlete.

"As an important keystone in our sprinter group and all-around valuable asset and leader, he held five school records this fall," Forbes said.

200 freestyle, Stevenson: The quartet of Adam Goeddeke, Lee, Parker Wasielewski and O'Dowd earned all-state honors.

"This relay ended up as a big surprise and finisher at this year's state meet," Shoemaker said. "We only have to replace one member of this relay for next year. With that being said, we are hoping for some of the same success this one ended with."

400 freestyle, Stevenson: The foursome of Lee, Goeddeke, LaPorte and Jackson O'Dowd enjoyed an outstanding season.

"Under the pressure of the Stevenson's tradition of scoring a last relay for the last 12 state meets, these four performed tremendously," Shoemaker said. "These four boys kept up the excellent swimming tradition at Stevenson. We will have to replace half of this relay, so this program will have its work cut out for it."

SECOND TEAM Charles Liu, 200 free, Salem: The talented and versatile junior qualified for the Division 1 state meet in the 200 free, 200 IM and 200 and 400 free relays.

At EMU, he placed 42nd at prelims with a time of 1:50.21. His best time of the season was 1:48.02. Liu, who carries a 4.0 grade-point average, was named the team's Most Valuable Junior Swimmer and earned a spot on the all-Kensington team.

"Charles has been the swimmer that whatever the stroke or the distance the team and coaches felt confident in his effort and results," Olson said.

Gerard Niermann, 200 IM, Canton: It was a strong season for the junior, who qualified for the Division 1 state meet in three individual events.

His best showing at EMU was in the 200 IM, where he placed 25th with a time of 2:01.84. In the 100 free, he came in 28th (48.79).

Niermann's top performance of the season in the 200 IM was 2:00.93.

"Gerard is a very hard worker," Canton coach Dave Le said. "He was extremely focused this year and set his sights on qualifying for state meet. He accomplished that and exceeded his goal by qualifying in three individual events. His drive was the inspiration for many of the younger swimmers."

Michael Wischer, 50 free, Plymouth: After a splendid freshman season, Wischer was a sophomore standout for the Wildcats.

He made the D1 state team for the second year in a row on relays and qualified in the 50 free for the first time.

In the latter event, Wischer's time of 22.26 broke the school record set by Ryan Heinze. That was good for 25th at prelims.

"Training with our powerful seniors, Ryan Heinze and Brandon Burger, helped push him (and them) to the best of their abilities," Forbes said.

Jordan Groves, diving, Plymouth: What an impact newcomer Groves made on the Wildcats, progressing from novice to state qualifier — where he finished 34th with 289.05 points, second best among Observerland divers.

Forbes credited hard work by Groves, training with first-year diving coach Carla McNamara. "Having no experience in the sport, it was quite a nice surprise to see how far he progressed," Forbes said.

"Nearly breaking our school records in his inaugural season, he is a valuable and exciting part of this team and the sport of diving."

Groves still has his junior and senior seasons to continue working with McNamara and hopefully climb the charts at the 2016 and 2017 state meets.

Parker Wasielewski, 100 fly, Stevenson: only a freshman, Wasielewski was outstanding in the backstroke and butterfly for the Spartans. He also contributed to the team's sprint freestyle events in addition to serving on the all-state 200-yard freestyle relay team.

"Parker had a very successful freshman year swimming for Stevenson," Shoemaker said. "Parker has devoted himself to just swimming and we are expecting some exciting things from him in the next three years. I would think his name will be on the record board at Stevenson along with many other pools around the area."

Daniel Mullen, 100 free, Canton: Canton broke in yet another talented freshman as Mullen made an immediate impact on the Chiefs' lineup.

He qualified in the 100 free and 200 free, finishing 31st (49.0 flat) and 28th (1:48.02), respectively.

Mullen's best time of the season was 48.77, good for second place among all swimmers in the Observer coverage area.

"Daniel is a competitor," Le said. "He was very open to fine-tuning his strokes to improve and it paid off at the end of the season by him qualifying for state meet in two individual events. I look forward to seeing what he can do in the next few years."

Phillip Collingwood, 500 free, Salem: The future is bright for the Rocks thanks to having outstanding sophomore swimmers such as Collingwood.

He qualified for the D1 state meet in the 500 free and placed 21st with a time of 4:51.01, which was his season's best. He also made the cut in the 200 and 400 free relays.

Holder of a 3.9 GPA, Collingwood made the all-conference team and was named Salem's Most Valuable Sophomore Swimmer for his efforts.

"Phillip made great strides in becoming a leader in practice and competing at any event that would help in team success," Olson said.

Seth Fleming, 100 back, Farm. Unified: Only a sophomore, Fleming has a lot upside to his potential. He has been a key contributor to the Phoenix team for two seasons.

In his specialty, Fleming has one of the area's best backstroke times at 56.33. That placed him third in the OAA White Division meet.

He just missed a state cut in that event and also was fourth in the division in the IM (2:07.53). "Seth was a big part of our team this year," Unified coach Brian McNeff said.

"He came into the season with some high goals for himself and he did everything he could to reach those goals. He was our top point scorer in meets and was our top performer in practice."

"It seemed like he never took a set off in practice and just worked as hard as he could all season long. Seth was someone we could count on to score big points for us in meets."

"There were a couple times when I would have to move him around from event to event to match up with the other team's top swimmer. He always responded for us and usually came out on top in those situations."

"He is going to be a great swimmer for this team for the next couple of years."

Garrett Beauprez, 100 breast, Plymouth: The third-year varsity swimmer and junior captain could have made the all-area team in any of numerous events.

In the 100 breaststroke, Beauprez was second best in the area with his season's best of 1:03.88.

The scholar-athlete also set a new school record in the 200 freestyle (1:48.45) and was part of the state-qualifying 200 medley and 400 free relay teams that also set school marks with times of 1:40.01 and 3:19.99, respectively.

"Though capable of swimming any event well, his strengths lay with middle distance and IM," Forbes said.

2015 ALL-AREA BOYS SWIMMING & DIVING

200 freestyle: 1. Alex Lee, Stevenson; 2. Charles Liu, N. Farmington; 3. Keith Erichsen, N. Farmington; 4. Gerard Niermann, Canton.

50 freestyle: 1. Matt Morgott, N. Farmington; 2. Michael Wischer, Plymouth; 3. Phillip Collingwood, Salem; 4. Ethan Burke, Churchill; 5. Jordan Groves, Plymouth.

100 butterfly: 1. Ben Yang, Plymouth; 2. Parker Wasielewski, Stevenson; 3. Daniel Mullen, Canton; 4. Kevin Taylor, Churchill; 5. Garrett Beauprez, Plymouth.

100 backstroke: 1. Seth Fleming, Farmington Unified; 2. Ryan Heinze, Stevenson; 3. Ryan Heinze, Stevenson; 4. Michael Wischer, Plymouth; 5. Brandon Burger, Aniketh Visai, Plymouth.

100 breaststroke: 1. Garrett Beauprez, Plymouth; 2. Ryan Heinze, Stevenson; 3. Ryan Heinze, Stevenson; 4. Michael Wischer, Plymouth; 5. Brandon Burger, Aniketh Visai, Plymouth.

200 medley: 1. Ben Yang, Plymouth; 2. Ryan Heinze, Stevenson; 3. Ryan Heinze, Stevenson; 4. Michael Wischer, Plymouth; 5. Brandon Burger, Aniketh Visai, Plymouth.

400 freestyle: 1. Stevenson (Adam Goeddeke, Alex Lee, Parker Wasielewski, Jackson O'Dowd); 2. Plymouth (Ryan Heinze, Brandon Burger, Aniketh Visai, Michael Wischer).

500 freestyle: 1. Stevenson (Alex Lee, Adam Goeddeke, Matt LaPorte, Jackson O'Dowd); 2. Plymouth (Ryan Heinze, Bronson Knowles, Aniketh Visai, Garrett Beauprez).

200 freestyle, Plymouth: Another strong relay all year for the Wildcats was this one, composed of Ryan Heinze, Brandon Burger, Aniketh Visai and Michael Wischer.

The unit qualified for the state meet, where it finished 24th with a time of 1:30.66.

That mark ranked second among all Observerland 200 free relays and set a new Plymouth school record.

Burger was a key contributor to several events as well as being a fourth-year varsity member and senior captain. He graduated with honors and will attend Washington University of St. Louis.

"He was an important part of our relays and sprinting core," Forbes said.

Visai was a standout in his third varsity season and brings exceptional leadership and work ethic. The scholar-athlete will be one of the team's senior captains in 2015-16.

"He will be bringing his work ethic and leadership to the forefront," Forbes said. "It was an especially great year for him showing his power and speed in all events."

Ethan Burke Churchill

Kevin Taylor 100

Gerard Niermann Canton

Daniel Mullen Canton

Patrick Casey Salem

Bronson Knowles Plymouth

BASEBALL

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tied a school record for victories (equaling the mark first set in 2012), got on the board in the first when Andrew Hejka walked and scored on a base hit by Pete Carravallah.

The Wildcats padded the lead to 2-0 in the third. Hubbard's fielder's choice brought home Carravallah, who had his second hit of the game.

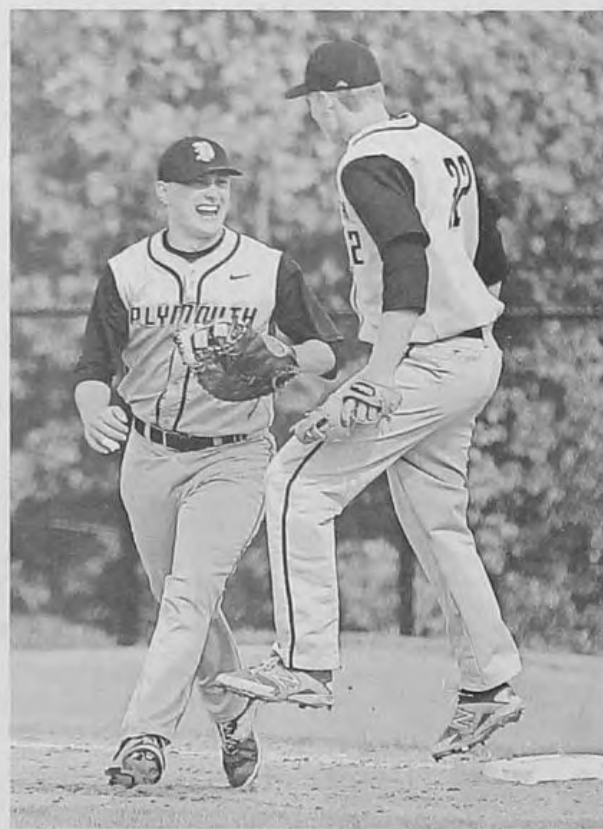
John Glenn (18-17) sliced that edge to 2-1 in the fifth and had the bases loaded in the sixth, threatening to tie or take the lead. But Anthony, who blanked Livonia Churchill in Saturday's rain-shortened district semifinal, gutted it out.

