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Canton officers to wear body cameras

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Police officers patrolling Canton streets are expected to start wearing body cameras by early next year, amid a growing trend fueled by a rash of police-involved shootings and other incidents across the nation.

Police Lt. Patrick Sullivan called the need for body cameras "well-established" and said Canton had considered the idea in 2012, shelving it because of budget constraints.

Canton and other law enforcement departments have since ratcheted up efforts to buy body cameras after

shootings in places such as Ferguson, Mo., brought police officers under renewed public scrutiny.

Canton Public Safety Director Todd Mutchler said police work already has become routinely videotaped by a watchful public, heightening the need for law enforcement to record its own actions.

Sullivan said that, more often than not, body cameras show police officers following proper procedures during traffic stops and other investigations.



Mutchler

"Most of the time, it actually exonerates us," he said. "Most of the time, it really helps us out in the courts."

Canton Treasurer Melissa McLaughlin said she, too, believes that body cameras tend to show that police mostly follow proper procedure on the job. Still, she said the technology also can reveal problem officers.

"It can also show when you have a bad officer," she said.

The discussion about body cameras came Tuesday during talks between police officials and the township's elected leaders on a broad range of public safety issues.

"It should be a priority," township

Trustee Pat Williams said.

Canton expects to spend \$27,000 to buy 30 body cameras, which Sullivan said cost about \$900 each. He said Canton already has narrowed the list of potential cameras to buy.

Amid a sharp uptick in demand across the nation, Mutchler said it could be early next year before Canton can get delivery of body cameras, which would be issued to patrol officers.

The latest development comes as the American Civil Liberties Union of Michigan has announced the launch of Mobile Justice MI, a free mobile-device

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CANTON PUBLIC SAFETY

Al DiFalco takes aim at a gun range under the watchful eye of Sgt. Eric Kolke, standing behind him, and Sgt. Jim Harrison, to DiFalco's left. In the foreground to the left is participant Maximo Frati.

P-CCS gets small per-pupil funding hike

By Joanne Maliszewski
Staff Writer

The state Legislature's vote this week on the school omnibus budget — funding for K-12 schools — means bad news for the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools district, which will receive only a \$36 increase in per-pupil spending.

District officials, who have spent weeks wrangling with a 2015-16 budget that has a close to \$6 million deficit, were certainly hoping for more from the state.

The \$36 per pupil net increase amounts to an estimated total of about \$631,548 (based on a current 17,543 student count) in additional revenue for the district in 2015-16. The current per-pupil state foundation funding is \$7,241, which with a \$10 equity payment, totals \$7,251, according to the district.

"This is not a real substantial in-

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P-CCS officials mull athletic fee increases, B5

Canton man joins team carrying Special Olympics torch

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

A Canton man will help make history as he joins a team ushering the Special Olympics World Games torch along the Michigan leg of a journey that began in Athens, Greece, and ends in Los Angeles.

Daniel Fisher's involvement comes Monday as a 15-member team carries the Flame of Hope in Detroit, along a half-mile stretch from Campus Martius Park to Cheli's Chili Bar, where a Special Olympics celebration is planned.

Fisher became involved after he learned about the inaugural United Relay Across America through his job

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Residents get up-close look at police work

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Police car passenger Lori Morrison buckled her seat belt and rode off with Officer Christy Even, not sure what to expect during her ride-along on Canton streets.

She quickly saw a three-car crash at Ford and Haggerty and a two-vehicle accident at Ford and Lilley — two of Wayne County's most crash-prone intersections.

"We never left Ford Road," Morrison said. Throw in a small kitchen fire and she had a busy outing as one of the people

involved in Canton's first Citizens Police Academy in 30 years.

Morrison watched as Even arrested a distraught young man involved in the three-car pileup, calming him by engaging him in conversation about topics such as his favorite radio station. Morrison was impressed.

"I already had high standards for Canton police, but now they're even higher," she said. "They are hiring people who want to go above and beyond. They have a passion for what they do."

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CANTON PUBLIC SAFETY

Canton Detective Dave Juras teaches Citizens Police Academy participants about crime scene work such as lifting fingerprints.



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Lilley Road repairs scheduled to begin this summer

By Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

Wayne County and local officials are ramping up for a multimillion-dollar project to improve Lilley Road in Plymouth and Canton townships.

Officials have scheduled an informational meeting for residents and business owners who will be affected by the construction. The meeting is 7 p.m. Tuesday at Plymouth City Hall; the

city and its consulting engineer will be represented and county officials have been invited as well.

The work in Plymouth and Plymouth Township will be done by county employees, while bids for the Canton portion of the work are to be opened Friday.

In Plymouth and Plymouth Township, Lilley will be milled and resurfaced between Ann Arbor Road and Main Street/Plymouth Road at

a cost of about \$700,000. The money will come from the state's priority roads fund, said Terry Spryszak, the county's public services director.

That work will begin following about \$1.55 million in utility upgrades — a new water main and repairs to the sanitary sewer — on the city's part of the project. The utility work should begin shortly and be completed by mid- to late July, said Chris Porman, director of the city's

Department of Municipal Services.

In Canton, improvements to Lilley between Warren and Joy roads will be more extensive and will include milling the existing surface, base repairs, adjustments and repairs to drainage structures, a new 3½-inch layer of asphalt and new lane markings, signage and sidewalk ramps.

For that part of the project, Spryszak said, nearly 82 percent of the

money is coming from the federal government; the county is picking up the remainder. Spryszak said he could not discuss specific cost estimates because the project is still out to bid.

Spryszak said work on the Warren-to-Joy stretch of Lilley will likely begin in July or August and should take about 40 days.

During construction, Spryszak said, two-way traffic should be maintained on Lilley, under

flag control, between Ann Arbor Road and Main Street/Plymouth Road. For the stretch of Lilley in Canton, he said, most of the road will remain open, with traffic control by orange barrels and flaggers, but there will be a temporary closure of the bridge over Tonquish Creek while the bridge deck is rehabilitated.

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application that allows users to record and quickly report alleged police misconduct.

"It's every citizen's right to film the police and we believe that ac-

countability is essential to building trust between communities and law enforcement and to creating confidence that the criminal justice system is fair," said Kary Moss, executive director of the ACLU of Michigan.

"With this app, we empower citizens to know their rights and to docu-

ment life-threatening interactions."

In other developments during the public safety talks:

» Canton is considering tightening its business window-sign rules after some local stores have begun covering much of their windows with interior signs. Officials say the problem could block the view of police officers responding to potentially dangerous crime scenes.

Supervisor Phil LaJoy said Canton will involve business community representatives as a solution is sought: "We're a long way from it."

» Deputy Police Chief Scott Hilden said the police department is moving to revive some programs trimmed amid the recession, such as a Special Enforcement Unit to focus on specific crimes and the TEAM program that takes officers into elementary

schools to interact with students.

» Fire Chief Joshua Meier said Canton is moving to replace four aging ambulances. The fire department also has begun preliminary steps to become accredited through the Commission on Fire Accreditation International.

» Fire Battalion Chief Wendy Murphy-Stevens said an effort has begun that could streamline — and improve — the way

Canton handles its dispatch services for 9-1-1 calls.

In part, emergency alerts would be routed to specific fire stations rather than all three, depending on where an incident is happening. The effort could lead to fewer disruptions of training and other duties.

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Morrison was among 30 people who completed the six-week citizens academy — an effort to build relations between Canton police and the residents they are sworn to protect.

They learned about criminal investigations, proper use of force, evidence collecting, traffic-stop policies and accident-scene cases. Some fired weapons at a gun range, while others participated in simulated crime scenes to realize how quickly police officers have to make life-and-death decisions.

They watched defendants being arraigned by video on criminal charges and saw the role



CANTON PUBLIC SAFETY
Citizens Police Academy participants learn the proper policies for traffic stops from Officer Jessica Nuottila.

police canines play in investigations.

"We wanted them to have a much richer understanding of what law enforcement today is all about," Canton Public Safety Director Todd Mutchler said, adding later, "They got to see that our officers are real people with real feelings and real life experiences."

Mutchler said the first citizens academy in three decades represented a cross-section of Canton's diverse community.

Sgt. Jim Harrison and public safety communications specialist Barb Caruso coordinated it.

"The people were so enthusiastic and engaged," Caruso said. "It was a great group of people."

As the owner of Ribar Floral in Plymouth, Morrison is far removed from Canton police work.

"I know that Canton is a safe community," she said, "but I never truly realized how much the Canton police strive for perfection."

Mutchler said the perception of academy participants tends to change as they become more aware of police work and what it entails.

"We would like to figure out ways to keep them engaged and involved," he said, with some participants suggesting advanced classes.

With seven three-hour sessions, the Citizens Police Academy began April 23 with a tour of the police and fire stations and ended in late May with the firearms simulator training and defensive tactics presentation.

Mutchler, during a post-academy session with Canton's elected leaders, called the effort successful. He said it may be revived as early as next year.

"It was incredibly well-received," he said, "and we feel like it had a positive impact."

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as a financial adviser for Bank of America Merrill Lynch. The bank is an event sponsor providing financial and volunteer support.

"I thought this was really a great opportunity to help," Fisher said, adding later, "It's coming right through our backyard."

On its historic journey to the Special Olympics World Games in July, the United Relay Across America split into three routes across America, starting in Washington, D.C., Augusta, Maine, and Miami, Fla.

A statement issued by

the Special Olympics says 7,000 athletes and 3,000 coaches representing 177 countries are involved, along with 30,000 volunteers and a projected 500,000 spectators. The games, dubbed LA2015, are set for July 25 through Aug. 5, with LA2015 President and CEO Patrick McClenahan saying the event represents "the largest sports and humanitarian event in the world this year and, we believe, one of the most inspirational events of all time."

Fisher has been involved with special-needs people through a Central Michigan University fraternity and formerly managing a restaurant where a dish washer was a Special Olympics weight lifter. A

relative also has a son on the autism spectrum.

"I think inclusion is important," said Fisher, who is married with one child. "It's very important to do what we can to raise awareness so that everyone is treated the same and given the same opportunity."

That's why he wanted to help by joining the United Relay.

"It's a small donation of time and it's a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity," he said.

Participants and supporters can follow the Flame of Hope, learn more and donate at www.unifiedrelay.org.

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Rain? Lightning? High temps?

Just ask Dodson Elementary students for latest weather forecast

By Joanne Maliszewski
 Staff Writer

When Dodson Elementary's weather club members tell you the temperature, precipitation and barometric pressure, you'd better listen. They know what they're talking about.

"The weather club students could tell us the wind speed today," said reading intervention specialist Bonnie Goodrich, who Tuesday battled high winds during the official station opening.

Each of the 12 fourth-grade weather club members, who were chosen through an application process from among 50 interested students, had the honor of cutting the ribbon for their new station.

"We are now an official weather station," said Goodrich, who leads the club. "It is a complete weather station."

That's good, because as Superintendent Michael Meissen told club members, he just may call on them when deciding whether to call a snow day.

The ceremony included Meissen and Principal April Quasaran as each of the junior weather spotters stood at the podium to offer weather-related tips, including wait to go outside 30 minutes after a lightning strike and the difference between a tornado watch and warning.

That weather station includes the requisite weather detecting pole that stands on the school grounds, as well as a monitor inside the building. Every day, the weather club gathers information and graphs it. Take a peek at the Dodson website, dodson.pccs.k12.mi.us/ and see the club's latest weather forecasts.

The weather station was made possible through a grant written by Goodrich and fund-



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
 Bonnie Goodrich, reading interventionist at Dodson, introduces the weather club members.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
 Dodson Elementary School's new weather station.

ed by the Plymouth-Canton Educational Excellence Foundation. EEF representatives Carole Kody, executive director, and Stephanie Goecke, chairwoman, were on hand Tuesday to cheer the students' efforts.

The \$687.70 grant covered the pole and the necessary machinery. The Dodson PTO also helped with additional funding.

"It's quite an accomplishment to have this kind of set-up with fourth-graders running the show," said Goodrich, who meets with club members at lunch hour.

To add to the club's accomplishments, member Olivia Schuck won the top prize in the Michigan Committee for Severe Weather Awareness annual poster contest recently. Olivia was presented an award



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
 Cavanaugh Diton, Brescia Heinz, Aaizah Lone, Renee Murray, Maya Laesch, Maddie Yeager, Olivia Schuck, Bill Broucek, Camille Oyer, Anna Lenardon, Ken Pamplona, and Julianna Christenson practice cutting the ribbon for the weather station.

for her work at a ceremony in April in Lansing.

"Take a look at this face. This is what the future of our country is all about," Trustee Kim Crouch said, as she introduced Olivia at a recent Board of Education meeting.

In addition to weather club members learning about weather forecasting, they are also involved in STEM — science, technology, engineering and mathematics — part of a significant push for students as jobs in the work world demand this type of education.

"You are leading a school effort of making science come alive," Meissen said.

With the end of the academic year coming soon, Goodrich is already making plans with club members to continue to the weather forecasting effort throughout the summer. Later



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
 The weather station monitor is inside the school.

in June, Goodrich will take the club to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration office in White Lake

Township. "I told them we would be happy to help them," Goodrich added.

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Increase in athletic, activity fees eyed by P-CCS officials

By Joanne Maliszewski
Staff Writer

If the proposal passes muster, Plymouth-Canton Community Schools students next year will pay higher fees to participate in athletics and a new fee for activities in an effort to offset a projected \$5 million-plus district budget deficit.

The athletic fees are part of recommended changes as the Board of Education continues its review of the 2015-16 district budget. Budget proposals include reductions, as well as ways to generate additional revenue. The board will meet again Tuesday to review a fifth budget draft.

