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Traffic stop nets \$480K in suspected cocaine

Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Authorities seized 12 kilograms of suspected cocaine with a wholesale price tag estimated at \$480,000 after Canton police Sunday morning spotted a PT Cruiser with defective equipment, officials said.

Canton Public Safety Director Joshua Meier lauded the "great police work" and "collaborative effort" by Canton police and Michigan State Police in arresting a suspect, described by Detective Mike Andes as a 32-year-old Hispan-

ic man from Indiana. State police pulled the driver over about 10:30 a.m. Sunday on I-96, near Levan, in Livonia. Canton police, moments earlier, had noticed the car's defective equipment as the suspect drove from Ford Road onto the northbound I-275 ramp, Andes said.

Andes declined to say what kind of defective equipment the car had.

Both police agencies were involved at the scene. The driver was taken into custody without incident.

A narcotics-detection dog accompanying a state police

trooper detected the odor of narcotics. Police haven't revealed where the cocaine was found in the car.

Authorities say one kilogram of cocaine currently has a wholesale value of as much as \$40,000 in Michigan. That means the amount seized would be worth \$480,000.

Police declined to comment on other aspects of the case. Andes said the investigation is continuing.

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CANTON PUBLIC SAFETY



Craig Hane and his mother Anne, last year during her 86th birthday celebration. She also has been involved in theater.

Barefoot Productions founder sets sights on Broadway — and Mars

Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Craig Hane turned in the keys Sunday to Barefoot Productions and retired from the theater he founded 10 years ago.

"Birthing BP and watching it grow from a five-by-seven-foot rug and folding chairs in the basement of the Plymouth

Historical Museum to a 97-seat, black-box, three-quarters thrust stage in its own building ... an accomplishment?" he said. "I think so. I am happy. I am proud."

But he's also ready to move on and the next chapter of his life will take him to Mars, via Seattle, possibly Chicago, with stops in New York City and Hollywood.

He's co-writing a play about the colonization of the Red Planet, with Barefoot actor Nathan Corliss, who conceived the story and wrote its first draft. Hane has big plans for the script.

"I'm going to take this show to Broadway or die," he said with a laugh. "It's a science fiction script and you never see science fiction onstage. It's

a thriller. There is mystery involved and murder, but it's happening on Mars.

"I see this onstage like a movie. After we've won our Tony Award for this play, we'll have to adapt it to a movie and we'll win an Academy Award. So I've got this all planned out. By that

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Police urge steps to avoid larcenies from autos

Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Thieves looking for purses, laptops, GPS devices, loose change, smart phones and other personal property committed 247 larcenies from autos last year in Canton.

Police say it's one of the community's most common — and avoidable — crimes.

Thieves often look for unlocked vehicles parked near fitness centers, shopping centers, restaurants, day care centers and other places

where they can steal valuables and make a quick getaway, said Police Officer Patty Eselink, the Canton Police Department's community relations coordinator.

Criminals also prey on residential neighborhoods — and they won't hesitate to take valuables, Eselink said.

Eselink has issued a new warning for motorists to take precautions as warmer weather arrives and thieves are more likely to go searching for items to steal. And she said residents shouldn't become complacent simply because Canton has a lower crime rate than some communities.

"To reduce the chances of becoming a victim," she said, "lock your vehicles and don't leave valuables in plain sight where people can see them."

Some residents going to a movie theater or walking along nature trails leave valuables where they can be seen, but Canton police have repeatedly



Eselink

"To reduce the chances of becoming a victim, lock your vehicles ..."

PATTY ESSELINK
Canton police officer

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Canton to host two Memorial Day ceremonies

Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Canton will have two Memorial Day ceremonies to honor military personnel who made the ultimate sacrifice for country.

In a tribute to those who died serving in the military, the Canton Fire Department's new honor guard will host its first Memorial Day service.

A ceremony is planned for 10 a.m. Monday, May 30, at the Canton Veterans Memorial, located in Heritage Park be-

hind the Canton Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center. The public is invited.

"We're very excited and honored to be able to do this service for the community," Canton firefighter Jim Harrison said.

Harrison spearheaded efforts last year to form a fire department honor guard. It was among the reasons he was recently named Canton Firefighter of the Year.

The honor guard will be joined by representatives from the U.S. Marine Corps,

who will present a ceremonial wreath to the 1st Battalion 24th Marine Division Memorial, located on the same site in Canton.

Harrison said a group called Young Marines also is expected to participate.

"We would like to do something like this every year," he said.

As always, the Canton Veterans Memorial Association will have a ceremony at 1 p.m. Memorial Day at the same veterans memorial, said John Spencer, the association's

president. The public is invited.

Spencer said the brief ceremony will include the Pledge of Allegiance, an opening prayer, ceremonial remarks and likely a reading of war poem "In Flanders Fields," followed by a closing prayer, an honor volley and the playing of "Taps."

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warned motorists to avoid tempting potential thieves.

Esselink also said anyone who notices suspicious behavior — someone trying the door handles of cars in a parking lot, for example — should contact Canton police at 734-394-5400.

“Call the police to report any suspicious activity,” she said.

Authorities here and elsewhere offer the following advice:

» Close windows and lock vehicles that are unattended.

» Any valuables that must be left in a car should be out of sight, ideally in the trunk.

» Try to avoid parking in dark, secluded areas and, when possible, park in areas with high pedestrian traffic.

» Consider installing a burglar alarm and making it known with a window decal.

» Keep an inventory of all car accessories and items with serial numbers for identification purposes.

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Michigan's first Container Store coming to Novi's West Oaks

Georgea Kovanis
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The Container Store, the place for fun and functional storage boxes, bins and bags, is coming to Novi.

Located in a former Best Buy in the West Oaks shopping center, the 22,000-square-foot

store is scheduled to open June 4.

It will be Michigan's first Container Store.

A second store is scheduled to open in the fall at Rochester and Big Beaver roads in Troy.

The Container Store is a favorite with fans of organized living

spaces. It carries everything from cupcake wrappers to closet systems and dustpans to desks. In all, expect to find about 10,000 different products in stock — including 200 different sizes and colors of hangers.

West Oaks is located on the northwest cor-

ner of Novi Road and I-96. The store's address is: 43525 West Oaks Drive. Ten percent of its sales June 4-5 will be donated to Forgotten Harvest.

For more information about The Container Store, go to www.thecontainerstore.com.

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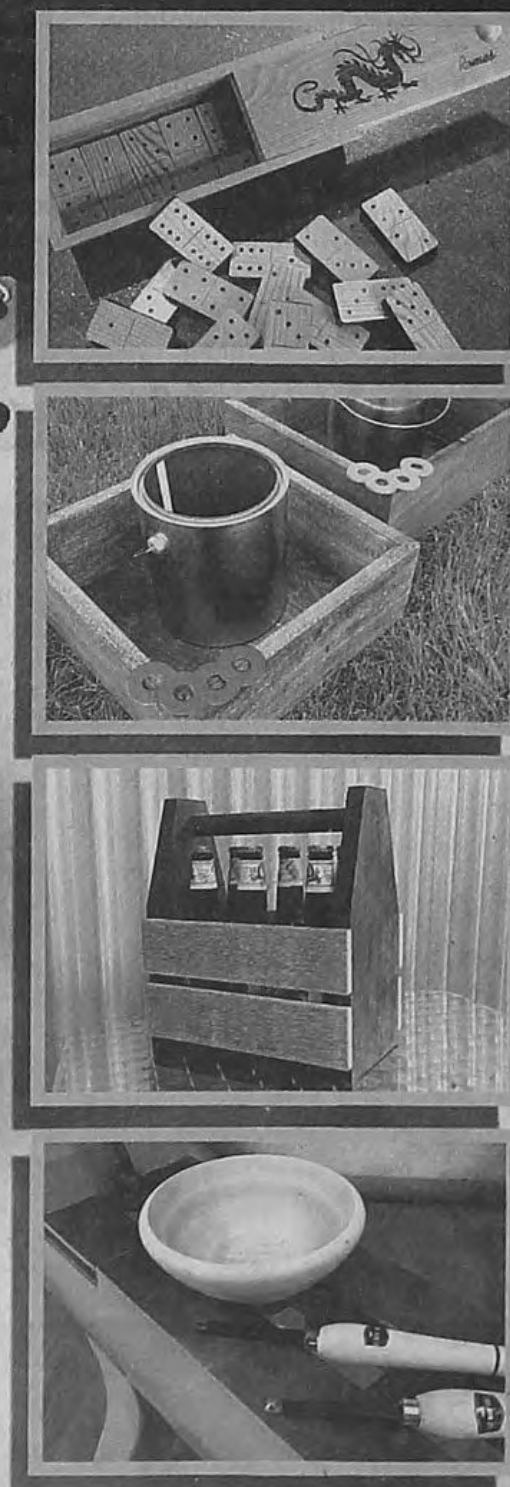
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Ward Church celebrates 60th anniversary

Ward Church in Northville was considered a trendsetter when it launched in 1956. On May 15, the congregation celebrated its 60th anniversary with a 90-minute service.

“It's important to take stock of where we've come from as a church. Our history and the people who sacrificed to make this church possible are an inspiration to us,” said the Rev. Scott McKee, senior pastor. “But we are excited about this anniversary in particular, because it comes at a time when Ward is taking big steps forward for the sake of mission.”

Ward's roots date back to the mid-1800s. In 1842, the Scotch Presbyterian Church was established in Detroit. The city had only 10,000 residents at the time. But among them was a group of immigrants who sacrificed to start a church where members could feel at home. In 1879, it became Central Presbyterian Church. In the 1930s, Central Presbyterian gave birth to a daughter congregation that later became Ward Memorial.

The late 1950s through the 1980s saw explosive growth in the congregation. Ward became a mega-church before the word even existed. In time, it sent pastors out to launch Trinity Church in Plymouth, Grace Church in Farmington Hills and Cornerstone Church in Brighton.

For 40 years, Ward was located at the corner of Six Mile and Farmington roads. But by the early 1990s, it was bursting at the seams. The congregation set its eyes on establishing a more community friendly campus. It was a journey 15 years in the making, but in 1998 Ward finally moved from Livonia to Northville. Today, the church sits on 100 acres and has a modern building that provides 200,000 square feet for worship, programs and services to the region.



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Hundreds brave cold for first day of Canton Farmers Market



Beekeeper Bob Jastrzebski of Canton offers honey, honeycomb and beeswax for sale, produced by local bees.

Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

A cold blast that sprinkled mid-May snowflakes over southeast Michigan couldn't deter hundreds of people Sunday from attending the Canton Farmers Market season opener.

"We probably had close to 400 people," said Amanda Campana, market manager. "Considering (the weather), I think that was actually a pretty good turnout."

Visitors to the market in Preservation Park, in Cherry Hill Village on Canton's west side, browsed among 20 vendors who set up shop to kick off a season that runs through mid-October.

Campana said patrons came ready to buy from area vendors.

"Everybody made money. Everybody made a profit and it was a very successful first market," she said, adding later, "We're very excited. We're very happy to get things kicked off."

Visitors could watch cooking demonstrations



Mike Prochaska of Prochaska Farms in Tecumseh bundles asparagus from his fields.

or learn about the Humane Society of Huron Valley, among the first to have a community booth as the market this season broadens its offerings to involve nonprofit groups.

Not far away, the Canton Dog Park, off Denton north of Cherry Hill, drew a crowd Sunday estimated at 150-175 for Bark in the Park, an event that allowed visitors to mingle and let their dogs play off-leash. The chilly weather didn't keep people away.

"Surprisingly, we had a pretty good crowd," said Laura Mortier, recreation specialist.

The dog park had about 10 vendors, including First Step, an organization that helps victims of domestic violence. First Step raised money for its ARK (Animals Receiving Kindness) program, an on-site pet sanctuary for residents seeking refuge with First Step.

The dog park offers annual memberships allowing owners to bring up to three dogs. The cost is \$25 for residents and \$50 for non-residents who have a license for their pets. Memberships are available at the Canton Township Clerk's Office, 1150 S. Canton Center.

For more information about the Canton Farmers Market or the Canton Dog Park, go to www.canton-mi.org. Look under the Programs tab for the market and under the Parks tab for the dog park. The market manager also may be reached at cantonfarmersmarket@canton-mi.org.

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Help the Elks and enjoy a cruise-in benefit concert

The Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks are hosting Rock 'n' Ride, a cruise-in benefit concert, from noon to 6 p.m. Saturday, May 21, at the lodge, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. Proceeds will benefit the building fund for the Elks Lodge.

The show is free to car and motorcycle owners.

If a piston makes it go, you're welcome to the show. Any custom, classic, exotic, cherished vehicle is welcomed.

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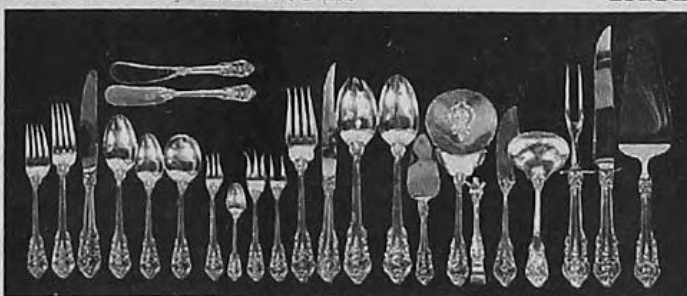
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CANTON CRIME WATCH

Teen says crowd beat on his car, taunted him

As a crowd of young men beat on his car and taunted him to get out, a Canton teen called police for help as an incident unfolded outside the High Velocity Sports complex on Michigan Avenue, a report said.

The crowd of young men dispersed after it became clear police had been called, but one of the suspects had shattered a side mirror of a 2003 Chevy Impala the alleged victim was driving, a police report said.

The incident unfolded about 10:30 p.m. Sunday amid reports that two groups of friends playing

basketball inside the sports complex began to "trash talk" — causing tensions that spilled outside the building, the report said. As many as 15-20 people were involved.

The Canton teen said the other team followed him and his friends outside and continued to argue. He said he got into his car to drive away when someone drove up behind him and blocked him. He said the suspects then began beating on his car and telling him to get out until it became clear he was calling police for help.

Police spotted one getaway car driven by a suspect and pulled it over at the Walmart store

on Michigan Avenue. An investigation indicated one of the occupants of the vehicle had caused the damage to the victim's car. That occupant was cited for malicious destruction of property.

Stranger danger

A bizarre string of events including accusatory texts, a slashed tire and an attempt to run her off the road prompted a 23-year-old Canton woman to notify police. She said she had no idea who the stranger was.

She finally turned to police May 12 after she received some 20 text messages accusing her of dating a married man, although she told police she isn't seeing anyone, a

report said.

Police tried to call the phone number used for the texts, but got a recording only stating it was a "text now" phone number — apparently a reference to an app that can be used for texts and calls.

Police left a message on the recording warning that the texting should be stopped.

The woman told police someone also slashed a tire on her vehicle while it was parked in her driveway in Canton. She also said during a recent trip to Oak Park that a driver in a red Chevrolet Impala intentionally hit the side of her car and drove off. Canton police advised her to report that

incident to Oak Park authorities.

Stolen truck

An Inlay City man notified police after his work truck was stolen from a parking lot south-east of Ford and Lotz roads while he was doing work at Hayden's restaurant.

He told police the 2003 Dodge Ram was stolen between 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. Friday. He said certain property, including a .40-caliber handgun, a lawnmower and tools, was in the truck.

Loud neighbor

Saying he was fearful of who might be knocking on his door, a resident

of a Canton apartment complex called 9-1-1 for help before he realized it was actually the police at his door, a report said.

Police had gone to the man's apartment about 4:20 p.m. Sunday after a neighbor for a third time had called to complain he was playing his music too loud and disturbing neighbors.

One neighbor told police the music is played loud at all hours, waking him and his girlfriend as they try to sleep. Police cited the suspect for disturbing the peace. He told police he would turn down the volume.

—By Darrell Clem

Canton safety team tackles opioid abuse

Canton police officers and firefighters last year responded to 23 drug overdoses — seven of them fatal.

To fight back, the Canton police and fire departments have joined forces with local community health organizations and Growth Works, Inc., to address Canton's slice of the nationwide opioid abuse epidemic.

Opioids are a class of drugs derived from the opium poppy, including morphine, codeine and heroin; they also include synthetics like oxycodone, hydrocodone and the extremely potent fentanyl.

Earlier this year, public safety officials noted a remarkable increase in the number of reported overdoses involving opioid drugs. Already this year, Canton has had 24 overdoses, with four ending in death.

Of the 47 total overdoses since January 2015, 66 percent of the individuals were ages 18-30.

"The increase in runs

Canton Public Safety is responding to for individuals experiencing a drug overdose is alarming and, unfortunately, aligns with the upward trend being experienced throughout the state and nation," Public Safety Director Joshua Meier said.