Pumped up

Anthony then threw a 1-2-3 seventh to close out the historic victory.

"I definitely was pumped up and ready to get this done and get this district title," Anthony said. "It's the best feeling, to be playing with all the guys I've been playing with since I was 9 and before that. It's the greatest feeling, outstanding."

According to Stella, he knew he would give his team a chance to win by staying ahead in the



Plymouth seniors Seth Hubbard (left) and Kevin Anthony celebrate Monday after first baseman Hubbard makes the final out in the Wildcats' 2-1 win over Westland John Glenn. The victory gave Plymouth its first baseball district championship.

count. For the most part, that's what he did.

"I feel like I did well, first-pitch strikes were definitely a big factor in today's game," Stella said. "We just focus on staying strong and just

calming down and getting it over the plate, hoping for the best."

The Stella-Anthony combo barely out-dueled John Glenn freshman pitcher Brian Martin, who gave up just four



MICHAEL VASILNEK

Rushing over to join their teammates to celebrate the district championship are Plymouth's Seth Hubbard (left) and Kevin Anthony.

hits. In addition to Carravallah (two hits), the only other Plymouth hits were by Hejka and Josh Sulak.

"Their pitcher, complete credit to that kid," Crain said. "He's a freshman and he pitched a great ballgame. No pitcher should lose a 2-1 baseball game, but fortunately we got a run more than they did."

Rockets head coach Lawrence Scheffer

tipped his cap to the Wildcats, but also praised Martin and the rest of his own team.

"We beat two good teams (in the Plymouth High School-hosted district) and we had our chances to beat Plymouth," Scheffer said.

"Hats off to Plymouth and I'm proud of all my seniors. They didn't expect the John Glenn Rockets to come through to win the pre-district

(against Canton), beat Salem and be in the championship game. I'm pretty proud of my guys."

Scheffer added that Martin's "been a work-horse all year for us, I'm very proud of him as a freshman pitcher. The way he throws the ball he looks like a junior or senior out there, but he just turned 15. So he's going to be a dandy."

Plymouth will advance to Saturday's Saline regional, facing the Hornets at 10 a.m. in the first game of the day.

"It's a great team; we're going to have to play our best game to have a chance," Crain said about Saline. "But I'm excited to have the opportunity."

As for the Wildcats, second-year coach Crain said the program is starting to gain some traction.

"The seniors are building something great here, back-to-back seasons," Crain said. "They won 25 ballgames last year and this year 27. They got a division and a district.

"It's just credit to them, they stepped up. They're building the program. We're just here helping them along, but it's the boys that are doing all the work."

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Plymouth senior Brittney Miller high-fives coach Lauren Delapaz after hitting a home run during Monday's district final.

BOYS SWIM BEST PERFORMANCES

200 MEDLEY RELAY

Plymouth 1:40.01
Salem 1:40.96
Livonia Stevenson 1:41.18
North Farmington 1:43.28
Canton 1:46.48

200 FREESTYLE

Jackson O'Dowd (Stevenson) 1:43.57
Matt LaPorte (Stevenson) 1:45.61
Alex Lee (Stevenson) 1:45.06
Gerard Niermann (Canton) 1:47.44
Daniel Mullen (Canton) 1:47.80
Charles Liu (Salem) 1:48.02
Garrett Beaufrez (Plymouth) 1:48.45

100 BUTTERFLY

Jackson O'Dowd (Stevenson) 52.73
Brendan Wellman (Salem) 54.11
Ben Yang (Plymouth) 55.40
Parker Wasielewski (Stevenson) 56.18
Austin Abro (N. Farmington) 56.67
Collin Urbacewski (Salem) 57.05
Tristen Shao (Canton) 57.65
Jake Cason (Plymouth) 57.77
Austin Klotz (Franklin) 57.80
Nur Duarte (Farm. Unified) 58.09

100 FREESTYLE

Jackson O'Dowd (Stevenson) 45.14
Daniel Mullen (Canton) 48.77
Gerard Niermann (Canton) 48.79
Alex Lee (Stevenson) 48.91
Ryan Heinze (Plymouth) 49.34
Charles Liu (Salem) 49.79
Noah Karson (Wayne) 50.19
Trevor Franklin (Farm. Unified) 50.30
Matt Morgott (N. Farmington) 50.34
Adam Goeddeke (Stevenson) 50.61

500 FREESTYLE

Matt LaPorte (Stevenson) 4:41.85
Keith Erichsen (N. Farmington) 4:44.62
Phillip Collingwood (Salem) 4:51.01
Garrett Beaufrez (Plymouth) 4:57.63
Alex Lee (Stevenson) 4:58.54

ONE-METER DIVING

Ethan Burke (Churchill) 478.80
Jordan Groves (Plymouth) 289.05
Patrick Holton (Churchill) 273.70
Eli Weil (N. Farmington) 271.40
Justin Wozniak (John Glenn) 267.55
Michael Falzon (Salem) 263.15
Kevin Tarta (Churchill) 258.50
Calvin Rogers (Plymouth) 234.75
Sean Linden (John Glenn) 233.25
Andrew Saltzman (Churchill) 229.40

100 BACKSTROKE

Brendan Wellman (Salem) 54.02
Ben Yang (Plymouth) 55.51
Seth Fleming (Farm. Unified) 56.33
Parker Wasielewski (Stevenson) 56.38
Patrick Casey (Salem) 56.69
Adam Goeddeke (Stevenson) 58.64
Tristen Shao (Canton) 59.57
Ethan Drouillard (Wayne) 59.65
Aniketh Visai (Plymouth) 1:00.19
Colin Ward (Farm. Unified) 1:00.72

100 BRESTSTROKE

Kevin Taylor (Churchill) 1:03.33
Garrett Beaufrez (Plymouth) 1:03.88
Kyle Reppenhausen (Churchill) 1:04.39
Brian Smith (Stevenson) 1:04.46
Max Greenbaum (N. Farmington) 1:05.07
Aniketh Visai (Plymouth) 1:05.17
David Schmall (N. Farmington) 1:05.50
Bronson Knowles (Plymouth) 1:05.93
Richard Ling (Canton) 1:08.27
Nicholas Landon (Salem) 1:08.52

400 FREESTYLE RELAY

Livonia Stevenson 3:12.65
Plymouth 3:19.99
Salem 3:21.65
Canton 3:22.28
Farmington Unified 3:25.84

SOFTBALL

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She then smiled about finally being part of a district championship. The last time the Wildcats advanced to the regional was in 2010, two seasons before Miller and Mikayela Marciniak (both going on to Oakland University next year) joined the Plymouth varsity as freshmen.

Marciniak also had a big day, doubling and scoring a run in Plymouth's three-run third, which helped erase Salem's early 1-0 lead.

The seniors had their moments, but so did Plymouth's stellar young core.

Pitching a complete game for the Wildcats was Jenny Bressler, one of Plymouth's "freshman trio" along with Whitney Holden and Jessica Tucci.

Bressler gave up a run in the first inning when Emily Stewart singled to center to score Morgan Overaitis (3-for-4). But after that, Bressler scattered five singles and a double by Katie Hiltz (2-for-3). She struck out seven.

The Wildcats got their offense untracked in the third inning, jump-started by Rachel Zerna's triple over the head of Salem left fielder Stewart. Zerna went 2-for-4.

A sacrifice fly by Bressler evened the score at 1-1 and Marciniak followed with a double to right. Miller singled and Holden (3-for-3) sliced a two-run hit to right to make it 3-1.

Strong defense by the Wildcats helped Bressler keep the Rocks' offense in check.

In the third, with the Rocks still up by a run,



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Leaping in vain for Brittney Miller's homer is Salem center fielder Jamie Squires.

Plymouth left fielder Holden glided into foul territory to make a sliding grab against the inning's first batter (Caroline Miller, 1-for-4).

That turned out to be a crucial defensive play, because Overaitis and catcher Kara Hutchison both followed with a base hit to put two on with one out.

Stewart then hit a hard grounder to Marciniak at second base. The Plymouth infielder tagged Hutchison and fired to first baseman Mikayla Rose for the double play.

"I have a whole lot of confidence," Bressler said about her defense. "I know they're going to make the plays when they need to."

Bright future

Despite the outcome, Salem head coach Bonnie Southerland said her team had a standout season and will be back to take the next step in 2016.

"We've had a great season," Southerland said. "I'm very proud of my girls; 27-11 is phenomenal. We're young and we're going to come back next year with both barrels."

Southerland lamented not hitting Bressler as well as she thought her

players might be able to, but she credited the Wildcats for the victory.

"We knew coming into this that Plymouth's a really good team," Southerland said. "They won our conference, they've got some really good hitters on that team. ... I have one senior, they have five or six seniors. I'm excited to see what happens after this."

"But I wish Plymouth the best of luck in regionals. I think they're going to do really good."

Salem's lone senior, third baseman Maranda Armstead, gave it up to the Wildcats.

"We know how strong they are at the bat, we just couldn't match it today," Armstead said. "Sometimes the bear gets you, sometimes you get the bear. Today, it just wasn't our day."

Yet Armstead echoed Southerland about the future looking bright for Salem.

"We had an amazing season," Armstead said. "We're such a young team and doing as well as we did, I'm super proud of the girls. I know they're going to get it done next year."

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DIVISION 1 SOFTBALL DISTRICT

Marciniak sparks Plymouth victory

Senior throws perfect game, hits three-run homer off scoreboard

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Friday during batting practice, Plymouth senior Mikayela Marciniak drove a softball off the scoreboard behind the right-field fence.

The mighty blow prompted some good-natured ribbing from her teammates.

"Everyone's like, 'It'd have been nice if you would have done it in a game,'" Marciniak said. "And then today, I did. They said it's a better sound now. It's kind of deja vu. It was fun."