Following almost two hours of public comments June 2, Patrick Briggs, assistant superintendent for business services, led the board through recent budget revisions, including a review of the proposed athletic fees. The proposal includes:

» For high school students: A \$380 one-time annual fee for unlimited sports with a maximum \$780, regardless of the number of students in a family

» For middle school students: A \$100 fee per sport or \$200 for unlimited sports per student for a maximum \$400 (sixth-graders may only participate in one sport,

cross country).
» For activities: \$25 for participation in activities.

On the conservative side, the increases could generate \$450,000 in additional revenue, said Nick Brandon, P-CCS spokesman. "It is not exceptional for us to do this," he said, adding he looked at what other districts charged.

The effort also aids the district in generating revenue as opposed to cutting sports activities, Brandon said.

Trustee Sheila Paton told her colleagues she wants to see more ways to generate revenue, such as self-funding programs that are not

mandates. That could include, she said, the Park Players.

"We are at a time where we need to think creatively," Paton said, adding perhaps it is time to increase the use of volunteers to help with programs. She also questioned what — under administrators' latest fee proposal — is considered an activity.

Trustee Mike Maloney, however, said a lot of volunteers feel unwelcome at the Park. But Trustee Kate Borninski, who volunteers at the high schools, said she has never had a problem there, though there is a background check requirement.

"Just because we always do it one way doesn't mean we can't do it another way," Paton said, urging deeper efforts at revenue generation.

Board President John Barrett offered his thoughts on revenue generation: "It's not something public schools normally had to think about in the past."

District administrators, led by Superintendent Michael Meissen, have been developing budget scenarios, based on a number of variables, including general enrollment and additions through schools of choice, as well as state funding.

Throughout the almost weekly budget reviews, staff, parents and students have filled the board room making their cases to avoid proposed reductions, such as reductions in the numbers of counselors, paraprofessionals and interventionists who work with children in specific areas, such as reading.

This past week, P-CEP students who are members of the Student Congress, as well as the theater program, urged board members to avoid making cuts in their programs.

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crease. We obviously want to put whatever we have to work within the classroom," P-CCS Superintendent Michael Meissen said.

P-CCS administration is faced with a Board of Education mandate for a balanced budget. Administrators are now working on the fifth draft of a budget that will be reviewed Tuesday, June 9, by the school board. "We think with the numbers we still will be in excess of the (proposed) reductions," Meissen said.

Nick Brandon, P-CCS spokesman, added, "The one positive thing of the new per-pupil funding is that the next draft of reductions will reflect actual numbers we can go with. It is the hope that draft No. 5 will get us closer to getting some agreement. We are going to have a balanced budget."

P-CCS administrators had made three baseline budget scenarios, based on a number of factors, including per-pupil state funding. "We preferred the state House numbers," Meissen said.

The scenario with the House numbers would have put state funding

for Plymouth-Canton at \$7,494 per pupil, which would help reduce the projected deficit to about \$2.8 million instead of almost \$6 million.

"We are still working on prioritizing the reductions in the range of about \$6 million," Meissen said.

The baseline budget scenarios show spending ranging between \$148.2 million and \$151.5 million. Last week, when state Sen. Patrick Colbeck, R-Canton, spoke to the Board of Education, the state House and Senate were working on a state budget that showed the Senate plan providing Plymouth-Canton

schools with a foundation allowance of \$7,351 per student, while the state House plan was at \$7,500.

Meanwhile, the last few weeks of Board of Education meetings have brought out students, teachers and parents, all lobbying to prevent proposed reductions.

P-CCS administrators weren't the only ones surprised at the \$36 per pupil increase. Reps. Kurt Heise, R-Plymouth, and Kristy Pagan, D-Canton, voted against the school omnibus budget.

"I was a 'no' as soon as I got the final numbers," Heise said.

Added Pagan: "While there are many positive

components of this budget — including an increase in funding for at-risk students, adult education and support for third-grade reading improvements — I could not support a budget that does not fully fund P-CCS."

To add insult to injury, the budget includes a \$140 increase per pupil for charter schools.

"That's hard to accept, considering charters don't have the overhead or legacy costs," Heise said.

Pagan said she continues to work on legislation that would give more local control over school funding, including

Proposal A reform. In 1993, the way schools were funded was changed, denying the majority of districts the local ability to obtain operating funds from local taxpayers.

Heise, however, said he doesn't see any reforms coming with Proposal A. "It would take a Herculean task," he said, referring to the resolution and committee processes. "On the House floor, it would need a three-quarters vote. In the current (political) climate, it won't happen."

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Mustangs win

Sixteen Miller students took part in a Science Olympiad competition held May 16 at Schoolcraft College. Team Mustang Madness was the only elementary team competing from P-CCS and it won in all 16 events, taking home the first-place district trophy. The team scored 46 points to finish first.

The team of fourth- and fifth-graders includes Romel Patel, Jibraan Rahman, Isha Patel, Pranay Shah, Lily Gerlach, Natalie Fabien, Aryahi Pachpande, Reva Ignaczak, Josiah Jungkuntz, Theo Thawani, Dev Thawani, Lily Bird, Aashna Kumar, Milan Pandit, Nawfal Raza,

Aryan Kalyankar, Khushi Samal and Claire Swadling.

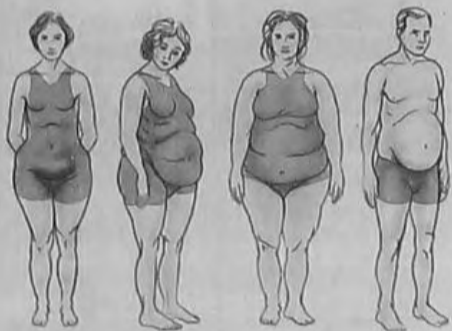
Artists nab standings

Arts Academy freshmen Ashley Jablonski, Samantha Klozik and Emma Mastny were all recognized as Michigan semifinalists for the 2015

Letters About Literature contest held by the Library of Congress (for grades 9-12 bracket). They entered through an assignment in Dayna Lang's world literature class at Salem High School in the fall.

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Village arts site gets cosmetic boost

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Henry Ford site into a complex featuring arts and education programs, art studios, galleries and potentially a destination restaurant and brewery, Engel said. It includes programs for veterans.

Amid unrelenting rains, volunteers had to postpone outdoor landscaping and clean-up efforts and move their chores indoors to focus on demolition.

Dave Curtis, long active in the Canton Historical Society, called it "gratifying" to help another organization redevelop a part of Canton's history, located in the Cherry Hill Village area.

"They are undertaking an extremely large project with a good vision," he said. "Besides their goals for the arts and humanities, it was wonderful to join them in preserving some of Canton's important history."

Curtis said volunteers had "an immense feeling of satisfaction" after their clean-up efforts.

Marion Rozum of MSA Delivery Services lauded the Village Arts Factory project, saying it will provide arts programs and other services to help veterans deal with the effects of war.

"I am very proud that our community is stepping up to the plate and doing something for our veterans," she said.

Wade L. Davis of Carhartt Retail said the latest clean-up efforts were "amazing" and productive.

"It was plenty of hard work, but most everyone had smiles on their faces," he said. "I guess when you have a bunch of like-minded folks working towards a common goal that they believe in, it just doesn't seem like work."

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Ryan Montri vacuums the floor of the World War II veterans dormitory, while others clean up behind him.



DOUG TOMAYKO

A Dumpster fills up as clean-up proceeds at the former Henry Ford site.

Thomas Paden, referring to Demolition Sunday, described volunteers as "passionate, committed and dedicated" to the project. He said returning arts to the site "is like seeing history come full-circle."

The site is where Henry Ford had one of 19 village industries, 18 of which were for farmers who could work at the factories during off-season. The one in Canton served as a factory where disabled World War II veterans could live in the dormitory, receive rehabilitation and work.

Interested residents should send a resume and letter of interest outlining their background in the above areas, as well as previous community involvement and fundraising experience, to: Jill Engel, Partnership for the Arts & Humanities, P.O. Box 871722, Canton, MI 48187.

Resumes will be accepted through June 12. For more information, email Engel at jengel@partnershipforarts.org or call 734-765-7061.

Arts partnership looking for board volunteers

The Partnership for the Arts & Humanities is soliciting residents who have a passion for art, historic preservation, veteran's services, education or entertainment to serve on its volunteer board.

The Partnership is a nonprofit 501(c)3 organization that encourages the development of cultural arts and heritage in Canton and the surrounding communities. The Partnership is in the beginning stages of a capital campaign to preserve a nationally historic Henry Ford Village Industry and redevelop the 14-acre parcel, creating a regional visual arts destination called the Village Arts Factory. For more details, go to www.partnershipforarts.org.

The Partnership meets the last Wednesday quarterly (January, April, July and October) in the late afternoon. Other board responsibilities include attendance and promotion of two annual fundraisers and marketing and committee meetings for the Village Arts Factory project.

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Pioneer Middle students shine in robotics contest

Two Pioneer Middle School students took the DENSO first-place trophy in the Junior RoboBowl category in this year's Robofest World Championship, held at Lawrence Technological University in Southfield last month.

Eighth-graders Reed L'Heureux and Zachary Brauchler, making their third appearance at Robofest, represented the team NCA Lights from Northville Christian Assembly during the May 16 competition.

The object of this year's RoboBowl was to build an autonomous robot — one with pre-programmed, not remote-controlled, operations — to detect and knock down four water bottles using tennis balls. The robot also had to measure the height of a rectangular shape on the table.

The NCA Lights' robot was programmed in RobotC, a computer language used in robotics education and competitions, using the LEGO NXT Mindstorm plat-

form. The Lights' average score in the competition was 99.97 out of 100.

Robofest is a competition of autonomous robots that is designed to spark interest in the STEM subjects — science, technology, engineering and mathematics. Teams compete in junior and senior divisions using a variety of computer programming languages.

This year's Robofest drew more than 2,000 students from 500 teams from Michigan and 10



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Pioneer Middle School students Reed L'Heureux (with trophy) and Zachary Brauchler are congratulated by Melissa Smith (left), program manager for community affairs at DENSO, and Lawrence Technological University provost Maria Vaz after winning the Junior RoboBowl category of the Robofest World Championships at LTU last month.

other states and several foreign countries. DENSO, a global automotive

supplier with a regional headquarters in Southfield and several associ-

ated facilities in Michigan, has supported the event for five years.



The peacock seems to be making itself at home.

On the loose: Peacock making a home in local neighborhood

Mary Beth and Gary Hausman and some their Plymouth-Canton neighbors are perplexed about what to do with a peacock.

The large, colorful bird just showed up a week or so ago in their neighborhood along Napier Road. It returned, which prompted neighbors to email each other. The Hausmans have tried every which way to find the bird a home. But so far no takers — unless the Hausmans are willing to catch it, an effort they aren't wild about.

Mary Beth Hausman has kept a list of her home-finding efforts that include contacting the state Department of Natural Resources, the Detroit Zoo and Birds of Washtenaw County — all of which don't want the bird. She has also checked with residents who have peacocks. Not one of them is missing a



This peacock showed up about a week ago in a local neighborhood.

bird.

The couple remains perplexed, as do their neighbors, and aren't sure what to do. Meanwhile, the peacock appears quite at home moving from one yard to the next.

Canton residents have reported coyote; police offer safety tips

For the past few years, residents have been reporting an increasing number of coyote sightings in the community.

According to Michigan's Department of Natural Resources, coyotes can be found throughout the state, in both urban and suburban areas, including subdivisions. Coyotes are most likely to be spotted during their breeding period, which occurs in Michigan from mid-January into March. Coyotes are active day and night, however, peak activity usually occurs at sunrise and sunset.

Coyotes can be difficult to distinguish from a medium-sized German shepherd dog from a distance. The size and weight of coyotes are commonly overestimated because of their long fur, masking a bone structure that is slightly smaller than most domestic dogs. When run-

ning, coyotes carry their tail below the level of their backs.

In urban areas, coyotes are attracted to garbage, garden vegetables and pet foods. Coyotes are opportunistic and will prey on unattended small dogs and cats. However, because coyotes are known to have an instinctive fear of people, coyotes rarely attack humans. According to public health authorities, bites from snakes, rodents and dogs are a far greater possibility than from a coyote.

To assist in minimizing a potential conflict with a coyote:

- » Never approach or touch a coyote
- » Never intentionally feed a coyote
- » Eliminate all outside food sources, especially pet food
- » Put garbage out the morning of pick-up
- » Clear out wood and brush piles; they are a habitat for mice and

may attract coyotes

» Do not allow pets to roam free when coyotes are present — consider keeping pets indoors or accompany them outside, especially at night

Because we share the community with wild animals, a coyote sighting should not automatically be considered a cause for concern. "If residents feel they are in danger of a coyote or if they observe a coyote in obvious distress, they should contact the police department," Special Services Lt. Craig Wilsher said. "Otherwise, residents are encouraged to follow the tips provided to minimize interaction with wildlife."

Reports of a coyote in distress or causing a threat can be called in to public safety's non-emergency line at 734-394-5400. Emergency situations should always be called in through 9-1-1.

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30 YEARS AND COUNTING

Plymouth woman looks back life of community service

By Linda Ann Chomin
Correspondent

Marie Morrow remembers transcribing minutes from board of directors' meetings of the Plymouth Community Fund on a typewriter. Two organizational name changes and 32 years later, Morrow leads the nonprofit now known as Plymouth Community United Way.

A lot has changed since Morrow was hired by the nonprofit organization, but not the mission. The focus remains to reach out and serve human needs in Plymouth, Canton and western Wayne County.

"It's been challenging over the years, taking it from a totally volunteer organization to the professional organization it is today," said Morrow, Plymouth Community United Way president. "It's a business. We're in the business of helping people and helping make the community a vibrant place to live, work and raise a family. We're making a difference in people's lives."