Nationwide, heroin overdose deaths have tripled from 2010 to 2013, according to federal prosecutors — and the number of deaths from all drug overdoses exceeded 43,000 individuals in 2014.

The intent of Canton's newly formed partnership is to attack drug abuse and addiction in the community with a two-pronged approach:

First, the police and fire departments will continue providing their respective services to the community including educational programs, prosecution of drug offenses, and treatment for overdose patients.

Second, the new partnership is aimed at securing resources for proac-

tive approaches toward reducing drug use and abuse in Canton.

Growth Works, Inc., was recruited into the partnership as a valuable resource for addicts seeking help. It is a private, nonprofit organization serving youth and families in the western Wayne County since 1971.

The agency provides innovative chemical dependency and substance abuse programs for addicts and recovering addicts. Growth Works, Inc., can be reached at 734-495-1722.

The agency is also a valuable assistance resource for individuals impacted by a friend or loved one's addiction.

"Opioid abuse has no socio- or economic boundaries — addicts are not just street people or junkies, they can be your friends, co-workers or relatives and their addiction usually results in tragedy for those around them," Deputy Police Chief Debra Newsome said.

Tips regarding the distribution of illegal drugs are accepted by the Canton Police Department via email to tipline@canton-mi.org or by phone at 734-394-5400. Tips can also be submitted through Crime Stoppers of Michigan by calling 800-SPEAK-UP or by texting CSM and your tip, to 274637 (CRIMES). All tips are investigated by the department and tipsters can remain anonymous.

"We realize setting a goal to reduce drug abuse is a daunting task, but as a Public Safety Department we feel empowered to gather our resources and make our best attempt for the sake of the community members," Meier said.

"If we can save one person from a life of self-destruction, the partnership will be a success — especially to the family of that one particular individual," he added.

Canton honors employees during Public Works Week

They ensure safe drinking water, monitor local waterways, sweep streets and keep police and fire vehicles running, among other duties.

Canton is recognizing the men and women who make up the Canton Public Works Division during this week, National Public Works Week, which runs through Saturday.

Instituted as a public education campaign by the American Public Works Association in 1960, NPWW is observed each year during the third full week of May.

This year's theme is Public Works Always There, a theme that highlights the importance of public working in the community, a service officials say often goes unnoticed, especially if it is being

done exceptionally well.

Canton's Public Works Division is broken into five sections; water distribution, sanitary sewer collection, environmental services, fleet maintenance and asset management. All sections work closely together to help provide and maintain the infrastructure and services that keep our community functioning in an operable manner.

In addition to the five sections that make up the Public Works Division, Canton also is recognizing the Engineering Services Division that works closely with Public Works to help maintain the community infrastructure. This section ensures that the community engineering design and construction standards are met on all projects.

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Jason Ren from Canton High School receives congratulations from Karen Sanborn, director of marketing for Madonna University.



DAN DEAN

Paul Chamberlain from Plymouth Christian Academy receives his certificate from Karen Sanborn, director of marketing for Madonna University.

ACADEMIC ALL-STARS HONORED

When officials at Parkside Credit Union design the essay question they use every year to determine the scholarship winner among the Observer & Eccentric Academic All-Stars, they're looking for a winner who takes seriously their desire to have young people think more deeply about financial responsibility.

This year, they found their winner in Plymouth Christian Academy senior Paul Chamberlain, named the recipient of Parkside's \$500 scholarship.

"We know fiscal education isn't necessarily taught as part of school curriculum," said Heather Gatewood, vice president of marketing and development for Parkside, one of the sponsors of the annual O&E Academic All-Stars. "It's a way to get the kids to think a little more deeply about managing their financial situation."

The 2016 Observer & Eccentric Academic All-Star Team, representing the most accomplished students from public, private and parochial schools in Oakland and western Wayne counties, was honored at the 31st annual breakfast Friday in Madonna University's Franciscan Center.

Ten team members posted 4.0 grade-point averages in high school and perfect ACT and/or SAT scores. Another 15 students were honorable mention and their scores are separated in most cases by a mere fraction of a point.

Community Alliance Credit Union was a sponsor of the special section honoring the team. Judging was done by Dan Willenborg, principal of Livonia Franklin High School, and Charlie Hollerith, principal of Bloomfield Hills High School.



DAN DEAN

The honorees gather at the Franciscan Center on the campus of Madonna University for a group photo May 13.



DAN DEAN

Katherine Robertson from Northville High School poses with Karen Sanborn, director of marketing for Madonna University.



DAN DEAN

Ean Maloney from Catholic Central High School is congratulated by Observer editor, Brad Kadrich.



DAN DEAN

Observer & Eccentric marketing manager Choya Jordan welcomes attendees to the 31st annual Academic All-Stars breakfast on the campus of Madonna University.



DAN DEAN

Parents get out the phones and cameras to record a group photo of the Academic All-Stars honored at Madonna University.

Families get room makeovers from IKEA

Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

The problem: Tiphany and Jonathan Walker's living room had no overhead lighting, lackluster storage units and no room for entertaining guests.

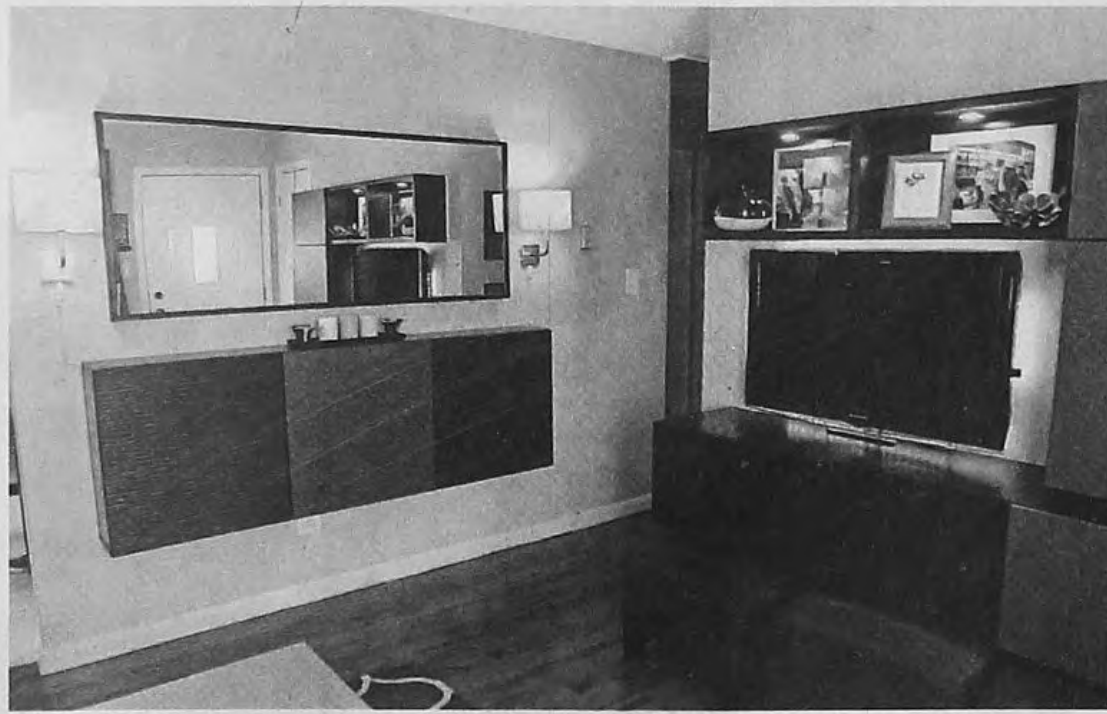
The solution: The IKEA Home Tour Squad, a team of experts from IKEA stores nationwide, spent three days in the Walker's Ferndale home this month, furnishing the space with wall-mounted cabinets, new seating and multiple lighting sources, while also video recording the transformation.

The outcome: A happy family, a refreshed living space and a wealth of design ideas to help other homeowners take on their own home improvement projects.

"The cool thing about the video aspect is to answer questions for people who aren't sure how to place things, what coordinates together or what's an easy way to make an impact in your space without spending a lot of money," said Elizabeth Spencer, the team manager and an IKEA employee from Washington, D.C. "Being able to produce these videos is awesome to try and help people across America."

Videos showing the redesign at the Walker's home, one of two Detroit-area families chosen for the IKEA Home Tour series, will be uploaded to the IKEA YouTube channel in approximately five weeks. The site has more than 120 short videos showing the IKEA Home Tour design transformations in other private homes.

IKEA launched the traveling design team



Wall-mounted cabinets and an entertainment center provide lots of storage areas. The mirror reflects light from windows on an opposite wall and the wall lamps offer mood lighting.

last year and dispatched it to cities along the East Coast. This year's team stopped in Texas, Kansas and Missouri before arriving in Detroit. The group is based for a few more weeks at the Canton store before it moves on to Chicago, Ill., and Minneapolis, Minn.

IKEA selected its makeover participants through an online application process. Applicants identified one room at home that needed help, explained their design challenges and uploaded a video of the space.

More seating needed

It was an easy decision for the Walkers, who live in a two-bedroom, ranch-style house.

"We'd like to be able to invite friends over and hang out, you know, all that stuff you'd like to do in your living room and we've never been able to do it," Tiphany Walker

said. "I had a table in the middle of the room, but it was too big for the space. We had a book shelf and we were using something for our TV. It wasn't really a TV stand. Nothing really worked."

She and her husband made a video, stressing they wanted a living room that could accommodate guests and board game play. They and a couple in Allen Park, who needed a revamped office space, won makeovers.

Consider your needs

"What happens is a lot of people just add (furniture) and sometimes you need to assess first and then see what's really working and what's not," said Stephanie Recupero, an IKEA designer from Chicago. "Sometimes it's something else you need to change instead of adding."

The team started the

redesign process by asking the Walkers about their lifestyle and living room needs.

The couple wanted extra seating for game nights. They wanted better lighting and a sofa bed for family members who visited. With a child on the way, they hoped to replace glass tables with more toddler-friendly furniture.

"You want to make it a more conversational space. It's odd to be sitting in a row. The way they had it before, you had to bring chairs in from another room," Recupero said.

The team brought in a new sofa and added an upholstered chair to the space. A lightweight coffee table and wall-mounted, shallow storage cabinets — with enough space for games and other entertainment items — replaced the, bulky, heavy glass tables. A wall-mounted entertainment center now is home to the television and has lots of storage space. Ottomans that can provide more seating are stored beneath it. Nesting tables in one corner



Glass tables, a television stand and makeshift table for electronic components furnish the small living room before the IKEA Home Tour experts redesigned it.



Team manager Elizabeth Spencer (left) watches as Jonathan and Tiphany Walker try out their new couch.

of the room take up little space, but offer flexibility.

Additional lighting was important, too. Table lamps, wall-mounted lamps, lights in the entertainment center and a reading lamp disperse light throughout the room. A rug adds warmth.

"In a lot of makeovers, people realize lighting is a problem. Usually there is one light and that's not enough. That has been a common theme," said Rocky Brewer of Portland, Ore., who served as director and cinematographer during the tour. "You want task lighting, general lighting and mood lighting."

The team also added

remote-controlled, color-changing LED lights — just for fun — to a portion of the entertainment center.

"Wow, wow. That's sweet," Jonathan Walker said as Spencer demonstrated how to change light colors.

"Oh my god, you guys, this is so beautiful," Tiphany Walker added, looking over the entire room. "This is exactly what we needed."

Get design tips from videos shot by Brewer and Jesse Myatt of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., from this year's IKEA Home Tour at hometourseries.com.

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Coffee klatsch with feline friends at newly opened cafe

Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Visitors to the Humane Society of Huron Valley's new "cat cafe" can knit, read, use Wi-Fi, relax with a beverage, watch a movie and even practice yoga — all in the company of cats.

Tiny Lions Lounge & Adoption Center opened earlier this month in Ann Arbor and three feline residents — the first to be adopted at the facility — went to their permanent homes Tuesday, May 10.

"It was very successful," said Wendy Walsh, HSHV marketing director. Opening weekend drew 43 visitors Friday, 116 Saturday and 74 Sunday, Mother's Day.

"We have a limit for the safety of people and the cats, on the number of guests that can come in at one time. We did hit that limit a couple of times over the weekend."

A maximum of 20 guests can mingle with 10-15 cats in the off-site adoption center at 5245 Jackson Road. Tiny Lions includes free Wi-Fi, comfy chairs, tables, a fireplace, cat toys, beds and scratching posts. Visitors can bring in their own beverages — a Biggby Coffee store is located next door — and hang out with the cats for \$7 per hour. The admission price helps pay for care of the cats and the cafe's upkeep.

Why would someone pay to mingle with free-roaming cats?

"Right now, some people are just curious about the space," Welch said. "People are looking to adopt a cat. Of course,



A cat makes its way across the wall at Tiny Lions.

we have a sector of the population that can't have a cat due to someone at home having an allergy. These cats all have personalities, but they are friendly and are looking for love."

Guests can pet the cats and watch them snooze, play, eat and cuddle.

There's no time limit other than venue hours, as long as visitors pay the hourly fee and follow the rules.

"If they want to pay \$7 an hour and stay all day, we'd welcome them," Welch said. "We have some rules to keep it safe for patrons and cats. There's no flash photography and don't pick up the cats or chase them around."

Yoga, movies

The off-site adoption center gives HSHV more flexibility in finding their homes. The main shelter is at 3100 Cherry Hill Road in Ann Arbor. The additional location also gives HSHV an opportunity to duplicate successful programs and try new events. Beginning in June, a room with

access to a kitchenette will be available for party rental on select weekends at Tiny Lions. Little Paws Story Time also starts next month and will focus on crafts, finger plays, stories and cat interaction for children, ages 2-5.



The organization's first yoga session with cats May 29 has sold out. Tiny Lions is accepting registration for Friday and Sunday sessions in June. The hatha-style classes cost \$15 per person. Rental yoga mats are \$2.

"There are other cat cafes that have done yoga. (The cats) are fascinated, from what we've heard," Welch said, adding that cats often join in with a stretch or two.

Welch said the Tiny Lions Family "Mew-Vie" Nights were inspired by the main shelter's pajama night parties for children. Adults wanted in on the fun, too. The family-oriented film nights cost \$7 per person and run 7-9 p.m. Friday, June 24, July 29 and Aug. 26.

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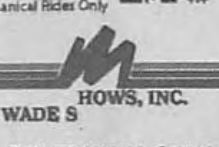
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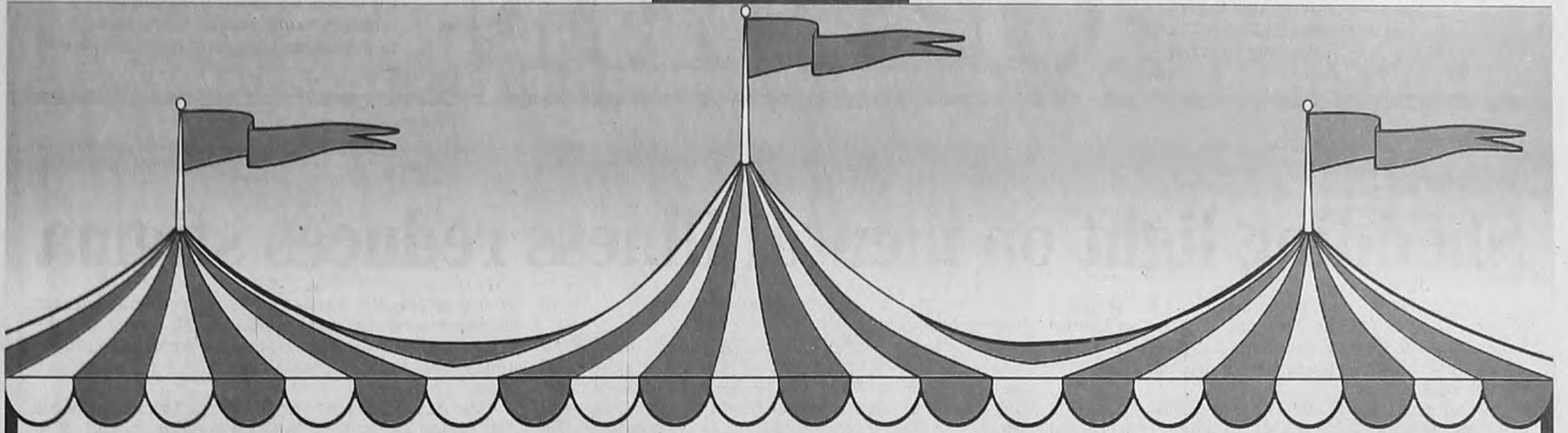
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OUR VIEW

Shedding light on mental illness reduces stigma

A key program took place last week at Westland library. Courtesy of the National Alliance on Mental Illness and the library, residents explored a topic on which there has been too much silence and stigma for far too long.