Indeed, Marciniak didn't need to wait long to replicate the feat when it mattered most — namely, during Saturday afternoon's 12-0 victory over Livonia Churchill in a Division 1 district semifinal.

With the Wildcats already up 8-0 in the top of the fourth (even though the game was at Plymouth High School, the Wildcats were the visiting team after losing the pregame coin toss), Marciniak sent a towering fly ball off the lower portion of the scoreboard to score Rachel Zerna and Jenny Bressler to make it an 11-run spread.

The sound of ball hitting metal reverberated all over the softball complex.

Also fun for the Wildcats was the way the left-handed pitcher



MICHAEL VASILNEK

Plymouth senior Mikayela Marciniak (No. 12) is mobbed at home plate after hitting a three-run homer Saturday against Livonia Churchill.

shut down the Chargers, retiring all 15 batters she faced in Plymouth's win, completed in just five innings due to the mercy rule.

"It's nice to have a perfect game," said Marciniak, who will play college softball at Oakland University next year. "I don't think I ever had one. It was nice to get it my senior year, in districts and with the great team I have behind me."

Plymouth head coach Lauren Delapaz said Marciniak showed what she is made of with her prowess in the circle and at the plate.

"She threw a perfect game today. She had great defense making the plays behind her," Delapaz said. "But she's a fighter on the mound and she wants to make something happen her senior year. So she was dedicated out there and she made it happen with a perfect game."

Delapaz and Plymouth fully understood the dicey weather forecast when the second semifinal of the day finally started about two hours late. She told them it would be key to start

strong and get an early lead.

Plymouth scored five runs in the second and never looked back. Five players had multiple hits.

Senior Brittney Miller (2-for-3) got it started with a double and Jessica Tucci brought her home with a sacrifice fly for the game's first run. Rachael Ring (2-for-2) singled in another run and freshman second baseman Jenny Bressler (2-for-3) cleared the bases with a double to left-center.

The Wildcats tacked on seven more in the third, an inning punctuated by the Marciniak homer. Collecting RBI hits in the inning were Cali Jones (2-for-3), Zerna (2-for-3), Marciniak and Caylin Waters.

SALEM 5, CANTON 2: In the first semifinal of the day, Salem prevailed over Canton for the third time this season.

"Maddy Rosiewicz pitched a phenomenal game today," Rocks head coach Bonnie Southerland said. "We got some really key hits by Caroline Miller and Mel Anderson."

"The girls knew this was going to be difficult, beating a team three times in one season. We haven't beaten Canton three times in one season in a long time. We got some girls down (with injuries), but the other ones stepped up."

Perhaps the biggest hit was a two-run single in the seventh by Kara Hutchison to break the game open.

Miller and Anderson each tallied a double and single, as did Morgan Overaitis and Emily Stewart.

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happen. Every day, do the same thing.”

What the Wildcats do every day is work hard, try to outdo each other at home course Fox Hills or wherever they are playing, have fun and shoot low.

“We all compete against each other, as well as ourselves,” Kozler said. “Just trying to be the low score of the day is what keeps you going. Just try to keep shooting low.”

And if the formula Young brought to the team helps them do that, the golfers are fine with that.

“Those types of things seem to help, because everybody's in the same boat,” Young said. “But we have good golfers. We're just trying to be good teammates and not give up on rounds or holes, hang in there and grind.”

Credit the kids

According to Young, however, anything he brought to the mix is minor compared to what the golfers themselves are doing. He cited an impeccable work ethic, willingness to learn and outstanding attitude throughout the lineup.

More than anything else, he also credited the attitude and performance of Andrew Lloyd and Connor Zydeck, senior co-captains enjoying their first real crack at the top of the varsity card this spring.

Lloyd and Zydeck have averages of 81 and



Prepping for this weekend's Division 1 state finals, Plymouth sophomore Jack Boczar follows through on a practice shot Tuesday.

82, respectively, each making huge contributions along the way to augment the so-called Big Three of Boczar, Kozler and sophomore Justin Kapke (76.5 average).

In a big division showdown last month against Canton, Lloyd came through with an even-par 35 to lift Plymouth to the clinching victory. And Zydeck's season-best 76 at Dearborn Country Club was instrumental in the Wildcats capturing the D1 regional May 27.

“Their attitude's been great and, now, they've really stepped up big,” Young said about the co-captains. “It's just poetic justice, because now they're reaping the rewards of being good team guys. And they've waited four years to play in a regional.”

“Those seniors were behind all those other guys. So this has been

really fun. And they're setting the tone for the younger guys, so good things happen to good people and these two seniors, they deserve this.”

Senior stalwarts

Don't say that too loudly around Lloyd and Zydeck, because they'd rather deflect the praise elsewhere. They are that selfless. Yet they both agree that they've been able to successfully complement the younger golfers and lift them up when a boost is needed.

Lloyd said having his clutch showing against Canton might have helped give his team some momentum entering the postseason tournaments, but he noted how much talent his teammates have.

“We've got our top three guys who are all really solid,” Lloyd said. “And me and Zydeck, the

seniors, also can provide a fourth and fifth guy.”

He noted that it is “great” for Plymouth to extend its streak of appearances in the state finals.

“Obviously, we'd like to win because I think we've got the talent and firepower to win,” Lloyd said. “We just got to go out and put solid rounds together.”

Zydeck said it really helps the team as a whole that anybody on the roster is capable of being “the guy” on any particular day.

“We've kind of been a solid fourth or fifth guy,” Zydeck said about himself and Lloyd. “If one of us does not do very good, usually the other guy steps up. We've been a solid finishing duo this year.”

“Our team, it's a bunch of different guys contributing. It's not like we have one set No. 1. It



Senior co-captain Andrew Lloyd checks out the flight of another well-struck ball while Plymouth teammates (from left) Kyle Kozler and senior co-captain Connor Zydeck wait their turn at the tee box.

will be a different guy every week, which has been really good for us this year.”

He added that it is crucial for veterans to provide calm leadership.

“We have a really young team this year; we graduated seven seniors,” Zydeck said. “We have a lot of sophomore talent. So we just help the guys as much as we can, because we have a lot of experience playing in matches. Just try and get them ready for states.”

They just mesh

The camaraderie the Wildcats enjoy will come into play this week, with a three-hour drive followed by a Thursday practice round at Katke. Then comes two rounds of 18, one each Friday and Saturday. Plymouth

will be hoping to earn the school's first state championship (the 2013 team lost a tiebreaker).

“We just work well together,” Boczar said. “We play well together, our top three are just consistent, we're all pretty much close to the No. 1 spot. I just think we could probably pull off a victory.”

Added Kozler: “We're going to go up there, play a practice round, take good notes, go out there and give it our all. Shoot low, stay consistent, how we have been all year and do our thing.”

The Wildcats hope that R-T-G will result in W-I-N.

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TRACK AND FIELD STATE FINALS

Area athletes earn all-state honors

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Canton senior Emily Meier earned state championship honors in the girls shot put at Saturday's Division 1 track and field finals in Rockford.

But there were several other all-state performers from Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

Making the cut (top eight) from the boys side were Plymouth junior Michael Jordan and senior Jonny Dalton.

Jordan finished fourth in the shot put with a throw of 51 feet, 11 1/2 inches.

Dalton took the eighth in the 800 run, finishing in 1:54.66.

Park teams had more all-state performers in the girls meet.

In addition to Meier, field events were well-represented by Salem senior Shara Long, sixth in discus with a distance of 119.4.

In the high jump, Plymouth's brother-sister tandem of Nathan and Kat Harris each garnered all-state honors.

Nathan Harris finished seventh in the boys competition with a jump of 6-0. On the girls side, Kat Harris placed eighth



Plymouth Christian senior Torre Crown completes his all-state effort in the long jump at the Division 4 state finals.

(5-3). Plymouth girls just missed having an all-stater in the pole vault, as senior Kayla Janevski finished ninth with a mark of 11-0.

The other all-staters include the Wildcats' 800-meter relay team of senior Anna Lukens, freshman Faith Washington, junior Jewel Davis and sophomore Ryan Draper. That quartet clocked a time of 1:42.75, good for fourth place in the girls finals.

“This team has done nothing shy of amazing

the coaches throughout the season,” Plymouth girls coach Ricky Styes said. “They opened the season running well and never stopped getting better. They broke the (school and Park) records a number of times this year during their path to the state meet.”

“Obviously, their season culminated with becoming the first relay team in school history medaling at the state meet.”

Davis added an individual honor. She placed seventh in the 200 dash

with a time of 25.39 seconds.

Salem junior Kaya Knake also earned all-state honors in the girls 800 run. She finished seventh with a time of 2:15.78.

Division 4

Plymouth Christian Academy competed in the Division 4 track and field state meet in Hudsonville.

Collecting all-state medals for the Eagles were senior Torre Crown (seventh in the boys long jump, 20-10 1/4) and sophomore Allie Crecelius (fourth in the girls 800 run, 2:27.02).

Crown's effort set a new long jump record for PCA.

Other PCA athletes competing at the state meet were: senior Joe Fanelli (800 run, 12th place); freshman Seth Windle (1,600, 3,200 runs); sophomore Lydia Chapel (discus, 22nd), sophomore Rachel Witkowski (300 hurdles, 21st); and the 3,200 relay team of senior Megan McHugh and sophomores Allie Crecelius, Natalie Krol and Aliyah Pries (26th, 12:33.51).

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Jones and my dad (Richard Meier) were always there supporting me and they let me know I was doing great.”

She definitely did, being the lone state champion in track and field from Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

“The true credit goes to Richard Meier, Emily and Nia Henderson,” Jones said. “I have been very fortunate to be the head coach of a team that Emily was on when I took over.”

Jones added that Meier's outstanding performances put Canton's girls track and field team “on the map” with 18 points (ninth place out of 53 teams).

Meanwhile, Henderson didn't let up on the training even after the spring season began and Meier credited that for helping get her over the top at the D1 state meet.

“She had me training all season outside when it was cold, raining and gross out,” Meier said. “Coming into the state meet, I was confident that I was going to place somewhere on the podium, I just didn't know where.”

“The weather stunk and it was cold. But with Nia's training, the rain didn't faze me or my



CANTON ATHLETICS
Canton senior shot-putter Emily Meier is the lone state champion from the Park in track and field.

throwing ability, because I was used to throwing in bad weather some days. I didn't get tired when I was throwing because she had built my strength and endurance all year long.”

Meier needed to rally in the final round to come out with the state championship, Jones said.