Morrow

Years of service

United Way Worldwide recently recognized Morrow's years of service at the Community Leaders Conference in Texas, where the Plymouth Township resident received an award. Representatives from 1,800 community-based United Ways in 41 countries and territories gathered for the three-day conference to learn, inspire and share ideas about creating lasting change.

"It was amazing to see the number of people who were receiving awards for 30, 40 years with United Way and hearing about the experiences they had," Morrow said. "We've gone from fundraising to community impact. Instead of funding agencies, we're getting to the root of

problems, solving issues, supporting programs, looking at outcomes, measuring results."

Morrow began volunteering for the nonprofit in fall 1982 after moving to Michigan from New Hampshire. By February 1983, she was a staff of one.

"There isn't anything I haven't done here. I did accounting by hand," said Morrow, who earned bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Michigan. "It's been amazing to watch the great technological changes.

"The corporate climate has changed. The economy affected many things over the years. Early on, we were volunteer-based with loaned executives assisting with fundraising. With companies downsizing, staff was necessary to call on companies for donations."

Today, Morrow and five employees address issues such as basic needs, education and stability/health. In addition to fundraising for programs, they coordinate the Emergency Food Assistance Program for Plymouth and Northville and various collection drives that call on community support

throughout the year.

Collaborating

Morrow believes there is strength in numbers. She took the United Way concept of serving as an umbrella organization that supports a variety of human services and created the Human Service Collaborative to help people unable to find assistance for problems not funded by nonprofit agencies or government. The collaborative accomplishes what none of them could do alone.

"I wanted the nonprofits, churches and service clubs to come together for the good of the community, for the people here to work closer together, solving problems, whether strengthening families, making children successful in school or helping the homeless become financially stable," Morrow said. "It's a combination of all those. It's all about neighbors helping neighbors."

Morrow is all about community and affecting lives. She was delighted to renew an old friendship at the conference in Texas. Ignacio "Nacho" Espinosa-Godad is launching the first United Way in Spain. He lived with Morrow and her son Christopher as a 15-year-old Youth Exchange student.

"When I was an exchange student in 1989, Marie opened her house to me. From that experience, a world of opportunities has now opened to me in United Way in my own country," Espinosa-Godad wrote in an email.

"Marie, Chris and I laughed lots. We laughed at our differences as we learned of our similarities. Now, more than 25 years later, I know it was also enriching. With Marie, I learned how much common good we can build together. I am only trying to emulate her as I open United Way in Spain and aiming to take it where Plymouth Community United Way is now."

Influencing

Morrow is humble about influencing Espinosa-Godad's career path, as well as her history of volunteering. Over the years, Morrow has served on various boards and is actively involved in community organizations as a volunteer. She's been a member of the

Noon Rotary Club in Plymouth since 1989 and is currently secretary/treasurer. In previous years, she served on Rotary's District 6400 Youth Exchange Committee in a variety of chairmanships. She is a member of Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church, where she is active in music and other ministries. Morrow earned a Pastoral Ministry Certificate from Sacred Heart Seminary in Detroit and is currently pursuing certification in Spiritual Direction.

Tom Salapatek met Morrow 20 years ago. He served as board of directors chairperson from 1998-2000 and as campaign chairperson in 2006, volunteering to raise funds for programs.

"Marie is a caring person in making sure everyone can be helped, who can be helped," said Salapatek, a Canton resident. "Over the years, we've had more active involvement of key sponsors. Corporate support has grown and community awareness. Although there still needs to be more, more volunteers taking on the role of making a difference in the community."

Morrow knows she can count on executives from local corporations, such as Johnson Controls. In addition to achieving the status of platinum donor for 25 years of contributions, Johnson Controls, together with DTE Energy, co-sponsors the nonprofit's major fundraiser, Tee Off for a Friend. Proceeds from the annual golf outing go to Plymouth Community United Way's Long Term Investment Fund. In years to come, this money will cover 100 percent of administrative costs.

Curt Bastianelli, executive director of purchasing, Automotive Seating at Johnson Controls, joined the golf committee 16 years ago and board of directors last year. Aug. 20 is the 17th annual golf outing.

"Plymouth Community United Way is very well-organized and stable," said Bastianelli, a long-time Canton resident now living in Northville. "Marie's done a great job and has a very strong board with Johnson Controls, Bosch, Lear, DTE Energy Com-

cast/NBC Universal, UPS, Consumers Energy, Varroc Lighting, UAW Local 845 and Huron Valley Ambulance supporting this community. That's very positive for United Way. Part of it is trusting what we do. We wouldn't have large corporate participation if there wasn't that trust."

Fundraising

Last year, the campaign staff exceeded its fundraising goal of \$1,000,050 with the help of individuals and more than 100 businesses. Howard Behr knows first-hand that donations to Plymouth Community United Way help individuals and families through programs ranging from education to food pantries.

That's why he's served on the board of directors for 18 years and as chairperson in 2003-04. Behr also volunteers on the Long Term Investment Fund, Finance and Golf Outing committees. He first became involved with Plymouth Community United Way when he worked as a controller for Ford Motor Co.

"You have to give back," Behr said, explaining his long-time commitment to the nonprofit. "I'm impressed. Marie ensures outside financial auditors are brought in every year and they never had any issues. She makes sure things are done according to rules and regulations and there is a clean, clear financial audit."

While Morrow appreciates the accolades from United Way Worldwide and her friends, she is deeply touched by her 13-year-old granddaughter Isabella's desire to volunteer at the organization, dear to her heart. Isabella Murphy-Morrow has been giving of her time for several years.

The West Middle School student represents the future. Without her support and that of other youth and the community, the work of helping others would not be able to continue.

"Our local United Way is successful because of the tremendous time, talent and treasures of all the volunteers and community donors," Morrow said.

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Trash-service surveys in mail and online

By Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

Bins or carts? Traditional pickup or automated? Or perhaps a hybrid system?

Plymouth Township officials are looking for residents' input on these questions to help them choose some service-model options in a new waste hauling contract with Rizzo Environmental Services.

The township has sent an informational flier to its approximately 8,600 households explaining the options available with the seven-year contract. Included is a brief survey that can be mailed back to the township or dropped off; the survey is also available on the home page of the township's website.

Rizzo won't replace the township's current waste hauler, Duncan Disposal Systems, until October, but officials want to give the company time to plan for adding the township to the roster of communities it serves. Therefore, they say, decisions need to be made soon about whether to adopt automated pickup, stick with traditional hand-dumping of trash cans and recycling bins or adopt a combination of each.

"We look forward to hearing back from the residents and which way they want to move forward on solid waste collection," Supervisor Shannon Price said. Residents are encouraged to complete the survey by Friday, June 12.

Rizzo was the low bidder among five companies that submitted bids for the contract.

The three key options are:

» Current model: Hand-dumping of trash

cans and Rizzo-supplied recycling bins like the ones used now. That would cost nearly \$1.24 million in the first year of the contract and would rise to more than \$1.28 million by the seventh year.

» Automated: Trucks would be equipped with hydraulic arms to lift and dump large wheeled carts, one for trash, another for recyclables, differentiated by lid color. This would allow the driver of a Rizzo truck to dump the material without having to get out of the truck.

Rizzo's bid for automated service was nearly \$1.37 million for the first year and close to \$1.42 million by the seventh. Township officials say that may necessitate slight increases in trash-collection fees in the third, fourth and fifth year of the contract.

A secondary question if an automated model is chosen is whether 64-gallon or 96-gallon carts should be used. Officials say the 64-gallon carts hold a minimum of four or five full kitchen-size trash bags (13 gallons) and the larger carts hold seven or eight full kitchen-size bags.

» Hybrid: The survey also gives residents the option of indicating if they'd like automated pickup for trash and traditional pickup for recyclables or vice versa.

The contract with Rizzo keeps the pickup of yard waste as it is now. If automated pickup is adopted, Rizzo would supply the wheeled carts and deliver them to households.

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Elks bring Big Band music in late June

The Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Club will add a big band evening to its June schedule of music.

Scheduled for 7-11 p.m. Saturday, June 27, Big Band @ The Elks will feature The Dr. Pocket Big Band. Food is included in the \$10 donation. The band offers four powerful horns, a driving rhythm section and three of the area's best vocalists. The group focuses on the tradition of great horn bands from blues, jazz and rhythm 'n' blues. Be ready to dance.

The Elks aren't sure yet whether the big band evening will become a regular feature.

But also on tap in June is the Blues @ The Elks and Jazz @ The Elks. The schedule includes:

» 7-10 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month is Blues @ The Elks. A \$5 donation is accepted at the door. Bring your dancing shoes. For June 9, Chef Chris & the Nairobi Trio bring rockabilly, country and high-octane blues with a southern sound. Chef Chris on vocals and harmonica, Tim Duvalier on guitar, Julian Van Slyke on drums and Bill Lewis on bass.



Susan Tobocman with the Cliff Monear Trio.

» 7-10 p.m. the last Tuesday of the month is Jazz @ The Elks. There is a \$10 donation at the door, which includes hors d'oeuvres. Enjoy jazz in a listening room setting close to the entertainers. Entertainment June 30 features Susan Tobocman with the Cliff Monear Trio. Susan Tobocman on vocals brings us tunes from the Great

American Songbook. Enjoy the popular Cliff Monear on keyboard, Jeff Pedraz on bass and Stephen Boegehold on drums.

For more information, call 734-453-1780, go to www.plymouthannarborelks325.com or email jazzattheelks@gmail.com. The Lodge is at 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth.



Chef Chris of Chef Chris & the Nairobi Trio.

Project to close southbound Mill Street

Utility improvements along Mill Street in the city of Plymouth are expected to start Monday and close the street to southbound traffic for an estimated four weeks, city officials announced Wednesday.

Workers will be installing a new water main underneath southbound Mill, between Main Street and Ann Arbor Trail, meaning the stretch will temporarily be open for northbound traffic only. Mill Street in that area is also called

Lilley Road.

The new water main, plus planned improvements to the sanitary sewer along the same stretch, is part of a project to improve Lilley between Ann Arbor Road and Main in Plymouth Township and between Warren and Joy roads in Canton Township. The Ann Arbor Road-to-Main stretch will be resurfaced in asphalt at a cost of about \$700,000; that work will follow the competition of the un-

derground utility work and will probably start in July or August.

Plymouth's utility work in the area is estimated at about \$1.55 million.

City officials say there will be more updates on the project as information becomes available. Those with questions about the project can email the city's Department of Municipal Services at DMS@ci.plymouth.mi.us.

— By Matt Jachman

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Canton police seeking fraud suspect's identity

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

A suspect accused of using a cloned debit card to make purchases at a Canton retail store is being sought by police.

A surveillance photo of the fraud suspect was released Thursday by police. Anyone who has information about the suspect is

asked to call the Canton Police Department at 734-394-5400.

Detective Sgt. Dan Traylor said store personnel where the fraudulent purchases were made have asked police not to divulge the company's name.

Traylor said the crime of using cloned debit and credit cards to make fraudulent purchases is on the in-

crease. "A lot of these (cloned) numbers are out there," he said.

Credit and debit card cloning has garnered increasing attention, with some criminals installing a card-reading device at places such as gas pumps to illegally obtain private card numbers that can then be used for fraudulent purposes.

Traylor also said anyone using a free, public, unsecured Wi-Fi connection to the Internet may be placing themselves at potential risk.

"There is a potential when using free Wi-Fi to get a virus," he said, making it easier for criminals to potentially obtain personal information.

Traylor also recommended checking credit card and debit card accounts on a regular basis.

"Be vigilant and watch your own credit accounts," he said, saying fraud and identity theft are "a major problem."

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CANTON POLICE
Canton police are asking for help identifying this fraud suspect.

Use 1035 exchange to move low-paying annuity

Q: Dear Rick: My husband died a couple of years ago. It was his second marriage and he had children from the first marriage. He had a will that left some things to his children, but most everything else went to me. Because the kids think that they were not treated fairly, they sued. I basically won the lawsuit and one of the things I inherited was an annuity. My husband was 25 years older than me. He bought the annuity back in the 1980s and basically let everything reinvest. According to the annuity company, his original investment was \$25,000 and today it's worth nearly \$100,000. If I cash out the annuity, do I have



Rick Bloom
MONEY MATTERS

to pay any taxes? If I have to pay taxes, is there anything else I can do to get out of this low-paying annuity?

A: Unfortunately, if you cashed out the annuity, you would have to pay taxes.

In your situation, this is a non-qualified annuity (non-IRA) and you have a basis in the property. Your basis is what your husband originally paid for the annuity, \$25,000. Therefore, if you cashed out the annuity, \$75,000 (\$100,000, minus \$25,000 basis, equals \$75,000) would be taxed as ordinary income.

Many people get confused because of the stepped-up basis rule when someone inherits property upon death. For example, if you inherited 100 shares of stock that someone paid \$10 a share for, but upon their death it was worth \$100 a share, the person who inherited the money would pay no taxes and their basis would be the fair market value as of the date of death—in this situation, \$100,000.

However, when it comes to things such as annuities or IRAs, the basis is not the fair market value as of the date of death; it is a transfer basis from the decedent. In your case, \$25,000.

There is another option that you can consider. According to the information you have pro-

vided me, you have a fixed-income annuity, which is similar to a CD, but with an insurance company. You get a guaranteed rate of return for a fixed period. If you want to invest in more of a growth area, you can do a 1035 exchange.

A 1035 exchange is tax-free and allows you to move money from one annuity into another. In your situation, consider moving your money from a fixed annuity into a variable annuity, which allows you to invest in mutual funds where you'll have a better opportunity to make money.

The key for a 1035 exchange is to make sure the money goes from one annuity company to another.