In Our Own Voice (IOOV) is a public education program developed by NAMI, in which two trained consumer speakers share their personal stories about living with mental illness and achieving recovery. The program was started with a grant from Eli Lilly and Company.

Mike and Kristen shared their stories with an audience of about 25. Businessman Mike had shame and fear for the future. "The stigma of mental illness has a crushing effect on me," he noted. "I have to learn to embrace my life as it is today."

Said Kristen, a high school guidance counselor, "We've come a long way. We have a long way to go" on addressing mental illness and mood disorders. Of her father, who was a medic in Vietnam, she said, "He's very accepting of me, loves me."

Both Mike and Kristen emphasized professional help, with resources often available for free through the University of Michigan, Michigan State University and Wayne State University. The National Alliance on Mental Illness has resource information and

is online at www.namimetro.org and www.namimi.org.

Audience members asked questions, including one elderly father concerned about a middle-aged daughter who won't acknowledge her mental illness. Information was shared on support groups, research studies and other resources from those who know the issues best.

IOOV presentations are given to consumer groups, students, law enforcement officials, educators, providers, faith community members, politicians, professionals, inmates and civic groups. Information on hosting speakers can be found online.

The goals of IOOV are to meet the need for consumer-run initiatives, to set a standard for quality education about mental illness from those who have been there, to offer genuine work opportunities, to encourage self-confidence and self-esteem in presenters and to focus on recovery and the message of hope, its website of namimi.org notes.

As Librarian Liz Waun said, "It's just a very open and honest discussion about mental illness. I think it's really hard for people who don't suffer from mental illness to understand. I think there's a lot of stigma and negativity."

The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention

is also getting the word out, hosting regional walks to increase awareness of mental health issues and the tragedy of suicide. A brighter future can be found for those who face mental illness and for their loved ones.

The AFSP will host an "Out of the Darkness" Walk for Metro Detroit/Oakland/Livingston on Oct. 9 at Kensington Metropark's Maple Beach. The walk will be 1-3 p.m. with check-in at 11 a.m. Details are available from Anne Perry, 248-425-2178 or anneperry@gmail.com. Visit afsp.org to learn more about the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention.

Let's get behind these community efforts and reach out to those facing mental illness. Kindness and compassion go a long way toward achieving understanding, along with referral to community services that can assist with issues such as employment and housing.

No one should ever lose a loved one to suicide, or have to sit by helplessly while watching a family member or friend combat mental illness. The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention walks, and NAMI programs, are good first steps toward bringing mental illness and mental health to the forefront where they belong.

LETTERS

Celebrating my heritage

On Monday, May 16, it was my privilege to attend and speak at the Holland, Mich., public school board meeting. More than 100 people were in attendance at this meeting to recognize the accomplishments of all students and their teachers.

I visited Holland to honor my mother's family. My mother was the youngest of 12 VanderVens, who were raised in the centennial home and

educated through the Holland Public School system. The MEA Voice Magazine of April 1938 documented the fact that seven of my aunts and uncles were public school teachers and superintendents for more than 35 years each in Michigan's public schools.

As we observe Michigan Week, my mother's family is testimony to the importance of quality public schools in our great state of Michigan. It was public education that raised them out of

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the Great Depression.

In my family, we were taught that public education is the foundation of our democracy and the cornerstone of our society. The best choice, by far, is our local neighborhood public school, where our public school teachers nurture the growth and development of Michigan's children.

As we celebrate Michigan Week, I hope that we will cherish the efforts of our public school teachers who guide and shape

our children and grandchildren. I can see a more dynamic, progressive Michigan once we fully support our local public schools.

John VanderVen Stewart
Plymouth

Loudest, right aren't the same

Last week, a letter to the editor claimed that Trump is listening to the people.

Listening is an important component of leadership and I understand that many people are frustrated with our political gridlock. It is easy to hear the most vocal complainers, but loudest is not the same as right. There is a lot more to leadership than a knee jerk reaction to angriest special interest rhetoric. We have a constitution and a moral identity that are more important than the latest internet tweet.

I have listened to Trump and I find he has little to say. He spends a lot of time quoting tabloids, polls and "people." He insults and degrades others as if that is ac-

ceptable way of treating others. He seems to feel that demeaning others proves his arguments. He advances his ideas with sound bite statements that often contain words like "ban," "waterboarding" and "punish." He has no concern that actions he proposes are illegal and amoral.

Trump hears what he wants to hear. He is not a good listener.

That is why I will vote for anyone but Trump.

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Dozens 'brave the shave' for cancer research

The St. Baldrick's Foundation, a volunteer-driven organization dedicated to raising money for children's cancer research, hosted one of its signature head-shaving events Sunday at The Plymouth Roc.

More than 100 participants (including 70 of whom braved the shave in solidarity with kids with cancer) got together to raise more than \$100,000 for children's cancer research.

Why all the shaved heads? Worldwide, a child is diagnosed with cancer every three minutes and one in five children diagnosed in the U.S. will not survive. With only 4 percent of all federal cancer research funding dedicated to pediatric cancer research, St. Baldrick's Foundation volunteers, supporters and donors are needed to continue the battle against this devastating disease. The event provides

LENDING A HAND

Current funds raised: \$97,000
Projected funds raised: More than \$100,000
Number of shaves: 74
People in attendance: 300-400
How to help: Anyone who'd like to help out with upcoming events in the area, contact Robb Drzewicki at plymouthstbaldricks@gmail.com. The group has plans for events over the summer and in September for Pediatric Cancer Awareness Month.

cancer patients and their kid a chance to fight back. For Kelly Wadle, it has helped ease the overwhelming sense of powerlessness she's felt since her daughter was diagnosed with cancer. "(St. Baldrick's) allows me to feel like I'm helping make a difference by raising awareness and funds for childhood cancer research,"



ST. BALDRICK'S VOLUNTEERS
 Event organizer Robb Drzewicki takes a moment to talk about honored mom and co-organizer Kelly Wadle: "These events take a lot of heart. Kelly brought ours out big time."

said Wadle, a two-time shavee. "They also prove to all the children fighting cancer that they're not fighting this battle alone. They have entire communities fighting for and with them." With the help of The Plymouth Roc, Fantastic Sam's of Plymouth, the

volunteer committee and local businesses, this year's event smashed all fundraising goals. Veteran Teams from TAFFY (Taking Action for Friends, Family, and Youth), Chicks Dig Bald and Ror's Renegades got some serious fundraising competition from new-

comers Chrome Dome, Michigan Chivers and The Women's Council of Realtors. Raffles, auctions and old-fashioned "passing the hat" helped the event raise more than \$15,000 that day. "Seeing the way our event has grown and getting to know all of the amazing people that help make this happen has been all the payment I could ever ask for," said Robb Drzewicki, volunteer event organizer. "I couldn't be happier. A couple of people started doing this event in 2011. Just six years later, we've raised over a quarter of a million dollars." For six years, this ever-growing planning committee has brought a wild, fun and energy-packed event for the whole family. The event started in Livonia and moved to The Plymouth Roc in 2014. For its third year at The Plymouth Roc, the

event's organizers hoped to bring new spectators and shaves together with veterans of the event. "When you've been running an event like this for a few years, you start to lose the support of your core volunteers," Drzewicki said. "We try to make it too fun to give up on, but we always need new volunteers, spectators and folks willing to brave the shave." More than 10 feet of hair was donated by men and women braving the shave. Hair went to Children With Hair Loss, a Michigan based nonprofit that makes wigs for children going through various treatments. Event co-organizer Jody Williquette put it all on the line this year, shaving eyebrows, goatee and rainbow-colored hair while wearing a dress. "Anything for an extra dollar for the kids," Williquette said.

HANE

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time, I should be 90."

Making a move

Hane, who turns 54 next month, says moving out of state is an inevitable part of the process. He wants to check out the lively theater scene in Seattle, where friends have offered their home for an extended visit. Chicago is on his radar, too. The goal is to take the play to small, professional theaters while working toward Broadway.

The move won't come for at least another year, while Hane continues his day job managing a medical office and shifts focus from Barefoot to the "Mars One" script. He'll check out Seattle when he is financially secure and aware of potential jobs there.

Meanwhile, Barefoot Productions will say goodbye to its founder and artistic director at a reception 2-6 p.m. Sunday, June 12, that will be open to the public at the theater, 240 N. Main, Plymouth.

Hane said he was working in the tech booth during Barefoot's production of "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest" last year when he realized he needed to make a change. He had been at his day job for 17 years and the theater had consumed his nights and weekends. As of last year, he had directed or staged 43 of Barefoot's 57 shows.

"I think my hair is growing back," he said. "When you create a theater company, it becomes your child. There's constant worry. I have literally gotten up in my pajamas and gotten into my car at two in the morning and drove past the theater when I heard an ambulance (or) a fire truck."

FIVE THINGS ABOUT CRAIG HANE

1. He's a foodie. "The only books I have in my house are scripts or cookbooks. I read and eat and eat and read. And I love food."
2. He staged a production called "Food, Glorious Food," at Barefoot by compiling recipes, food essays and food-related script excerpts. "I wrote it in a weekend. There were fun moments and sad moments and it was all about food."
3. One of his favorite plays was "Rope," staged in 2010. He shifted the starting time of the play from the usual 8 p.m. to 8:40 p.m. and eliminated intermission so the audience could experience the story in real time.
4. He used a hidden, filled swimming pool onstage for a scene that required an actor to "jump off a pier." The



Craig Hane says this is his favorite portrait for the stage.

water splashed and the first three rows of the audience didn't see the special effect coming — until they felt it. 5. Three plays he refused to do at Barefoot were "Harvey," "You Can't Take It With You" and "Arsenic and Old Lace."

Making it happen

Instead of worrying, Hane intends to "think big" about his new project.

"Think unlimited. You can't write thinking you have limitations," he said. "Just believe."

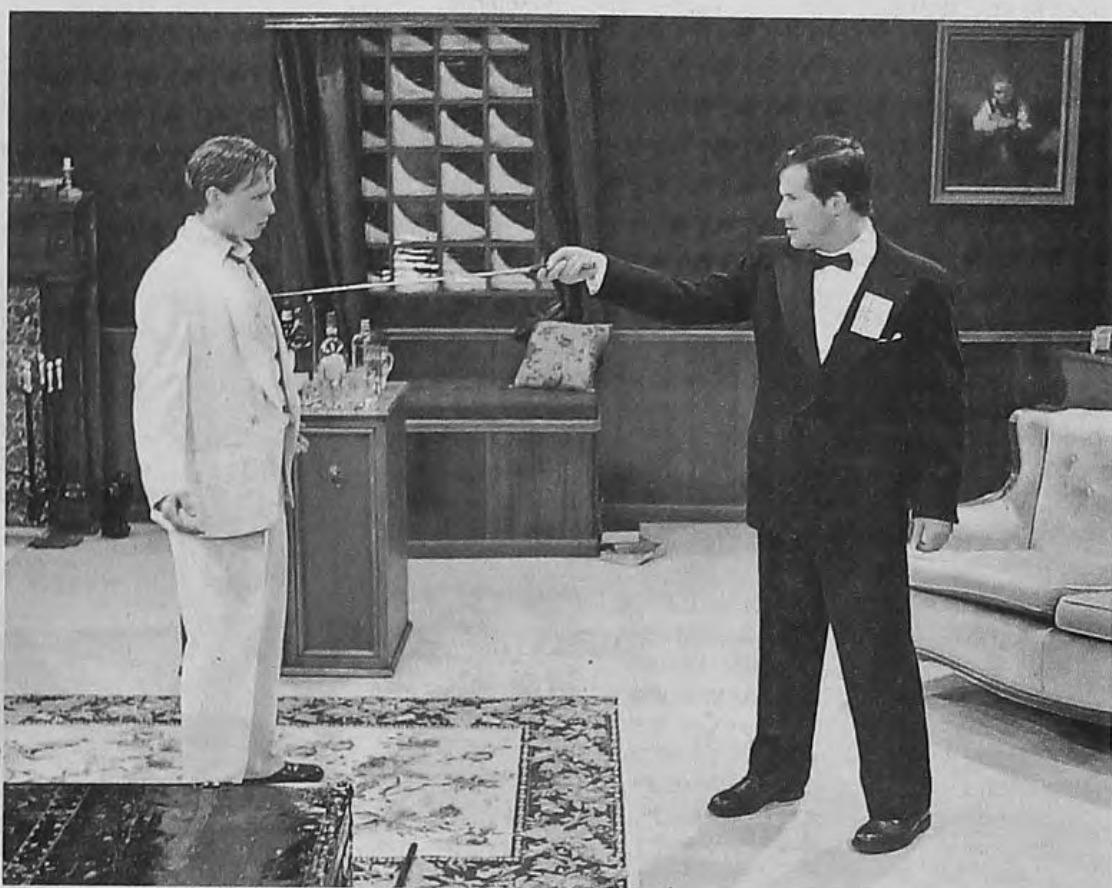
That kind of bravado — along with a tinge of anger and frustration — motivated him to found Barefoot Productions. The Farmington High School graduate had studied theater at Central Michigan University, where his 87-year-old mother had also been involved in theater during the 1950s. After college, he worked in his chosen field for three years in Maine and then moved to southern California, where he founded his second theater company. His first was with friends after high school graduation. After seven years in California, he returned to Michigan and took a break from the stage for another seven years.

"I did not touch a stage until 2005," he said. "I finally got involved

with some theater companies and dabbled in tech work. My heart was in directing. I'd be in the wings and I'd see poor directing. I'd pull the actors aside and say don't do that, do this. I got into so much trouble." Angry about the poor directing he witnessed and frustrated in his attempts to correct it, Hane decided to start his own company. Barefoot Productions, grown by Hane and its members, staged plays that weren't being done by other community theaters, in an empty furniture store that was converted into a theater. He raised the bar on set design and special effects and built a reputation for edgy and creative programming.

"I was Broadway-bound when I graduated from college. Every day since I graduated from college, I knew what I wanted to do, but there has been doubt," Hane said. "Barefoot has helped me pat myself on the back."

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Nathan Corliss (left) and Ken Karges in one of Craig Hane's favorite plays, "Rope," which Barefoot Productions staged in 2010.

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"I think that's what's going to happen. We have more to offer people than we ever have."

The sale began Sunday and will run to this Sunday throughout the mall, with paperback books selling for as little as \$1 and hardcovers going for as little as \$3. Tens of thousands of books are available for purchase and cover many categories, including local history, sports and travel.

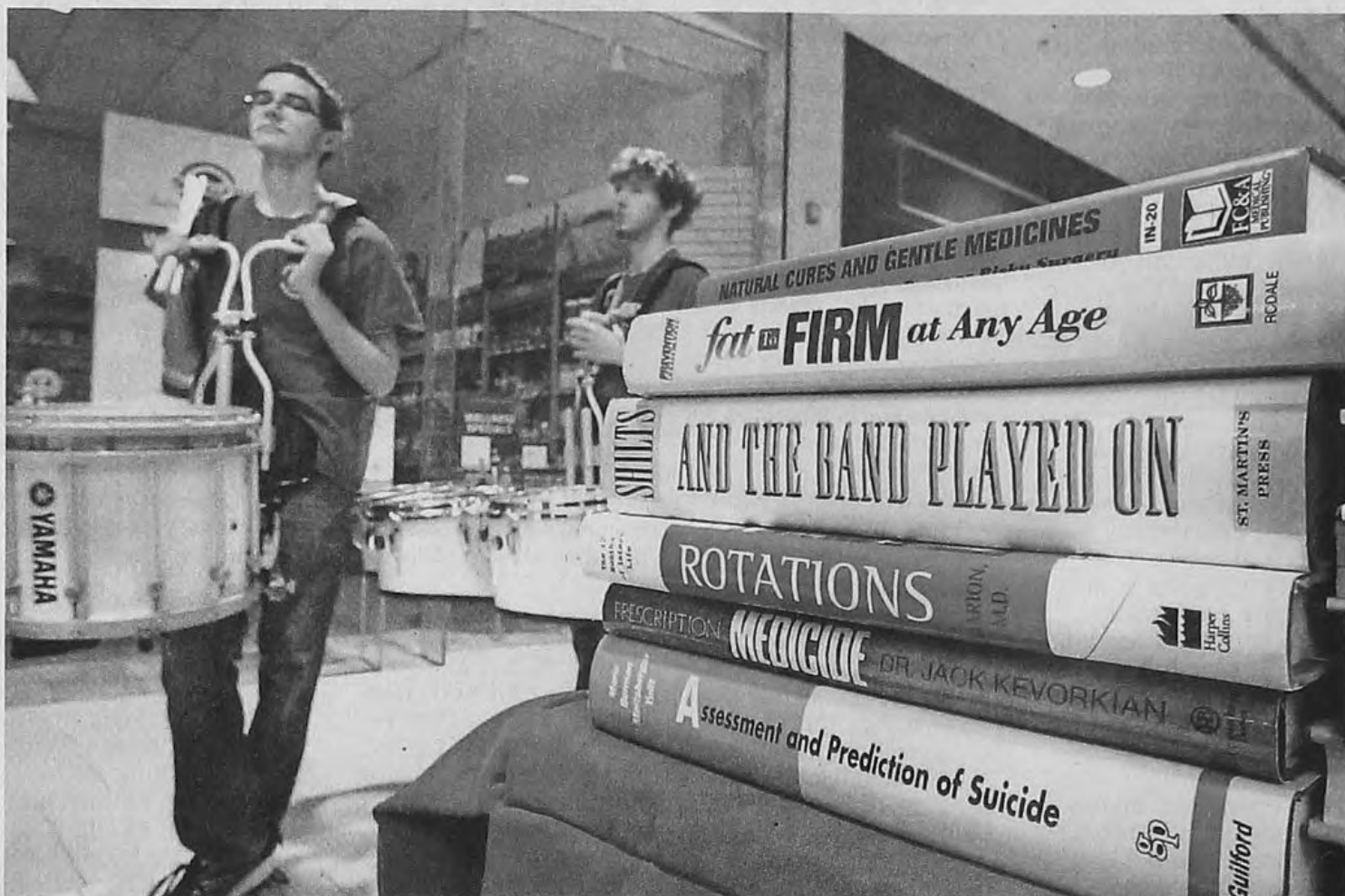
Several special events are still planned through the rest of the week with the sale, including the opportunity Thursday to enter to win a skate signed by Olympic ice dancers Charlie White and Meryl Davis, Detroit Tigers tickets and tickets to see United Shore Professional League baseball games at Jimmy John's Field, which is scheduled to open later this month in Utica. Those who spend more than \$25 will be entered in those drawings 3-9 p.m., as well as buy three books, get one free.