“Going into the final round, Emily was in second place behind East Kentwood's Briana Nelson, who threw 44-11,” he said. “Emily's furthest throw at that point was 43-9. She then launched her first-place throw.”

Not surprisingly, given Saturday's showing, several Division I colleges are “very interested in her talents,” Jones said.

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DIVISION 1 BASEBALL

Plymouth outlasts rain, Chargers in district final

In other district semifinal, Salem's strong season ends

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Not all high school baseball tourney wins are created equal — or even require all seven innings to be played.

Such was the case Saturday, as host Plymouth edged Livonia Churchill 1-0, in a Division 1 semifinal.

The Wildcats and Chargers managed to squeeze in only five innings at Plymouth High School on a dreary, rainy, thunder-struck afternoon. And the weather possibly kept

Churchill from staging a comeback, thus ending its season on a downcast note.

Of course, Plymouth will gladly take the victory any way it can get it.

For a while, it appeared doubtful that the game would even begin. Yet following a long delay after Westland John Glenn's 5-4 victory over Salem in the first game of the Division 1 district, the day's second semifinal finally got underway.

Plymouth scratched across a run in the top of the third on an RBI single by senior Patrick Downing and that held up behind the one-hit pitching of senior Kevin Anthony.

Unfortunately for the

Chargers, the rain returned in a big way in the top of the sixth. Umpires eventually called it an official game, robbing Churchill of any comeback hopes.

Actually, Plymouth had taken a 2-0 lead in the sixth on Jared Merandi's base hit up the middle, which brought home Cameron Stella. Because the full inning wasn't completed, that run was wiped off the scoreboard.

“(Downing) finds a way to get it done,” Plymouth head coach Jason Crain said. “He got our first RBI, that was obviously a key one in this game. ... He's a clutch player, finds a way to get the bat on the ball.”

Crain also praised

Anthony, who gave up only a single in the third inning to Joe Hattley.

“Kevin Anthony pitched great, gave up one hit,” Crain said. “No one really hit him hard, we had a couple nice plays behind him, which is what we coach to. They stepped up and brought the intensity today.”

With the iffy weather all afternoon, the Wildcats figured they needed to find a way to take a lead and that's what they did in the third against Churchill senior pitcher Rob Copciak.

Drawing a one-out walk was Andrew Hejka and Pete Carravallah singled him to second.

Both runners moved up on a double steal to set

the stage for Downing, who hit a high bouncer over the head of third baseman Matt Jones to score Hejka.

Churchill had a runner on with two outs in the third, when Steve Szymanski hit a smash headed toward the right field corner. But Plymouth first baseman Seth Hubbard dove to field the scorching one-hopper and completed the unassisted putout to end the inning.

Anthony retired the side in order in the fourth and fifth, but the Chargers did not get their final two chances because of the game's early conclusion.

JOHN GLENN 5, SALEM 4: Earlier Saturday, Salem let an early 3-0 lead evaporate against Westland John Glenn and

lost when Kyle Smith's chopper sneaked through the right side of the infield in the bottom of the seventh.

The Rocks went up early, thanks to homers to left field by seniors Josh Penn (with a runner on) and starting pitcher Tyler Brooks.

But the Rockets took advantage of Salem fielding miscues to take the lead with four runs in the sixth.

Salem subsequently tied the game at 4-4 in the top of the seventh. Shane Prevost doubled and came around on a dropped fly ball.

A lengthy rain delay followed, but it didn't take John Glenn long to snap the tie after play resumed. A walk and a balk got the inning off to a rough start for the Rocks and an infield single and intentional walk loaded the bases with one out.

Then came Smith with the single that ended John Wright's first season as Salem head coach.

“That's been our M.O. all year,” Wright said. “We had one bad inning. Tyler was rolling, then we made an error. ... then we don't cut off a ball we should have in the gap. Those two things are what cost the runs in that inning and ultimately was our demise today.”

Wright praised his seniors, particularly Penn (two hits) and Brooks. “They're studs, they've been doing that all year. If our seniors didn't get a hit, we really didn't hit. We knew if we could get them rolling, we thought we were sitting nice when we got into the sixth.”

In case of high-rise fire, know your building's evacuation plan

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Apartment fires call for quick thinking, to ensure the safety of all dwellers. "That's very important," said Kelly Eggers, fire marshal for the Wayne-Westland Fire Department. "Nowadays most facilities the evacuation plan is actually to shelter in place."

Newer building materials like drywall mean that with your unit door closed the fire will be contained, he said. "Typically, we're going to have the fire out before that time. The majority of the time the plan is to shelter in place. Keeping the door shut is by far the most important thing."

"It's pretty cut and dried these days," Eggers added. "The building codes actually prevent the spread of fires."

Fire drills are important for all homes, including apartment buildings and other high-rise structures. You need to know the basics of escape planning, from identifying two ways out of every room to getting low and going under smoke, and the importance of practicing how you would respond in an emergency.

To increase fire safety for apartment dwellers, the National Fire Protection Association offers the following guidelines:

Know the plan

Make sure that you're familiar with your building's evacuation plan, which should illustrate what residents are supposed to do in the event of an emergency. The evacuation plan should be posted in places where all residents can see and review it, and the building management should hold a fire drill with occupants at least once a year.



Fire drills are important for all buildings including high-rise structures. GETTY IMAGES

Most states also require that buildings periodically test their fire safety systems as well. Be sure to participate when your building drills take place. When looking for an apartment or high-rise home, look for one with an automatic sprinkler system. Sprinklers can extinguish a home fire in less time that it takes for the fire department to arrive.

Doors to stairwells now automatically shut, said Wayne-Westland's Eggers, to prevent smoke from entering. If the local fire department decides an evacuation is needed, that will all depend on the fire's location.

Keeping a stairwell door open can cause problems, especially on upper floors, as heat and smoke rise, he said. Fire personnel in an evacuation will direct all dwellers to a certain stairwell. "That's going to be for their safety," he said.

Practice is key

Whether your building has one floor or 50, it's essential that you and your family are prepared to respond to a fire

alarm. Identify all of the exits in your building and if you are using an escape planning grid, mark them on your escape plan. Make sure to mark the various stairways too, in case one is blocked by fire.

Kitchen fires can occur in apartments, said Eggers, noting there's no law requiring having an extinguisher nearby. "We do advise folks to get one," he said.

Grease fires often get out of control quickly, and should never have water put on them, he said. Instead, you should leave the apartment immediately, closing the door for others' safety, and calling 9-1-1.

Never use the elevator

In case of fire, always use the stairs to get out, never the elevator. Make sure to practice using the stairs as part of your escape plan. If someone in your family has difficulty climbing down steps, make sure to incorporate a contingency for this into your plan.

Some in senior high rises

can't get down stairs easily, said Eggers. "That's another reason we advise to shelter in place," he said.

Stay low

Smoke from a fire is toxic and deadly no matter what kind of structure you live in. When you hold your fire drill, everyone in the family should practice getting low and going under the smoke to the exit. In the event of a fire, if both stairwells are filled with smoke, stay in your apartment and wait for the firefighters.

Seal yourself in for safety

If you can't exit an apartment building due to smoke or fire in the hallway, call the fire department to report your exact location and gather in a room with a window to await their arrival. Close all doors between you and the fire. Use duct tape or towels to create a seal around the door and over air vents in order to keep smoke from coming in.

Stay by the window

If possible, you should open your windows at the top and the bottom so fresh air can get in. Don't break the window - if smoke enters the room from outside the building, you won't be able to protect yourself.

Signal to firefighters

Wave a flashlight or light-colored cloth at the window to let the fire department know where you are located.

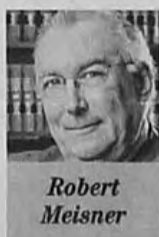
The same advice for taller-building safety applies to travelers staying in hotels. "Shelter in place," Eggers said. "The fire is not going to breach those walls anytime soon."

It's good to familiarize yourself with the nearest hotel exit, he agreed.

Heed law on rights of the disabled

Q: We have a legally blind person on our Board of Directors and she has requested that the board provide her with versions of the documents other members receive, but in a readable format for blind individuals. The board is now considering whether to accommodate her apparent disability. What do you think?

A: Based upon a recent California trial court's decision on similar facts, the court concluded that the accommodation that the homeowner sought was necessary to ensure equal opportunity to use and enjoy her dwelling. The court



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reasoned that being excluded from accessing materials and documents provided to all association members limited the homeowner in her ability to abide by the association rules and covenants, participate in association meetings, engage in informed discussions of association business, and make informed votes on issues impacting the community in which she lived. Therefore, simply to avoid problems with the Federal Fair Housing Act, make the appropriate accommodation.

Q: Are community association managers obligated to obtain licenses in Michigan?

A: Unfortunately no. Recently, Colorado required community association managers to obtain a license and they must hold one of the credentials identified in the statute, i.e., the Certified Manager of Community Associations (CMCA), Association Management Specialist (AMS), or Professional Community Association Manger (PCAM), or complete a 24-hour course through the Colorado Division of Real Estate. Colorado joins Alaska, California, Connecticut, The District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Nevada and Virginia with a community association manager license requirement. It clearly is sorely needed in Michigan.

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

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Please call the office at 248-782-7130 or email june.quantum@gmail.com for your reservation or additional information.

Investors

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

Members are free, guests \$20, which will be applied to their membership. The Red Lobster is next to 7-11, near Trenton Road.

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

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A free seminar on government-insured reverse mortgages is offered by Colonial Mortgage Corp. at 6:30 p.m. each Tuesday and at 2 p.m. each Thursday at various locations.

RSVP with Colonial Mortgage at 800-260-5484.