In shopping for vari-

able annuities, I believe the key is to have good investment options and low cost. I recommend annuities through Vanguard or Fidelity. They both offer low-cost, no-load annuities with good investment options.

In addition, in both these variable annuities there are no back-end penalties. Most variable annuities are packed with high fees and high surrender charges. Vanguard and Fidelity annuities have very low fees and no surrender charges.

In a year or two, if you decide to do something different with your money, you'd have complete flexibility. Unfortunately, with most variable annuities, you do not.

In the majority of

cases, I would not recommend spending new money to buy an annuity. However, for people who have money in annuities and who don't want to recognize the taxes, they can look at being more efficient with their money by considering lower cost variable annuities.

After all, if you can save 2 percent a year in unnecessary administrative fees, that goes to your bottom line. As far as I'm concerned, that's the most important bottom line.

Good luck.

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. His website is www.bloomassetmanagement.com. If you would like him to respond to your questions, email rick@bloomassetmanagement.com.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT

Time/Date: Now
Location: Compassionate Care Hospice, 5730 N. Lilley Road, Ste. A, Plymouth

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

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

FATHER'S DAY FLY IN

Time/Date: 7-11 a.m. Sunday, June 21

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

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

Contact: www.113.eaachapter.org

CANTON MARKET

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

Location: Preservation Park on Ridge Road, Canton

Details: Canton Farmers Market now open

PLYMOUTH MARKET

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

Location: In and around The Gathering, downtown Plymouth

Details: Plymouth Farmers Market open

CARS & CAFFEINE

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

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

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

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JOINT REPLACEMENT SEMINARS

Time/Date: 6-8 p.m. Thursday, June 25

Location: Classroom 10 at St.

Mary Mercy-Livonia, 36154 Five Mile

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

Contact: To register, 734-655-2345.

COFFEE WITH A COP

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

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

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

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

Contact: 734-394-5401

SHRED DAY

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

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

Cost: Free

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

FLOWERS ARE FOREVER

Time/Date: Noon to 8 p.m.

Tuesday, June 30

Location: Plymouth

Details: The Woman's National Farm & Garden Association, Trailwood Garden Club, will host the annual Flowers are Forever Garden Walk. Several gardens are featured. Complimentary refreshments are offered. Perennial sale and master gardeners are available.

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

Contact: Kate Kerr at 734-455-6867

Canton Secretary of State office getting new check-in service

Canton's Secretary of State office will become one of the latest eight sites where residents can use the new MI-TIME Line service to make appointments and hold a place in line using their phones or computers.

"This is one more way we're making it easier to do business with the Secretary of State," Ruth Johnson said. "We value customers' time, so this way they can get in line and run errands or go shopping instead of waiting in line."

Canton is one of seven branches expected to roll out the new system by late summer.

Almost 1.5 million customers have used the MI-TIME Line system in the 10 branches where it is currently available since it was launched in

January 2014. Response has been overwhelmingly positive with comments, officials say.

Once customers are signed in, MI-TIME Line calls or sends a text message when they are about to be called. Customers who don't have a

mobile phone can stop by the office, check in at a special MI-TIME Line kiosk and get a printed ticket. They can check their estimated wait time on a monitor at the branch before heading out to run errands.

Customers can find participating offices on the Branch Office Locator by searching for "Get in Line Online" offices.

To offer this customer-service technology, the Secretary of State's office partnered with QLess, whose line-management service has been successfully used by other driver and motor vehicle agencies, amusement parks, shopping malls and health care and educational facilities to reduce wait times.

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For example: The family doctor sees a 78 year old woman with diabetes who he regularly care for but who comes that day with pain in her foot; the doctor diagnoses gout. He gives her a course of prednisone; the medication stops her pain, but as soon as the doctor stops prednisone, the pain returns. Rather than continuing prednisone, the doctor refers the woman to a rheumatologist.

That specialist, by training and experience, knows that a woman of her age and a diabetic besides, is likely to have, not gout, but a similar condition called pseudogout. The treatment, which the rheumatologist undertakes, is injection of steroid at the site of pain, with no therapy thereafter. There is no place for colchicine or allopurinol, two drugs that are effective in gout, but of no value in pseudogout.

The point here is twofold. First, the specialist has training that allows him to make a diagnosis in a timely manner, and institute proper therapy immediately. Second, specialist care is not expensive care, but just the opposite. Again, by training and experience, the specialist can go directly to the questions, examination, tests and therapy needed, with no waste.

In America, approximately 40% of doctors practice primary care, and 60% are specialists. That ratio is appropriate and should stand.

W-W students honored for Breaking Traditions

Two Wayne-Westland students have been recognized for surpassing obstacles and stereotypes to achieve success in Career and Technical Education programs.

Marissa Alcantara and Kealani Sypher are among 25 students from across the state who were selected as winners of the Michigan Department of Education Breaking Traditions Awards.

"The Breaking Traditions Awards recognize high school and college students who have demonstrated success in CTE programs that are non-traditional to their gender," state Superintendent Mike Flanagan said. "At a time when there is a call from various stakeholders for building a more responsive, market-driven schools-to-jobs pipeline, it is important to recognize the efforts of these students and the programs that helped them."



In Lansing for the Breaking Traditions Awards ceremony were (from left) Steve Kay, principal of the William D. Ford Career Technical Center; winners Marissa Alcantara, Game Design and Programming, and Kealani Sypher, Electronics/Robotics/Alternative Energy; Zack MacLean, instructor Electronics/Robotics/Alternative Energy, and Gay Bobowski, co-op coordinator.

post-secondary education.

"These outstanding students are preparing themselves to enter a career that will benefit them individually and benefit Michigan by increasing diversity in our state's workforce," Flanagan said. "By their determination and dedication to pursuing careers in an area non-traditional for their gender, they are role models for peers who may be considering such a career path."

Alcantara and Sypher are both students at John Glenn High School and William D. Ford Career Technical Center.

Alcantara was recognized in the area of game design and programming, while Sypher was honored for in the electronics/robotics technology program.

To qualify for consideration, students had to: » Complete a CTE program that is non-

traditional for his or her gender.

» Enroll in a Michigan high school or career center program during the 2013-14 school year.

» Be nominated by a teacher, counselor, administrator or other personnel employed by the student's school or career center.

» Have satisfactory academic standing and acceptable citizenship and disciplinary history.

» Have made a contribution to awareness of non-traditional careers through exemplary completion of a program considered non-traditional for the student's gender; successful competition in a program-related event or contest; participation in a CTE student organization; actively recruit other students into programs non-traditional for their gender; mentor other students in CTE programs non-traditional for their gender; and make significant

contributions to the student's CTE program.

Applicants had to provide two letters of support and write a brief narrative explaining their career obstacles faced, plus key accomplishments.

"The MDE is investing in Michigan's future by helping ensure that our children are career and college ready and have the skills the jobs of today and jobs of tomorrow demand," said Patty Cantu, director of the Office of Career and Technical Education. "Career and Technical Education is education that works for Michigan."

Ward's Mitchell plans cross-country journey to help Burmese refugees

By Tim Pendell
Correspondent

When Jeff Mitchell, communications director for Ward Church in Northville, makes a commitment, he means it. This summer, he will embark on a 3,500-mile bicycle journey from Seattle to New York City. In the process, he hopes to raise \$10,000 for Burmese refugees living in encampments in neighboring Thailand.

"I want to use what talents, skills and abilities that God has given me to help others," said the Southfield native and Lathrup Village resident. "I hope to take what my job has me routinely do—fundraising, communicating and promoting—and match it with my

passion for cycling to help people who have no platform or way to help themselves."

The military-influenced government of Burma—also known as Myanmar—and the persecuted and impoverished Karen people have been embroiled in a civil war since 1948. The Karen are an ethnic minority who have suffered the atrocities of war with many of its people now living in refugee camps along the Thai border. They are underfed, undereducated and abandoned, with little hope.

Mitchell and eight other cyclists will represent nonprofit Venture Expeditions and its international relief efforts. They will peddle across the Northern Plains,

through the Midwest, over the rolling farmlands of Pennsylvania, ending at New York City's waterfront. The two-month trek will make stops at churches, schools and campgrounds along the way. Mitchell will climb aboard his bicycle to begin his journey June 8 with rides of as much as 100-plus miles a day. He and his co-cyclists expect to arrive July 30 in New York City, ending their journey on behalf of a forgotten group of people living in poverty half a world away.

"Our goal is to raise donations that will open doors to educate, feed and share our faith with the Karen people," Mitchell said. "If we succeed—and, with God's

help, we will—all the hard work and hours peddling through all sorts of weather and across all types of terrain will be well worth it."

While Michigan's winter has not made training easy, Mitchell intends to be ready for his rigorous quest, having had the experience of a 500-mile, six-day cycling tour of the California coast last summer. That outing raised support for a Christian leadership academy for Ugandan children through Restore International.

"Every once in a while, I come across someone who is passionate and effective when it comes to putting their Christian faith into action. Mitchell is one of

those people," Ward Church executive director Barry McKenna said. "He has a knack to see where God is working and joining Him there. Whether it is mentoring a small group of high school students or riding across the country to raise money to help others, Mitchell seeks to be used by God whenever and wherever the opportunity presents itself."

He has raised more than half of his \$10,000 goal, but the clock is ticking and a deadline nears. Mitchell emphasizes that he is fortunate to be receiving support from local businesses as well as individuals and that, "100 percent of the \$10,000 I hope to raise will go directly to the cause."

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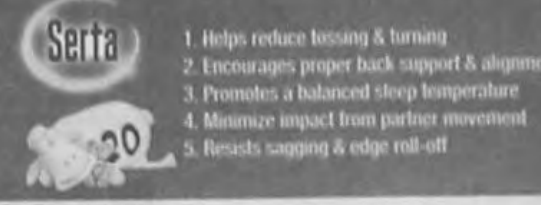


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USA HOCKEY TAKES OVER



One of the more recent USA Hockey NTDP stalwarts is forward Dylan Larkin. He just turned pro with the Red Wings organization.

USA HOCKEY

D1 REGIONAL FINAL

Chiefs just can't stop Hornets' Mulder

Senior keys 3-0 victory, Saline wins first regional

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

After Canton defeated Dearborn in Tuesday's girls soccer Division 1 regional semifinal, Chiefs head coach Jeannine Reddy warned about Saline forward Taylor Mulder.

Reddy knew her team would need to throw a defensive blanket over the Hornets' high-scoring forward to have a shot at winning Friday's regional final.

When all was said and done, Canton's best efforts could not contain Mulder and the Hornets, with the Chiefs falling 3-0 at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park's varsity soccer stadium before a packed crowd. The regional title was the first for Saline's girls soccer program.

"Hats off to Saline, they did a great job," Reddy said. "I thought they were one of the best teams we played all season."

"But I'm really proud. I just wish for my seniors and the rest of them, that we could have gone further. ... Making it to regionals

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NEW GAME IN TOWN

USA Hockey era skating into longtime Compuware Arena

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Scott Monaghan understands there will be a hole to fill in the hearts of hockey fans who supported the Plymouth Whalers the past couple of decades at Compuware Arena.

But Monaghan, senior director of operations with USA Hockey, is more than confident that those fans — and many more — are going to love the new kind of junior hockey that will be rolling into the Beck Road arena beginning in September.

"I encourage people to come out and check it out," Monaghan said during a recent interview in Mike Vellucci's old office. "I think they'll find it's really, really good hockey to watch."



USA HOCKEY

Current Detroit Red Wings goalie Jimmy Howard played in USA Hockey's NTDP.

"And watching these kids grow as a group over two years is one of the most unique things."

With Compuware Arena officially to become USA Hockey Arena soon, not to mention a sprawling makeover (a 20,000-square-foot addition is in the works), Monaghan is confident many of those fans will flock to see one of two

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USA HOCKEY FACTS

What: USA Hockey is taking over the long-time home of the Plymouth Whalers, Compuware Arena. The building on Beck Road is now USA Hockey Arena.

Who: With the Ontario Hockey League's Whalers sold and moved to Flint, the facility will be permanent home to two major junior teams — the U.S. National under-17 and under-18 squads. They comprise the National Team Development Program, formerly housed at the Ann Arbor Ice Cube.

Big names: The USA Hockey program has helped develop many big-time players, both for Division I colleges and the professional ranks. In 2014-15 alone, National Hockey League players who wore the red, white and blue include Detroit Red Wings goalie Jimmy Howard, Chicago Blackhawks forward Patrick Kane and Livonia native Ryan Kessler, now with the Anaheim Ducks.

USHL: Both NTDP teams will play in the United States Hockey League, an American version of the OHL. The older group will play some games against D-1 colleges.

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Going for the ball Friday night are Canton's Chloe Donlin (left) and Saline's Tate Robison.



DAN SMITH

Plymouth Christian's Nick Andres connects on a base hit Tuesday to win the Division 4 district final against Lutheran Westland.

BASEBALL DIVISION 4 DISTRICT

In the 'Nick' of time for Eagles

PCA's Andres delivers district-winning hit after three-day delay

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Mother Nature put Nick Andres' heroics on hold for three days.

But the Plymouth Christian Academy junior came through with flying colors in the bottom of the seventh inning of his team's baseball Division 4 district final against Lutheran Westland.

Rain and thunder forced the game to be halted Saturday with the score tied 3-3, with Andres at the plate and the bases loaded with two outs.

The field at Lutheran Westland still wasn't playable Monday, so the Eagles and Warriors had to wait until Tuesday afternoon to finish what they started.

What a wait, what a reward. Andres fouled off the first pitch he saw and then laced the next offering over the short-stop's head, scoring courtesy runner Tanner Hay with the winning run in a 4-3 victory.