"There's just some really great things," Berman said.

Books and media will also be half-price Sunday.

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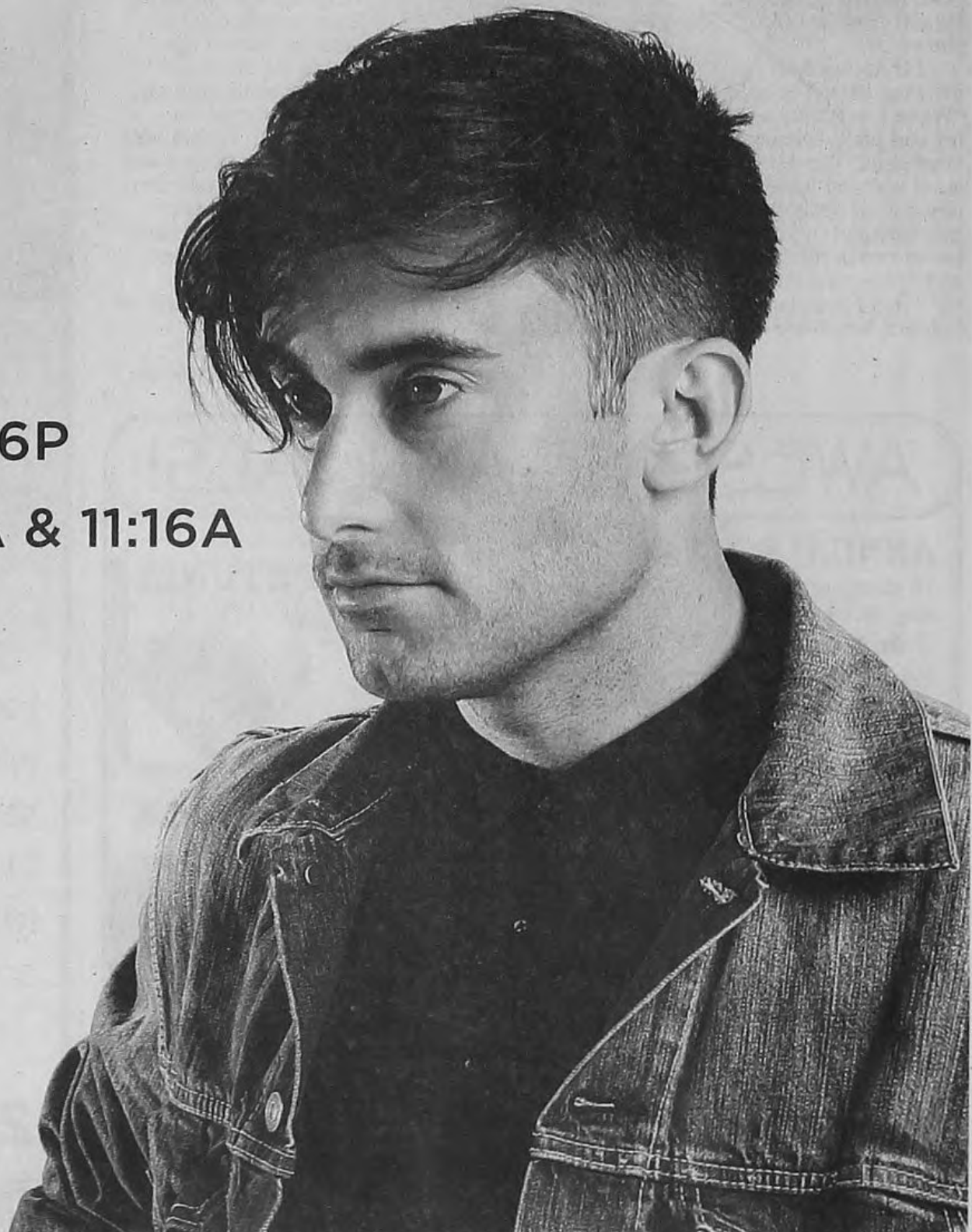
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'Lessen stigma' of mental illness: Speakers share personal stories with audience

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Mike speaks to groups on his mental illness "to bring a little bit of hope to those who have none. My hope is that we lessen the stigma."

He hopes for a day, too, when mental illness is on par with other diseases in terms of research dollars and public awareness. Mike and Kristen were the presenters at a National Alliance on Mental Illness program last week at the William P. Faust Public Library of Westland.

"The thing we want to give you is hope," Mike told his audience of about 25, encouraging them to seek help. As a teen, he channeled his anger issues into his swimming and continued to swim at Michigan State University competitively.

He graduated with a 3.4 GPA and went on for an M.B.A. Mike is married with three kids. "You can't tell just by looking at me," he said. "Stigma is an ugly word. I think it's the ugliest word we

have." Kristen is a high school guidance counselor or who graduated from the University of Michigan and earned her master's degree from Wayne State. "Sports, I think, really saved me," she said of younger days.

These days, she has a cat, loves technology and watching TV crime shows, as well as researching ancestry. Kristen noted the genetic basis of mental illness; she's trying to find roots of her birth family (her mother was adopted) and also runs a support group. "Mental illness is part of what I live with every day," she said, adding it was a good day other than the unexpected I-275 construction detour.

'In Our Own Voice'

Kristen and Mike spoke at the Westland library for the "In Our Own Voice" program, sponsored by NAMI and suggested by a library patron. Mike had faced anxiety and depression 30 years.

"I knew I was in trou-

ble," he said of many job moves. He lost a lot of weight in that manic time.

"It allowed me to lie to the people I love about how I was feeling," said Mike, who recalled having to watch DVDs over and over of things like their children's first steps. He lacked that memory then.

Mike was hospitalized in spring 2012 and diagnosed with a form of bipolar disorder, cognitive disorders and generalized anxiety disorder. He recalled the outpatient therapy as saving him.

Kristen, too, was diagnosed with a form of bipolar disorder at 29 and was hospitalized. She was in a new job; her parents moved away.

"They were my safety net. Nothing felt right. Just being in my skin didn't feel right," said Kristen, who drove around a lot at that time.

She now "reboots" much like a computer when her thinking turns negative and finds going to bed early on those bad

days a big help. "Now it's at the point where I can manage it," she said of her illness, using the analogy of a heart monitor.

Mike had shame and fear for the future. "The stigma of mental illness has a crushing effect on me," he said. "I have to learn to embrace my life as it is today."

Both have adjusted their goals and dreams, as did the people with mental illness in a video shown that evening. Kristen asks herself "Can I solve it?" and, if not, works on surviving it.

"There are some days I accept it more than others," she said. She initially feared side effects of medication, including weight gain.

"We've come a long way. We have a long way to go" on addressing mental illness and mood disorders, she said. Of her father, who was a medic in Vietnam, she said, "He's very accepting of me, loves me."

Mike's dad and other family members weren't accepting. "He called me

a big loser," Mike said of his father.

Mike sees a psychiatrist monthly, noting he can oversleep, and also sees a psychologist to help him "unlearn erroneous coping skills." Mike's wife is a big help and he emphasized friends and family are key.

'Unconditional support and love'

"You have to have that unconditional support and love," he added.

Kristen has thyroid issues, too, and needs to monitor her sleep and diet. She was earlier stressed out by summers when she doesn't work as much and has less structure.

"A lot of psychiatrists don't take insurance. I was stressed out," she said of needing to shop around for another good psychiatrist. She's also in group therapy and saw a therapist.

Kristen finds group therapy helpful for emotional regulation and relationships. "Am I taking care of myself and doing what I need to do?"

said Kristen, who also benefits from chiropractic treatment and massage.

Both discussed coping or "compensation skills," with Mike noting he can't go to Las Vegas. Exercise helps them both, as does humor, with Mike playing the mascot at NAMI benefit walks.

"There's no way you're going to be able to get through this alone," he said. U-M, MSU and WSU all have resources, he said, and testing is often free.

"You've got to be around positive people," he added. They also touched on spirituality to help.

Kristen said she's in several studies to improve treatment. "I'm very hopeful whatever comes my way I'll be able to handle with support," she said.

Additional information is online at www.namimetro.org or www.namimi.org.

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Forever After stages 'Brighton Beach Memoirs' this weekend

A local cast of Forever After Productions will stage one of Neil Simon's most popular works, "Brighton Beach Memoirs" May 19-22 at the downtown Plymouth Arts and Recreation Center.

The play is a semi-autobiographical look at growing up in Brooklyn during the 1930s and a portrait of the writer as a young teen living with his family in a crowded, lower middle-class Brooklyn walk-up.

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standing in for the author, is the narrator and central character. Dreaming of baseball and girls, Eugene must cope with the mundane existence

of his family life in Brooklyn: a formidable mother, overworked father and his worldly older brother Stanley. Throw into the mix his widowed Aunt Blanche



Simon

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mances. Show times are 7 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, May 19-21; 2 p.m. Saturday, May 21; and 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. Sunday, May 22.

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PREP BASEBALL

Dunn 'deals' in victory over Chiefs

Northville earns third straight Kensington Conference crown

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Chris Dunn gives you a little Cole Hamels, Jamie Moyer and Cliff Lee — all wrapped into one.

The Northville senior is a crafty left-hander who works the plate with pinpoint control and will throw a sneaky fastball by you.

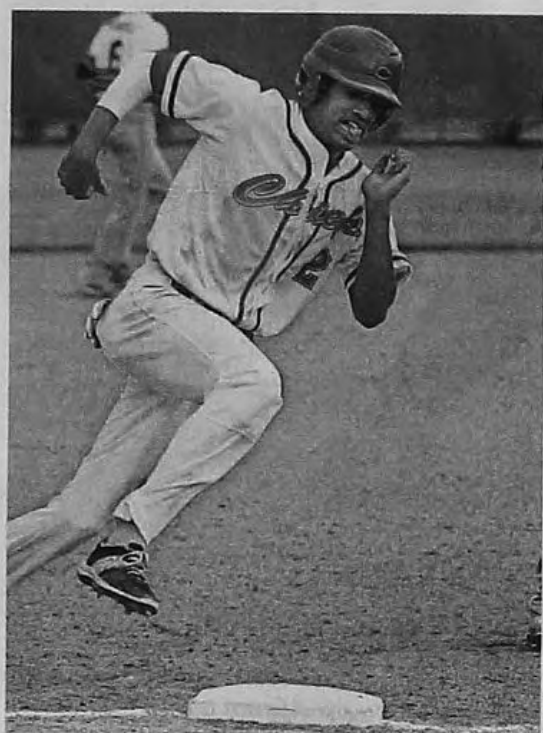
That was the case in Monday's KLAA Kensington Conference baseball championship game as Dunn quieted host Canton's bats on a six-hitter as the Mustangs (20-4) earned their third straight title with a 4-1 win.

"Outstanding. What can I say? (He) beat a very good team," Northville coach John Kostrzewa said of Dunn's performance. "He's been like that this year, but all last year, too. He's done a tremendous job. To come in here on the road and in this environment ... got in a couple of binds in the game and was able to get out of it. He just competes. He's a great competitor, nothing fazes him. I'm real happy and proud because he carried us in this game."

Dunn, who struck out five and did not allow a walk, deflected the attention from himself and praised his infield, which laid the leather down by getting 11 ground outs.

"Defense was tremendous," the 6-foot, 160-pound Dunn said. "The shortstop and the third base, Nate (Wixon) and Kevin (Morrissey), especially getting to the sides ... that was great and, with their strong arms, they just threw them out. That's killer when they

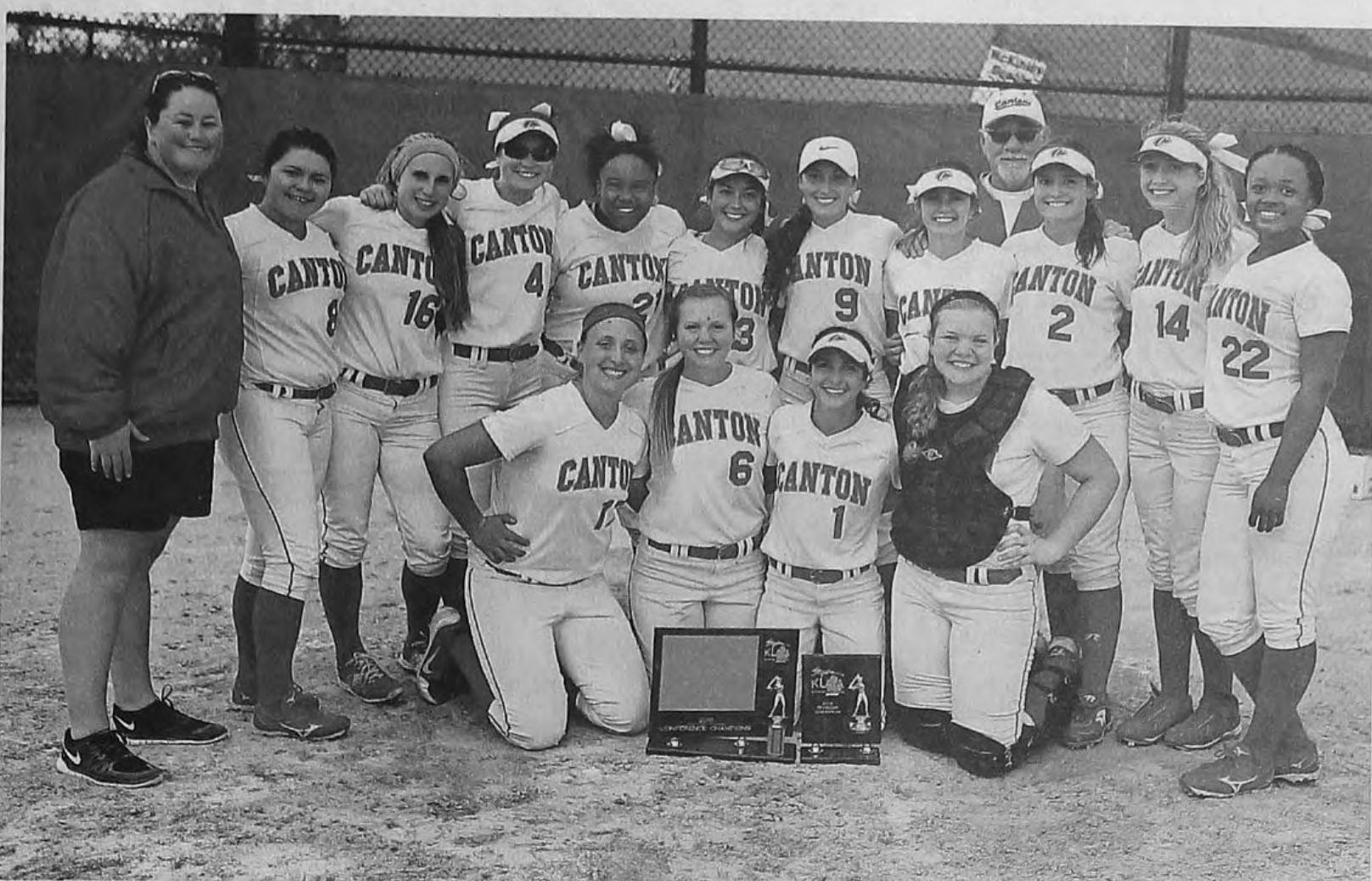
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Canton's Aaron Brazelton rounds third base on his way home for the Chiefs' only run Monday against Northville.