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Jan. 12-16, 2015, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

BEVERLY HILLS					
30671 Banbury Ct	\$355,000				
16236 Beechwood Ave	\$222,000				
170 Charrington Ct	\$377,000				
BIRMINGHAM					
1935 Cole St	\$545,000				
1691 Haynes St	\$265,000				
2167 Manchester Rd	\$203,000				
2795 Manchester Rd	\$280,000				
361 N Eton St # 2	\$92,000				
2351 Yorkshire Rd	\$245,000				
BLOOMFIELD HILLS					
5396 Forest Way	\$390,000				
1190 Kemper Ave	\$85,000				
441 Dalebrook Ln	\$270,000				
1915 Eagle Pointe	\$218,000				
1134 Meadowglen Ct	\$240,000				
6533 Timber Ridge Dr	\$235,000				
1050 Trailwood Path # D	\$135,000				
100 W Hickory Grove Rd # D3	\$61,000				
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP					
3800 Burning Tree Dr	\$395,000				
4317 Charing Way	\$376,000				
4036 Cranbrook Ct	\$425,000				
3327 Dogwood Ct	\$570,000				
1035 E Long Lake Rd	\$565,000				
6025 E Surrey Rd	\$598,000				
1163 Glenpointe Ct	\$265,000				
111 Manor Rd	\$725,000				
1121 Meadowglen Ct	\$315,000				
977 N Reading Rd	\$280,000				
1818 S Hill Blvd	\$159,000				

1204 S Timberview Trl	\$318,000				
COMMERCE TOWNSHIP					
5201 Bridge Trl W	\$350,000				
3359 Fox Blvd	\$102,000				
5500 Lancaster Ln	\$365,000				
2555 Marion Acres St	\$345,000				
1967 Oakside Ct	\$225,000				
133 Osborne St	\$68,000				
2227 Palmetto	\$230,000				
2967 Silent Woods	\$190,000				
5838 Strawberry Cir	\$60,000				
1517 Trace Hollow Dr	\$313,000				
2713 Trillium Hills Dr	\$280,000				
8775 Wise Rd	\$185,000				
FARMINGTON					
23145 Farmington Rd	\$90,000				
22459 Hawthorne St	\$104,000				
21235 Larkspur St	\$175,000				
FARMINGTON HILLS					
23601 Canfield Ave	\$194,000				
22405 Cora Ave	\$150,000				
38949 Country Cir	\$117,000				
37801 Country Ridge Ct	\$274,000				
29060 E Marklawn St	\$190,000				
33605 Edmonton St	\$39,000				
29880 Eldred St	\$175,000				
30617 Glenmuer St	\$150,000				
29945 Green Acres	\$240,000				
26192 Hidden Valley Dr	\$320,000				
21610 Jacksonville St	\$120,000				
30308 Kimberly Ct	\$260,000				
35561 Lark Hbr	\$220,000				
21590 Ontaga St	\$115,000				
31558 Orchard Crk	\$95,000				
21504 Oxford Ave	\$122,000				
36952 Ridgedale Ct	\$233,000				
29703 Sierra Point Cir	\$170,000				
33776 Vista Dr	\$180,000				
27527 Westcott Crescent Cir	\$220,000				

24697 Westmoreland Dr	\$185,000				
HIGHLAND					
1234 Gleneagles	\$670,000				
3835 Hillcrest	\$89,000				
4115 Loch Dr	\$109,000				
4136 Loch Dr	\$212,000				
2334 N Duck Lake Rd	\$96,000				
2334 N Duck Lake Rd	\$485,000				
3566 Reserve Ct	\$275,000				
564 Timber Ridge Dr	\$312,000				
MILFORD					
1032 Bird Song Ln	\$175,000				
1872 Hidden Valley Dr	\$388,000				
321 Napa Valley Dr	\$330,000				
957 Old Plank Rd	\$220,000				
969 Old Plank Rd	\$202,000				
3156 Rolling Green Ct	\$470,000				
941 Winding Way	\$345,000				
NORTHVILLE					
21382 E Glen Haven Cir	\$150,000				
37506 Rhynwood Dr	\$213,000				
38273 Tralee Trl	\$298,000				
NOVI					
27534 Albert St	\$298,000				
24555 Borderhill	\$145,000				
42967 Brookstone Dr	\$300,000				
41670 Cromwell Ln	\$250,000				
42035 Cherry Hill Rd	\$225,000				
41530 Cornell Dr	\$158,000				
27617 Cromwell Rd	\$333,000				
29534 English Way	\$288,000				
24288 Kings Pointe	\$232,000				
31185 Livingston Dr	\$180,000				
24782 Mallard Trail Ln	\$710,000				
24865 Mallard Trail Ln	\$602,000				
23409 Mystic Forest Dr	\$435,000				
24539 Olde Orchard St	\$80,000				
24874 Overlook	\$671,000				
45293 Sedra Ct	\$474,000				
31163 Seneca Ln	\$200,000				

39607 Village Wood Ln	\$62,000				
45625 W Nine Mile Rd	\$550,000				
23270 W Le Bost	\$195,000				
46315 White Pines Dr	\$583,000				
22602 Woolsey	\$85,000				
SOUTH LYON					
128 Brookwood Ct	\$140,000				
715 Cape Cod	\$102,000				
176 Eagle Crest Dr	\$225,000				
57201 Meadowcreek Cir S	\$455,000				
57235 Meadowcreek Cir S	\$417,000				
24522 Ravine Dr	\$486,000				
24798 Ravine Dr	\$541,000				
24011 Stoneleigh Dr	\$376,000				
58532 Winnowing Cir S	\$81,000				
SOUTHFIELD					
24435 Evergreen Rd	\$60,000				
26115 Franklin Pointe Dr	\$61,000				
15895 Harden Cir	\$134,000				
17260 Madison St	\$163,000				
30701 Northgate Dr	\$195,000				
27349 Pierce St	\$140,000				
30021 Rambling Rd	\$143,000				
19338 Starlane St	\$134,000				
15655 Stone Crossing Dr	\$65,000				
23491 Teacup Ct	\$172,000				
5000 Town Ctr # 2703	\$140,000				
30401 Ventura St	\$149,000				
17529 W 13 Mile Rd	\$170,000				
20137 Woodburn Dr	\$90,000				
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10226 Lakeside Dr	\$148,000				
8724 Sussex St	\$275,000				
8443 Tara Ln	\$223,000				
8109 Wildwood Ln	\$238,000				
321 Woodsedge Ln	\$56,000				
330 Woodsedge Ln	\$46,000				

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Feb. 2-6, 2015, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

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Ameriplus Mortgage Corp.	127931	(248) 740-2323	3.625	0	2.875	0
Dearborn Federal Savings Bank	399721	(313) 565-3100	3.75	0	3	0
Fifth Third Bank	403245	(800) 792-8830	3.75	0	3.125	0
Group One Mortgage	107716	(248) 282-1602	4	0	3.375	0
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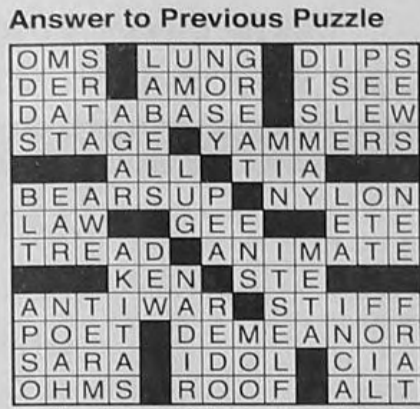
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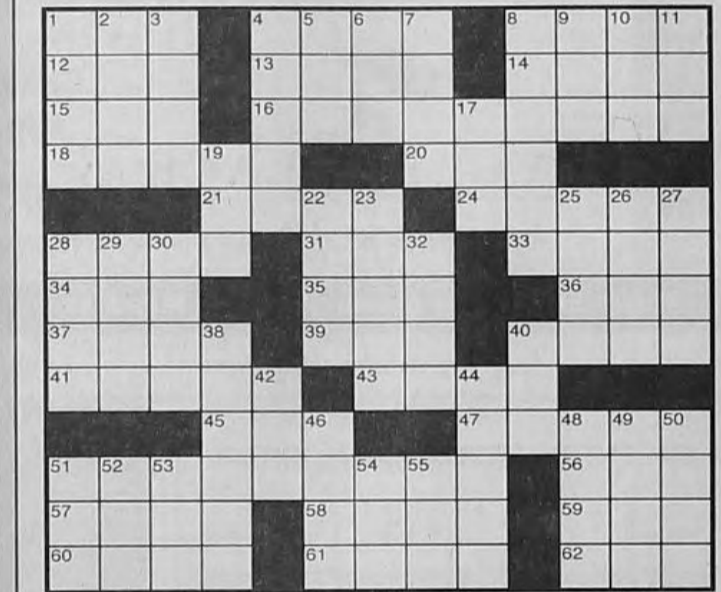
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 - Knack
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 - Steamy dance
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 - Canine pals do it
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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally & diagonally throughout the puzzle.

- WORDS**
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 - CARTILAGE
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 - COMPRESSION
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RELIGION CALENDAR

JUNE ARTS FESTIVAL

Time/Date: 6:30-9 p.m. Friday, June 26

Location: Crossroads Church, in the Sacred Heart Conference Center, 29125 Six Mile, Livonia

Details: Summer Christian Youth Arts Fair will include sketches, lyrical dance, liturgical dance, musical acts, painted and hand-drawn art and photography. Fair entries are open to ages 5-18. All participants will receive a free gift. Registration accepted through Friday, June 19

Contact: Pastor Steve at 248-890-5718; crossroadsnow.org

CONCERT

Time/Date: 3 p.m. Saturday, June 6

Location: St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 Sheldon, Plymouth

Details: The Mobile Millennium Carillon from Ohio will be on hand for a free concert featuring Julie Ford, director of music at St. John's, and Kimberly Schafer of Chicago, Ill. Attendees may bring blankets or chairs. The church will serve ice cream

CONCERT

Time/Date: 8 p.m. June 4-6, 11-12

Location: Trinity in the Woods Episcopal Church, 26880 LaMue-ra, Farmington Hills

Details: The Trinity & Friends Choir presents "Farmington Follies: Trinity goes to Broadway," featuring selections from *Les Miserables*, *Mary Poppins*, *The Sound of Music*, *The Lion King*, *Aladdin*, *Grease*, *Sister Act 2: Back in the Habit*, and others. Tickets are \$10

Contact: trinityinthewoods.org

CONCERT

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. June 26

Location: Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile, Livonia

Details: David Roth, singer, songwriter, guitar player, performs. Tickets are \$20

Contact: unityoflivonia.org; 734-421-1760

DAY CAMP

Time/Date: 9 a.m.-3 p.m. June 15-19

Location: Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 34567 Seven Mile, Livonia

Details: Good News Day Camp is a week-long camp experience for kids, age 5 through 6th grade. It includes songs and skits, crafts, outdoor and indoor games, Bible stories, nature activities and more. Counselors from Michigan's Living Water Ministries lead the sessions. Registration is \$65 per child. Registration forms are available in the church office, and at emmanuel-livonia.org