"I was on edge with my

nerves the entire time," Andres wrote in an email to the *Observer*. "From teachers, students and friends, everyone made sure to tell me 'no pressure' even though they were adding to what was stirring inside me."

"But nevertheless I remained as calm as I could and not even try to think about it." The Eagles mobbed Andres at home plate, thrilled about the district title and a chance to play in the D4 regional Saturday at Sterling Heights Parkway Christian (against

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DIVISION 1 GIRLS SOCCER

Trapp boots Chiefs into regional final



The Canton Chiefs happily pose after winning the Division 1 district girls soccer title. Canton now is looking to win the regional.



Racing into Dearborn's end of the field Tuesday is Canton senior Sarah Trapp (right), who scored both of her team's goals in a 2-0 victory.

Senior's offense lifts Canton to 2-0 victory over Dearborn

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Canton senior Sarah Trapp set the tone for her teammates Tuesday night, scoring two fast goals against Dearborn in a girls soccer Division 1 regional semifinal.

They held up the rest of the way as the Chiefs defeated the Pioneers, 2-0, at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park in the Plymouth-hosted regional.

The win moved Canton (13-5-3) into Friday's regional final against Saline.

"The first one (goal) was really quick," Trapp said about how she put her team on the scoreboard in the opening

minutes. "Chloe (Donlin) passed it up through, which was very insane.

"And the next goal happened 30 seconds after the first. I was just determined to get it in."

Trapp's first goal was a boot from the middle of the box in front of Dearborn goalie Brianna Hansen.

On her second goal, she cranked a shot from the left side of the pitch that eluded the goalkeeper.

"We're just working as a team," Trapp said when asked about Canton's recent magic — which included district wins over Plymouth and Livonia Churchill. "We've gotten

way better since the beginning of the season, just quick touches and just our team is getting better every day."

Sharing the shutout for Canton were junior goalkeeper Jordan Anheuser and freshman goalie Sarah Hammond.

Canton head coach Jeanine Reddy said her team is clicking at the perfect time

and enjoying the experience.

"I just told them it's special to be in the regionals, just go out there and prove you belong here," Reddy said. "Play like you've been playing. If you do, good things will come, you'll win.

"And they did, they played well, I was able to play every-one today."

Reddy added that she is "excited" about the direction the team has taken in recent weeks and "we're having a lot of fun, too. The grass helps too, with our touch, versus turf."

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is a huge accomplishment."

Saline opened the scoring midway through the first half on a header by junior Maddy Ross. But that was the appetizer to the entree.

Mulder's 41st goal of the season was something to behold, giving the Hornets a 2-0 edge with 24:40 remaining in the second half.

She was embroiled in a defensive standoff against Canton senior Paige Messmer and seemed to be defeated on the play, falling to the ground.

Can't stop that

But Mulder quickly got up, did a spin-a-rama and drilled a shot into the top-right corner past Chiefs junior goalkeeper Jordan Anheuser.

"She kept going and stood up and had an amazing shot," Reddy said. "Paige was the last defender with her. Paige got to her and it looked like (Mulder) fell and Paige kind of backed up a little bit thinking she won it.

"And then she jumped right back up."



Dribbling past Canton's Mary Galm (left) is Saline's Taylor Mulder, who scored her 41st goal of the season Friday. At right for the Chiefs is Rachel McGue.

According to Hornets head coach Dana Restricker, the way Mulder persevered and found a way to score did not surprise her.

"She doesn't (quit), she can

score from anywhere; it's been her M.O. all season," Restricker said. "She's on the ground, she finds a way to get up and just takes a little touch and a well-placed ball.

"She can beat you in a multitude of ways and that's what makes her so dangerous. That's why we love having her on our side."

The Hornets then added an insurance goal with 16:39 remaining, when Sarah Livesey's free kick from 40 yards away floated over Anheuser's outstretched arms, just under the crossbar.

"They did that to Woodhaven; they have great free kicks," Reddy said. "It went right over her head."

Reddy said Canton (13-6-3) just could not connect on offense, largely due to Saline's strong play all over the pitch. Hornets goalkeeper Sofia Sweier had little to do all evening, snaring a couple of low, long-range shots from time to time.

"They're just solid everywhere," she said. "Defensively solid, offensively they have a great team."

Restricker said her team "just played our game, we focused on us. We looked at them a couple times and we knew a few specific things we needed to shut down. I thought we did those fairly well, especially in the second half."

After the final whistle sounded, the Hornets mobbed each other near the middle of the field.

Then, following the awarding of individual medals and the team trophy, a bucket of ice water was dumped over Restricker's head, as though Saline had won a state title.

That exuberant celebration continued over to one of the nets, where players, coaches and fans could relish in the first regional crown in the program's 25 years.

Now, Restricker's team will play Wednesday in a D1 semifinal against an opponent to be determined.

Still proud

One of Canton's seven seniors, Chloe Donlin, lamented not getting the first goal of the game because the Hornets were tough to deny after that.

"The first one (Saline goal) kind of put us down," Donlin said. "But I'm really proud of my team. No one expected us to make it this far.

"My goal was just to win districts. I'm really happy we made it my last year to regional finals. I couldn't be more proud of my team."

The team's other seniors included Messmer, Sarah Trapp (whose two-goal game against Dearborn helped Canton reach the regional final), Cristen Pederson, Kelsey Cheaney, Taylor Topolski and Hanna Reinhart.

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PREP TRACK AND FIELD

ALL-STATE SIBLINGS

Plymouth's HARRISES scale the heights, excel in high jump at Division 1 state meet

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

When Katherine Harris was a sixth-grader in Chicago, older brother Nathan encouraged her to do what he did — give the high jump a chance.

"He was like, 'Hey, you'd be good at this, you should try it,'" Katherine said.

Nathan Harris must have spotted something in his little sister back then. Six years later, the Plymouth High School brother-sister combo earned all-state honors in the high jump at the Division 1 state meet in Rockford.

"I thought that was amazing, that was really cool," said the 18-year-old Nathan, a senior who will join Concordia University's men's track and field and men's soccer teams next year. "We both high jumped in middle school together and it was the same way."

"But this is the first year in the last three years that that's happened and this year I guess we both hit our stride."

With a jump of 6 feet even, Nathan Harris finished seventh in the boys competition, while Plymouth junior Katherine Harris' 5-3 jump was good for eighth on the girls side.

The top eight per event are named all-state.

Doubly special

"Going all-state is a pretty special honor for any athlete," Plymouth girls track and field coach Ricky Styes said. "And then to have a brother and sister who are in the same event go all-state in the same year, the odds of that are probably pretty low for happening."

"Katherine qualified for the state meet for her third year; we've been waiting for this to happen. She jumped well on the right day and was able to go all-state. Nathan broke the school record this year (6-6, eclipsing the former mark of 6-4). He's been jumping really well all year for the boys team."

With a nod toward the younger sibling, Styes noted that "hopefully, Katherine can follow in her brother's footsteps and set the school record

for the girls next year."

Although they were the ones to train, work and ultimately get it done in crunch time, they credited Plymouth high jump coach Dean Clemons for helping them become all-state jumpers.

"He's helped both of us a ton," Nathan said. "(Clemons) just re-did my approach and re-did everything; he's just been a great mentor and a great guy."

According to Katherine, who was at the state meet for her third straight season with the Wildcats (Nathan made the cut all four years at Plymouth), a rainy and windy day in the Grand Rapids area made the May 30 finals extremely challenging.

"This year's state meet was a lot different than previous years," she said during an interview Monday. "It was cold and rainy, but when we got out there, we've been training really hard for the state meet and my goal was to jump 5-3, hopefully 5-5."

"I jumped 5-3 and I didn't really go out with the idea of placing, I just wanted to go and do my best. That was good enough to place this year."

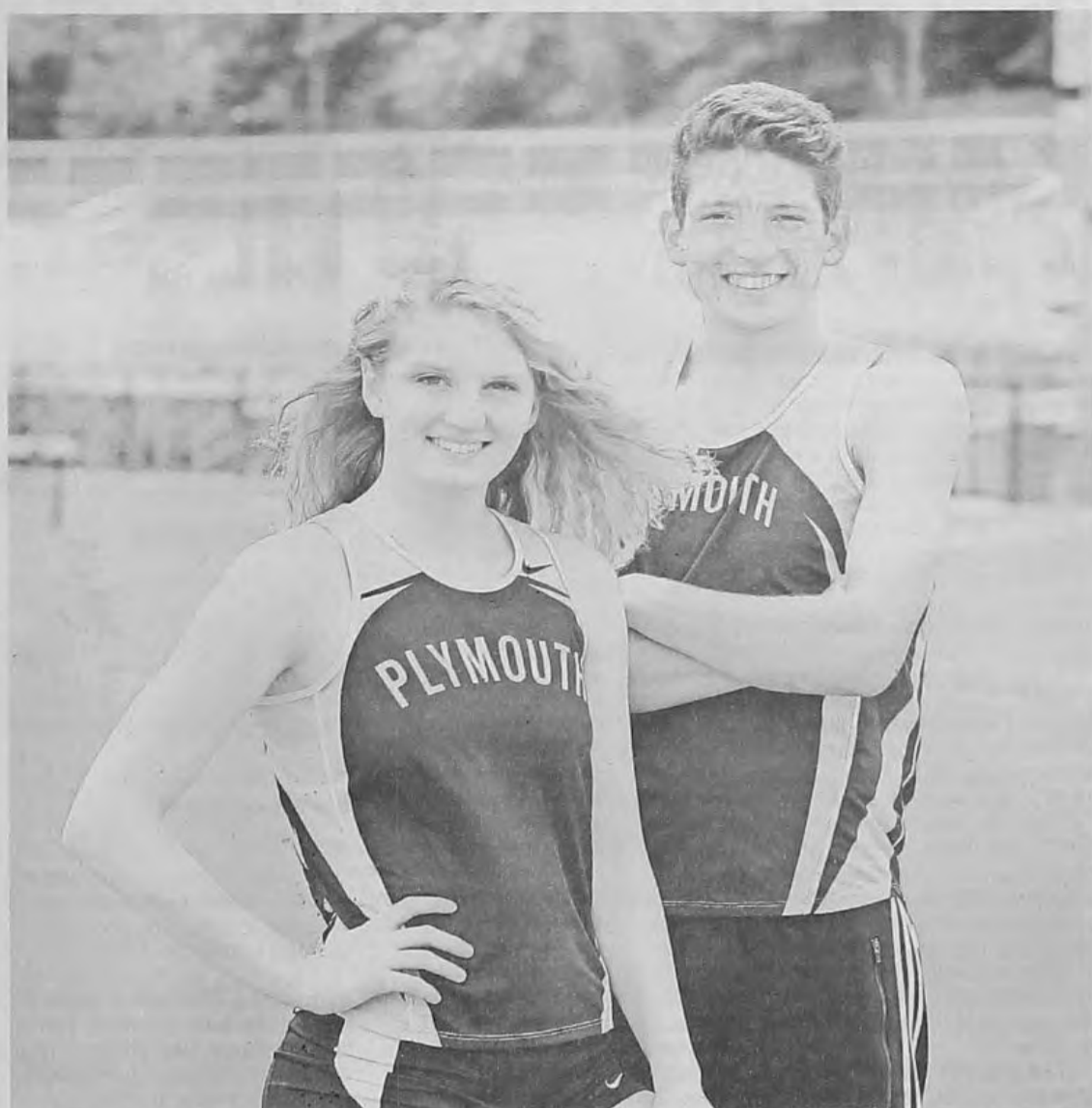
Talent, coupled with a drive to succeed — almost to the point of being perfectionists — has taken both siblings to the heights, so to speak.

"I've really enjoyed competing next to her the last three years," Nathan said. "And it's just really a joy to have someone at home, we can go over videos and analyze pictures, 'Oh hey, you're doing this wrong, fix it like this.'"

"If there's not a coach around, she's there to coach me. So in a way, we just better each other as the season progresses."

But the HARRISES, whose parents are Dave and Dana Harris of Canton, don't just point out how the other can make a better approach and jumps (although yes, that does happen).

"Nathan will come watch me and help me out as a coach would," said Katherine, or Kat, as she is nicknamed. "I kind of get anxious and nervous and



JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

Plymouth siblings Katherine Harris (left) and Nathan Harris are all smiles after each earned all-state honors in the high jump at the Division 1 meet in Rockford.

he's really good at calming me down."

All about physics

He's also pretty good at understanding the ingredients of an all-state quality high jump.

"It's really about jumping the highest over a bar without knocking the bar off," Nathan said. "You use a lot of physics, running at the bar, plant off one foot, jump over, look back, get your arch up, get your hips up and then you kind of just do a back flip and land on the mat."

From 55 feet away, he builds up enough speed and momentum to propel himself with room to spare. For his sister, it's a 50-yard sprint.

"The faster you're coming, the more you're going to travel and the less likely you are to hit the bar," he said.

Nathan said he doesn't mind sharing secrets of his success with Katherine, either.

"Occasionally it gets a little competitive, to see who does best at the meets," he said with a grin. "But this year, we both were just up there the whole time, so there was really no competition between us, we were just both winning."

Harris bragging rights won't be the same for at least a year, with Nathan going to Concordia (in Ann Arbor) and Katherine trying to finish her Plymouth career on the strongest note possible. To gear up

until next spring, she'll compete on an indoor team somewhere.

"I'm actually going to start doing club track this winter because, with all the off-season, it hurts my (high school) season," Katherine said.

Then, once she graduates, she is hopeful to reunite with her brother, pal and high jump partner.

"My hope is to be signed at the same college Nathan's at," Katherine said. "Nathan signed there and I'd love to go to college with him."

If so, they'll be setting — and clearing — the bar of excellence all over again.

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USA HOCKEY

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high-end National Team Development Program squads (under-17 and under-18).