KENSINGTON CONFERENCE FINAL



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Celebrating after winning the Kensington Conference softball championship Monday are the Canton Chiefs.

CHIEFS SINK ROCKS

Canton's Payne homers, pitches complete game against high-powered Salem

Tim Smith
Staff Writer

When Canton varsity softball coach Al White walked out onto the field before Monday's Kensington Conference championship game against Salem, he shook his head.

The veteran coach noticed how the wind was blowing out toward the fence on Salem High School's softball field.

"I was out on the field and the wind started blowing," White said. "That's not a good thing for us, because we don't hit a lot of high pop-ups. We hit through the ball or we try to."

What followed was Canton's 6-3 win over the Rocks in a close match-up between division champions that was determined more by pitching, defense and clutch hitting than fence-clearing drives (although both teams did notch home runs).

In the top of the seventh with the game tied 3-3, senior catcher Victoria Porter grounded a single up the middle to open the inning. Senior center fielder Elizabeth Yager then hit a hot grounder to third that was not handled cleanly and she also reached base.

Salem's Kristin Mihalic made a diving catch in left-center to rob Olivia Grant of a run-scoring hit, but then Izzy Dawson stepped up with a two-run double to center to score courtesy

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Canton base-runner Elizabeth Yager (left) gets a lead during the seventh inning of Monday's conference final, while Salem first baseman Jordan Hazel keeps an eye on home plate.

BOYS LACROSSE

Wildcats take Park honors with 8-5 win

Plymouth gets past Canton in match-up of campus rivals

Tim Smith
Staff Writer

For much of this season, the Canton varsity boys lacrosse team could not be stopped — or beaten, for that matter.

But the tables have turned, at least a little. Plymouth became the fourth team in recent weeks to defeat Canton, winning 8-5 Friday in the match-up to determine the 2016 Park champion.

Following the low-scoring contest, Canton's record was 13-4 overall and 4-2 in the Kensington Conference (according to the KLAA website), while Plymouth improved to 8-9 and 4-2.

"Our defense did a really good job

winning their individual match-ups and limiting Canton's high-quality scoring opportunities," Plymouth head coach Brian Walsh said. "(Goalie) Trevor McManus did a phenomenal job on the shots Canton was able to take. We knew they had a face-off advantage over us, so we had to play great defense, clear the ball and limit penalties."

The defense, spearheaded by Tyler Ramer and Charlie Shaver, did a good job of frustrating the Chiefs. McManus made 19 saves — many from point-blank range — to close out the victory.

To that end, Canton senior scoring machine Carson Pakula was held to three goals, with the Chiefs' other goals scored by midfielders Micah Rinke and Ben Phillips.

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MICHAEL VASILNEK

Plymouth's Nolan Ouellette (left) carries the ball Friday night, while Canton's Nick Polydoros tries to stop him.



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KLAAs GIRLS TENNIS TOURNAMENT

TOP-SEEDED 'CAT: Braun muscles way to victory

Plymouth freshman now 19-0 entering Thursday's regionals

Tim Smith
Staff Writer

On the eve of the MHSAA Division 1 regional at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, Plymouth varsity girls tennis coach Rob McLaren allowed himself the chance to look ahead a couple of days.



Braun

"This Thursday is sort of our Super Bowl," McLaren said. "This is the MHSAA regional tournament and how we do here really (decides) on whether we go to states or not."

Plymouth can go to the state finals as a team with 18 wins Thursday. Action begins at 9 a.m. and continues all day.

"I think the most we've ever had was 12," McLaren said. "If we can squeeze out an extra six, we get to go to states. It's going to be a challenge, but that's what our goal is."

McLaren's Wildcats had another pretty important tournament Tuesday, also at the Park. Plymouth finished fifth out of 12 teams at the KLAAs 'A' tourney with 11 points. Northville and Novi took the top two spots with 31 and 21 points, respectively.

Yet the veteran coach was beaming, largely thanks to the continuing play of still-undefeated freshman Jessica Braun at No. 1 singles.

Braun won all three of her matches



MICHAEL VASILNEK

Plymouth No. 3 singles player Swetha Duraiswamy returns the ball during a recent match. Duraiswamy and the Wildcats placed fifth at Tuesday's KLAAs 'A' tournament.

Tuesday, improving to 19-0 on the season, and knocked off Northville's Emma Worley 6-4, 6-2 in the final.

She goes into Thursday's regional as

the top seed at No. 1 singles; for her to make it to the state finals (only at No. 1 singles can an individual qualify on her own) she must at least get to the cham-

ampionship match in her flight. Likely to be in the way is Salem senior standout Chelsea Yu.

"Jessica has the best shot," McLaren said. "Chelsea is a great player; she's the four seed at one singles. The path is through my player. I really like Chelsea, she's a great kid ... if Jessica doesn't go to states, Chelsea will. They're both great players."

Salem finished tied for sixth with 10 points Tuesday. Other top teams included Grand Blanc (third, 15 points) and Walled Lake Northern (fourth, 13).

Against Worley, the soft-spoken Braun said she "had to be aggressive and move around" to have success. She stressed that she'll need to keep playing that way Thursday.

"She had a great match," McLaren said. "Worley was for the first-place finish in the KLAAs Association, so that was a big match for her. I was thinking she might have a different opponent, but Worley played great and she made it to the finals."

Also stellar for the Wildcats was the No. 4 doubles team of Alayna Stults and Olivia Schafer, which made it to the semifinals.

"Unfortunately, because we had to play on Tuesday on a school day, we had a couple girls who weren't able to make it, including some of our seeded players," McLaren said. "That made it difficult, but our four doubles had a good showing, making it to semis."

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SOFTBALL

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runner Allayha Griggs and the speedy Yager.

Capping off the rally against Salem sophomore pitcher Maddy Rosiewicz was an RBI single to center by Peyton Philbeck that scored Dawson.

"Victoria and I just talked to each other before we walked up to the plate. We were, like, 'This is our chance, let's get something started here,'" Yager said.

Cool and calm

Canton senior pitcher Mackenna Payne gave up a lead-off hit to Jordan Hazel in the seventh, on a smash that took a bad hop and bounced off second baseman Sydney Dawson.

But Payne merely took care of the next three batters to close out a complete game victory, one that sent the Chiefs into Wednesday's scheduled KLAAs championship game against Milford.

"I told (Payne) to put the team on her back and take them where she wanted to go in that last inning when Sydney got hit with the ball there (the Hazel hit)," White said. "Nothing fazes her; she's even-keeled."

Payne had a big game at the plate as well as in the circle, opening the scoring with a homer to center field. She also registered an RBI single in the sixth, when the Chiefs scored to deadlock the contest at 3-3.

The Rocks only got to her in the third, which began inauspiciously when Hannah Zajdel's drive was flagged down by Yager with an over-the-shoulder grab.

Two batters later, Krisin Mihalic hit one a little farther — it cleared the fence in center — to even the score.

"I didn't notice the fence was there, I was just tracking it," Yager said with a chuckle.

Brief surge

Salem then went up 3-1 following a single by Rosiewicz and an opposite-field homer to left-center by sophomore shortstop Morgan Overaitis.

But that turned out to be the final long ball of the game, even with the wind blowing out.

Payne settled down and gave up just a double to center by Mihalic in the fifth and the seventh-inning hit by Hazel the rest of the way.

"I was definitely trying to keep the ball lower and just outside, so they wouldn't get up on the ball and get it up into the wind," Payne said.

Canton chipped away in the fourth, when Zajdel and Payne walked and Sydney Dawson singled to right to score Zajdel.

The Chiefs then evened the game in the sixth on Payne's clutch hit down the right-field line that scored Zajdel (who doubled).

Timing off

According to Salem head coach Bonnie Southerland, whose KLAAs Central Division championship team fell to 22-7, her hitters became a bit impatient and



JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

Salem's Kristin Mihalic (left) slides safely into second with a double in the fifth inning Monday. Canton shortstop Olivia Grant is just a bit late with the tag.

thus did not square up many pitches over the final several innings.

"We wanted them to hit like they've been hitting all season long," Southerland said. "We were just ahead of the pitch today. Our timing was a little bit off, but when this team's on, it's on."

"Today we had nine pop-ups on the infield. We have to have a little better pitch selection and make better decisions at the plate."

Although Overaitis and Mihalic both homered (No. 7 for each), they were frustrated by not being able to do more offensively.

"I think we did pretty well defensively," Overaitis said. "We needed more hits and we needed to string them together to get some runs on the board."

"We needed to get deeper in counts and take some more pitches, to wear out the pitcher and get on-base."

Mihalic said it was "kind of frustrating, because after losing to them a week ago (in a conference crossover), it was ... we kind of wanted to get them back. It didn't happen."

Meanwhile, Yager said the team kept the Rocks at bay with pitching and defense.

"Mackenna pitched an amazing game," Yager said. "But we knew we were going to have to play some defense and our goal was to come in and score first and that's what we did."

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Canton's Mackenna Payne delivers a pitch during Monday's win over Salem to clinch the Kensington Conference title.

PREP SOFTBALL

Bressler's gem sparks Plymouth to 3-1 triumph over South Lyon East

Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Monday's Kensington Conference varsity softball match-up of second-place teams Plymouth and South Lyon East was a well-pitched contest, with the Wildcats prevailing 3-1.

Striking out 13 and giving up just

two walks and four hits over seven innings of work was Plymouth winning pitcher Jenny Bressler.

The Wildcats (18-41) went to work early on offense, scoring one run in each of the first three innings — proving to be more than enough for Bressler.

In the first inning, Rachel Zeron

got on base and scored on Bressler's double.

Plymouth added a run in the next inning. Cali Jones led off with a single to right.

With one out, After Kiersten Metz and Zeron walked to load the bases and Jones scored on Bressler's RBI out.

A double by Haley Gagnon sparked Plymouth's third run. She moved to third on a grounder and scored on Mikayla Rose's well-placed bunt.

The Wildcats were scheduled Wednesday to host Howell.

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PREP BASEBALL

Canton seizes KLAA South title with sweep

Chiefs garner championship with doubleheader victory over Zebras

Tim Smith
Staff Writer

The Canton Chiefs varsity baseball team swept a doubleheader May 11 from Wayne Memorial to clinch the KLAA South Division championship. Canton (22-8 overall, 13-3 in the KLAA South) defeated the Zebras 4-0 in the opener and 8-1 in the nightcap.

In the opener at Canton High School, Chiefs pitcher Mitchell Zelenak was outstanding — throwing a three-hitter and walking just one while fanning seven.

Zelenak received all the offensive support he needed in the second, when the Chiefs scored all four runs against Wayne pitcher Justin Johnson.

Both Michael Flaishans (1-for-3) and Justin Mattson knocked in runs during the rally, which also included hits by Jacob O'Donnell and Andrew Krafft. Canton's fourth hit of the contest was registered by Noah Spencer.



The Canton Chiefs varsity baseball team celebrates May 11 after defeating Wayne Memorial to secure the KLAA South Division championship.

JULIE BAECHLER

Scoring the Canton runs were O'Donnell, Krafft, Lou Baechler and Cody Zidzik. Canton went on to put an exclamation point on the division-clinching day

with the Game 2 rout of the Zebras. The Chiefs rolled out early with four runs in the first inning and two more in the third. The team tacked on a couple of more in the sixth and en-

joyed a 10-hit attack.

Earning the win was Tyler Byers (4½ innings, one earned run, eight strikeouts) with Baechler closing it out with 2½ scoreless innings.

Jacob Dattilio had a big day at the plate for Canton, going 3-for-4 with a run.

Smacking two doubles in two at-bats was Zidzik, who knocked in a pair.

Also enjoying multiple-hit games were Nick Sprosek (double, two RBIs) and Baechler (two runs).

CANTON 4-6, KALAMAZOO CENTRAL 3-0: The Chiefs swept a doubleheader May 7 from Kalamazoo Central.

In the opener, starting pitcher Dean Dawson yielded three hits over six innings for the win, with Noah Spencer earning a save. Spencer and Nick Sprosek garnered back-to-back RBI doubles during a three-run first.

Jake Dattilio singled and scored in the fifth for an insurance run. In Game 2, Turner Donlin pitched three scoreless innings, giving up one hit and striking out five, in the mercy-rule shortened contest.

Pitching one inning each were Greg Goodbred and Sprosek. Big contributors on offense were Andrew Krafft, Spencer, Goodbred (three runs) and Jacob O'Donnell, with two hits each. Scoring two runs each were Kraft, Justin Mattson and Lou Baechler.

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BASEBALL

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get good contact, but can't get the runner on base, so it was huge."

Dunn retired the first eight batters he faced, until Jake O'Donnell got a bunt single in the bottom of the third. Canton put two runners aboard with one out in the fourth, but Dunn out of it on a come-backer to the mound, followed by a strikeout.

Chiefs stymied

Canton (22-9) scored its lone run in the fifth to cut the deficit to 3-1, when A.J. Brazelton singled, stole second and scored on Andrew Krafft's single. But Dunn limited the damage, getting Noah Spencer to strike out to end the threat.

Dunn then retired the final six batters to close the victory.

Northville played some small ball to score twice in the second inning.

With one out, the Mustangs loaded the bases against Canton starter Mitch Zelenak after Aram Shahrigian walked, Diaz Saunderson reached base on an infield single and Willie Yanagi was hit by a pitch.

Andrew Blazo then sent a come-backer to the mound, but Zelenak wheeled toward second to try to start a double play, only to throw back to home too late to get Shahrigian. Zach Osaer's ground out to short, which was stabbed with a draw-in infield by Spencer, scored Saunderson to make it 2-0.

The Mustangs then upped their lead to 3-1 in the top of the third on a lead-off single by Morrissey, followed by two fielder's choices and an RBI single by



Nick Sprosek takes off for first base after making contact against Northville's Chris Dunn.

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Shahrigian.

With one out in the sixth, Zelenak was pulled in favor of reliever Greg Goodbreak after the Mustangs scored again to go back up by three runs.

Shahrigian led off with a single, advanced to second and third on wild pitches and scored on Shane Rankin's pinch-hit single to right.

Zelenak, who throws three-quarters sidearm, beat Northville in an earlier meeting this year, 4-2. He went the first 5½ innings, allowing all four runs on seven hits and three two walks, while striking out three.

"I've seen him pitch better," Canton coach Mark Blomshield said of his ace. "He's been working a lot for us, so I think he's just getting a little fatigued.

He was a closer last year, so he didn't have a lot of innings and now he's starter and his fastball is down a little bit. I thought he pitched OK. They scored three runs with with two outs on singles."

Northville's first run of the game proved to be pivotal.

"They had another run when the infield was in and (Zelenak) threw to the wrong base," Bloomshield said. "We all were calling for it and he knows it, and we were just working on it in practice. Must just have been a stone grain in his head, but those things happen. You've got to score more than one run. The opportunities that we did have fizzled out then we just weren't able to get the two-out hits with runners in

scoring position. And they were and they had three of them."

Bloomshield, however, tipped his cap to Dunn.

"He was definitely on his game," he said. "We were aware of who he was. We knew he was their number one. We knew that's who we were going to see. We prepared for that. He did a nice job. I was expecting to see a little bit more off-speed pitches up in the count and he still just challenged the batters. With his fastball, he was pretty deceptive. He did a real nice job. I don't know how many hits we had, but we didn't have many."

NOVI 5, PLYMOUTH 3: Jac Colliau scattered seven hits and four walks over six innings to pick up the win Monday as Novi (19-12) downed host Plymouth in a Kensington Conference baseball crossover.

Colliau allowed three runs and struck out five before reliever Cam Czapski pitched scoreless seventh to earn the save.

Offensively, Novi was led by Scott Beaton (2-for-3, two runs); Alec Bageris (2-for-4, RBI); Spencer VanKirk (two RBIs); Nathan Lys (RBI) and Colliau (RBI).

Kyle Wolter went 2-for-3 with an RBI to lead Plymouth.

Starter Josh Sulak, who lasted three innings allowing four earned runs on six hits and three walks, took the loss. Josh Janovsky worked the final four innings, allowing one earned run on four hits. The two combined for five strikeouts.