Contact: 248-442-8822; judy@emmanuel-livonia.org

SINGLE PLACE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday, June 11

Location: First Presbyterian Church, 200 E. Main St., Northville

Details: David Trotter of Undersea Research Assoc. will talk about his 37 years of experience searching the Great Lakes and discovering sunken ships. Ice cream will follow his presentation. \$5 donation

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

TRASH, TREASURE SALE

Time/Date: 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 5-6

Location: Cherry Hill United Methodist Church, 321 S. Ridge Road, Canton

Details: Items include toys, kitchen, holiday and hobby items, along with some furniture. No clothes

Contact: 734-495-0035

ONGOING CLASSES/STUDY

Our Lady of Loretto
Time/Date: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday

Location: Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford Township

Details: Scripture study

Contact: 313-534-9000

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

Location: 14560 Merriman, Livonia

Details: This informal class includes fellowship, discussion

and question and answers. All ages welcome. Bibles available if you don't have one

Contact: pastor Tom Hazelwood at 734-765-5476

CLOTHING BANK

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

Location: Canton Christian Fellowship, 8775 Ronda Drive, Canton

Details: No documentation needed

Contact: info@cantoncf.org

EXERCISE

Time/Date: 6:45-7:45 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday

Location: Clarenceville United Methodist Church, 20300 Middlebelt, south of Eight Mile, Livonia

Details: Instructor Wendy Motta, a seven-year Zumba practitioner, teaches Zumba through drop-in classes. Each costs \$3. Participants should bring water, a towel and wear athletic shoes. For more information, email Motta through zumba.com

Contact: 313-408-3364

FAMILY MEAL

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

Location: Salvation Army, 27500 Shiawassee, Farmington Hills

Details: Free meal

Contact: 248-477-1153, Ext. 12

HEALING SERVICE

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

Location: The Antiochian Orthodox Basilica of Saint Mary, 18100 Merriman, Livonia

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

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

MOMS

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church
Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. second Tuesday, September-May

Location: 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia

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

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

Dunning Park Bible Chapel
Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. first and third Tuesdays

Location: 24800 W. Chicago Road, Redford

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

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

PET-FRIENDLY SERVICE

Time/Date: 1 p.m. Sunday

Location: Dunk N Dogs, 27911 Five Mile, Livonia

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

Contact: 313-563-0162

PRAYER

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

Location: Parish office, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia

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

Contact: Parish office at 734-464-1223

St. Michael Lutheran Church
Time/Date: 6-7 a.m. Monday-Friday

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

Location: 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton

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

Contact: 734-459-3333 for additional information

SINGLES

Detroit World Outreach
Time/Date: 4-6 p.m. Sunday

Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford, Room 304

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

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

First Presbyterian Church

Time/Date: 7-7:15 p.m., social time; 7:30 p.m., announcements; 7:30-8:30 p.m., program; 8:30-9 p.m. ice cream social, Thursdays.

Location: 200 E. Main St., Northville

Details: Single Place Ministry; cost is \$5

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

Steve's Family Restaurant

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

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

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

Contact: 313-534-0399

SONG CIRCLE

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

Location: 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield

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

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

SUPPORT

Apostolic Christian Church
Time/Date: 5 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily

Location: 29667 Wentworth, Livonia

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

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

Connection Church

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Friday

Location: 3855 Sheldon, Canton

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

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

Detroit World Outreach

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

Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford; Room 202

Details: Addiction No More offers support for addictive behavior problems

Contact: 313-255-2222, Ext. 244

Farmington Hills Baptist Church

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

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

Details: Western Oakland Parkinson Support Group

Contact: 248-433-1011

Merriman Road Baptist Church

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

Location: 2055 Merriman, Garden City

Details: Metro Fibromyalgia support group meets; donations

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

Fireside Church of God

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

Location: 11771 Newburgh, Livonia

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

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

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

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

Location: 16360 Hubbard, Livonia

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

Contact: 734-421-8451

St. Thomas a' Becket Church

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

Location: 555 S. Lilley, Canton

Details: Take Off Pounds Sensibly

Contact: Margaret at 734-838-0322

Unity of Livonia

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday

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

Details: Overeaters Anonymous

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

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church

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

Location: 40000 Six Mile, Northville Township

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

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

THRIFT STORE

St. James Presbyterian
Location: 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford

Contact: 313-534-7730 for additional information

Way of Life Christian Church
Time/Date: 2-3:30 p.m. third Saturday from October through May

Location: 9401 General Drive, Lilley Executive Plaza, Suite 100, Plymouth

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

Contact: 734-637-7618

TOUR

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

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

Details: Led by Capuchin friar Larry Webber, the director of the Solanus Casey Center, the tour focuses on the spirituality and holiness of Father Solanus, a humble Capuchin friar credited with miraculous cures and valued for his wise and compassionate counsel. No reservations are needed, although the center

requests an advance phone call for groups of five or more. No cost for the tour, although donations are accepted.

Contact: 313-579-2100, Ext. 149; www.solanuscenter.org

WORSHIP

Adat Shalom Synagogue
Time/Date: 6 p.m. Friday; 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. Saturday; 7:30 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. Sunday; and 6 p.m. weekdays

Location: 29901 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills

Contact: 248-851-5100

Bethlehem Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 10 a.m. Sunday service

Location: 35300 W. Eight Mile, Farmington Hills

Contact: pastor Terry Miller at tshelton@mi.rr.com; 248-478-6520

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church
Time/Date: 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. services; 9:45 a.m. Sunday school and youth and adult Bible classes

Location: 14175 Farmington Road, just north of I-96, Livonia

Contact: 734-522-6830

Congregation Bet Chaverim
Time/Date: Services are held 7 p.m. the third Friday of the month

Location: At the shared facilities of Cherry Hill United Methodist Church, 321 S. Ridge, Canton

Details: Reformed Jewish Congregation with Rabbi Peter Gluck and Cantorial soloist Robin Liberatore

Contact: www.Facebook.com/betchaverim or email to betchaverim@yahoo.com

Due Season Christian Church
Time/Date: 10 a.m. Sunday, with 7:15 p.m. Tuesday Bible study

Location: Stevenson High School on Six Mile, west of Farmington Road, in Livonia

Details: Nondenominational, multicultural, full gospel church services.

Contact: 248-960-8063 or visit www.DueSeason.org

Faith Community Presbyterian Church
Time/Date: 10 a.m. Sunday worship; 9 a.m. Bible study

Location: 44400 W. 10 Mile, Novi

Details: Women's group meets 12:30 p.m. third Thursday of the

month. Vacation Bible School runs Aug. 10-14

Contact: 248-349-2345; faith-community-novi.org

Faith Community Wesleyan Church
Time/Date: Prayer service, 9 a.m., worship service, 11 a.m., Sunday school, 12:30 p.m., contemporary service, 1:30 p.m., Bible study, 6 p.m., Sundays

Location: 14560 Merriman, Livonia

Contact: pastor Roger Wright at 313-682-7491

Mobile carillon takes bell concert out of tower

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Bring a picnic blanket — and leave your climbing shoes at home — to watch Julie Ford play the carillon Saturday at St. John's Episcopal Church in Plymouth.

"It's normally in a tower and people have to climb the tower to see it," said Ford, describing the typical carillon. "With this instrument, you can see the player and the mechanism working the clapper."

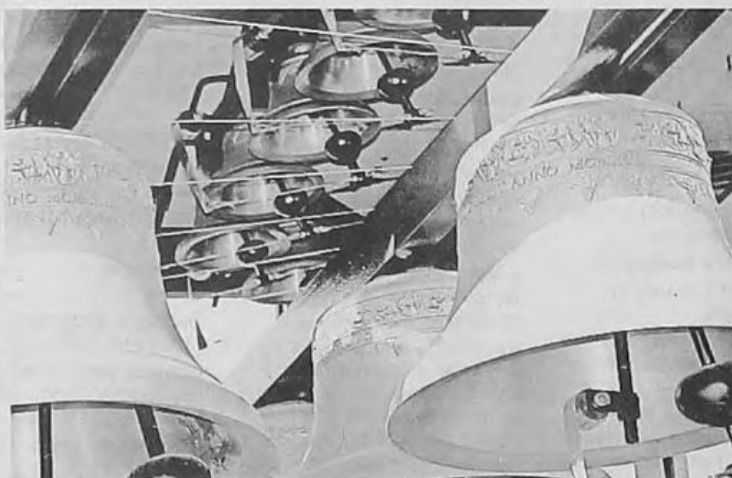
Ford, director of music at St. John's, will bring the carillon, normally a tower instrument, to ground level when she performs on The Mobile Millennium Carillon, 3 p.m. Saturday, June 6, at the church, 574 S. Sheldon, Plymouth. She'll share the traveling instrument, a 48-bell carillon that sits on a trailer bed, with Kimberly Schafer, a friend and fellow carillonneur from Chicago, Ill. They'll perform a mix of music, including Scottish folk tunes, children's songs, jazz standards, pop and classical music at the free, outdoor concert. The church will serve ice cream treats and Ford encourages attendees to bring lawn chairs, blankets and picnic lunches.

"We work hard to craft concerts that will be interesting and appealing. That is important to the carillon," Ford said. "The challenge with the carillon is the fact that there are a limited number and most can't travel. Also, people are not aware that there is a real human being up there playing the instrument. A person walking around Ann Arbor and hearing the carillon (at University of Michigan) probably think it's just an automated system. If someone has never thought to go up and watch the player, they may just think it's automatic or recorded."

Tower instrument

Ford became interested in carillon while studying church music and organ at the University of Michigan and hearing the carillons at Burton Tower on the main campus and in Lurie Bell Tower on the north-campus. Carillon and organ recitals were held together at Hill Auditorium, she said.