Those teams will play a schedule of games, including against United States Hockey League (a major junior circuit) and NCAA teams.

Famous alums

It's not the Ontario Hockey League, which had a successful 25-year run in metro Detroit.

But Monaghan said folks with a Whalers' heartache might eventually learn to fall in love all over again.

It might help that transition, he said, to realize the USHL is an American version of the OHL.

"I actually have spoken to a handful of (Whalers fans)," Monaghan said. "I try to explain to them what we are and our correlation. We're producing a huge amount of NHL talent out of this program."

"Some of that high-end talent that you ultimately see in the OHL has come from the program. Sonny Milano, Ryan Hartman, just among the guys who have played for Plymouth."

Detroit Red Wings fans would be interested to know that goaltender Jimmy Howard is an alum of the NTDP.

So is forward Dylan Larkin, a highly touted player who just left the University of Michigan's hockey team to turn pro with the Detroit Red Wings. He joined Grand Rapids (Detroit's American Hockey League farm team) for the playoffs.

Place to identify

Monaghan promises that the coveted Compuware Youth Hockey Program will be bigger and better than ever.

The history of USA Hockey (yes, including the 1980 Miracle on Ice) will be celebrated within the walls of the arena and international men's and women's tournaments could be in the

offing as soon as 2015-16.

"I think it's a great facility, in good condition," Monaghan said. "But for us, what we want to do is make it a place where people identify it with USA Hockey. Where people can tangibly walk in and say, 'Ah, this is USA Hockey's home.'"

USA Hockey is moving from the tiny Ann Arbor Ice Cube (1,200 capacity) to the facility recently sold by longtime Compuware/Whalers owner Peter Karmanos.

"The Ice Cube is a great facility. We've had a long relationship with them and they've treated us very well," Monaghan said. "We had somewhat outgrown our space in there, which was one of our challenges."

"The other was, the ability for USA Hockey to own its own facility and operate it and try to be a little bit about setting the bar for this type of facility down the road."

Room to grow

Essential to that transformation is the addition of a two-story wing, which will include office space for USA Hockey employees, as well as room for weight training and other facilities that will be put to use by the U-17 and U-18 teams.

"Right now we're at about 2,800 square feet of weight training space and off-ice training space," Monaghan said. "Our plan is to go closer to 10,000 here."

"For the kind of things you have to do with kids now, for the idea that we may also be bringing in larger group USA Hockey functions that may need that kind of space, that provides us with what we really need."

Helping connect the dots from the Whalers to USA Hockey will be marketing and media relations people Denise Ronayne and Pete Krupsky (both longtime staples with the OHL team).

So will other staff members who are continuing to work the phones to convince old fans to stick around. (Full and partial season ticket plans are now available.)

The Whalers last season averaged about 2,400 per game. Monaghan would like to see similar attendance figures for the first season at USA Hockey Arena.

Bang for the buck

What might ticket buyers get for their money? Monaghan stressed that USA Hockey won't just be about the USHL.

With enough seating for nearly 4,000, he is looking to annually schedule a handful of games against NCAA hockey programs, including Division I teams such as Michigan or Michigan State.

"We play about 20 college games a year with our under-18s, the older group," Monaghan said. "The younger group plays primarily the USHL, which are 18- to 20-year-olds, whereas these kids (on the U-17 team) are all 16."

"The U-18s play some junior games, but they also pick up 20 college games, which as you know is anywhere from 18- to 23-year-olds. The idea is to put the kids in over their head, to put them up against bigger, stronger guys and force them to push themselves to get better."

"But one of the disadvantages we had at the Cube is we couldn't bring a college team in."

In addition to the full-time NTDP teams, Monaghan said international hockey events will be brought in each season to USA Hockey Arena — which will officially be unveiled later this summer.

"They'll still have that base league schedule, but they'll also have some things like that, unique stuff to enjoy," Monaghan said. "I think probably the best-kept secret is the international part. We're going to hope to do three or four events a year and those games are just fantastic."

"It's a whole other breed in terms of entertainment and it's really where you're patriotism comes out."

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Franklin Road Christian).

"As I ran out of the box after I made contact, I took a slight look and knew it was going down into left-center," Andres continued. "Halfway down the baseline my legs got pretty weak and I started to cry as soon as I crossed the base because I knew we won."

"All the pressure just came right off and we were district champs. My team immediately tackled me and it was the greatest feeling in the world to be the hero of the game."

Calm and clutch

Andres said the district winner was the highlight of his baseball career — surpassing two homers he hit for the Saline Storm travel team in the Cooperstown Tournament in upstate New York.

"After holding up that trophy, tears and all," he noted, "I knew this was the greatest moment of my whole baseball career and I will never forget it."

Neither will PCA head coach Joe Bottorff.

"I'll tell you, Nick handled the situation like a champ," Bottorff said. "He had three days to think about it, along with everyone at school reminding him how much pressure he had on him."

"But we had a good practice on Monday and everyone on the team knew he could come through. When Nick stepped into the box on Tuesday, he was calm and confident and came through like we all knew he would."

PCA trailed 3-0 until the fifth inning, when it put together a game-tying rally.

Matt Cusumano collected the Eagles' first hit of the contest, doubling home Phil

Morby and Tanner Hay to slice the deficit to 3-2. Following with an RBI single was Will Crecelius, plating Cusumano with the equalizer.

Lutheran Westland threatened to regain the lead in the top of the seventh (PCA won the pregame coin toss for home-field advantage), loading the bases with two outs. But the Eagles escaped when Mike Slater registered a strike-out.

Three-day rally

That set the stage for the winning rally — which took about 72 hours to complete.

It started Saturday, when Nathan Bishop pinch hit and singled to right field

with one out. Hay went in to run for Bishop.

After a fly out, Crecelius picked up his second hit of the game and an intentional walk to Josh Slater loaded the bases.

Warriors pitcher Jordan Williams threw one pitch to Andres and umpires stopped play.

The next pitch wasn't thrown until Tuesday and Andres was ready for it.

"I knew he was going to throw me a first-pitch fastball and knew he would keep throwing them throughout my at-bat, so I wasn't too worried," Andres added. "I just remained in the zone and walked up with confidence."

"My dad (Tim Andres), who has always been there throughout my entire baseball career, made sure to keep me calm and remind me that whatever happens that he would still be proud in everything that I have done as a baseball player and nothing could change that."

With one perfect swing of the bat, something did — for the better

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GIRLS SOCCER REGIONAL FINAL

Ladywood can't close the deal in 1-0 loss to Trenton

Blazers threaten throughout game, but can't score

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Livonia Ladywood's soccer team was applying so much offensive pressure Thursday during the second half of its Division 2 regional final against Trenton, if the 18-yard box had been a balloon, it would have burst.

Unfortunately for the Blazers, their goal gauge never moved off "0" as the Trojans survived with a 1-0 victory.

Trenton (19-3-2) moved on to a Tuesday semifinal game against Fenton, which defeated Warren Regina by the same score. Ladywood's season ended at 14-6-4.

The lone goal was struck with 13:13 left in the first half, when Trenton's Kate Olszewski settled a Ladywood clearing attempt and deposited the ball inside the left post before Blazers keeper Holly Cusick, who defused a scoring chance on the right side of the goal, could recover.

The Blazers' all-out, season-on-the-line offensive assault started two minutes into the second half, when freshman Amy Babon's firm shot off a slick feed from Conner Huggins rolled inches wide of the left post.

Just over a minute later, Clare Kelly bent a dangerous corner kick into a scrum on the net's doorstep that a Trenton defender had to clear off the line.

The near-misses continued for Ladywood as senior forward Emma Smalley's header off a corner dinged the crossbar at the 19:25 mark.

Twelve minutes later, a well-struck rope off Kelly's right foot from 14 yards out sailed just high of the bar.

Kelly nearly netted the equalizer again with 4:30 left, when her contested, close-range shot skimmed the top of the bar.



Ladywood's Clare Kelly (right) outraces Trenton's Brooke Teska to the ball Thursday afternoon.

"We had our opportunities — especially in the second half — but we just couldn't finish them," Ladywood head coach Ken Shingledecker said. "I thought we played as well as we can play in the second half, but we just couldn't finish the job."

Despite the one-goal deficit at the half, Shingledecker felt good heading into the final 40 minutes.

"I thought we didn't play great in the first half, so I figured we'd only get better from there and we did," he said. "We started playing like we normally do and we got ourselves in good spots to score, but we just couldn't put it away."

The result marked the first time Trenton has defeated Ladywood in three encounters.

"They've definitely had our number," said Trojans head coach Mike Hatfield, whose team advanced to the D2 semifinals in 2012. "This is my fourth year as head coach here, so this is my first gradu-

ating class. We kind of bred them to believe that they can beat anybody. We tell them if you think you're going to lose, you're not going to win.

"These girls go after every ball with 100-percent effort and it's paying off."

Sophomore keeper Christina Wynn earned the shut out for Trenton.

Like it's done the past month, Ladywood played without high-scoring forward Samantha Riga.

"Her not being out there definitely changes the dynamic of our team," Shingledecker said.

The game was played in high-70s heat and not much of a breeze — conditions that didn't seem to faze the Blazers, Shingledecker noted.

"I thought we got stronger as the game went on," he said. "I was super-pleased with the way we kept pressing. We just didn't finish."

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GIRLS LACROSSE

Cranbrook makes history with state semifinal triumph

By Dan O'Meara
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Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood had a historic victory in girls lacrosse Wednesday, advancing to the final round of the Division 2 state tournament for the first time.

The Cranes earned the right to play for the championship with a 24-6 win over Farmington Hills Mercy in a semifinal game at Okemos High School.

"We came into this game knowing we could make a little history today," coach Greg Courter said. "The girls have been focused on that for the last few weeks. They're really excited about having the opportunity to play on Saturday."

The Cranes (18-3) were scheduled to play play three-time defending state champion East Grand Rapids in the final at Rockford.

But the same goes for the Pioneers as they try to slow down a high-powered CK offense that has scored 48 goals in its last two games, averaging seven more than its 17.2 overall average.

"We played well today," Courter said. "I thought we moved the ball well in transition and a lot of kids stepped up and scored today. We had balanced scoring and a lot of the goals were assisted, which I like."

Ten players scored for the Cranes, who led 14-3 at half-time. Isabelle Scane, Grace Giampetroni and Ari Vespa scored four goals apiece. Scane also had five assists and Giampetroni two.

Courtney Paulus was next with three goals. Abby Barnes, Danielle Augier and Caroline Hinnant scored two apiece; Maddy Weber, Georgia Hinnant and Delaney Langdon contributed one

each. Cranbrook Kingswood's dominance and continuous movement on offense, getting multiple players involved, didn't just happen. The Cranes have worked hard at it.

"I spent the first part of the season trying to build up their creative thinking on the field," Courter said. "We really didn't incorporate plays until the second half of the season. If you spend too much time early working on plays, then kids just memorize their roles and they don't think creatively."

"A lot of what we do offensively comes out of what we did the first half of the season, trying to be creative, letting them see plays develop and people getting open."

The Marlins were in it early, trailing 5-3 with two goals by Chandler Pincheck and one by Lilly Blake. But the Cranes scored the last nine of the first half to take charge of the scoreboard.

Mercy's leading scorer, Brooke Ottaway, scored two goals early in the second half to trim the deficit to 16-5, but Cranbrook Kingswood made a purposeful effort to shut her down.

"We marked her for part of the game, because we knew she could hurt us," Courter said. "She's a very talented player. We knew we had to try to take her out of the game."

The Cranes scored the next six goals for a commanding lead and to win going away. Blake scored the final goal for the Marlins (10-6).

"Cranbrook is an outstanding team," Mercy coach Lindsay Hoyt said. "We knew it would be difficult. They're a bigger team than us and very athletic."

DIVISION 1 GOLF FINALS

Chiefs second following first day

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Led by Canton senior Donnie Trosper, the Chiefs are in a good place as they enter Day 2 of the boys golf Division 1 state finals at Ferris State University's Katke Golf Course.

The Chiefs had a first-day tally of 303, trailing Novi-Detroit Catholic Central (in first with a 294 score). Regional champion Plymouth had a tough day, finishing in a tie for 13th with a 327 tally.

Trosper's 5-under 67 — first among individuals at the end of the opening round — had a lot to do with Canton's strong opening day.

"Donnie appears relaxed and confident," Canton head coach Tom Alles said. "Katke suits his game. He is hitting it straight and long and putting beautifully."

"The seniors are determined to contribute to the team effort. We need (Suhas)

Potluri and (Brian) Oldani to play their best on Saturday."

Senior Noah Lindbauer tied for 12th with 75. Hunter Schlapp tallied 80 for the Chiefs, with Potluri and Oldani finishing with scores of 81 and 87.

Alles said Canton was slated to play in Saturday's top threesome, along with the Shamrocks and Hartland.

Junior Kyle Kozler (78) and sophomore Jack Boczar (80) led the Wildcats.

Rounding out the scorecard were Connor Zydeck (84), Justin Kapke (85) and Andrew Lloyd (87).

"I thought we did some good things," Plymouth head coach Dan Young said. "But overall we simply made too many mistakes to score consistently."

"Hopefully we can rebound (Saturday)."

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Livonia Ladywood earned its sixth straight district title last Sunday at Total Sports Complex with a 2-0 win over Dearborn Divine Child.

Blazers win district title indoors, 2-0

Ladywood stops Divine Child for sixth in row

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Chalk up another girls soccer district championship for Livonia Ladywood.

The Blazers did it indoors for the first time in school history as they notched their sixth consecutive Division 2 crown with a 2-0 victory Sunday over Dearborn Divine Child in a match moved to the comfy confines of the Total Sports Complex in Wixom after Saturday's schedule evening match was postponed because of heavy rain.