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LACROSSE

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Other defenders noted by Walsh were Mitch Gonzales, James Hansen, Jake Marciniak and Nate Messer.

Poised freshman

Sparking the Plymouth attack with three goals was freshman Carson Miller, who the coach said plays like an upperclassman.

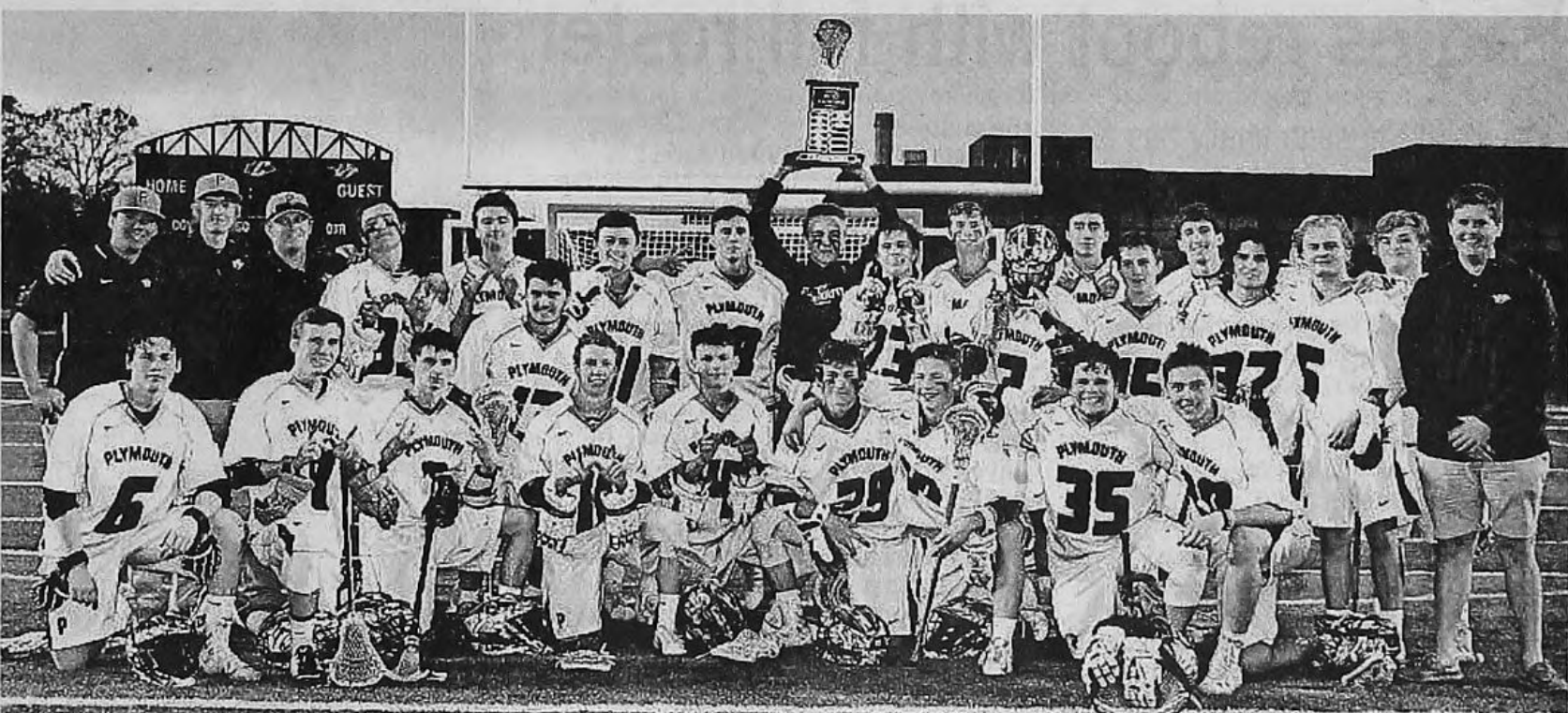
"He's fearless with the ball in his stick and is a tremendous dodger that makes teams pay when they are over-concerned with Nolan (Ouellette)," Walsh said.

Ouellette also was dangerous, with two goals. "Nolan is one of the best midfielders in the state and plays at a high level every game," Walsh said. "But Canton game-planned to stop him and other guys had to make plays, which they did."

Chipping in were Jack Balch (two goals, assist) and Zach Gallaher (goal, two assists).

"Jack Balch really ignited us and did a great job starting the scoring on a nice shot and just played a key role, calming the offense when we needed him," Walsh said.

According to Walsh, a key to the win



Plymouth defeated Canton, 8-5, Friday to win the Park championship in boys lacrosse.

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was Gallaher's goal late in the first half.

"Zach Gallaher did a great job distributing the ball," Walsh said. "And he scored a crucial goal with a few seconds left before halftime that really was an emotional lift going to the lock-

er room."

Although Walsh said it was nice to win the Park trophy, there are bigger fish to fry. "The Park title is a nice accomplishment, but we look forward to a long playoff run."

PLYMOUTH 11, HOWELL 10: Plymouth won its fourth OT game of the season Monday. Scoring four goals was Zach Gallaher, helped by Nolan Ouellette (three goals), Carson Miller (goal, two assists), Jack Balch (two goals) and Derek Szczepanik (goal). Goalie Blake Nowicki stopped 15 shots.

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GIRLS LACROSSE

Big game by Rocks' Miller not enough

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A five-goal performance by junior Stephanie Miller could not lift Salem's varsity girls lacrosse team to victory Monday as Grand Blanc held on for a 12-11 win.

Grand Blanc jumped out to a quick 4-0 lead, but the Rocks mounted a comeback and cut the deficit to one with just over a minute to play in regulation.

In addition to Miller, Salem's offense was sparked by junior Madison Mullins (three goals, two assists), junior Kayla Goleniak (two goals) and senior Colleen Shortal (one goal).

Salem's defense stiffened in the second half, giving the offense a chance to get back into the game.

The Bobcats managed just four

goals in the second half, as Salem junior goalkeeper Maddie Johnson played well down the stretch.

PLYMOUTH 16, HARTLAND 4: The host Wildcats featured a balanced attack Monday as they defeated visiting Hartland.

Scoring three goals each were Marissa Cirino, Natalie Nowicki, Cathryn VandenBosch and Michelle Cirino. Contributing two goals was Madeleine Caswell, while Kari Schoen and Cierra Steiner both scored one goal.

Plymouth goalkeeper Elizabeth Elliott held the fort, with support from defenders Abigail Bolterman, Jessica Curtis, Megan Eschelbach, Emily LeBlanc, Grace MacLellan, Catherine Sandberg and Claudia Savaeski.

SALEM 9, FARMINGTON 8: Host Salem enjoyed senior night Friday with a close-fought victory. Prior to the game, seniors Colleen Shortal, Celine Pilon, Mikaela Berg, Allison Duck, Hope Copley, Lauren Manor and Elizabeth Schmoes were honored.

Farmington built an 8-5 halftime lead, but the Rocks rallied while Pilon and junior Maddie Johnson both stymied the Falcons with timely saves in goal.

Juniors Brittany Mitton (three goals), Madison Mullins (three goals, two assists), Stephanie Miller (two goals, two assists) and Kayla Goleniak (one goal) keyed the Salem offense. Chipping in a goal and assist was Shortal.

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BOYS GOLF

Salem heats up with pair of crossover wins

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The Salem varsity boys golf team earned Kensington Conference crossover wins Tuesday over Wayne Memorial and Westland John Glenn at par-35 Fox Hills Golf Course.

Salem tallied a 162 score, beating the Zebras and Rockets, who finished with scores of 200 and 226, respectively.

Leading the Rocks (4-5 in the KLAA) were co-medalists Hayden Winch, Shawn Weldon and Travis Stott, each recording 39.

Helping the Salem cause were Adam Marcero (45), Bryce Henderson (45) and Matt Danis (47).

Salem will return to action Thursday at Idyl Wyld Golf Course in Livonia against Livonia Churchill and Li-

vonja Franklin.

DEARBORN INVITE: Monday at par-72 Dearborn Country Club, Canton finished ninth out of 22 teams with a total of 336, while Salem's 346 tally was good for 14th.

Winning the tournament was Rochester Adams (315), followed by Ann Arbor Skyline (318).

For the Chiefs, Phillip Conrad was the top finisher with 80. Other Canton finishers included Brenden Chan (82), Suhas Potluri (85), Brian Oldani (89) and Patrick McDougall (91).

Salem's top scorer was Hayden Winch, with 83. Other individual scores for the Rocks were posted by Shawn Weldon (86), Matt Schauburger (88), Travis Stott (89) and Adam Marcero (93).

QUAD MEETS: Tuesday at par-36 Northville Hills GC, Canton was defeated by Northville and Novi in a crossover quad match.

Northville (1158) and Novi (165) bested the Chiefs' 173 total, dropping Canton's record to 8-3 in the KLAA.

Individual scores for the Chiefs included Suhas Potluri (40), Phillip Conrad (42), Dominic Dimaya (45) and Brian Oldani, Patrick McDougall and D.J. Jablonski (46 each).

► Plymouth defeated South Lyon and South Lyon East in a KLAA crossover quad match Friday.

Leading the Wildcats was medalist Joe Montana, who shot 36. Other strong performers for Plymouth included Justin Kapke (39), Matt Decker (40) and Jacob Sylvester (42).

The wins upped Plymouth's record to 4-0 in the KLAA.

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KLAA GIRLS TRACK CONFERENCE MEET

Northville thinclads go the distance

Plymouth finishes fourth, Canton sixth, Salem seventh

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Northville's championship performance at Friday's KLAA Kensington Conference track and field meet wasn't as easy as 1-2-3 — the Mustangs' distance runners just made it seem that way.

Fueled by a phenomenal performance by distance runners Lexa and Ana Barrott, Olivia Harp and Kayla Eckenroth, who combined to sweep the first three places in both the 1,600- and 3,200-meter races, Northville accumulated 128 points to edge Livonia Churchill, which racked up 120 points.

Novi placed third with 85.5 points, 12 more than fourth-place Plymouth.

Park performers

Plymouth and Canton recorded first-place finishes, helping the Wildcats and Chiefs land in fourth and sixth place, respectively. Salem took seventh.

For Plymouth, senior Katherine Harris won the high jump with a mark of 5 feet, 2 inches, and Erin Bradley was victorious in the 100 hurdles (15.07), edging Salem's Haven Essien (second, 15.49).

Placing second in the pole vault with a mark of 10-6 was Emily Caragay; taking third in two events was sprinter Ryen Draper (200 dash, 25.34; 400 dash, 58.73).

The Wildcats' 800-relay team of Bradley, Faith Washington, Reghan Draper and Ryen Draper came in third with a time of 1:43.09.

» Canton's 400-meter relay team of Jade Sabir, Jessica Krone, Donae Adams and Jada Sabir won with a new P-CEP record of 49.7 seconds. That same foursome came in third in the 1,600 relay (4:05.01).

The Chiefs also came in third in the 3,200 relay, as freshmen Izzy Verdugo and Anna Nagelhout, junior Elaine Bradlee and senior Samantha McGrath finished in 9:59.91.

The Sabir twins finished second and third in the 100 dash, with Jada finishing in 12.57 and Jade in 12.6.

» Salem, in addition to the second-place finish by Essien in the 100 hurdles, was led by Kara Knake (second in the 800 run, 2:18.01) and the 400-meter relay team of Ayanda Brydie, Maddie Kernahan, Brynna Samuels and Lauren Ogarek (third, 50.59).

Tim Smith contributed to this report.

FINAL STANDINGS: 1. Northville, 128; 2. Livonia Churchill, 120; 3. Novi, 85.5; 4. Plymouth, 73.5; 5. Wayne Memorial, 60; 6. Canton, 52.5; 7. Salem, 37; 8. Livonia Franklin, 32.5; 9. Westland John Glenn, 23; 10. Livonia Stevenson, 21; 11. South Lyon East, 17;



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Plymouth's Emily Caragay prepares to launch in the pole vault event at the Kensington Conference meet. She finished second.

12. South Lyon, 12.

Shot put: 1. Gabrielle Carter (LC), 37-8.5; 2. Darletta Robinson-Oden (WM), 34-8; 3. Emma Hammelef (NOVI), 34-7.5; 4. Hannah McBride (NOVI), 32-6; 5. Elise Wehmer (P), 32-2; 6. Melissa Fular (LC), 31-7; 7. Kyndra Parker (S), 30-11.5; 8. Alexis Browning (LF), 30-11.5.

Discus: 1. Gabrielle Carter (LC), 125-9; 2. Emma Hammelef (NOVI), 111-7; 3. Alexis Browning (LF), 105-9; 4. Ashley Rebain (LC), 104-9; 5. Jessalyn Smith (SLE), 104-6; 6. Marissa Dunn (NOVI), 101-7; 7. Madison Alestra (SLE), 100-4; 8. Brooke Bagazinski (LF), 99-0.

Pole vault: 1. Olivia Rytarsky (LC), 11-6; 2. Emily Caragay (P), 10-6; 3. Natlie Yurgil (LC), 10-3; 4. Shannon Burke (LS), 10-0; 5. Cate Visscher (LC), 9-9; 6. Natalie Janke (P), 9-6; 7. Emma Hammelef (NOVI), 9-6; 8. Emily Welch (P), 8-6.

Long jump: 1. Kate Prisy (NOVI), 16-7; 2. Hannah Hood-Blaxill (NOVI), 15-9; 3. Mikaela Hille (LF), 15-4.5; 4. Iamani Moultrie (LC), 15-4; 5. Elizabeth Setsuda (SLE), 15-4; 6. Erin McCallum (NRV), 15-2.5; 7. Lauren Miesowicz (NOVI), 14-10; 8. Cecilia McIntosh (S), 14-7.

High jump: 1. Katherine Harris (P), 5-2; 2. Hannah Hood-Blaxill (NOVI), 5-0; 3. (tie) Julie Wonch (LF) and Jessica Hogan (NRV), 4-10; 5. Ryan Sparks (C), 4-10; 6. (tie) Hailey MacDonald (C) and Gabby Chouinard (P), 4-8; 8. (tie) Lauren Lambert (NRV) and Kate Prisy (NOVI), 4-8.

3,200-meter relay: 1. Northville (Ana Barrott, Emma Herrmann, Cayla Eckenroth, Lexa Barrott), 9 minutes, 36.73 seconds; 2. Churchill, 9:38.25; 3. Canton (Elaine Bradlee, Anna Nagelhout, Isabelle Verdugo, Samantha McGrath), 9:59.91.

100 hurdles: 1. Erin Bradley (P), 15.07; 2. Haven Essien (S), 15.49; 3. Chanel Khan (WM), 15.96; 4. Takiya Bradley (LC), 16.02; 5. Karena Roest (NOVI), 16.50; 6. Alexandra Pringle (NOVI), 16.90; 7. Brittany Moeller (NOVI), 16.94; 8. Brianna Essien (S), 17.50.

100 dash: 1. Anavia Battle (WM), 11.93; 2. Jada Sabir (C), 12.57; 3. Jade Sabir (C), 12.61; 4. Alona Oshevska (WIG), 12.64; 5. Kayla Savage (NOVI), 12.81; 6. Tiffanie Hollingsworth (SLE), 13.03; 7. Reghan Draper (P), 13.05; 8. Erin McCallum (NRV), 13.10.

800 relay: 1. Northville (Savannah Manley, Erin McCallum, Lindsay Walters, Chloe Abbott), 1:42.57; 2. Churchill, 1:42.61; 3. Plymouth (Erin Bradley, Faith Washington, Reghan Draper, Ryen Draper), 1:43.09.

1,600 run: 1. Lexa Barrott (NRV), 5:00.63; 2. Olivia Harp (NRV), 5:13.37; 3. Ana Barrott (NRV), 5:13.56; 4. Christina Murphy (LC), 5:17.68; 5. Erin Seibert (LF), 5:24.91; 6. Katherine Ray (NOVI), 5:27.14; 7. Anna Nagelhout (C), 5:30.42; 8. Shea Wilson (S), 5:33.32.

400 relay: 1. Canton (Jade Sabir, Jessica Krone, Donae Adams, Jada Sabir), 49.63; 2. John Glenn (Alona Oshevska, Nikole Gipson, Kerri McCullough, Asia Gardner), 50.49; 3. Salem, 50.59.

400 dash: 1. Chloe Abbott (NRV), 55.18; 2. Chanel Gardner

(LC), 56.94; 3. Ryen Draper (P), 58.73; 4. Lindsay Walters (NRV), 59.25; 5. Donae Adams (C), 1:00.0; 6. Savannah Manley (NRV), 1:00.25; 7. Julie Wonch (LF), 1:00.98; 8. Ana White (P), 1:02.0.