"I got interested when I was able to go into the tower and



Bells in the Mobile Millennium Carillon

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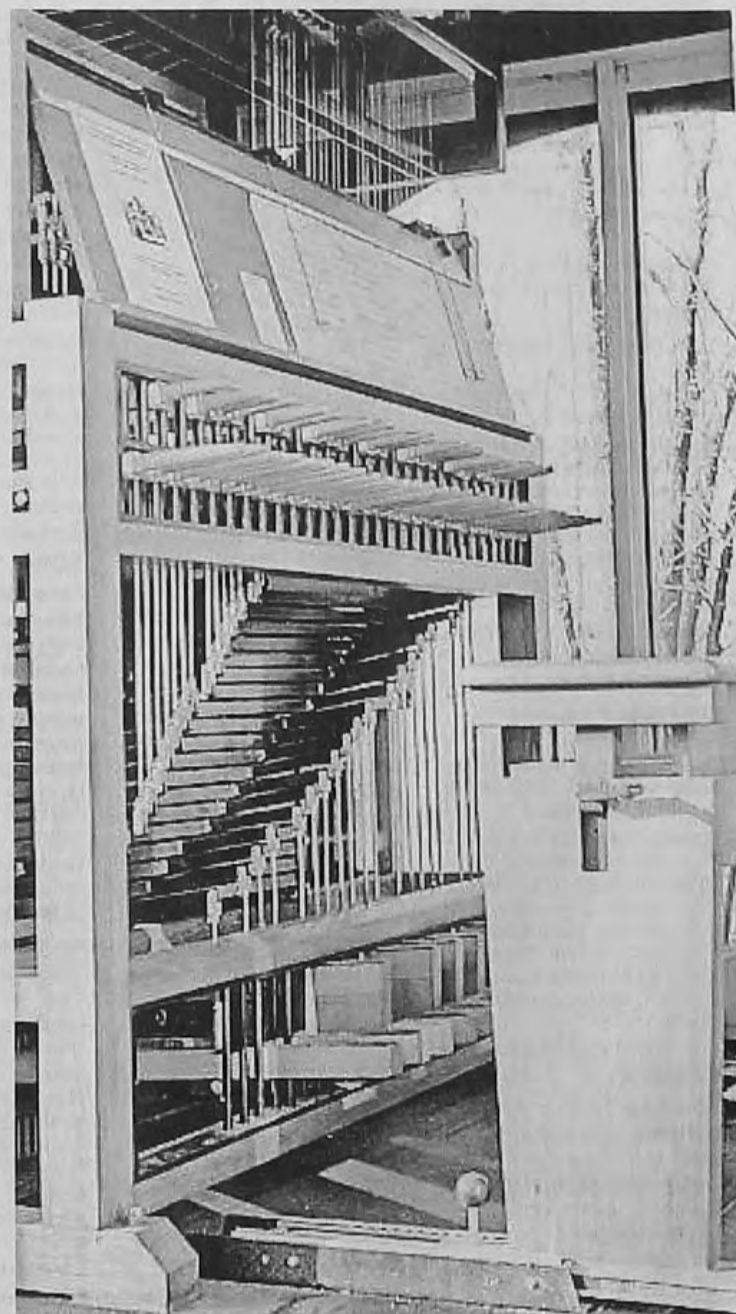
The side entrance to the Mobile Millennium Carillon

meet a carillonneur and see how the carillon was played," Ford said. "At Burton Tower the playing cabin is in the middle of the bells. If you step out you've got bells all around you. In Lurie Tower there are some bells underneath and all

the others are above. Every tower is different.

"On the Mobile Millennium, the bells are on either side of the playing cabin and you are in between them."

Ford has given two other concerts on the Mobile Millen-



The keyboard on the mobile carillon that Julie Ford will play Saturday, June 6 at St. John's Episcopal Church in Plymouth.

nium Carillon, both when she worked at a church in Bloomfield Hills. She practiced for the upcoming concert on the carillon at Kirk in the Hills, in Bloomfield Hills.

"When I practice I'm aware of the muscles I'm using," she noted, explaining that carillon demands more physical movement than piano or organ. "The keyboard is arranged with keys, but they look more like broomsticks. You press them with loosely-held fists. They are very large and

spread out more (than organ). There is a pedal board also that you play with your feet. It's somewhat like organ, but you use more force with carillon than organ.

"It's an amazing instrument."

For more information about the concert, call 734-453-0190 or visit stjohnsplymouth.org. The concert will be held rain or shine. Find out more about the Mobile Millennium Carillon at chimeaster.com/mobilemillennium.

GET OUT! CALENDAR

ANIMALS

DETROIT ZOO

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

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

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

Cotton Family Wolf Wilderness:

Opens June 8 and features a pair of gray wolves. Anyone whose name includes a version of the word, wolf, such as Wolfe, Wolfson, Wolford, Wulff, can get free admission to the Detroit Zoo that day. They must produce a valid photo ID verifying their name

Contact: 248-541-5717

ARTS AND CRAFTS

ART ON THE GRAND

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, June 6, and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, June 7

Location: Off Grand River Avenue, from Farmington Road to Grove Street, in downtown Farmington

Details: Free outdoor art festival features paintings, sculpture, photography, jewelry, pottery, fiber, glass, metal, furniture, and mixed media and more

Contact: downtownfarmington.org

CITY GALLERY

Time/Date: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, through June 26

Location: Costick Center, 28600 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: Paintings by Krysti Spence depict subjects that can be held in the palm of the hand; some are viewed through 3D eyeglasses

Contact: 248-473-1859

JANICE CHARACH GALLERY

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

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

Details: 68th annual Michigan Water Color Society Annual Exhibition

Contact: 248-661-1000

NORTHVILLE ART HOUSE

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

Location: 215 W. Cady, Northville



Spend "An Evening with Mark Twain" on June 6 and help raise money for Redford Interfaith Relief.

SUBMITTED

Details: West of Center, an all-media show

Contact: 248-344-0497

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL

Time/Date: 6-8 p.m. Friday, June 5

Location: 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth

Details: Denise Cassidy solo show of paintings

Contact: 734-416-4278

VISUAL ARTS ASSOCIATION OF LIVONIA

Time/Date: Opening reception is 7-8:30 p.m. Friday, June 5; exhibit is open during library hours and runs through June 30

Location: Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, east of Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: Spring Art Exhibit with fine art paintings in watercolor, acrylic, oil and pastel

Contact: 734-838-1204; vaalart.org

FESTIVAL ARTS AND ACTS

Time/Date: 3-8 p.m. Friday, June 19; 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, June 20; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, June 21

Location: Main and Center streets in

downtown Northville

Details: The Festival includes the 27th annual juried fine art show "Art in the Sun," featuring more than 70 artists; the "Reel Michigan Film Festival" at Northville's Marquis Theatre; the "Sand-box Play Festival," produced by Tipping Point Theatre; the "Short on Words" Literary Contest; musical entertainment; children's activities; the 2nd annual Northville Art House Chalk Festival; and a variety of festival food and drink

Contact: 248-344-0497; northvillearthouse.org

KITE FESTIVAL

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, June 6, and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, June 7

Location: James F. Atchison Memorial Park, 58000 Grand River Ave., New Hudson

Details: 7th annual Lyon Township Kite Festival will include internationally-known kite designers, kite acrobatics, free kites and kite decorating, petting zoo, magic shows, roaming cartoon characters, bouncy houses and festival food concessions

Contact: lyonevents.org; 248-437-2240

FILM

PENN THEATRE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Friday, June 5 and Thursday, June 11; 4:45 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, June 6-7

Location: 760 Penniman, Plymouth

Details: Home; admission \$3

Coming up: *The Longest Ride*, 7 p.m. Friday, June 12 and Thursday, June 18; 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, June 13-14

Contact: 734-453-0870; www.penntheatre.com

REDFORD THEATRE

Time/Date: June 7-8

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

Details: Cinetopia International Film Festival includes *Wings*, a silent film accompanied by Stephen Warner on organ, 2 p.m. June 7; *Lawrence of Arabia*, 6 p.m. June 7; *Tab Hunter Confidential*, 5 p.m. June 8; and *Ghostbusters*, 7 p.m. June 8. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for ages 12 and under for *Wings*; \$12 general admission for the other films

Contact: 313-898-1481

SUMMER DRIVE-IN

Time/Date: Films screen at dusk, June 5-Sept. 6, excluding June 7

Location: USA Hockey Arena, 14900 Beck, Plymouth

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

Contact: 734-927-3284

FUNDRAISER

AN EVENING WITH MARK TWAIN

Time/Date: Doors open 7 p.m., show at 7:30 p.m.

Location: South Redford School District Administration Building, 25141 Schoolcraft Road, Redford

Details: Pat Tucker stars as Mark Twain in this fundraiser for Redford Interfaith Relief. Advance tickets are \$10, available from the Redford Township Senior Center, 12121 Hemingway, Redford Township. Tickets at the door are \$15, but seating is not guaranteed

Contact: Rob Tripp at 313-550-3652

HISTORY KELSEY MUSEUM

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

June 5-July 26

Location: 434 State St., Ann Arbor

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

Contact: 734-764-9304

PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL MUSEUM

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

Location: 155 S. Main, Plymouth

Details: "Creative Hands: Busy Hands" runs through June 14. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$2 for ages 6-17. Free museum admission for active duty military personnel, including National Guard and Reserve and their families, from Memorial Day through Labor Day

Frozen Princess Tea Party: Tickets are \$30 for one adult with one child for the event at noon, Saturday, July 26. Additional tickets are \$15 each. Tickets after July 17 are \$5 more. Buy tickets at plymouthhistory.org

Contact: 734-455-8940

MUSIC

BIG BANDS@THE ELKS

Time/Date: 7-11 p.m. Saturday, June 27

Location: Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge #325, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth

Details: Dr. Pocket performs covers and originals with powerful horns, a driving rhythm section and three vocalists; \$10 includes food

Contact: 734-453-1780; plymouthannarborelks325.com

BLUES@THE ELKS

Time/Date: 7-10 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month

Location: Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge #325, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth

Details: Chef Chris & the Nairobi Trio play rock-a-billy, country and blues on Tuesday, June 9. Bring your dancing shoes. \$5 donation

Contact: 734-453-1780

CANTON CONCERTS

Time/Date: 7:30-9 p.m. Thursday, June 25-Aug. 13

Location: Heritage Park, adjacent to the Canton Public Library on the campus of Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton

Details: Kevin and The Glen Levens kicks off the free series June 25.

Contact: cantonfun.org



Scoop's Hound Dog Highlights

Girls and Boys, here is your chance to win a scholarship to Detroit Lions Youth Football Camp.