Ladywood (13-5-4) needed a pair of goals in the final 28 minutes to subdue its counterparts from the Catholic League, who put up a much better fight in the rematch after losing 7-1 to the Blazers in an April 21 meeting.

"I thought we were good and the game went absolutely the way I thought it would go — us with the ball and them dangerous on the counter," Ladywood coach Ken Shingledecker said. "I thought (Divine Child) did a nice job of getting into some dangerous moments behind us. But I'm really pleased with the effort of my kids. I thought the girls played the game I thought they wanted to play out here."

Ladywood controlled the ball and the play for the most part, but was unable to score until 27:22 remaining, when sophomore Taylor Bullard pin-pointed a nifty pass into the goal area and on to the foot of freshman Amy Babon, who guided a shot past Falcons goalkeeper Sam Cimino.

Divine Child, unable to generate much offense for nearly 60 minutes, did get a good chance with 17:34 left, when Katelyn Verla's shot was gobbled up on a sliding save by Ladywood sophomore goalie Holly Cusick.

The Blazers then went on the attack again and made it a two-goal cushion when sophomore Clare Kelly took a pass from Conner Huggins and maneuvered by a trio of D.C. defenders into the goal box and rifled a shot top-shelf into the back of the Falcons' net with only 14:10 remaining.

The Falcons, however, refused to fold and it appeared they had trimmed the deficit to 2-1 on Keegan Flack's shot that caromed down hugged goal line with 5:56 remaining.

Wiped out

But officials ruled it was no goal, much to the consternation of the Divine Child bench.

"I'm on the same angle as the ref, but the ref should have been in position to make that call," Divine Child coach Jeff

Luttrell said. "From our eyes, the goalie (Cusick) is standing on the line because I think her hands touched the crossbar and the ball went in weird."

"So obviously we're still down at that point, but at least it gives us a little bit of hope. From our eyes, it still looks like a goal, but you got to keep playing."

And although the Falcons were outshot, 20-8, Luttrell called it "probably one of the best games we've played all year."

Shingledecker, meanwhile, has had to tweak his forward lineup somewhat following the loss top scorer Sam Riga (19 goals), a Grand Valley State signee who went down for the season in early May with a stress fracture in her shin.

Huggins, a midfielder who has committed to Villanova University, remains as the Blazers' primary facilitator on offense.

"Conner is playing the same way she was, it's just other people have to step up, like Taylor (Bullard), Clare (Kelly) and Amy (Babon)," Shingledecker said. "Now it's more just multiple people can get you. I think they did a nice job, got themselves into spots and we finally finished two off. Those girls were working real hard to get those opportunities."

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SPORTS ROUNDUP

High Velocity camps

High Velocity Sports in Canton is gearing up for a multitude of summer camps.

First up is an All-Sports Camp for ages 3½-13. Mini Campers are the youngest group (ages 3½-5½) and participate in age-appropriate sports activities, bounce time and organized theme work, all focused on improving gross and fine motor skill development.

Junior (ages 5-9) and Senior Campers (ages 10-13) also participate in their respective age-appropriate sports activities, including traditional sports and fun backyard games.

All-Sports Camp is offered Monday through Friday, June 15 through Sept. 4.

In addition to All-Sports Camp, HVS also offers specialized sports camps, including the Detroit Lions Summer Football Camp, which will feature a visit from former Lions player, Herman Moore (for ages 6-14), Triple Threat Training Basketball Camp (for ages 5-14) which is run by former professional

basketball player Troy Coleman, Miki's Pro Soccer Camp (for ages 5-14) featuring former professional soccer player Miki Djerisilo and HVS Hurricanes Volleyball Camp (for ages 9-14) run by AAU Hurricanes club coaches.

For those who like some nonsport activities, HVS is offering PLUS camp through All-Sports Camp each Thursday for Junior and Senior campers who would like to take part in science experiments and projects for an additional \$5 material fee.

There are several other programs that can be enjoyed.

Also offered are Game Crazy Robotics Camps (ages 5 and older) featuring Minecraft and LEGO RoboCamp options, Bricks 4 Kidz who offer Minecrafter, Remote Control Mania, Model Designer Camp, Spectacular Sports, a Pirate's Quest, and Teenage Brick Turtles for ages 6-11.

Before and after care is available starting at 7:15 a.m. and ending at 6 p.m. For more go to www.hvsports.com or call 734-487-7678.

Canton woman hopes clinical trial at Mayo Clinic will slow ALS disease

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Terri Saenz is looking for a miracle.

"I sign off my blog with 'God is good always, so are miracles and cures.' I say that and I believe it. No matter what you go through, I know it's hard when it doesn't turn out the way we think. That's OK. Let it happen."

The 47-year-old Canton wife and mother hopes God and science will deliver the help she needs to slow progression of ALS, a neurodegenerative disease that affects muscle-controlling nerve cells in the brain and spinal cord. She'll donate her own bone marrow to a stem cell clinical trial Tuesday, June 9, at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., and then return July 2 to receive injections of cells that have been engineered from the marrow.

She's one of just 48 ALS patients in the U.S. involved in the 10-month trial, which will have Terri and her husband Jeff traveling to Minnesota 10-12 times throughout the year.

A pioneer

"It's promising for me and all ALS patients," Saenz said. "We can make a difference. Last time the doctor said, 'You are a pioneer. You're doing something that will make a difference.' It's a double blind placebo study, so I could get the placebo. Do I want (stem cells)? Yes, desperately, but somebody has to be the placebo. There's no guarantees about anything."

According to the ALS Association, more than 5,600 individuals are diagnosed with ALS every year and it estimates that up to 30,000 Americans have the disease. The average life expectancy is two to five years after diagnosis. About 20 percent of patients live five years or more and up to 10 percent survive more than 10 years. The disease, which leaves patients paralyzed in its later stages, generally affects ages 40-70. Symptoms and disease progression vary with each individual.

Saenz first noticed a problem — a muscle twitch — in early 2014. She thought it was related to a supplement she had taken and dismissed the symptom.

By fall, a hand felt weak and she began slurring her speech. She thought it might be related to a thyroid problem.

Active parents

"I had been working my tail off," she said. "I was exercising and eating organic foods." She had just gone into a real estate partnership with her father, Charles Pickering, Westland mayor from 1982-86. And she and Jeff, a software developer for La-Z-Boy in Monroe, had begun remodeling their kitchen. The couple had always been active parents to their sons Brandyn and Josh, volunteering for the Plymouth-Canton Marching Band boosters, assisting with their soccer

FUNDRAISERS

» Zumba for a Cause-ALS runs 6-8 p.m. Sunday, July 12, at Skateland West, 37550 Cherry Hill Road, Westland. \$10 at the door. Raffles will help pay expenses related to the clinical trial for Terri Saenz. Register at facebook.com/events/906178422772880/

» Bowling Night for My Friend Terri, 6-11 p.m. Friday, Aug. 7, at Westland Bowl, 5940 N. Wayne Road, Westland. \$25 for two games, shoes, pizza and appetizers. \$30 at the door. Register in advance either through online credit card or mailing a check to: MyFriend-Terri.com at P.O. Box 87914, Canton MI 48187. Register at facebook.com/events/1439983386303909/

» GoFundMe campaign to raise money for travel expenses associated with the clinical trial at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., is at gofundme.com/k9yf1o.

» Donations accepted at Flag-Star Bank. Account is Terri Saenz through myfriendterri.com or via PayPal at tinyurl.com/pgy72jo. Or mail to MyFriendTerri.com, P.O. Box 87914, Canton MI 48187

» Buy a T-shirt from heritagelogo.com/

» Check out @myfriendterri on Twitter, myfriendterri on Facebook and look for a website, MyFriendTerri.com coming soon.

teams and working on Forever After Productions at the Village Theater. Now both boys were grown — Josh is in school at Northern Michigan University — and the couple finally had time to work on the remodel. But her slurring worsened.

"My girlfriends called me after Bible study and said, 'We are worried about you.' I'm slurring and I thought, 'What if this is a stroke?' So we ended up going to the ER," Saenz said. "I thought I might have a brain tumor."

Tests weren't conclusive and Saenz followed up with a neurologist, who thought she had myasthenia gravis, a disease that also causes muscle weakening. Based on test results, Saenz was referred to a specialist in January at Henry Ford Hospital-West Bloomfield, who diagnosed ALS.

Faith, courage

"I made a decision that day. It was, you can let this swipe you under or be courageous. I'm going to be courageous. It's important for me to make a difference," Saenz said. "Since my diagnosis, I've been living in full bloom. The flowers are blooming, the grass is green and the leaves are green. When you're dealing with something like this, a microscope gets turned on and it brings things into focus. My faith plays a big role in this."

Saenz shared her diagnosis with family and friends — including her more than 800 friends on Facebook — then created a separate Facebook



Jeff and Terri Saenz of Canton with their dog, Nelly

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Terri Saenz noticed a loss of strength in her hands since the onset of ALS symptoms.

group to detail her experiences, which would include a second opinion at Mayo Clinic and acceptance into the clinical trial.

Saenz's longtime friend, Peggy Fenwick of Canton, created a GoFundMe.com campaign to defray travel, hotel and food costs for the couple's many visits to the Mayo Clinic.

"Raising funds for them is important, because the cost of travel is becoming excessive," said Fenwick, who is coordinating a bowling fundraiser and raffle at a Zumba event this summer for Saenz. "We have high hopes for this fund and clinical trial. Ultimately, we'd like to see a cure come down the road."

Jeff Saenz estimates each visit to the Mayo Clinic costs approximately \$1,000. The couple are overwhelmed by the support they have received. Co-workers at La-Z-Boy have given them frequent flier miles, a friend helped with a hotel stay and many supporters have wished them well and donated toward the GoFundMe campaign.

"No one wishes they had



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Terri Saenz and husband Jeff leave June 7 for one of many visits they will make this year to the Mayo Clinic in Minnesota.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

A healthy diet and dietary supplements could help maximize her abilities.

ALS, but what we've been able to experience is human kindness in a whole other level," Terri Saenz said. "My chal-

lenge is physical at the moment, but we've been lucky enough to experience that human kindness."

Product price, repair expense up as refrigerators evolve

As a young boy in Timmins, Ontario, I was part of a gang of kids who on a hot summer day would sneak into the two-story ice house and just sit for hours on the huge blocks of ice. This ice was harvested during winter from the Mattagami River, where we would play hockey on the freshly smoothed surface. Inside the ice house, the very large blocks were covered with layers of sawdust that would prevent thawing for up to a year.

I remember our kitchen refrigerator being a beautiful stained, tall wooden box with a small freezer compartment on top and I can still see the ice man with a big prong tong affair, holding a block of ice, walking into the kitchen and placing the ice inside the freezer section. No cold controls, no self-defrost system, no moving parts, just an ice block slowly melting and a daily feature of emptying the drain pan.



Joe Gagnon
THE APPLIANCE DOCTOR

A few years later came the beautiful porcelain model with the curved door and silver door handle and latch. Now this was living, with milk and pop at maximum cold temperatures. I came home from school one day to find a fire truck parked in the driveway and this gorgeous refrigerator on the front lawn. Apparently the seal developed a leak of the refrigerant called ammonia, which could kill you, and boy did the house ever stink for a few days.

All of this was a great improvement of the way we used to keep produce cold. It was called a root cellar where my dad dug a 6-by-6 room into the side of a hill. For the opening, he installed a heavy wooden door with plenty of insulation.

In non-summer months, we used nature to preserve our food as winter was around for a good seven months and temperatures ranged from minus-30 to minus-50 degrees.

My, how times have changed and so have the products. Take a look at the refrigerator in your kitchen; it can be a thing of beauty. It just seems to fit into place like never before. In the late '50s and early '60s, there came to be known what is called the self-defrosting feature. You no longer had to shut off the refrigerator and let the snow build-up melt and do this every six months. The system includes a heater which does the job for you, but does increase the cost of operation.

'Gas guzzlers'

The new square door arrived with a magnetic rubber door seal which eliminated the old moveable door latch mechanism. The radiant tubing was located on the back side of the

refrigerator and then they decided to place it underneath the product and add a fan motor to keep it and the compressor cool. Again, more cost involved in the operation and added expense on the utility bill. Now add another fan motor inside the freezer section and new controls to monitor temperatures and you have what I call a gas guzzler.

In recent years, technology stepped in and they installed electronics to control everything, but the product price went sky-high.

Life expectancy is cut in half and repair cost more than doubled — and we call this progress.

Garage fridge

Now I am about to reveal to you what you can do for that second refrigerator many of us need. Find an old round-door model made in the '50s or before and buy it before they are no more. Twenty years ago, I got hold of one. I replaced all

the old wiring that leads into the compressor and that refrigerator is able to work fine in the garage. It keeps everything at 34 degrees and has never needed a service call.

Let me help you get the real scoop on the purchase of old refrigerators by our utility companies. What they are doing is perfectly OK with me. Those refrigerators from the 1960s and '70s are the ones that really consumed a ton of energy each month.

The old round-door units were not gas guzzlers. As a matter of fact, they were energy conservative and matched today's standards. I asked my darling Valorie the other day if she would put my old Philco refrigerator as a tombstone to mark that special spot. Stay tuned.

Joe Gagnon can be heard at 8 a.m. each Saturday on WAAM-AM (1600). You can email your problems and questions on appliances to appldr@twmlr.com.

ENGAGEMENT



JASMINE LEE PHOTOGRAPHY

Adam Sonnanstine and Amy Kangwankij

Sonnanstine-Kangwankij

Alan and Kathy Sonnanstine of Canton announce the engagement of their son Adam Sonnanstine to Amy Kangwankij. The bride-to-be is the daughter of Ladda-

wan and Wasit Kangwankij of Los Angeles, Calif.