300 hurdles: 1. Chanel Khan (WM), 47.58; 2. Danielle Booth (SL), 48.24; 3. Karena Roest (NOVI), 48.62; 4. Nadine Salamey (P), 50.22; 5. Kayla Dudek (P), 50.38; 6. Brittany Moeller (NOVI), 50.59; 7. Ryan Sparks (C), 50.83; 8. Diane Senkowski (LS), 51.86.

800 run: 1. Gabrielle Swider (LC), 2:14.80; 2. Kaya Knake (S), 2:18.01; 3. Emma Herrmann (NRV), 2:23.11; 4. Emily Lauzon (LS), 2:23.79; 5. Jessica Leigh (WM), 2:25.07; 6. Megan Gendjar (LC), 2:27.11; 7. Paige Zimmer (NRV), 2:27.20; 8. Emma Smith (NRV), 2:27.96.

200 dash: 1. Chloe Abbott (NRV), 24.32; 2. Anavia Battle (WM), 24.61; 3. Ryen Draper (P), 25.34; 4. Asia Gardner (WIG), 25.48; 5. Chanel Gardner (LC), 25.81; 6. Lindsay Walters (NRV), 27.04; 7. Julie Wonch (LF), 27.24.

3,200 run: 1. Lexa Barrott (NRV), 11:09.85; 2. Cayla Eckenroth (NRV), 11:12.10; 3. Ana Barrott (NRV), 11:13.88; 4. Natalie Douglas (LF), 11:27.18; 5. Kathleen George (LC), 11:46.51; 6. Christina Murphy (LC), 11:59.09; 7. Anna Nagelhout (C), 12:06.31; 8. Katherine Ray (NOVI), 12:11.45.

1,600 relay: 1. Northville (Morgan Kloosterman, Yasmine Affes, Lindsay Walters, Chloe Abbott), 3:53.81; 2. Churchill, 4:01.43; 3. Canton (Jada Sabir, Jade Sabir, Jessica Krone, Donae Adams), 4:05.01.

GIRLS SOCCER

Eagles reboot with full roster

Plymouth Christian finally has all players available,, mercies Roper

Tim Smith
Staff Writer

The last time Plymouth Christian Academy's varsity girls soccer team faced Bloomfield Hills Roper, the energy went missing along with the Eagles' attack.

Not Monday, as PCA mercied the visiting Roughriders, 8-0, with new vigor and spark.

"Last time we played them, we struggled scoring on them as they played defense," Eagles head coach Annette Somercik said. "But (Monday), we talked as a team about not only finishing the ball, but finishing the game from start to end with the same intensity."

The results were evident as PCA rolled to the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference victory, finishing the win with 24 minutes remaining in

the contest.

Goal scorers included Allie Crecelius, Jessica Paulson, Isabel Nunez, Taylor Maxwell, Crystal Bock and Mikki Mullett.

Somercik said it helped that the team finally had a full complement of 12 players, as injuries have hurt depth this season.

"I'm really proud of the girls and the team atmosphere we have created together," Somercik said. "They truly have taken this season and made it memorable."

The Eagles looked to carry the positive momentum into Tuesday's home game against Ann Arbor Greenhills. Details were not available as of press time.

PCA's next home game is 4:30 p.m. May 27 against Oakland Christian.

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Plymouth Christian Academy's Isabel Nunez (right) tries to get around a defender during a recent contest.

NJCAA BASEBALL

Ocelots show no mercy in tourney

Local alums Romanauski, Merandi spearhead sweep of Lorain County

Tim Smith
Staff Writer

No matter what happens the rest of the postseason, Schoolcraft College's baseball team can consider its first season a big hit.

The Ocelots — who struggled mightily the first month of the season — gained steam and stability in recent weeks and carried that momentum into Monday's NJCAA Region XII Division III first-round match-up with host Lorain (Ohio) County Community College.

Paced by local products Nick Romanauski (6-for-7, including two home runs) and Jared Merandi (5-for-8), Schoolcraft turned up the offense and never let up, winning 13-3 and 13-2 in the twinbill to win the series.

Next up for the Ocelots (15-28) is a weekend best-of-three set against

Waubensee College for the district championship.

"We played well in all aspects of the game," Schoolcraft head coach Rob Fay said. "Our pitching and defense were excellent. Our bats really woke up today."

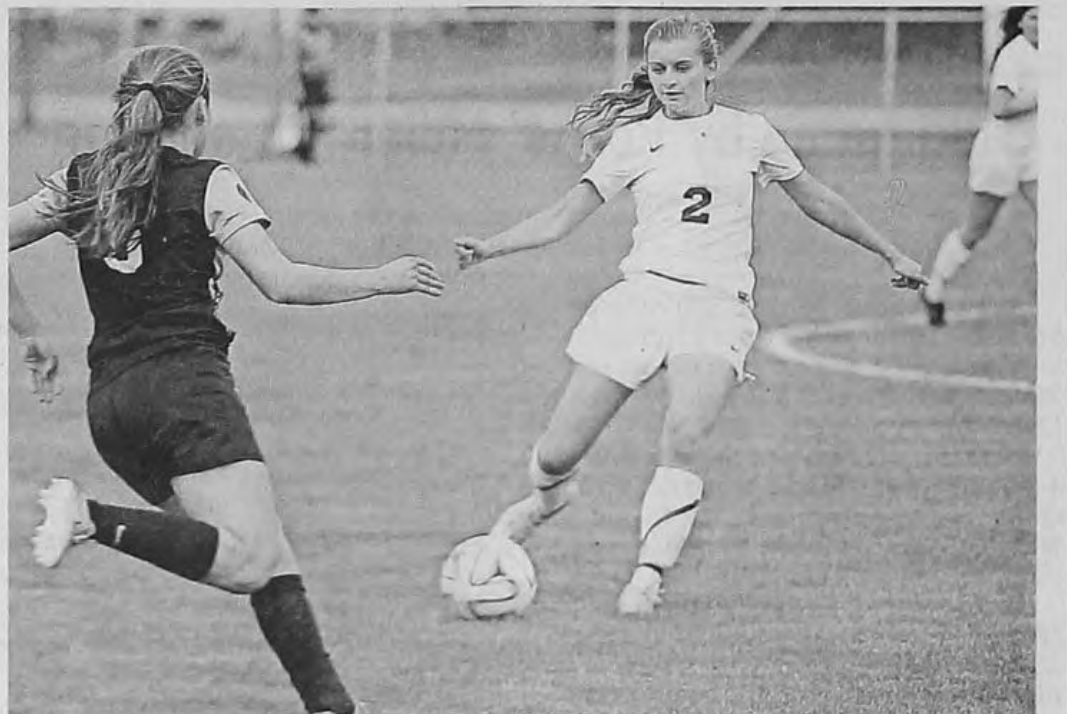
Schoolcraft connected on four homers over the course of the twinbill, led by Canton graduate Romanauski's pair of round-trippers.

Romanauski and Plymouth product Merandi were on the bases seemingly all day, but they had plenty of company as evidenced by the double-digit victories.

"As a coach, you love seeing hard work really pay off for players and today the hard work really paid off," Fay said.

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Rock-ing the pitch



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Maneuvering the ball up the pitch Monday against South Lyon is Salem's Casey Kotrba (right). The Rocks won, 2-0, with goals scored by Katie Coleman (assisted by Pamela Beas) and Marisa Martin.

WATER SAFETY AT THE FOREFRONT

YMCA aquatics pro stresses year-round swimming pool safety

Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Water safety comes to the forefront this time of year, although Michelle Robinson, regional director of aquatics for the YMCA, knows it's key year-round.

"The first big thing is to make sure there's somebody to watch the children," said Ferndale resident Robinson. She also urges parents to use Coast Guard-approved life jackets on their children, and never to rely on the arm "floaties" sold.

Robinson, who earned a bachelor's degree in education from Eastern Michigan University, works with nine regional YMCAs that have pools as well as two summer camps with swimming. The YMCA focuses on water safety all year, with May National Water Safety Month. Parents often become more aware of safety concerns for their children in warming spring weather, she said.

The U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jackets will flip the child over, even if he's unconscious, to allow breathing, she noted. The jacket should be put on by following instructions, with the strap between the child's legs and the shoulders below the ears.

Sometimes, parents can rely too much on a lifeguard. "Most definitely," Robinson said. "Parents will often tell their children to play in front of the lifeguard. It's a tremendous effort to keep everybody safe."

The lifeguard has many people to watch, she noted, so can't keep his or her eye directly on a child at all times.

"Any amount of water can be dangerous in the wrong form," Robinson said. "It's being aware of water and making sure kids are safe. We don't want that to happen to anyone at anytime," she added of drownings in bathtubs or toilets.

Older people also are at greater risk of slipping and falling in a bathtub, she said. A bathmat or smaller decals with non-slip coating can reduce this risk, and a shower chair is a good option for a senior.

The YMCA is diligent about its own pools and safety: "All of our pools have to have lifeguards to be open," Robinson said. The majority of swim instructors are also lifeguards, with some of them having lifeguard assistant training.

If a child goes under water just briefly and surfaces, alert the lifeguard and, "Try to remain as calm as possible for the sake of your child," she said. "Try not to make the

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MICHELLE ROBINSON
regional director of aquatics for the YMCA

water a negative place for them."

That situation may call for a better life jacket in the future, learning to "enjoy the water in a safe manner," she added.

The YMCA begins parent-child swim lessons for kids age 6 months, with 3-year-olds beginning to learn some strokes on their own. "It helps encourage them to be safer," she said. "There's no such thing as drown-proofing but we want to encourage as much safety as we can."

The YMCA also teaches about boating safety, including adults wearing life jackets while boating. Robinson agreed children are often more diligent about water safety than some adults are.

For lakes, "You always want to know what's going on in the water," she said. A sand bar that was there may be gone with that water now deeper due to a changing tide. Parents should accompany their children into lakes.

"Never just assume it's OK," she said.

In YMCA classes, even young children learn about throwing a floating object to help someone in a pool. They understand they shouldn't jump in themselves to try to help.

"We start right with the 3-year-olds," she said. "They know exactly what to do. They walk you right through the steps."

Robinson swam competitively at Royal Oak Shrine High School, from where she graduated in 1998.

"I've always enjoyed the water," she said. "That's what led me to become a competitive swimmer." She's really "more of a fish around water."

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Check with attorney on rights as co-owner

Q: Our developer is now coming in approximately 12 years after he completed construction of the condominium project to finish units in the condominium project and says he has a right to do so?

A: I think that you should consider hiring an experienced condominium lawyer as soon as possible to evaluate the propriety of the developer's actions. There will be a loss by the developer of any right to build or sell condominium units depending on what the Master



Robert Meisner

Deed and, in particular, the site plan of the condominium project sets forth. Also, keep in mind that there is a movement among builders/developers in Lansing to eliminate the right of the members of a condominium community to regain property when the developer has not completed construction in a certain period of years. This would be conditioned upon the area at issue being previously designated as a "need not be built item" as set forth in the site plan. You may be entitled to substantial rights as a co-owner in the condominium project. However, you must move quickly to ensure that your rights are protected.

Q: Our current bylaws for our homeowners association limit residency to single families only, and we currently allow renters. We have a renter who has guardianship rights regarding three men and she is living with them in one of our condominium units. She is not keeping the home up and is having difficulty managing these individuals. Does her guardianship status allow her to define herself as a "single family" renter?

A: You have asked a multitude of questions that raise a number of issues. First, your association's documents may be outdated in limiting occupants to "single family" residents only. Secondly, there is no statutory limitation as to the number of renters allowed in a project, although there may be a local ordinance that limits the number of people living in a single family residential dwelling. Finally, if the residents are violating any other provisions of the association bylaws, those violations may form a basis by which the residents may be evicted.

These are issues that require an experienced community association lawyer to advise the board as to how to deal with matters such as this in an appropriate manner.

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Parade of Homes featuring 78 new homes set for June

Parade of Homes 2016, the 27th annual exhibition of new model homes located across southeastern Michigan, will open on June 1 and run through June 30. Home Builders Association of Southeastern Michigan (HBA), Bank of America Home Loans and James Hardie sponsor this free public event.

"The 78 new homes featured in this program offer a good cross-section of the homes being built throughout Southeastern Michigan," commented James V. Clarke, builder, of Robertson Brothers Homes and 2016 president of HBA. "We're excited to be building innovative new homes for the families of southeastern Michigan and to be able to feature 25 more homes than were featured in 2015."

The Parade of Homes offers potential home buyers a

unique opportunity to visit model and inventory homes, including condominiums and single-family homes, affordable housing and estate-sized homes. Visitors to the homes will have an opportunity to see firsthand the latest trends in energy efficiency and green building, architecture, interior design, amenities and materials. The 78 model, under construction and pre-construction homes and condominiums range in base price from \$79,900 for the one manufactured home in the program and \$143,900 to \$1,198,000 for the condominiums and single family homes.

The homes are built by 31 different builders, all members of HBA. The Parade of Homes includes seven attached condominiums and six detached condominiums. Seven of the homes are pre-construction, so potential



HOME BUILDERS ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHEASTERN MICHIGAN
This featured Yorktown home is by Robertson Brothers, Wixom.

home buyers have the opportunity to work with the builder from the beginning of construction. Another 11 of the homes are currently under construction. The remainder are built and will be open for visitors beginning June 1.

Architects and industry experts will judge the homes and award blue ribbons in

several categories. The judges will make their decisions based on a combination of factors, including innovation, aesthetic appeal and value for the price. Judges for this year's program will be Lonny S. Zimmerman, AIA, NCARB of Siegal/Tuomaala Associates; Benedetto Tiseo, FAIA, NCARB of Tiseo Architects Inc.; Michael J. Gordon, RA of Moiseev/Gordon Associates and Paul Sal-loum, Retail Sales manager, of Bank of America Home Loans.

A free Parade of Homes magazine including photos, renderings, features, hours and location maps for all homes will be distributed within select home delivery of Detroit Free Press on Sunday, June 5, available at Bank of America locations throughout southeastern Michigan, at select Kroger locations and at all partici-

pating model homes beginning June 1. The Parade of Homes website will also be available beginning June 1 at www.ParadeHBA.com. This is the only Parade of Homes event HBA will sponsor this year.

Headquartered in West Bloomfield, Home Builders Association of Southeastern Michigan (HBA) and Apartment Association of Michigan are trade associations representing over 800 builders, remodelers, multi-family property owners, developers and suppliers to the single family and multi-family residential construction industry. HBA is affiliated with the Home Builders Association of Michigan in Lansing and the National Association of Home Builders in Washington, D.C. Membership nationwide includes more than 150,000 individuals and companies.