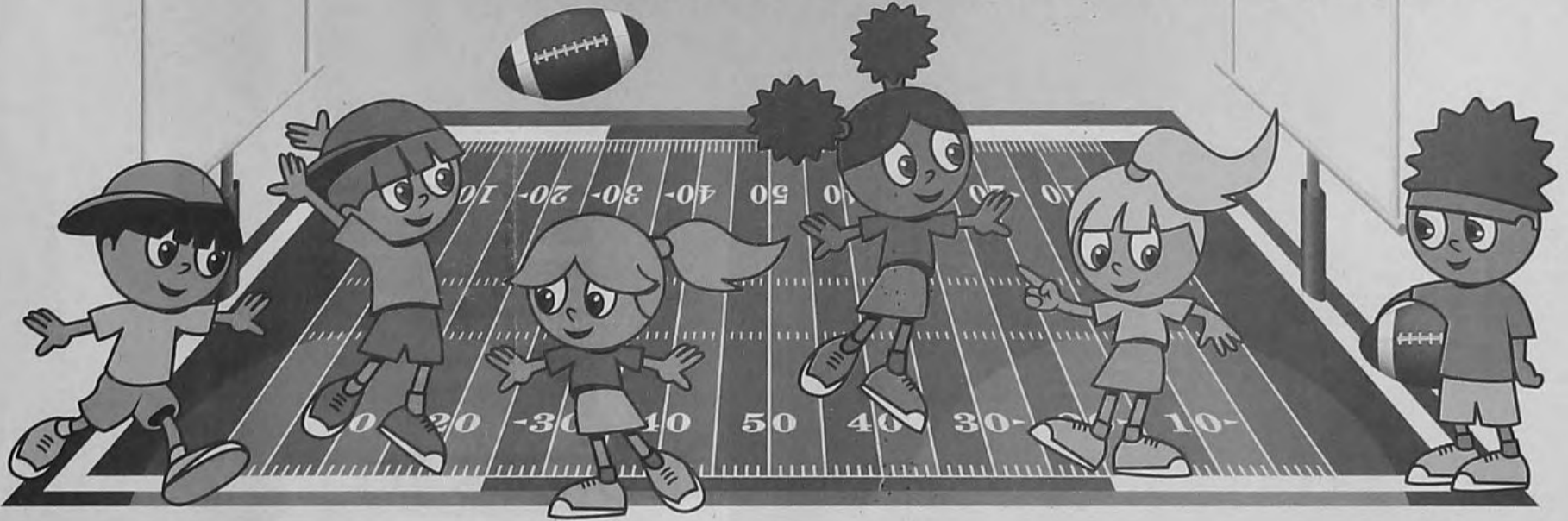
FUNDAMENTAL CAMP DATES and LOCATIONS

CANTON: June 29- July 2
8:30 a.m.-12 noon.

BRIGHTON: July 11-12
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

WHITE LAKE: July 20-23
8:30 a.m. - 12 noon.

In 50 words or less tell Scoop why you want to attend the camp. Have your parents email a photo of you, along with your name, age, community of residence, and phone number to cbjordan@michigan.com with the subject line "Football Camp Contest".
Limited to youth ages 6 – 14. Winner selects one camp date/location.



WORD PLAY

Ready for some fun? Use the hints to find words that rhyme with these common football terms. Look for words that rhyme with...

	Hints	Answers
Block	You do this before walking into someone's house	Knock
Zone	If you stomp your toe you might do this	Groan
Field	Drivers do this when approaching a school crossing zone	Yield
Goal	Many eat cereal out of this container	Bowl
Fumble	It means to trip	Stumble
Holding	To be reprimanded	Scolding
Interception	To be tricked or betrayed	Deception
Scrimmage	Just look in a mirror	Image
Punt	Opposite of back	Front
Rush	Be Quiet!	Hush
Scrambling	Talks too much	Rambling
Receiver	Word for someone who reaches their goal	Achiever

GOT GAME?

Test your knowledge about football and the Detroit Lions.

What are the Detroit Lions team colors?
Honolulu Blue, Silver, Black, White

Who is the mascot for the Detroit Lions?
Roary the Lion

What is the Detroit Lions stadium called?
Ford Field

How many seats are in Detroit Lions stadium?
65,000

How many points does a team get for a field goal?
3 Points

In the Kitchen with Scoop:

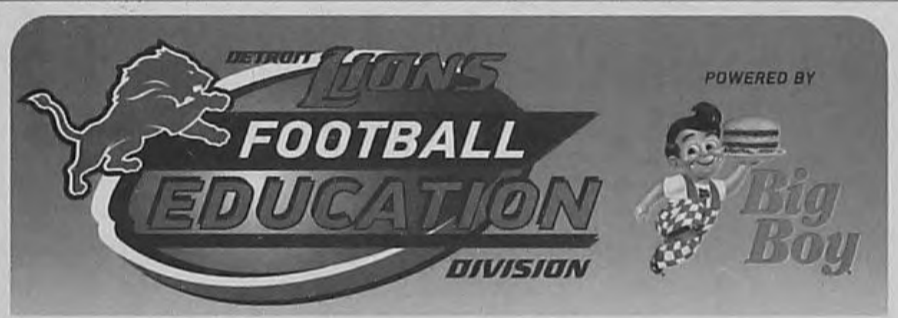
A fun recipe to make with your parents!

Peanut Butter Balls

- 1 Cup of Peanut Butter
- 2 cups of Rice Krispies
- 1 cup Powder Sugar
- 1 Tsp Vanilla
- 1 package of Candiquik or Chocolate Almond Bark

Mix peanut butter, Rice Krispies, powder sugar and vanilla together in a large bowl. Shape into balls. Heat Candiquik until it begins melt. Remove from heat (do not overheat or boil). Using a fork, carefully dip balls into melted chocolate completely covering the ball. Remove from fork and place the chocolate coated ball on a piece of waxed paper. Let cool to harden about 10- 15 minutes. ENJOY

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Smart snack choices to fuel kids this summer

During the laid-back summer months, it can be tempting to let things slide. Though many aspects of your routine may shift into a lower gear, you can still find simple ways to make sure your kids are making healthy food choices to fuel their way through summer.

Summer, when there are fewer demands to complete homework and attend school functions, is the perfect time to get kids more involved in the kitchen. Even though school is out, the learning doesn't have to stop.

Take advantage of the extra time summer allows to teach kids about where food comes from, and the practices involved in getting food from the farm to your family's table. With a focus on educat-

ing others about sustainable practices, dairy families across the nation regularly invite the public to visit their farms and learn how milk and other dairy foods make it from their family farms to grocery store shelves.

Keep kids well-nourished throughout the day, even when school isn't in session. Teach kids simple, nutritious breakfast and snack ideas they can create on their own in the kitchen, such as yogurt and fruit smoothies. Not only will they learn a few kitchen skills, it will encourage the habit of eating a wholesome breakfast every day.

For more dairy recipes, nutrition information and stories from the farm, visit www.DairyMakesSense.com.



ZUCCHINI PARMESAN ROUNDS

Prep time: 15 minutes
Cook time: 10 minutes
Total time: 25 minutes
Servings: 4

Non-stick cooking spray
2 medium zucchini (about 1/2 pound)
1 tablespoon olive oil
1/2 cup freshly grated Parmesan cheese (about 2 ounces)
1/2 cup plain dry bread crumbs
1/2 teaspoon salt
Freshly ground black pepper, to taste
Paprika, to taste

Preheat oven to 450°F. Lightly coat baking sheet with non-stick cooking spray. Slice zucchini into 1/2-inch thick rounds, leaving green skin on. Place rounds in resealable plastic bag with olive oil; shake to coat all sides. Combine Parmesan cheese, bread crumbs, salt, pepper and paprika in small bowl. Press each zucchini round into Parmesan mixture, coating on both sides. Place in single layer on prepared baking sheet. Bake until browned and crisp, about 10 minutes. Remove with spatula. Serve warm.



CHOCOLATE BERRY SMOOTHIE

Prep time: 5 minutes
Total time: 5 minutes
Servings: 2

1 1/2 cups fat-free chocolate milk
1 cup frozen mixed berries without sugar (blackberries, blueberries and raspberries)
1 container (5.3 ounces) fat-free mixed berry Greek yogurt

Combine chocolate milk, frozen berries and yogurt in a blender. Blend until creamy. Serve immediately.



PEANUT BUTTER AND BANANA SHAKE

Prep time: 5 minutes
Total time: 5 minutes
Servings: 1

1 cup fat-free or 1 percent low-fat chocolate milk
1/2 cup frozen banana slices
1 tablespoon peanut butter
1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon

Combine all ingredients in a blender; blend until smooth and creamy. Serve in tall glass or on-the-go drink container.



BAKED MOZZARELLA STICKS

Prep time: 20 minutes
Cook time: 5 minutes
Total time: 25 minutes
Servings: 6

Cooking spray
1 (12-ounce) package reduced-fat Mozzarella string cheese
1 egg
1 teaspoon Italian seasoning
8 tablespoons panko (Japanese) bread crumbs
1/2 cup prepared marinara sauce, warmed

Position rack in upper third of oven and preheat it to 350° F. Line a baking sheet with foil and spray lightly with cooking spray. Remove cheese from packaging and set aside. In a small bowl, whisk egg until foamy. In a small non-stick skillet, mix Italian seasoning with bread crumbs and place over medium-heat. Cook and stir bread crumbs until lightly browned, about 5 minutes.

Dip one piece of string cheese in egg until coated and then into toasted bread crumbs, coating completely. Dip the string cheese in egg again and then in bread crumbs, if desired. Place on baking sheet. Repeat with remaining string cheese and place on baking sheet 1 1/2 inches apart. Spray string cheese lightly with cooking spray. Bake 5-6 minutes or until heated through.

Note: Cheese may melt slightly and lose shape. Simply press it back into place. Serve with warmed marinara sauce for dipping.



PITA PIZZA FACES

Prep time: 15 minutes
Cook time: 12 minutes
Total time: 27 minutes
Servings: 6

6 whole-wheat pitas (about 4 1/2-inch rounds)
1/2 cup tomato sauce, no salt added
1 1/2 cups shredded part-skim mozzarella or cheddar cheese
2 tablespoons sliced black olives
3 cherry tomatoes, sliced
1 small yellow or orange bell pepper, cut into rings and cut in half
6 large basil leaves

Preheat oven to 400 degrees F. Place pitas on a greased cookie tray. For each pita, top with 2 tablespoons tomato sauce. Sprinkle 1/4 cup cheese on top of sauce. Make a face using 2 olives for eyes, 1 tomato slice for nose and 1 red pepper strip for smile. Bake for 10-12 minutes or until cheese is melted. While baking, tear each basil leaf into 4 parts, using two pieces for eyebrows and two pieces for a bow tie. Place on pizza after slightly cooled.