Adam is a graduate of Plymouth Salem and both are graduates of the University of Michigan.

An August 2015 wedding is planned in San Francisco, Calif.

ANNIVERSARY



SUBMITTED

Marty and Kathy Peters married May 22, 1965.

Golden anniversary

Martin and Kathleen (Fedoriuk) Peters celebrated 50 years of marriage May 22. They were married in 1965 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Farmington. They met during the summer of 1964 at Geiger's Drive-in and got engaged just months later on Halloween.

The couple has three children: Dawn (Rick) Sichak of Fenton, Dave (Kate) Peters of Inverness, Fla., and Debbie (Jeff) Edwards of Howell. They have 11 grandchildren and one great-grandson.

Marty and Kathy have

lived in New Hudson for 45 years. Marty retired in March 1998 after 35 years at Ford Motor Co. He spent 23 years at Northville Valve Plant and 12 years at Livonia Transmission. Kathy has been employed with Real Estate One in Novi.

Through the years, the family has enjoyed camping, boating and snowmobiling in northern Michigan or cruising with the oldies around town.

During the last 18 years, they have enjoyed spending time between their homes in New Hudson and Homosassa, Fla.

WEDDING



Andrea Marie Raymond and Joshua Thomas Pike

Raymond-Pike

Andrea Marie Raymond and Joshua Thomas Pike were married May 9, 2015, in Montego Bay, Jamaica.

The bride is the daughter of Dennis and

Peggy Raymond of Northville. Her attendants were Melissa Bullock and Melissa Andes.

The groom is the son of Lisa Pike of Garden City. His attendants were Michael Andes and Jeffrey Andes.

GARDEN & NATURE CALENDAR



SUBMITTED

Learn about butterflies June 13 and 17 at Nankin Mills Interpretive Center, Westland.

Butterflies

» Trish Hacker-Henning, owner of American Roots, will talk about native plants and will sell native butterfly plants, at the next meeting of Southeast Michigan Butterfly Association, 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 17, at Nankin Mills Nature Center, 33175 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland. Parking on Hines Drive. \$3 for non-members. 734-223-5510; sem-butterfly.org

» A program about Butterflies of Michigan is set for 1 p.m. Saturday, June 13, at Nankin Mills, 33175 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland. The session will include information on recognizing butterflies through different life stages and plants that attract butterflies. For ages 10 to adult. Cost is \$6 per child and \$2 per adult. Register at 734-261-1990 or visit parks.waynecounty.com.

Invasive plants

Learn about pesky, invasive plants, 10 a.m. Saturday, June 13, at Nankin Mills, 33175 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland. Cost is \$6 per child and \$2 per adult. For ages 8 to adult. Includes a garlic mustard removal project in the Holiday Nature Preserve. Register at 734-261-1990 or visit parks.waynecount-

ty.com.

Plymouth Nursery

» See what's new in hostas and learn how to add them to your landscape at a free presentation, 1 p.m. Saturday, June 20.

» Fourth annual Fairy Days runs June 27-28. Refreshments, crafts, face painting and more. Fairy house designer Adam New will sign fairy houses on Sunday.

Garden walk tickets

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

» The Friends for the Development of Greenmead present Livonia's 26th annual Garden Walk 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 27. Tickets are \$10 on day of event or \$9 in advance

and are available at Greenmead Historical Park, 20501 Newburgh, Livonia; in community resources on the 5th floor of Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive; Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile; Carl Sandburg Library, 30100 Seven Mile; Alfred Noble Library, 32901 Plymouth Road; and from any of the Friends of Greenmead. The tour will feature five Livonia homes and the Greenmead grounds. All proceeds benefit the restoration of Greenmead Historical Park. 248-477-7375.

» Tickets for the Country Garden Club of Northville's 22nd Annual Garden Walk, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Wednesday, July 8, are \$10 and available from Gardenviews Garden Gallery, 117 E. Main, (248-380-8881) after June 8 and on the day of the walk at the gate at Historic Mill Race Village, 216 Griswold in downtown Northville. The walk features seven private gardens and a garden market, plant sale and live music at Historic

Mill Race Village. A free drawing for gift certificates and garden items donated by local greenhouses, florists and garden centers also will be held. Proceeds from the walk fund scholarships for local high school seniors planning science careers.

English Gardens

» WOMC 104.3 Morning Show hosts will be on hand 6 p.m. Thursday, June 18 at the West Bloomfield store, 6 p.m. July 2 at the Dearborn Heights store, and 6 p.m. July 16 at the Ann Arbor store.

» See a free presentation on new plants for 2015, 10 a.m., Saturday, July 11 at all stores.

Classes are held at all stores unless noted. Area stores are at 155 N. Maple, Ann Arbor, 734-332-7900; 22650 Ford Road in Dearborn Heights, 313-278-4433; 4901 Coolidge Highway, Royal Oak, 248-280-9500; and 6370 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield; 248-851-7506.

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ENGAGEMENT



Hannah Booth and Bryce Baxter

Booth-Baxter

Hannah Booth and Bryce Baxter are engaged to be married Oct. 10, 2015, in Livonia.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Peter and Doris Booth of Northville, is a Grand Valley State University graduate. She serves on staff with JESUS film media, a division of Campus Crusade for Christ, in

Orlando Fla., and will transfer to campus ministry at Grand Valley in the fall.

Her fiancé is the son of Teg and Deb Baxter of Zeeland. He also graduated from Grand Valley State University, where he works for Campus Crusade for Christ.

The couple will reside in Grand Rapids.

DORAN, DAWN (AURORA)

September 25, 1927 - May 14, 2015. Service will be held 11:30 a.m., June 13, 2015 at St. Johns Catholic Church (little church), Howell (Southwest corner of M-59 and Hacker Rd.).



DOWD McNAMARA, ANN MARIE SULLIVAN

Age 90, of Ann Arbor, MI, passed away peacefully at home with her family by her side on Mother's Day, May 10, 2015. She married the late Thomas Dowd in 1949. She is survived by her daughter, Cynthia Dowd Restuccia; her son, Kevin (Mary Simon) Dowd; and four grandchildren. She later married the late Robert McNamara after the death of her husband, Thomas. She is also survived by his children Kathleen (Ray) Gonzales, Robert (Colette) McNamara, many grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. A Memorial Mass will be celebrated on June 11, 2015, at 11:00 a.m. at St. Mary's Church in Pinckney, MI followed by a luncheon at Lakeland's Golf and Country Club in Brighton, MI. In lieu of flowers, donations are requested to be made to The Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, 24359 Northwestern Hwy., Ste. 225, Southfield, MI 48075.

FREPPON, MARK J.

Passed away unexpectedly on April 13, 2015 in Norfolk, Virginia at the age of 44. Mark was born on April 4, 1971 in Michigan to Betty Jane and Danny Freppon. After moving to Virginia, Mark began working as an installer for Window World. Mark is survived by his mother, Betty Jane and step father Jerry Lesniak; soulmate Keaton Taylor; their son, Ethan; brother Steve Freppon of Virginia Beach, nephew Nicholas, and his mother Debbie, and numerous other family members and friends. He was preceded in death by his father Danny Freppon. A memorial service is scheduled for 4:00pm on June 13, 2015 at Cherry Hill United Methodist Church, 321 S. Ridge Road, Canton, Michigan 48188. All are welcome to attend and celebrate his life.

VOSBURGH, RUTH K.

Age 86, died peacefully at her home in North Carolina on May 21, 2015. She was formerly a resident of Bloomfield Township. Ruth was predeceased in 2010 by her husband of 59 years, Edward. She is survived by four children, Karen, Kurt, Kathy, and Keith, and three grandchildren, Jake, Leo, and Kate. Guestbook is available at: mcfarlandfunerchapel.com

Run, walk in Livonia, Detroit Zoo for cancer awareness

Cancer support

Registration is open for St. Mary Mercy Hospital's 9th Annual Embrace Life 5K run/walk for Cancer on Sunday, Sept. 13.

More than 800 persons participated in last year's 5K, raising \$40,000 to support cancer services at St. Mary Mercy Hospital.

The event is a celebration of life for cancer survivors, for those who have cancer, and it's an opportunity for family members and friends to honor or remember a loved one.

Register at stmarymercy.org/embracelife5k. Registration is \$25 on or before Aug. 29 and \$30 after Aug. 29.

Awards will be given to the first, second and third place overall male and female winners of each age division of the 5K Run. B-tag chip timing is used to ensure accuracy.

The course will begin on St. Mary Mercy Hospital grounds and runners/walkers are routed through the residential streets of Livonia.

Sponsorship opportunities for the 5K are still available. For more information, call 734-655-1590.

Prostate cancer

The annual Michigan Institute of Urology, Men's Health Foundation, presents its annual Run for the Ribbon 5k Run/Walk, to raise awareness of prostate cancer, 8:45 a.m., Sunday, June 21, at the Detroit Zoo, located on the 1-696 service drive (10 Mile) and Woodward Ave., in Royal Oak.

Registration on race day begins at 7:15 a.m. Advance registration, through June 19, is \$30 for adults and \$20 for kids. Race day registration is



Slip into those athletic shoes and walk or run for a health cause.

\$35 for adults and \$25 for kids.

Register by mail at MUI Run for the Ribbon, 20952 E. 12 Mile, Suite 200, St. Clair Shores, MI 48081, in person at all Michigan Institute of Urology offices or online at MIU-RunForTheRibbon.org. Online registration closes June 19.

Participants will receive a T-shirt, a dog tag medal, free entry into the Detroit Zoo following the race, live entertainment, face painting, refreshments and free parking. Roary, the Detroit Lions mascot will make a special appearance from 9:15-10:15 a.m.

All finishers will receive medals. In celebration of Father's Day, the newest father will receive an award. Special awards will go to top finishers.

Back pain

Oakwood Healthcare sponsors a free class with orthopedic spine specialists who will explain the causes of and treatments for back pain, 6-8 p.m. June 9, in the Oakwood Physical Therapy and Wellness Center, 17101 Rotunda Drive, Dearborn. To register, visit Oakwood.org under the Classes & Events tab or call 800-543-9355.

Blood drive

6:30 a.m.-6:15 p.m. Monday, June 8, in Fisher Center Auditorium at Providence Hospital, 16001 W. Nine Mile, Southfield. Call Abigail at 248-849-3067 to make an appointment.

Birthing class

The class focuses on various techniques for breathing, pain management options, relaxation and massage, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. June 27, in classrooms 1 and 2 of the Allan Breakie Medical Office Building, located on the campus of Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster Road, Garden City. Register by calling 734-458-4330.

Congestive heart failure

Jeffrey Zaks, M.D., cardiologist, will explain how to manage congestive heart failure through lifestyle changes, diet and exercise, 6-7 p.m. Tuesday, June 9, at Providence Hospital, 16001 W. Nine Mile, Southfield. Register at 888-751-5465.

Diabetes management

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

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

Diabetes summer school

Harvesting a Healthy Heart will include a chef-led cooking demonstration, discussion of healthy food choices using fresh ingredients and use of alternative seasonings, 6 p.m. June 17, in the community room at Westland Shopping Center, 35000 Warren Road, Westland. RSVP at 734-458-4330.

Free dental care

Farmington Hills Oral Surgery group will offer a choice of a filling, tooth extraction or a cleaning to the public, 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, June 13, at 32905 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills. The first 200 individuals in line are guaranteed to see one of the dentists. Appointments are on a first come, first served basis. For more information, visit dentistryfromtheheart.org.

Golf fundraisers

Tee it Up Golf Classic, to benefit Our Lady of Hope Cancer Center at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia, is set for Monday, June 15, with two flights, 18 holes, lunch and dinner at Meadowbrook Country Club, 40941 Eight Mile, Northville. The All-Women's Golf Classic, which will include a boutique with clothing vendors, a luncheon and a nine-hole scramble, will be held Monday, June 29 at Meadowbrook Country Club. It also will raise funds for the Center. Tickets range from \$75 for a lunch or dinner ticket only to \$250 per person for golf in the Women's Classic and \$500 per person for the Tee it Up Golf Classic. Get tickets at stmarymercy.org

Hip, joint pain

Marvin Jenter, DO, orthopedic surgeon, talks about advanced treatments for joint pain relief, 6-7 p.m. Tuesday, June 16, in the Outpatient Building at Providence Park Hospital, 47601 Grand River Ave., at Beck, in Novi. Register by calling 888-751-5465.

Weight loss

Tallal Zeni, M.D., director of bariatric surgery at St. Mary Mercy Livonia, will talk about laparoscopic bariatric surgery, 6-7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 4, in the North Auditorium at St. Mary Mercy, at the hospital, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia. Register at 877-949-9344

Ongoing

Ab-Anon

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

Aquatic classes

The YMCA of Metropolitan Detroit and the Arthritis Foundation have partnered to offer aquatic classes designed to ease arthritis. Classes are held 11 a.m. to noon Tuesday and Thursday at the Farmington branch and 1-1:45 p.m. Monday and Wednesday at the Livonia branch. Visit www.ymcadetroit.org.

Bipolar support

Depression Bipolar Support Alliance meets 6-7:30 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesday at Lincoln Behavioral Services Center, 14500 Sheldon, Suite 160B, Plymouth. It is accessed through the Plymouth Executive Park driveway north of M-14. Meetings open to families. Call Nancy at 734-536-3457 for directions.

Blood pressure

Garden City Hospital offers free blood pressure testing, lipid panel (\$15) testing, 10 a.m. to noon June 3, Sept. 2 and Dec. 2, in the main lobby of the hospital, 6245 Inkster Road, Garden City. No registration is required. For more information, call 734-458-4330.

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