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THURSDAY PUZZLE CORNER CROSSWORD PUZZLER

- ACROSS**
- 1 Snakebite treaters
 - 9 Roomy rides
 - 15 Slowly, in music
 - 20 Tie in a race
 - 21 Actress Wilde of "House"
 - 22 — now and then
 - 23 Tall's foreign policy
 - 25 Jacket-and-tie affairs
 - 26 Look from a villain
 - 27 Word after lo or chow
 - 28 Non-U.S. gas brand
 - 30 Use a recliner, e.g.
 - 31 Forward, as a message with a hashtag
 - 34 Grand Prix racing
 - 37 A doc prescribes it
 - 40 Imbibers' hwy. offense
 - 41 Half-diameters
 - 43 He voiced Carl in "Up"
 - 44 Bachelor suitable for marriage, sav
 - 48 Licorice-like herbs
 - 49 Novelist Ira
 - 50 Margaret Mitchell's plantation
 - 51 African nation
 - 53 — Trapp family
 - 54 Three-card game
 - 56 Some book blurbs
 - 57 Apollo program org.
 - 61 The girl
 - 62 Elderly Smurf
 - 63 Shifting of responsibility to another
 - 66 Co. name abbr.
 - 67 Golf rarity
 - 68 PayPal funds, e.g.
 - 70 Lead-in to skeleton
 - 71 Egg mass
 - 72 Edible soft-shell mollusk
 - 75 Burning liquid
 - 76 Bowl over
 - 77 Hens and heifers
 - 78 War group
 - 79 Bakery treats
 - 81 Mom's treatment
 - 82 Volkswagen family car
 - 85 Moore or Lovato
 - 86 Use profanity
 - 88 Very strong
 - 91 Late 19th-century political group
 - 95 De-creasing workers
 - 97 Gallery stand
 - 98 Laugh half
 - 99 Mao — -tung
 - 100 Brand of flavored balms in tubes
 - 102 Tower atop a mosque
 - 105 Hack (off)
 - 106 Kitchen lure
 - 107 Actress Olin
 - 108 Day of song
 - 112 Beat poet Ginsberg
 - 114 University SSE of Spokane
 - 119 V-formation fliers
 - 120 Medieval balladeer, maybe
 - 121 French folk song
 - 122 Snaky curves
 - 123 Perplexes
 - 124 Eel-like fish
- DOWN**
- 1 Tosses in
 - 2 Sign light
 - 3 Narration
 - 4 Lazy type
 - 5 Partook of
 - 6 Always, to Donne
 - 7 "Too cool!"
 - 8 "Once upon — ..."
 - 9 Gem in a ring
 - 10 North Carolina university
 - 11 Not so bright
 - 12 Gardner of "Mogambo"
 - 13 Less nasty
 - 14 Bully's words of authority
 - 15 Block-filled theme park
 - 16 Entertainer Gabor
 - 17 Wrestling holds
 - 18 New hire
 - 19 Pearl makers
 - 24 Eyes closely
 - 29 African nation
 - 32 Bath fixture
 - 33 Wheaton of "Stand by Me"
 - 34 Fruit that's often dried
 - 35 Like OPEC nations
 - 36 Koreans and Laotians
 - 37 Ott of baseball
 - 38 High-school junior's grade
 - 39 Person with an ex-spouse
 - 42 Crime scene material
 - 45 — mill (bar)
 - 46 Sicilian volcano
 - 47 "Star Wars" creature
 - 52 Feature
 - 54 Royal staff
 - 55 "Faust" and others
 - 56 Greyhound transport
 - 58 Signal to pilots
 - 59 Treaded winter vehicles
 - 60 1940s film critic James
 - 61 Cobra sound
 - 62 Actress Dawber
 - 63 "Pow!"
 - 64 Pivot point
 - 65 Put turf over
 - 68 Graceful street liner
 - 69 Coral island
 - 73 Some poplars
 - 74 Cliff rock
 - 75 Solo often in Italian
 - 79 Slum abodes
 - 80 Moseying
 - 81 Old carrier
 - 83 Tentacled reef dwellers
 - 84 Fine violin
 - 85 — Moines
 - 86 Hits the gas
 - 87 Dark loaf
 - 88 Rob violently
 - 89 Twins' rivals
 - 90 Overturns
 - 92 Attention
 - 93 Part of a dance move
 - 94 Prefix with plop or flop
 - 96 Glowlers
 - 101 Frank topper
 - 103 Of birth
 - 104 Redcap at work, often
 - 107 Speech therapy topic
 - 109 \$20/day, say
 - 110 Really small
 - 111 Uses eyes
 - 113 Suffix with 29-Down
 - 115 Actor/comic Gilliam
 - 116 "That guy!"
 - 117 Suffix with pay or plug
 - 118 Moniker, in France

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SUDOKU

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Here's How It Works:
Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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SALSA WORD SEARCH

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 - KITCHEN
 - LATIN
 - MEXICO
 - MILD
 - ONIONS
 - PARTY
 - PUNGENT
 - RECIPE
 - RESTAURANT
 - SAUCE
 - SOUR CREAM
 - SPICY
 - TACO
 - TOMATOES
 - TOPPING
 - TORTILLA

Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally & diagonally throughout the puzzle.

CHECK YOUR ANSWERS HERE

Crossword Answers

ANTISERA	SEDANS	LENTO
DEADHEAT	OLIVIA	EVERY
DOLLARD	DIPLOMACY	GALAS
SNEER	MEIN	ESSO
SIT	RETWEET	FORMULA
ONE	MED DUT	RADI
EDASSNER	ELIGIBLE	SINGLE
ANDISES	LEVIN	TARA
RWANDA	VON	MONTE
BIOS	NASA	HER
PAPA	BUCK	PASSING
INC	ACE	ECASH
EXO	ROE	STEAMER
OLAM	ACID	AWA
SHES	ARMY	TARTS
TLC	PASSAT	DEMI
SWEAR	POTENT	GREENBACK
PARTY	IRONERS	EASEL
HEE	TSE	LIPSMACKER
MINARET	LOP	ODOR
LENA	DORIS	ALLEN
WASHINGTON	CONSTATE	GEESE
LUTIST	ALOUETTE	ESSES
STUMPS	LAMPREYS	

Word Search Answers

ADOB	BEANS	CAPSAICIN	CHERRIES	CHILE	CHIMICHURRI	CHIPS	CILANTRO	COOKING	CORN	DICE	DIPPING	ENTERTAINING	FESTIVE	HEAT	HERBS	HOMEMADE	JALAPENO	KITCHEN	LATIN	MEXICO	MILD	ONIONS	PARTY	PUNGENT	RECIPE	RESTAURANT	SAUCE	SOUR CREAM	SPICY	TACO	TOMATOES	TOPPING	TORTILLA
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RELIGION CALENDAR

MAY
CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION

Time/Date: After the 11 a.m. Mass, Sunday, May 29
Location: St. Priscilla Catholic Church, 19120 Purlingbrook, Livonia
Contact: maryjo@saintpriscilla.org

RUMMAGE SALE

Time/Date: 9 a.m.-8 p.m. Thursday, May 19, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Friday, May 20
Location: First Farmington United Methodist Church, 33112 Grand River Ave., at Warner Street, Farmington
Details: Bag sale will be Friday. Items that don't fit in the bag will be half off that day
Contact: 248-474-6573

RUMMAGE SALE

Time/Date: 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Friday, May 20, 9 a.m.-noon, Saturday, May 21
Location: Atonement Lutheran Church, 6961 Mead, Dearborn
Details: Clothes, shoes, toys, household items and more; cash sales only
Contact: 313-581-2525

TRUNK SALE

Time/Date: 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, May 21
Location: Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia
Details: Church members will sell items from their car trunks

and on tables in the church parking lot. Money raised will help support church youth and missionaries

WHY BE CATHOLIC?

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 25
Location: St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church, 11441 Hubbard, Livonia
Details: James Steelman, a self-described "suburban rock n' roll gangster turned Jesus freak and gun toting chaplain," tells his story of joining the Catholic Church. The session wraps up the seventh season of Why Be Catholic?
Contact: 734-261-1455, ext. 200; whybecatholic@livonia-stmichael.org

JUNE
FOOD ASSISTANCE

Time/Date: 9-10 a.m. Saturday, June 4
Location: Hosanna-Taber Lutheran Church, 9600 Leverage, Redford
Details: The church's food pantry will be open to anyone with food assistance needs
Contact: 313-937-2424

GOOD NEWS DAY CAMP

Time/Date: 9 a.m.-3 p.m. June 20-24
Location: Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 34567 Seven Mile, Livonia

Details: Activities include worship, praise singing, games, arts and crafts, Bible study, nature study and more. Includes snacks. Early-bird registration is \$65 for the first child in the family, \$60 for the second child, and \$55 for each additional child. After May 29, registration is \$65 per child. Deadline to register is June 13
Contact: Judy Cook at 248-442-8822

GUEST SPEAKERS

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 7
Location: Atonement Lutheran Church, 6961 Mead, Dearborn
Details: Two female Christian missionaries, both former Muslims, talk about living in the Middle East and their escape to freedom. The presentation is sponsored by the Ladies Aid Society and aimed at women. A free will offering will be taken and light refreshments served
Contact: 313-581-2525

HAWAIIAN LUAU

Time/Date: 5:30 p.m.-dusk, Saturday, June 11
Location: St. Mel's Church, 7506 Inkster Road, Dearborn Heights
Details: Pig roast and catered dinner, Hawaiian dancers with fire wands, and cash bar. Held rain or shine. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 for kids, 6-10 and free for ages 5 and under. One free drink is included with admission. Tickets are available at the parish office, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Thursday or call 313-274-0684
Contact: Grace Topolewski at 734-525-3607

ONGOING CLASSES/STUDY

Our Lady of Loretto

Time/Date: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday
Location: Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford Township
Details: Scripture study
Contact: 313-534-9000

St. Michael the Archangel Parish

Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. second and fourth Thursday, through May
Location: 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, Livonia
Details: Gary Michuta, author and Catholic apologist, leads a study of Isaiah. Bring your own Bible
Contact: 734-261-1455, ext 200 or on line at www.livonia-stmichael.org

Faith Community Wesleyan

Time/Date: 4-5 p.m. every Saturday
Location: 14560 Merriman, Livonia
Details: This informal class includes fellowship, discussion and question and answers. All ages welcome. Bibles available if you don't have one
Contact: pastor Tom Hazelwood at 734-765-5476

EXERCISE

Time/Date: 6:45-7:45 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday
Location: Clarenceville United Methodist Church, 20300 Middlebelt, south of Eight Mile, Livonia
Details: Instructor Wendy Motta, a seven-year Zumba practitioner, teaches Zumba through drop-in classes. Each costs \$3. Participants should bring water, a towel and wear athletic shoes. For more information, email Motta through zumba.com
Contact: 313-408-3364

FAMILY MEAL

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

HEALING SERVICE

Time/Date: Arabic service, 3-4 p.m. first Tuesday of the month; English service, 3-4 p.m. third Tuesday of the month
Location: The Antiochian Orthodox Basilica of Saint Mary, 18100 Merriman, Livonia
Details: The service includes prayers of petition and intercession, hymns, Scripture readings and the anointing of the sick. Offertory candles are available for a free will offering in the vestibule of the church.

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

MOMS

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

Dunning Park Bible Chapel

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

PET-FRIENDLY SERVICE

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

PRAYER

St. Edith Church

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

St. Michael Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 6-7 a.m. Monday-Friday
Location: 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton
Details: Praying silently or aloud together; prayer requests welcomed.
Contact: 734-459-3333 for additional information

RISEN CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Time/Date: 1-4 p.m. third Saturday of the month
Location: 46250 Ann Arbor Road, between Sheldon and Beck roads, Plymouth
Details: Recycle your cell phones, laser cartridges, inkjet cartridges, laptops, iPods, iPads, tablets, eReaders on the third Saturday of each month. Use the doors on east side of church.
Contact: Lynn Hapman at 734-466-9023

SINGLES

Detroit World Outreach

Time/Date: 4-6 p.m. Sunday
Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford, Room 304
Details: Divorce Overcomers group is designed for individuals going through divorce, those who are divorced or separated.
Contact: The facilitator at 313-283-8200; lef@dw.org

Steve's Family Restaurant

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

SONG CIRCLE

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

SUPPORT

Apostolic Christian Church

Time/Date: 5 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily
Location: 29667 Wentworth, Livonia

Details: Adult day care program at the church's Woodhaven Retirement Community. Funding available from TSA, AAA 1-Care, Amman's Act.
Contact: 734-261-9000; www.woodhaven-retirement.com

Connection Church

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

Detroit World Outreach

Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday
Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford; Room 202
Details: Addiction No More offers support for addictive behavior problems
Contact: 313-255-2222, Ext. 149; www.solanuscenter.org

Farmington Hills Baptist Church

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

Merriman Road Baptist Church

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

Fireside Church of God

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

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

Time/Date: 10-11 a.m. Saturday
Location: 16360 Hubbard, Livonia
Details: A twice-monthly drop-in Food Cupboard (non-perishable items) is available
Contact: 734-421-8451

St. Thomas a' Becket Church

Time/Date: Weigh-in is 6:15-6:55 p.m.; support group 7 p.m. Thursday
Location: 555 S. Lilley, Canton
Details: Take Off Pounds Sensibly
Contact: Margaret at 734-838-0322

Unity of Livonia

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

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church

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

THRIFT STORE

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

Way of Life Christian Church

Time/Date: 2-3:30 p.m. third Saturday from October through May
Location: 9401 General Drive, Lilley Executive Plaza, Suite 100, Plymouth

Details: Women's fellowship is designed for women with a question to know God more in their lives.
Contact: 734-637-7618

TOUR

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

WORSHIP

Adat Shalom Synagogue

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

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church

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

Congregation Bet Chaverim

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

Due Season Christian Church

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

Faith Community Presbyterian Church

Time/Date: 10 a.m. Sunday worship; 9 a.m. Bible study
Location: 44400 W. 10 Mile, Novi
Details: Women's group meets 12:30 p.m. third Thursday of the month. Vacation Bible School runs Aug. 10-14
Contact: 248-349-2345; faith-community-novi.org

Faith Community Wesleyan Church

Time/Date: Prayer service, 9 a.m., worship service, 11 a.m., Sunday school, 12:30 p.m., Bible study, 6 p.m., Sundays, Soul Retention Discipleship classes, 4 p.m. Saturday
Location: 14560 Merriman, Livonia
Contact: pastor Roger Wright at 313-682-7491

Garden City Presbyterian Church

Time/Date: Adult Bible study at 8:15 a.m.; traditional worship service, youth Sunday school and child care at 10 a.m. Large print order of service is available. Refreshments in the church fellowship hall immediately after service. Elevator and handicap parking
Location: Middlebelt, one block south of Ford Road
Contact: 734-421-7620

Good Hope Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 9:30 a.m. Sunday school followed by 10:30 a.m. worship service with Communion each Sunday; Bible study 10 a.m. Wednesday
Location: 28680 Cherry Hill, Garden City
Contact: 734-427-3660

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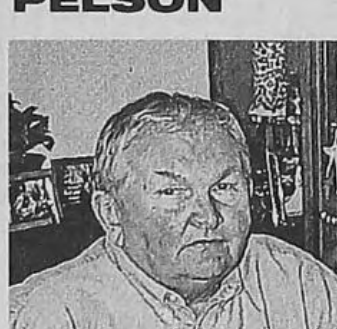
LUCILLE T. born March 27, 1910, passed away peacefully with her family at her bedside, in the Seasons Hospice Center in Detroit, Michigan on Saturday, May 12th in the evening. She had been living independently in her Farmington Hills condominium. Lucille grew up on a farm in Fostoria, Ohio with her sisters, Ann and Alma. She moved to Detroit in the early 1930's and took a job as a secretary with the Ottawa River Paper Co., where she met her husband, Mitchell E. Foster. They were married June 25, 1935. She worked with Mitchell in the family owned businesses before starting their family in the late 1930's. Lucille loved spending time with her family, was an avid baseball fan, and enjoyed visiting their Northern Michigan "Little Sauble Lake" property. She was a devout Catholic and maintained a deep religious faith throughout her 106 years. She was an active member of the Catholic Church. Lucille was preceded in death by her husband, Mitchell (April, 1972) and is survived by her three children: Mitchell B. Foster, Sharon Martin, and James Foster; and eight grandchildren: Mitchell T. Foster, Megan Belval, Charles Foster, John Martin, Elizabeth Karabatsos, Ann Schueller, Kate Breunlin, and Matthew James Foster. She was blessed with fifteen great grandchildren: Emma Foster, Lucy, Ryan, and Brett Belval; Charlie, Ginny, and Jacob Foster; Casey Martin; Alex and Lucas Karabatsos; Will and Ella Schueller; Lucy Breunlin; and Trevor and Danika Foster. Visitation Friday, May 20th, 4:00pm-7:00pm at McCabe Funeral Home, 31950 W. 12 Mile Rd., Farmington Hills. Instate Saturday, May 21st, at 10am until time of Funeral Mass 10:30am at St. Fabian Catholic Church, 32200 W. 12 Mile Rd., Farmington Hills. Lucille will be buried at White Chapel Memorial Park Cemetery next to her beloved husband, Mitchell. Donations may be made to St. Fabian Catholic Church in her name. www.mccabefuneralhome.com

NESLUND



SALLY E. age 81, May 15, 2016. Beloved wife of Charles. Dear mother of Elaine (fiance, Earl Copeland), (the late Robert) Noffze, Scott (Jacqueline), Kathryn (Rick) Wisniewski and Christine (Steven) Neslund-Dudas. Loving grandmother of Christopher, Sarah, Nicholas (Liang), GingerAnn, Sophie, Brian, Tommy, Matthew, Stephen (Jennifer), Elizabeth and Madelyne. Dear sister of Marita Neslund. Visitation Friday 2-8 p.m. at the John N. Santeuf & Son Funeral Home, 1139 Inkster Rd., Garden City (Between Ford Rd. and Cherry Hill). In state Saturday 10 a.m. until the 11 a.m. Funeral Service at Garden City First United Methodist Church, 6443 N. Merriman Road at Maplewood Ave. Family suggests memorials to Garden City First United Methodist Church - Music Fund. www.santeufuneralhome.com

PELSON



DENIS ROBERT Age 76, May 14, 2016. Survived by his 4-legged companion, Ceti for 16 years. Son of the late Arthur and Arlene Pelson. Beloved brother of Arlene (David) Tarbet, Judy (Dennis) Uniataowski and the late Steven Pelson. Dear uncle of David (Andrea) Tarbet and Susan (Justin) Sheppard. Great uncle of Lauren and Kevin Tarbet and Tatum, Casey and Dylan Sheppard. Visitation at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Rd., Livonia, Saturday from 1 p.m. until Memorial Service at 3 p.m. Please share a memory at www.rggharris.com.

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